



THE TOURIST INDUSTRY.

This past week Edward Ecker, freshman Supervisor of East Hampton, proposed a Tourist Bureau to be included in the present reorganization of Suffolk's Industrial Commission. Mr. Ecker stated that Tourism, Eastern Long Island's most profitable present industry has been sadly unpromoted and underdeveloped. Moreover, in order to develop the Tourist Industry to its fullest potential a Tourist Bureau as part of the Industrial Commission is a must.

Central Suffolk Life agrees with Mr. Ecker. Tourism is a natural industry of E.L.I. It can grow and flourish bringing this area millions of dollars over the years without destroying the beauty of our ocean, sound, and bay beaches; the charm and quaintness of our villages; and our uncitified way of life. We have to do little to earn this money besides encouraging visitors to enjoy our abundant natural resources. We do not have to build new schools, heavy duty roads, or make tax concessions as often must be done to attract commercial industry. The recipient of all these advantages is the resident of Eastern Long Island.

We do not agree with Mr. Ecker that the promotion of Tourism should be included in the Industrial Commission. We feel that Tourism is a vastly different industry than a machine shop, etc. We believe it is

a large enough business to warrant its own department, its own budget and its own staff. Tourism could be a ten month business in Eastern Long Island.

We suggest that when Mr. Ecker brings up his proposal before the County Board of Supervisors he fights for a separate vacation commission. Tourism should not play second fiddle to commercial industry.

FIGHTING DEMOCRATS

The Democrats have been openly tearing themselves apart for the past six months. Before that they were fighting and bickering behind the scenes for four years. This constant turmoil and disorganization just about ruined the Suffolk Democrats in the last election.

There are three separate factions fighting for control of the organization - the old guard, the new turfs, and a third group made up of the out people and the city schooled politicians who have moved into Suffolk County over the past ten to fifteen years. The old guard has plucked the tree of opportunity but refuses to step down. Young men and women who would like to work effectively for the Democratic Party are constantly thwarted and frustrated by the status quo. Citified politicians who believe in ward policitics and a political machine are always struggling for leadership.

The present chaotic situation can only be resolved by an all out primary fight to eliminate the deadwood and the troublemakers. We hope a strong, unified, effective Democratic Party will emerge. One that has the best of what all three groups has to offer...Wisdon & foresight, ambition, and the ability to get things done. And Why Not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If you have an opinion of your own write your own editorial on any subject. Write a letter to the editor.

Janet Carrero
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Dear Mr. Willmott,

Congratulations on your valliant and persistent efforts to get some action on Discharge Petition #3, so that Congressman Becker's H.J. Res. #693 can be acted upon. I have had your editorial mimeographed and distributed to my congregation, with appropriate blanks which can be completed and mailed to Congressman Pike.

Congressman Pike is bound by "due process of the law", and I think his position on the matter and his approach to the problem is reasonable.

We hope that all concerned religious people will write to him and ask him to diligently pursue his efforts to get the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee to hold hearings on these proposals.

Keep up the good work, and God Bless you,

Yours Faithfully,
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