



Justice Prevails!

We applaud the decision of Judge Green of the Commack District Court in upholding the law in the case of the disruptive Stony Brook students who recently tried to take over the school. The students were allowed to plead guilty to a reduced charge of loitering rather than criminal trespass, which is a misdemeanor and, upon their conviction, would have gone on their records for life. Judge Green separated himself from many of his colleagues by not letting the rebellious students off "scott free". Instead, he sentenced them to 15 days in the county jail, the maximum penalty under the reduced charge.

We have witnessed a widespread and rapid breakdown of law and order, during the last decade, under the guise of "civil disobedience". For some peculiar reason our courts have accepted the idea that if you break a law while in a mob you are exempt from punishment. In other words, government by mob control instead of logic and justice. Such actions have denied the majority of people their rights under the existing laws of our country. The mobs, whether they be in a ghetto or on a university campus, have trampled on the rights of law-abiding citizens to get their point across. The result is that many of the average, hard-working people, who are struggling to get ahead, are put down. The man in the ghetto who is working to get his family a better education and into a better environment finds new distrust and prejudice rallied against him because, all too often, he is lumped into the general "troublemaker" category. The student, attempting to pursue his education, is blocked from going to his classes. Upon graduation his prospective employer may wonder if he took part in the student uprisings. Such suspicions might prejudice the applicant's employability.

To permit rampant lawlessness just because it occurs on campus not only invites more of the same but interferes with the rights of those who want to get an education which, after all, is the only legitimate purpose for going to college in the first place.

There are legitimate channels by which student bodies can change policy if the majority of the students want it. These methods may seem slow and cumbersome but they are tried and true. Of course, a student can always resign from the school if he can't change the system.

Let us hope that more judges lower the boom on these campus troublemakers. In so doing Judge Green did much to return sanity to Stony Brook University which has labored too long under disruptive demonstrations. And why not?

\$3,800.00 Baby Sitter

Once again, we read in the headlines, that the county wants to set up fantastically expensive day care centers. The purpose of this boondoggle is to provide baby sitting facilities for welfare mothers who want to work. In theory this is a great plan; in actuality it is a tremendously expensive luxury. The revised estimated cost of baby sitting is over \$3800, per child per year. The taxpayers are being asked to pay for this new giveaway program. If a mother has three children the tab would come to over \$11,000. so that the mother could go back to work.

Should not welfare mothers have the responsibility to find a way to have their children taken care of if they are inclined to go back to work? We know of many non-welfare mothers who have gone back to work to make ends meet. They have arranged with mothers to have their children taken care of and they pay them out of earnings for this work. The sum usually runs from \$750. to \$1000. per year which is a far cry from the \$3800. that the welfare bureau claims it needs as a minimum.

Are there not many welfare mothers who are capable of taking on the responsibility of looking out for a neighbor's children, for a reasonable sum of money, while that mother goes out and finds work? Can't the mother be given the responsibility of finding this woman and paying her out of earnings? Wouldn't this give both these women some respect and head them in the right direction rather than just providing them with another dole?

If the county provides this service for welfare mothers does it not have the responsibility to provide this service for all mothers who want to go back to work but can't afford a babysitter?

Instead of dreaming up programs like this, that increase the cost of welfare, the welfare department should be looking for ways to cut the cost of its operation before the taxpayer stands up and says we cannot afford to pay these things. This day is coming. We are rapidly reaching a point where a man cannot provide adequately for himself. When he reaches this point he will rebel, against providing for others altogether.

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We ask that the welfare department come down to earth and provide only the barest essentials needed for existence. They must cease making a welfare recipient's life so comfortable and enjoyable that there is no incentive to get off welfare.

Welfare is intended to provide temporary assistance—not a way of life. The taxpayers will not tolerate any more of these giveaway programs. They cannot afford them. And why not?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Taxpayer:

The recent school vote which was defeated as expected, is a reflection of the rebellion of all us taxpayers since we've been over burdened by taxes.

BUT WAS IT FAIR! WHOM ARE YOU HURTING?

I am a parent and I can well understand the elderly voting NO, and I sincerely believe there should be more exemptions in their case. But the hope of our country is with the youth of today and they are entitled to the best education we can afford, **AND WE CAN AFFORD IT.**

THINK, we are living better now than ever before, we expect progress in our home and work, but when it comes to education, the old standby, "If it was good enough for me,

it's good enough for these kids, they get too much anyway"

Take a look at their work, the pressures are tremendous, the eighth grade is doing work you had in the twelfth, and God Bless the teachers, our children spend more time with them than they do with us, and they deserve every penny they make. Their salary is meager compared with our so called politicians, who in many cases have less education and take more vacations.

Don't have a canine philosophy on life, the world isn't going to the dogs. I agree there are many injustices in this world, but don't direct them at our children. Express it to our politicians on election day, attend board meetings, don't sit home and complain. Have you visited the school to see what's really going on? Have you spoken to the kids? Or do you listen to the gossip, that they are all delinquents and glue sniffers? Believe me, that only applies to a small minority. Attend science projects open to the public, attend concerts given by these so called delinquents, talk to the teachers and visit the High School, but most of all take an interest and keep an open mind.

We expected more out of life than our parents had, and they have a right to expect more than we have.

Give them a chance, they are really great kids.

WE NEED A SCHOOL, DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON THEM.

Mrs. Lorraine DeNicolò
Riverhead

P. S. Have you looked at our beautiful jail? I wonder how many millions it cost and how nice of us to provide the criminals with such beautiful surroundings. We make plenty of room for the unfit, but wouldn't it cost less if we all tried to set examples, morally and scientifically and financially to help them grow up fit?

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Good and the Bad

The New York State Legislature passed a record budget two Saturday nights ago. Six billion four hundred millions of dollars the taxpayers of New York State will have to ante up in order to keep the state operating for 1969-'70. Governor Rockefeller's five per cent across-the-board cut in expenditures went by the wayside and selective cutbacks were substituted. School districts were spared, for the most part, by a "save harmless" clause which allows the districts to receive at least the amount that they received the previous year for the same number of students. Welfare allotments were cut modestly but in nowhere near the amounts that they should have been.

Assembly Speaker Duryea has been attacked by the liberal press for insisting upon cuts in welfare spending. The bleeding hearts are screaming because a welfare family of four will now receive only \$183 per month instead of the \$200 they were getting previously. Let no one forget that this \$183 is NET take home for food and clothing AND that rent, fuel, medical assistance and education are paid for OVER AND ABOVE this flat grant. Suffolk Life, while applauding Mr. Duryea's success in achieving cuts in welfare spending, still regrets that he could not see his way clear to press for the proposal that maximum welfare grants not exceed the minimum forty hour week wage less normal deductions. We have long advocated this measure as one that would do much to retard, even reverse, many of the welfare abuses now so obvious to us all; however, we congratulate Mr. Duryea on getting the ball rolling in the right direction.

We were also pleased to see that the state has at least attempted to establish tougher eligibility requirements for welfare applicants. New applicants, who have come from out of state, now have to be able to prove that they were at least promised gainful employment in New York before they moved here. This is a far cry from the one-year residency law that we have favored and has drawbacks, particularly in the case of migrant workers who can still work for short periods in New York and then remain on welfare rather than follow the harvest elsewhere.

We fail to find much to cry about in the modest losses in welfare assistance. We know of many families of four who are feeding themselves very adequately on \$30.00 a week and who are also being clothed well on less than \$600. per year. This is the minimum welfare that will be received under the revised reduced welfare grants.

There are many families here on eastern Long

Island with the father working 60 and 70 hours per week and the mother working an additional 20 to 40 hours just to make ends meet. This gives them little time to enjoy the finer things of life or even the simple things such as each others companionship or the joys of playing with their children. When they have to work this hard to meet their current obligations, and then have their paychecks diminished by 20% to 25% so that others can profit at their expense, the time has come for a change.

We personally resent it when government officials downgrade the idea of people going out and enjoying themselves as an argument in favor of increasing taxes. Our county executive, in one of his recent weekly columns, put forth this ridiculous idea. What in heavens name do they think we are working for besides paying their outlandish salaries and financing their harebrained schemes. Do they not realize that we would all quit working if it were not for the hope that someday we will be financially able to do the things and accomplish the many goals that require money to fulfill. How many of us work for the pure joy of working ONLY or who toil for the glorious inner glow we get knowing that we are supporting someone outside our family.

We wish that the legislature had been able to make more headway in paring administrative costs within the state. This, besides welfare, is where the fat is. We suppose that we can only hope for little accomplishments and that moderate cuts in the welfare budget is at least a start. As the politicians feel the sting of the tax rebellion growing, they may have to look towards their own backyard next year for places to cut. And why not?

Talk Isn't Cheap

That octopus, the telephone company, advertises that talk is cheap. One look at your phone bill and you will see that they are hallucinating. If the telephone company gets its way, and it usually does, it is going to cost every user in this state a lot more money.

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The telephone company has petitioned the Public Service Commission for permission to raise its rates, in some cases by as much as 100%. They justify this with the excuse that they have not had a statewide increase in over ten years. They fail to mention that they have selectively and systematically raised rates in local calling areas on a regular basis. Also, they have saved tremendous amounts in operating costs by sending out unitemized bills to customers. The message unit system makes it impossible for us to know if we are paying for calls that we did not make.

They say that they need this rate increase to boost their profits to about 10% when they are currently making 6%. They claim that they will not be able to give the same good service that they are giving now if they do not get the rate increase. Good service? It can still take as long as 5 or 6 weeks to get a telephone installed. No longer can we call and get a time check. We have been told to look in our directory for a number we want instead of calling information. We were getting pretty good service ten years ago, but please don't tell us that is good today.

The telephone company is a monopoly. If we do not like the service we get we cannot go to another company. If we don't like the charges then we must do without which is almost an impossibility. The telephone company deserves to make a fair profit but rate increases of 100% are asinine, particularly when one considers that they have been able to raise rates

regularly as business has increased. Many people claimed that when they put in their unethical message unit system of billing, their bills went up by over 100%. The telephone company admitted that their revenue increased and reluctantly attributed this to the new billing system.

The telephone company is a monopoly and acts like one. It appears to care for no one but itself and its stockholders. Profit is its sole reason for being in business. Profit making we can agree with but unreasonable profits we can't.

We urge all of our readers to protest this rate increase in every way they can. And why not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Mr. Willmott,

It is encouraging to hear a public voice, outside of the young revolutionaries, with so much reverence for human life. I quote "We believe that whether this life is just a few days old or 100 years old it is morally wrong to interfere with its existence".

With your position so strongly stated you must be very sympathetic to the young men whose conscience is fully developed who are drafted to take life and/or be themselves murdered or face harassment, shame, and even prison.

If a woman must feel guilt to destroy a life not conscious

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April Fools Tax

On April 1st Suffolk County taxpayers were made to cough up an additional 1% sales tax. This means that we are all going to have to pay 5% on purchases. When you couple this with one of the largest state income taxes in the nation plus heavy business taxes, you can see why so many businesses have been persuaded to leave New York State for greener pastures.

We must ask ourselves, "Do we have that much better a state compared with others in the union?" "What services do I, as an individual, receive that my fellow citizen in another state does not receive?" You won't need a ream of paper to jot down your answers; the fact is that you may not even be able to bring the point of the pencil to the paper.

If we, as individuals, have trouble coming up with the answers then why, as individuals, should we be asked to pay more in taxes?

April Fools day was April 1st, the day we started paying an additional 1% sales tax. NO JOKE! And why not?

Good for the Bad

One teacher we discussed tenure with described it as "good for the bad." Tenure is a system, in our educational system, whereby a teacher, after three years of continuous teaching, is guaranteed job security. The teacher is assured a lifetime job within his or her school district or system.

Unfortunately, it is human nature for some to take advantage of a system such as this. As a result, there are individuals holding teaching jobs in our schools who are unfit, and the pupils who come in contact with them suffer educationally. These individuals perform poorly; they are known to the students, the students' parents, their fellow teachers and to the school boards as incompetents, but they are locked into their positions by tenure. The school board and the administration are forced, by economics, to retain these teachers and our children must continue to be subjected to their incompetence. The cost, in loss of education, is incalculable, and, we can be assured, follows our children throughout their lives.

Fortunately, most of our teachers are dedicated to doing their best to educate the children entrusted to them. Most of them work extra hours for the benefit of problem students. Most of them work diligently to make their subjects interesting and their classes enlightening, and, for them, the taxpayers should be grateful. Under the tenure system these teachers can-

not be rewarded for their extra dedication. Their assets are used as compensation for the liabilities of the inferior teachers.

Job security is good but when it guarantees that an individual may retain a job despite proven lack of ability and poor performance, then there is something very wrong with the system. When such incompetence is permitted to be continually inflicted upon our children, the system is disgraceful.

The tenure system should be changed to give school boards the right to terminate teaching contracts, at any time, for lack of performance. Review committees, made up of teachers who could investigate charges of incompetence and recommend action, should be set up in every school district. We are sure that most teachers would support an equitable system that could fairly remove incompetents from among their ranks.

The tenure system should not be permitted to continue under its' present set up. It is costly not only in tax dollars but in loss of education for our children. The system should be changed. And why not?

Give a Little, Take a Little

This is our fifth annual editorial plea for the towns in the Suffolk Life circulation area to join into an arrangement whereby the residents of each town may utilize the recreational facilities of the neighboring town. Each town has distinctive water facilities to offer. No town, with the exception of Brookhaven, has both ocean and sound to offer its residents. Thus the residents of East Hampton and Southampton cannot use the north shore sound beaches and the residents of Southold, Shelter Island and Riverhead cannot use the ocean beaches. We have always felt that the selfish, isolationist policy borders on the ridiculous.

Our beaches and waterways are one of our biggest assets. We can see no practical value in one town denying the use of its facilities to the residents of another town. In Southampton Town the board has relented over the years and last year allowed

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outsiders to buy season and daily passes, at a nominal fee, to the beach and parking facilities. Riverhead, on the other hand, did not allow parking at any price and sold parking passes only to town residents. The town felt that there were not enough parking lots to accommodate all who wanted to come to the beaches within the town, so, therefore, they could not allow outsiders. This editor spent several Sundays on the beach in Riverhead and never once saw the parking fields filled to overcrowding.

We have suggested, in the past, that each town grant reciprocal parking privileges to the residents of the other towns. All of the east-end beaches could then be shared by our residents and summer living would be made more enjoyable for us all at very little or no extra cost to any one town. This area should be for all of us to enjoy and we feel that our public officials should do their utmost to make this a reality.

We urge our readers to contact their town boards in support of this move. We believe that if they are encouraged, the public minded members of the respective boards will try to instigate a reciprocal policy. And why not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I read your editorial in the March 26th issue, entitled "Incentive," with interest.

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I am generally in sympathy with your viewpoint, but your statement "They say that they have jobs available for laborers that pay anywhere from \$65 to \$150 per week, etc. is pure hogwash. I can believe that \$65, but hardly the \$150, at least for unskilled labor. A few years ago I tried to find employment in the area, and found the salaries bordering on slave labor rates, and for skilled work. Most of the business men, I believe, are living in the 1800's, and pay accordingly, and there I agree with your statement "They relate the story of people coming to work and quitting after one week with the excuse that they can make just as much by staying home and doing nothing." If decent wages were paid, the need for the welfare system would largely be eliminated. I believe human greed is at the bottom of the system.

Yours very truly,
Philip A. Brown
Southampton

Editor's note:

We have personally known of several jobs available in this market that went untaken that offered salaries from \$65 to \$150 per week. \$150 was top and most fell within the \$75 to \$110 category.

My dear Mr. Willmott:

You are usually so right. That is why we enjoy "SUFFOLK LIFE" at our house. But on that Abortion bit you were way, way off. What happened? Not thinking clearly? I defend to the death etc. etc. But I hope you'll come around.

That statement about, "... life begins with conception..." is a bit extreme. I know you meant Human Life but even so, you've read the books and you know, - that fetal and dependent Mass of Cells, in utero, goes through a gestational

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Fighting Back

One of the best opportunities the taxpayer will have to fight back this year occurs on June 17th. This is Republican primary day throughout Suffolk County. This is the day when all enrolled Republicans will have an opportunity to select the committeemen who represent their district. This is the day when enrolled Republicans can have a direct voice in policy making within the Republican committee in their town. Committeemen select the candidates who will carry the banner for the Republican party within their towns. These are the men who determine policy, how much it is going to cost and the amount of taxes that you will pay in your town.

Historically, the average voter has ignored primary day here in the east end. As a result, the town leader, with the help of a few cronies, has hand-picked candidates who he felt would cooperate fully with the establishment. These men are responsive to the will of the town leader, not to you the voters of his district. As a result, we the taxpayers are made to pay higher and higher taxes to a government that is less and less responsive to our needs and desires. Our elected officials know that they have only to please the committee, that the voters, no matter what they do, have short memories and will reelect them when election day comes.

You the voter, the registered Republican, can change all this on June 17th. This is a golden opportunity not to be taken lightly. You can run, or you can support someone you know you can trust who will be responsive to your desires and the desires of the average voter. This is the **ONLY** way we citizens can take back control of our government. Too long have we tolerated self-centered, self-serving politicians.

The process of running for election within your district is quite simple. You must have a nominating petition with the signatures of only 5% of the enrolled Republican voters in your district on it. This petition must be submitted to the Board of Elections by May 17th. Once the petition is checked and OK'd by the Board of Elections your name is placed on the ballot. On primary day you will be running against the party machine's choice for committeemen. We are sure that there are more average taxpayers in your district than there are people who owe favors to the machine. If you run a good campaign there is a good chance that you can be elected to the post of committeeman. If one person in each town chooses to run - fine; if there is a contest in every district, the results could be tremendous.

The post of committeeman offers the most effec-

tive channel through which citizens can change conditions within the realm of politics. By being an active committeeman you can help to shape the destiny of your party. You will select the candidates. You can play an active role in determining how your government is going to be run and how much it is going to cost.

Primaries, being the closest - to - home in the democratic process, are your most effective means of being heard. They should never be ignored. Every member of the Republican party should take an active part in this year's election of committeemen. If you, as a Republican, do not know the name of the two committeemen from your district, you can be sure that they are not doing a job for you. They couldn't care less about how you feel on the issues. They **SHOULD NOT** be returned to office. You have it within your power to oust them. You can run against them or support someone, whom you trust, to do the same.

Do not allow another year to go by without challenging the credentials of these phonies who masquerade as **YOUR** committeemen. Get them out of their jobs and replace them with people who will represent **YOU**. Republicans, this is **YOUR** chance. You won't get another for two more years. **FIGHT BACK THIS YEAR!** And why not?

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There has been considerable criticism recently of the very rich who are not taxed on the income that they receive from tax-free bonds. At first, this does seem unfair. Why should someone who has millions be able to get away without having to pay any income tax at all? Upon a closer second look, the situation is not as unfair as it may appear.

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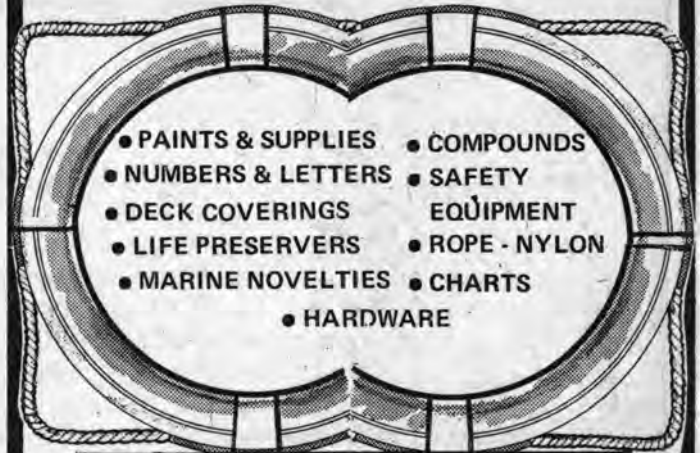
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bidder, that is, to the person or group who will accept the lowest interest rate. Generally, the return on these bonds is about half of the going rate on other types of investments. In most cases, the invested capital is tied up in long term issues, and the investor cannot realize an increase in his capital, to fight inflation, that he could if he were to invest in the stock market. The incentive, to make these types of investments attractive to the investor, is the fact that they involve virtually no risk and are tax - free.

The government does not receive taxes from the income derived from these types of investment, but, at the amse time, if governments and agencies had to go out into the active money market and pay full interest on money borrowed, that interest would have to come from the taxpayer in the form of increased taxes.

Suffolk Life does not feel that it is wrong to have a great deal of money and to be willing to loan it to the taxpayers, at reduced interest rates, in return for a tax subsidy. It is certain that if this subsidy is taken away, these types of investors will find other means of making their money work for them — ways by which they can make more money to pay for the taxes on the money they have invested.

The entire tax structure needs revamping, but we do not like to see this one segment of the investing public singled out for attack when the elimination of

tax - sheltered municipal bonds could end up by costing all of us more money. And why not?

Notice to Voters:

Many school districts will hold their annual elections for School Board Membership and proposed budgets next month. In many districts you must be pre - registered to vote. Registration will take place this week, so call your local school to find out the date. Don't miss this opportunity! Your school taxes represent over 50% of your tax bill. Find out what you are paying for! And why not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Recently you complained that \$183 per month for a family of four was rather akin to living in the lap of luxury. Ho - Ho!

Let's see now — there's food, clothing, cooking fuel, electricity (presumably) haircuts, dry - cleaning, shoe repairs, toothpaste, soap, laundry detergent. That's a fair start.

Then one frequently has to replace such things as combs, brushes, pots & pans, an occasional cup or saucer, sheets, blankets, pencils, etc.

Plus Sales Taxes on everything they buy from "bathroom tissue" to aspirin for the headache acquired by living in this luxurious lap.

Try it yourself, brother.

Signed,
Box 1344



Yellow

There is a movie being shown of questionable value entitled "I Am Curious, Yellow." There is also a drama being played out on our campuses called "I Am A Coward, Yellow Administrator". In the second instance, there is little question as to the value of the performance.

The stars, in the farce of unlimited acts, are a minority of college students with gripes that are both legitimate and illegitimate and a group of officials who seem to lack the administrative ability for which they are being paid. The very unfortunate result of these riots is that the education of the majority is being disrupted and our once respected institutions of higher learning are being turned into battle grounds of anarchy and armaments.

In human society, whether it be a home, a business, a government office or a university, proper organization dictates that there be a central authority, a chain of command and a set of rules which the members of that society abide by to insure their own rights and the rights of others. These rules may seem unfair; sometimes they are. If they are, people ask for changes, they work within the structure provided for change under that set of rules. They do not take the law into their own hands without the chance that they will be apprehended and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Yet our colleges have seen students getting away with everything short of murder, and still the authorities have down - played these activities and placated the students. The result has been anarchy.

This editor, for one, is sick and tired of reading, day after day, and viewing, night after night, these spectacles of student mobs running rampant and seizing buildings, rampaging through them, and totally disregarding the rights of others in their quest to have their grievances satisfied. What kind of cowards do we have running our schools today who allow themselves to be bullied and put into positions where they have to give in to hoodlums? How do they have the audacity to call themselves leaders when they cannot protect the rights of the majority who are in school to get an education?

There are channels, on most campuses, whereby grievances can be aired. If a student wants a change, let him, or his group, work through these legitimate channels. If the administration does not share the views of the dissident student, no one is forcing that student to remain. Let him resign and find a school more to his liking.

Our universities and colleges are places where students choose to learn and to prepare for their

future. If a school fails to live up to a student's standards, let him transfer.

Our state supported school must have rules and regulations which protect the student and which insure the unbroken continuity of his educational pursuits. Nothing should be permitted to interfere with his education. Those who violate these rules should be expelled forthwith — no second chances. If the university structure is not to become a shambles, these rules must be enforced. If new rules are needed, they must be made and let us have leaders at the head of our schools to enforce these rules — NOT cowards. And why not?

Welcome To N.Y., Freeloaders!

Last week the Supreme Court struck down the right of a state to pass or enforce any residency laws. These laws, designed to stem the tide of welfare seekers from a poorer state to a richer state, required that a person provide bona fide proof of residency of a state for one year before applying for welfare. Our liberal Supreme Court ruled against residency laws stating that they violated a persons right to travel and to movement. The majority opinion, written by Justice Brennan, also stated clearly the courts position that there is nothing wrong in a citizen, from one state, seeking to better himself by moving to a state with more liberal welfare benefits — even though that citizen moves solely for the purpose of collecting welfare in his adopted state.

We feel that New York State, already burdened with a disproportionate welfare case load, can expect a heavy influx of welfare seekers from other states that pay less welfare benefits than we do. The bitter cry, so often labeled "untrue" by our politicians, that poor people move to New York solely to collect welfare will now be put to its sternest test. Will there be a tremendous increase in welfare seekers from out - of - state, thereby hurting New York, or will the Court ruling have little effect? We will see.

Inscribed on the Statue of Liberty, in part, is the statement "Give us your poor. . ." We have taken them and they have repaid their country full measure. They did not come to America to collect

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welfare but for different reasons. They came here seeking opportunity, with a willingness to work their way out of poverty. They did not come here for handouts.

Why should the residents of this state be made to pay for the poor of the entire nation? The point is that we **SHOULDN'T**. Our leaders, led by the ever - hopeful presidential candidate, Rockefeller, have pushed welfare benefits, here in New York to a point where a family will uproot themselves from another state to come here and go on the dole. The final chapter in the situation is yet to be written, but the conclusion is predictable. The liberal court, by removing the finger from the dike of welfare eligibility requirements, will force the people of this state to support a Federal takeover of the welfare system. And that is precisely where it should NOT be because then, good people, you have absolutely no voice or control over the welfare set - up in this country.

Now, let's refocus on the state welfare system. With the Supreme Court ruling there is no easy way out. The residency law is finished. Now our legislators are going to have to act like men and stand on their own two feet. They are going to have to bring New York State welfare payments into line. The new ruling should make our legislators, if only as a defense, support the proposal that a welfare recipient NOT receive more than the minimum wage for a forty hour week less normal deductions.

The residents of New York State cannot afford pay any more. We cannot afford to have our state become a haven for the shiftless. Welfare is a problem that must be handled in a sensible and realistic way. Despite the recent court ruling we can still cut welfare costs. If we do so, we will be setting a dynamic example for the rest of the country. If we do NOT, welfare will become federalized and we will have taken one more huge step down the road to socialism. Reduced welfare grant legislation must be enacted soon as possible. And why not?

School Taxes

Within the next week, many school districts will present their budgets for the voters' approval. Most will require increases in the tax load. The easiest thing to do is to go in and vote "No", but this is not the right thing to do whether you have children or not.

Every responsible voter should examine the budget, attend the annual school board meeting and ask questions. Find out what these increases are for and if they are warranted. Weigh the value we receive from our schools against the cost and then decide intelligently whether you should vote "Yes" or "No".

We urge every voter to turn out for his annual school board meeting to find out where his money is going and why. Let's approach the voting booth with intelligence and foresight. And why not?

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