

# The Publisher Speaks



Justice E. M. "Al" Gunderson recently filed a dissent in a case because he stated the Nevada Supreme Court had come "close to the ultimate compromise," in its majority decision.

In effect, Justice Gunderson was complaining that his fellow justices were deciding cases by virtue of one judge writing an opinion without the other judges looking at the briefs written by either side or even looking at the record on appeal, and not having oral arguments.

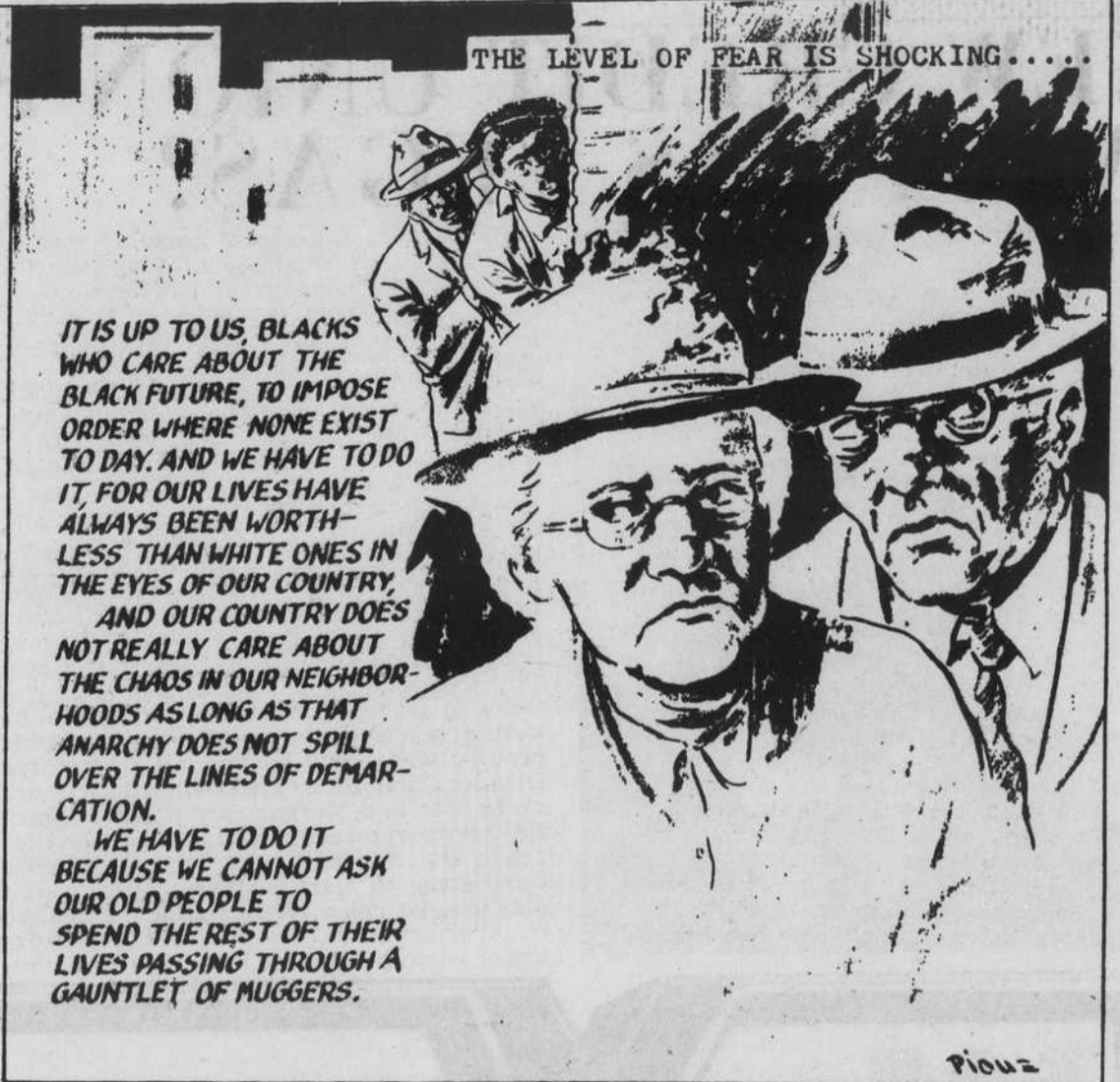
The Las Vegas Voice applauds Justice Gunderson for his courageous stand in speaking out against further judicial compromise.

Justice Gunderson is well-known to the readers of the Las Vegas Voice. He is the same man that, while a private attorney, worked to have Moon Mullen elected to the municipal court. He was, in effect, his campaign manager. Moon Mullen is not the only black person that Gunderson has stood shoulder to shoulder with for causes to better Nevada. Justice Gunderson also is responsible for Charles Kellar's being able to have a license to practice law. He was the only person that Mr. Kellar could find to represent him when the entire bar association was trying to take Mr. Kellar's license to practice away from him.

One of the justices who is more famous for being drunk than for writing legal opinions stated that Justice Gunderson took too long in filing his dissent. If "too long" means more time than it takes to sign your name to an opinion to which you have not read the record on appeal, the briefs, or held oral argument, then Justice Gunderson did take too long, because Gunderson did read the record on appeal, did read the briefs, and would like to have had oral argument.

Another justice has stated that Gunderson might be playing politics. The Las Vegas Voice does not understand how a Supreme Court Justice filing a dissenting opinion stating bare facts and basic law could be playing politics, but the Las Vegas Voice guarantees Justice Manoukian that it will be playing politics when the November elections arrive. The Las Vegas Voice goes on record at this stage that no reader of the VOICE should even mildly consider voting for Manoukian. He is from some small town in the middle of no where and has no concept about the problems of West Las Vegas.

We only wish there were more people on the bench who have the guts of Al Gunderson.



## Just the FACTS

It is time to think about registering to VOTE!! Election time is coming -- and there will NEVER be a Black elected to any office if we all sit down, gripe about our government, but do NOT register to vote! BUT, registering is not enough!! Come November (and the Primary in September) you MUST go to the polls and cast your VOTE for the Blacks that ARE running!!

If you do NOT register -- or if you DO, but do NOT vote -- you have NO right to sit back and gripe about who is -- or is not -- elected!! If you do vote, and then are dissatisfied, you have a good right to voice your opinion.

There will be -- and are -- several places set up on the Westside where you can register. The Las Vegas VOICE office is one place. I will be registering people to vote, and have already been asked by Rev. I. W. Wilson of True Love Baptist Church, to set up a registration table at his church on Sunday morning.

If there are any other churches -- or any other organizations -- who would like to have me set up a table at their meetings -- Saturdays or Sundays -- or most evenings, please contact me at the Las Vegas VOICE, 648-2615, and I will make arrangements to be there.

I don't think it can be said too much -- you each have a voice in who runs the governments -- City, County, State, and Federal -- BUT, only if you REGISTER & VOTE!!

There have been quite a few people -- Black and White -- Who NEVER register or vote, but sit back and complain about you got in. Did you ever stop to think that YOUR vote just might have kept that person from winning? Yes, your vote is only ONE!, but if 100 of you were to vote the same way -- or even 50, or sometimes less -- you just might have kept someone out you did NOT want, and at the same time put in someone -- for instance, a BLACK -- that you DID want!!!

Think about it -- then REGISTER!! Then VOTE!!

### BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

By: Charles E. Belle

Bad mouthing big blacks in athletics is asking for it these days. No less than the NAACP and sometime tennis champ Arthur Ashe are revolting against blacks in the ball game. This is an interesting twosome, one with money; one without.

The one thing professional Black American athletes get their hands on is some money. The minimum salary of a Black American professional basketball player in the National Basketball Association (NBA) is \$30,000. Without his wife working the man is in the top five percent income group in the country.

Strikes me that Black American professional athletes deserve a little more appreciation and a lot less alienation from black progressive leadership. They are a monetary resource which must be made responsible to the struggle for liberty and freedom for Black America, not run out of town on a rail.

Herman Muhammed has made 16 million dollars just managing Muhammad Ali's gross income. The Greatest has gathered in almost 50 million dollars going for the big purse.

Arthur Ashe has taken the liberty to leave droppings in the New York Times about Black Americans in athletics. It would seem to be bad news for Black American boys and girls to dream about bouncing balls up and down courts. Mr. Ashe whistled something about too few Black Americans can make it to the top in sports.

Mr. Ashe, too few Black Americans can make it anywhere to the top in this country. To those courageous enough to try, give them God's speed. This attitude that "once on top let's pull up the ladder" is a problem of all poor people black or white. Last month, Stan Smith was number 10 in the United States Tennis Association Men's Tennis tour earnings with \$41,391. Bjorn Borg had already earned \$209,033. Arthur Ashe nor any other Black American was in between these two white athletes. The way we quota counters look at it, some Black American best learn to play better tennis.

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