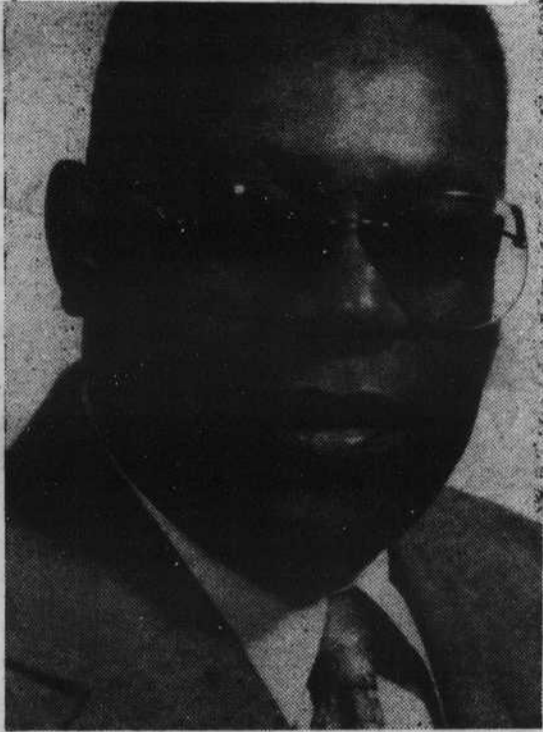


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JUDGE MULLEN TESTIFIES IN OWN BEHALF

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Judge Moon Mullin took the stand in his own defense on Tuesday. He testified that he also fixed tickets for DA George Holt and Sheriff Ralph Lamb as well as the bail bondsmen.

I feel that there is no reason that this man should be taken through all the suffering including hospitalization by something all the judges in Nevada do.

A judge should be in a position to do what he feels is correct to help straighten out whatever problems occur in the courtroom.

The jails and prisons would be fuller now than they are if all the judges put everyone in jail for every small matter before them. Doesn't a judge have jurisdiction over all they do in their courtroom?

If there are any judges in this town, or anywhere else in Nevada who do not fix tickets, I would like to know them. If tickets can be fixed for the DA and for the sheriff, why not for everyone?

Judge Mullin is on trial of tax evasion and bribery (not reporting bribes as income) and for perjury. These allegedly took place from 1973 - 1975. In investigations prior to this trial it is reported there were no findings to substantiate these. Also, one of the investigators says that some of these records were mislaid.

Is this a conspiracy against Judge Mullin? Or does the IRS have substantial evidence to warrant this trial? So far the IRS only gave evidence concerning bribes given to the judge by bail bondsmen and an investigator for Judge Mullin flatly denies ever receiving a penny from any of the people so involved.

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CARSON CITY BIGGEST PROBLEM PRISON

In the last two months, there have been more escapes, stabbings, and overall unrest and turmoil than there has been since the summer of 1976. Since the summer of '76, the new warden has helped immeasurably with his concepts on peneology to set a new record for escapes and stabbings. He has sure helped the inmates find all the holes in the State Prison. The new captain decided concertina wire was needed at the prison after three individuals escaped by various methods. Two weeks after the concertina wire was installed, two inmates escaped within thirty feet of a guard tower. This

area was felt to be so secure that it was felt concertina wasn't needed. Concertina wire is now below this tower. There are many veterans in the prison, and they all know how to cross this type of barbed wire. You are taught how to do this in boot camp.

Stabbings are at an all time high. There have been four in the last four weeks. One was fatal. This must be a national record where you have a yard population of under four hundred. This violence never existed prior to Warden Wolfe's taking over the Nevada Prison System. In the five years prior to the Warden's taking over, there were few fights and only one killing. In the last year and a half, there has been three murders, recorded as such; two suicides under questionable circumstances, approximately 4 stabbings, and this is on the low side. Where will all this violence stop? The prisoners haven't changed, the only change has been in the administration. Something is definitely wrong here. Other prisons don't have this violent a record with many times the number of inmates. Why Nevada?

Escapes are turning into a joke here. The escapees are not the men with lengthy sentences, but young men with relatively short sentences. A very sound reason for this high escape rate is the masspunishment handed out by the administration. This is mainly caused by lockdowns of the entire population. The administration knows who the trouble makers are. Their snitches keep the administration very well informed. The administration has a good idea when something is going to happen long before it happens. Yet the administration takes no protective measures. Why? It is much easier to lock-

down 400 men than to have them wondering over the huge 150 by 200 foot yard they have to exercise in. The prisoners certainly feel secure with the guard towers high above the yard able to observe everything that happens in this area. Is the prison insecure? Are the guards too incompetent to make the security work? It has been a relatively secure prison for a number of years. All of a sudden there is a huge number of escapes. Why? A first happened in this state a few weeks ago. An inmate escaped in a laundry truck several months ago, and was captured within an hour or so of his escape. This man defended himself and was found not guilty when he went to trial. His defense was there is too much violence in the prison, and he escaped because he feared for his life. A man was killed during his trial. The prosecution asked him how a man could be killed with two guards watching the yard at all times, and others walking around the yard itself? The man replied, "Did you read today's paper?" The man's reply answered the prosecutors question.

The only answer to all questions lies with the current administration. These problems that are faced daily by this administration was brought on by this administration. The governor should have sense enough to realize he made a mistake in hiring Mr. Wolfe, and should take immediate corrective action. The only remedy is to replace the Warden with someone with an understanding of peneology and men. Many other department heads should also be replaced. There is a lot of deadwood that should be either retired or replaced. Until this action is taken, this little prison will be one of the biggest problem prisons in the United States.

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