

Willmott's and Why-Not's

By David J. Willmott, Editor

In Your Hands

All of us, at one time or another, have felt the utter frustration of being at the mercy of unresponsive government. Of late, this has been an all-too-frequent occurrence. Most of us tend to throw our hands up in despair, feeling that there is little or nothing the average person can do about it. This is certainly not true.

Under our system of government there are built-in safeguards for returning government to the hands of the people - not through revolution but in fact through the same means that our unresponsive leaders have gained control. Let's take a look at what normally happens.

In government there are two or more political parties. These parties place the names of candidates into nomination. The people vote on these candidates, and the ones with the largest vote are the ones we are stuck with. This is the popular conception. What actually happens is that the candidates are not selected by the parties, but by a few of the party elite in the back rooms. These so-called elite are not representing the people but those whose names they placed in nomination. In many cases their selection of certain candidates is tantamount to placing those candidates into office. This is particularly true when one party virtually dominates the government. You may ask how these select few possess such power under a democratic system of government. The answer is very simply because of our apathy and ignorance of the mechanics of government.

The town political party leaders, particularly of the dominant party, build a committee that is totally loyal to them. They seek out and find people who are not reluctant to place their heads in the trough. They then appoint them committeemen and find some form of patronage for them, whether it be a job in government or a contract to perform services. Once these people are indebted to the leader, he is free to do as he wishes. Most parties go through mock nominating conventions for legal reasons only. These conventions are cut and dried with only rare challenges to the leaders' choices of candidates. The result is often a poor caliber of candidates for the voters to choose between. Rarely do the voters have an opportunity of

choosing between two very good men. Usually we are given the choice of voting for the lesser of two evils.

To change the system is not as difficult as one would imagine. Any registered voter of a particular party can become a committeeman. He can ask for an appointment which will promptly be denied if he is the type who cannot be bought or controlled by the leader. Then all he has to do is secure a petition, have it properly filled out and contest the party leader's choice in his home district. Running for committeeman is no big election. Frequently there are as few as two or three votes in an election district. Rarely are there more than a couple of hundred.

There is little cost involved in contesting a race like this. It is more a case of your getting out and talking to the registered voters of your party in your election district and telling them what you stand for and why you are running. With very few exceptions the voters do not know who their committeemen are, and, for that reason, those committeemen have been ineffective in their posts.

This year the Democrats will have a chance to clean house. They need it. The leadership of the Democratic Party in the various towns has, in most cases, been poor. The result has been one-party rule - Republican - and poor government as a consequence.

If you are tired of being frustrated and feel that the time has come for a change - if you are a registered Democrat we recommend that you look around you. If you don't know your committeeman (there are two for each election district) they haven't been doing their job. They are supposed to know every voter in their district and particularly those in their own party. They should keep you up-to-date on what is happening in your party and carry your wishes back to the committee at their regular meetings. If such is not the case in your district, the field is wide open. Chances are that the committeemen are in the hip pocket of the town leader and neither he nor the committeemen want to know your feelings.

The system is there for you to regain control of your party and of your government if you are willing to put forth the effort. This is not a case of "let George do it." He probably has his head in the trough. It's up to you. And why not?

Dear Perry

It looks like the bird is coming home to roost. Bill O'Leary is going to oppose you in the primary for the Republican nomination for the Assembly race. His sole issue is the one that we discussed at length two years ago - the legalization of abortions in New York State.

We are sure that most of your constituents are unaware of the fact that it was your tiebreaking affirmative vote that passed the abortion bill. You, as the Assembly Majority Leader, legalized the taking of life. It will be interesting to see how this race turns out. You maintained that the majority of your constituents were in favor of this measure. We doubted it at the time. Our polls indicated just the opposite. Time has been on your side, but people are still struggling with their consciences on this question of whether or not they have the will to take life into their own hands.

Of course, you will be able to muster the party machinery to support you, but the people of the Republican party will have an opportunity to express their viewpoint by supporting either you or O'Leary. We suppose there will be a lot of statistics brought out to justify your position, and this battle will be filled with emotion. In the end, however, people will have to make up their own minds as to when life begins and to decide whether we have a right to interfere with it. And why not?



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Weekender Will Be

It all started about three years ago when Number One Son asked his father to take him fishing. Father knew that the flounder were running and decided to give it a whirl. Much to his embarrassment and bewilderment, when he sat down to prepare for this expedition, he realized that over a decade had passed since his last flounder fishing and that he had forgotten how to, where to and etc. He was a little bit embarrassed to walk into the local sport shop and ask elementary questions like what kind of line and sizes of hooks to use, what size fish was legal and so on. As a result, the expedition was a lot of fun but not too productive.

This experience led to an in-depth market survey in the summer of 1970. The survey indicated that there was a vital need for a publication that could digest all of the recreational facilities available to East-Enders. The survey strongly pointed up the desire of thousands of folks to know what and where things are going on, how to do them, what the costs are, what dress is required etc., etc. Such a publication would cover the entire gamut of leisure time activities and confine its reportage to the viable Eastern Long Island market.

For the past nineteen months we have wrestled with this subject, and now we are ready to announce that the WEEKENDER will be. It will be an ambitious publication, custom-tailored for the East-Enders who has as much as a few months or as little as a few days to take advantage of the great recreational resources available here on the East End.

One of the best ways to describe a major difference between your regular Wednesday Suffolk Life and the Weekender is that Suffolk Life concentrates on the week that was, and the Weekender will highlight the week that will be. Our staff is tremendously excited about the potential for fun and creative information that the Weekender offers. Many of the features we have often wished we could include in our regular paper will now be available to you. Each week the Weekender will concentrate on a central theme that will be treated in considerable depth throughout the paper. Whether your passion be golf, fishing, swimming or music, you will discover many of the ins and outs of the subject and how you can best take advantage of this activity here on the East End.

In addition, each week we will have for you a full day and night TV schedule including channels 3, 8 and 21, movie reviews, tide tables, dining guide and critiques, kids' pages written and produced by our local young set, senior citizen news, fashion, art and cultural reviews. Also included will be recaps and projections on the local sport scene - football, baseball, basketball, tennis, etc. These are just a few of the things you will find in the Weekender.

We intend to make the paper itself a beautiful publication. We will be using a finer grade of paper and full process color to highlight both news and advertising. There will be a much higher news-to-advertising ratio than is presently found in your Wednesday Suffolk Life.

We are sure that you will find the Weekender exciting, handy and useful.

We are sparing no effort to make it a quality magazine. Like Suffolk Life, it will be a good friend to have around the house. The Weekender will be on April 29th. And why not?

Klein Takes Command

We are happy to see that County Executive Klein is taking the development of Suffolk County Airport into his own hands. Up to now, the airport committee has shown total ignorance and a decided lack of ability to handle a project of this magnitude. This airport situation is too important to the future of the East End, and to the county as a whole, to be bungled by incompetence. It is not that we have the utmost confidence in Klein, but we have more faith in him than in the caliber of men who have sat on the airport committee.

We suggested to Mr. Klein last fall, when he was interviewed by Suffolk Life, that instead of appointing just legislators to committees of this sort, he should go outside of government and bring into the executive committee people who are specialists in this field. He kind of passed off the idea, but we hope now that he can see that this is the only practical option open to him. You can't take ex-lifeguards and make them experts on airport management when their forte is flower arranging. Neither can you appoint insurance salesmen or car salesmen to committees of this sort and expect any kind of professionalism. The time has

come for John Klein to put common sense and professionalism back into government.

For openers, we recommend that Mr. Klein ask Randy Moore, the mayor of Westhampton Beach and former Grumman executive, to serve on this committee. People such as this, with years of experience in aviation, can and will see to it that the airport is properly developed in the best interests of the community and county. The airport is just one situation where professionalism should be put to work. Other aspects of government deserve the same kind of expertise. The day has arrived when patronage and pay-offs must cease to be the prime consideration when important jobs have to be done. Competence has to be the first consideration.

No matter what it may cost Mr. Klein with regard to his political future, such procedure must be the order of the day from here on in. Suffolk can't afford patronage only; we must have competence. And why not?

Tenth Annual Plea

The beach season is close upon us once again, and the perennial problem that has plagued all East End residents and visitors each year is still with us. Each town denies the use of its recreational facilities to the residents of its neighboring towns. With the exception of Brookhaven Town, which can offer its residents full recreational facilities, no town can provide full recreational potential here on the East End. North Shore towns have the Sound. South Shore towns have the ocean. They all have bays, but not the same ones. Due to our provincial attitude, all of our residents have the use of some recreational facilities but not all facilities. One of the major reasons is quite simple. The towns have not been able to provide enough parking and beach facilities for both their own residents and any number of cliff dwellers who might choose to take a ride out to the country

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and use their beaches on any given day. Even though the overcrowding occurs only a few times during the year, the towns have bowed to the overreaction of the residents and cracked down so that only official residents can use the facilities. There are times when the fish are running in the Sound, but not the ocean and vice versa. There are times when the swimming in the ocean is bad, but the Sound is beautiful. To illustrate a peculiar situation - certain children who live across the river attend the Riverhead schools. Their parents are denied parking privileges while their children are taking swimming lessons off Riverhead Town beaches.

All of this is quite unnecessary and could quickly be alleviated if the five Eastern towns could get together and make arrangements for mutual usage of recreational facilities. It would be a simple matter of mutually recognizing neighboring town recreational permits. For the past ten years, at the beginning of the warm weather, we have recommended such an arrangement. For nine years we have been ignored. Last year we interviewed each of the town supervisor candidates on this subject. All of the men felt that the idea had merit except the East Hampton supervisor, and he said he would think about it. Now that the supervisors are meeting on a regular basis to discuss mutual problems, we believe that now is the time to reopen the discussion on this matter. Since four out of five of them saw some merit in our proposal last October, we can see no reason why they can't find a solution to this dilemma.

We hope that this will be the tenth and final editorial on this situation. It is a mutual problem that can be solved for the benefit of all East-Enders. Let's hope that all East-Enders can use our natural resources to the fullest now that we have men who find value in talking to each other. And why not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Dave:

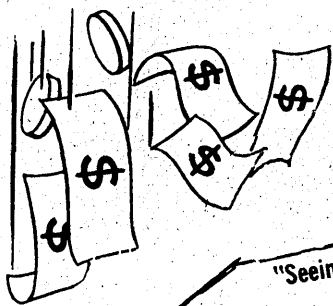
I enjoy the column "Something of Valyo," as it always has a bit of humor for the reader. Last week's article was more than humorous, it was hilarious.

The statement from Mr. Frank Crowitz, the Republican Town Leader, is a typical example of his one party rule. Mr. Crowitz was recently quoted in Newsday as saying:

"He's dead set against any ward system. A Town councilman is supposed to be just that: a representative of the town and not a particular district, or area, just like the supervisor, who is responsible for the entire town."

Yet in last week's column "Something of Valyo," Mr. Crowitz is reported as saying: "He'd be only too happy to have HIS council sit down with supervisor

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Hulse, and iron out any problems that exist from HIS all-GOP Town Board. Mr. Crowitz is kind enough to show HIS sincerity by saying he will set up the conference to show his sign of good will.

I wonder if he is trying to tell us something, maybe he feels that he should replace the 4 councilman and save the tax-payers approximately forty thousand dollars.

Has Mr. Crowitz ever considered that once an Election is over with, the people expect the elected officials to represent them and not the party BOSSES.

This is the principle reason for Mr. Hulse being elected last November, that is, no strings attached to party bossism, and the people expect it to remain just that way.

Could it be this is why Mr. Crowitz is dead set against any type of ward system? He knows this would take away the one party rule system, and give the voice back to the people. He knows this would give equal representation back to the people regardless of party labels.

If you missed my point of humor, I find Political Bossism at today's tax rate **PATHETICALLY FUNNY.**

Sincerely,
 Edward M. Glennon
 President of the
 Hampton Bays Civic Assoc., Inc.
 Hampton Bays

Dear Mr. Willmott:

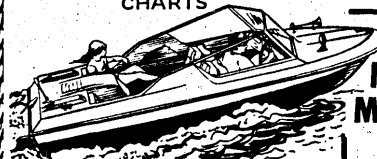
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Sincerely,
 M. Bianchi

Dear Editor:

The Brookhaven Town Board is to be congratulated on the passage by it of its new Disclosure Ordinance. This will go a long way toward effectively curbing applications for rezoning having no merit other than the political connection of the applicant. A meritorious ap-

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Day Of Reckoning

It's Saturday, April 15, 1972 - a day when millions of Americans will become unwilling accountants and auditors, a day when most of us will be that much poorer both in finances and in spirit. It's deadline day for both state and federal taxes, a day when we must ante up for the government we deserve for not having gotten involved in the past. It comes a day after we read an article by Dean Alan K. Campbell of the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Mr. Campbell predicts that if governmental spending trends continue at their present rate of growth, all wages will be devoured, just by local taxes, by January 26, 2010. It comes a day after we receive a questionnaire by Congressman Pike asking what our priorities are and what our wants from our government are for the future.

As we write out our checks and sign our names to the numerous forms concocted by sadistic civil servants, we realize that we are paying one hell of a price for the government. We are paying out an awful lot of money that we could use much more to our own benefit. Here goes a big chunk of protection against catastrophic disaster that seems to plague all of us at some time in our lives. Here goes the money that might send our kids to college when the time comes. Here goes the money that might be able to see our parents through their golden years. Here goes the money that might allow us to build a bigger and better business that would create more jobs. Here goes the money that we have worked seventy and eighty hours a week to acquire.

This money, yours and mine, is being confiscated by the government and will be put into the hands of people who have demonstrated their inability to handle it with any degree of integrity or responsibility. A day does not go by when we do not personally see or read about waste in the government. The worst feeling of all is the realization that our own money is being used against us as individuals, forcing us into a collective state.

We remember back many years ago when we filled out our first tax return. We remember having to write a check then. It hurt, but the hurt was softened by the fact that we felt we were contributing to a responsible government.

We felt, in fact, a certain sense of pride in the fact that we were con-

tributing to a government that was trying to keep us, as individuals, and our country free. Our feelings are just the reverse today.

As with any other purchase we must ask ourselves if we are getting our money's worth. If you feel that you are not, then the only alternative is to commit yourself to becoming involved and committed to changing the system. That may seem like an impossible task, but look at it this way. Actually, the government is us. We are the government, and if we as individuals don't like what we are getting for our money, then individually and collectively, we can demand that government be responsive to our wishes.

You can put off becoming involved and hope that things will change. But we ask you to reflect upon Dean Campbell's prediction that on January 26, 2010, just 38 years from now, local taxes alone will completely wipe out your own paycheck. And that means you won't have enough left to buy that six-pack of beer on Saturday night. And why not?

April 29th Is The Day

One week from this Friday you will find our second publication of the week - the Suffolk Life WEEKENDER - on your local newsstand and other retail stores and high traffic locations. Last week over two thousand businesses and prospective advertisers received a preview of the new magazine. It was a mockup edition, and, from the reports coming back to us, they feel that it is going to be even greater than we had hoped for. As of this date many of the feature stories and standing columns have been set into type, and they read the way we think you will get the most enjoyment from them.

WE, which is the short nickname for our new publication, has a double meaning. It stands for the WEEKENDER and for we, you and I - all of us. Even more than Wednesday's Suffolk Life, our new magazine will be a reflection of the tastes, attitudes, preoccupation and idiosyncracies of the Eastern Long Island resident. We encourage all of our readers to send in their creative efforts to the WEEKENDER. If you've written a story about Eastern Long Island - the place or its people -

which you feel others would enjoy sharing, we urge you to send it to us. If accepted, your work will be published and you will receive an appropriate byline. If you wish, you may send in a photo of yourself and any others you may have that illustrate your story. Of special interest to color photo buffs, the WEEKENDER will provide you with an opportunity of having your favorite color shot of Long Island published in full color. We encourage you to send in any photo depicting Eastern Long Island for consideration.

The WEEKENDER will be light, fun-filled and highly informative. It is intended to help everyone find things to do with their spare time here in one of the great garden spots of the western world. We believe that it will repay you many times over its nominal cover price of ten cents.

We hope you like the WEEKENDER, and we hope that you will take part in it by contributing both your writings and color photos of life here in the east. The WEEKENDER will be on April 29th. Watch for it. And why not?

Sport vs Commercial

The bitter battle that has broken out between sport and commercial fishermen over the striped bass has taken on new implications. A consortium of sportsmen's clubs, mostly from out of the area, has asked for a ban on using the facilities at Montauk. They are doing this in order to pressure Assemblyman Duryea into passing a bill that would satisfy the sporting interests at the expense of the commercial interests.

We have watched this battle evolve over the years. We have attended several hearings on the matter. Both sides have valid points, and neither

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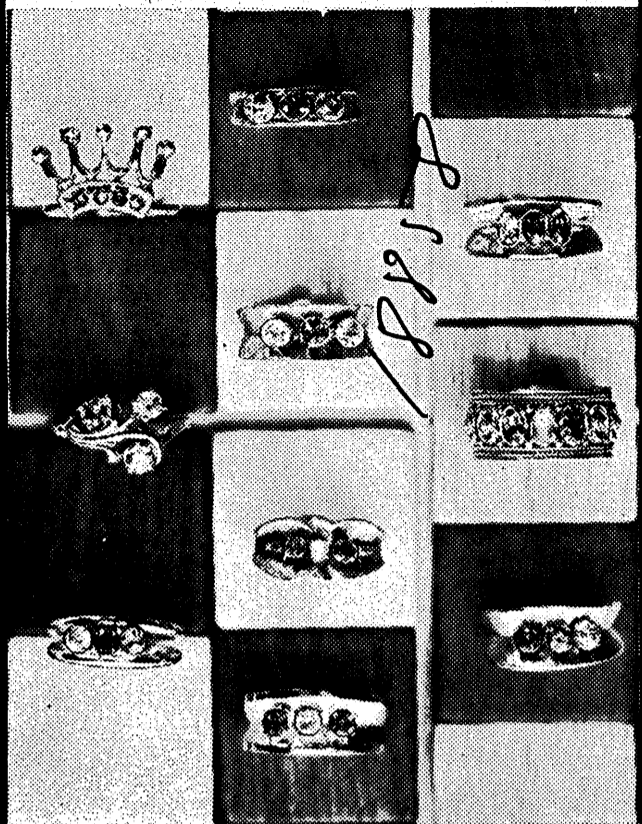
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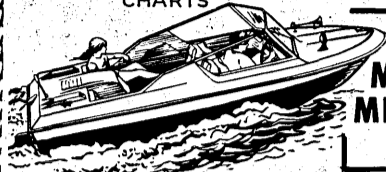
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I have read your paper from the beginning and support many of your views, but cannot agree with your attack on Perry Duryea because he voted for the liberal abortion bill and here is why. The world is over-populated now and is getting more crowded every day. People are dying of starvation in many parts of the world. Most of our problems of pollution are the result of over-population. Crime is more prevalent in over-populated cities. I don't have to run on about over-population. Anyone who doesn't realize that it is a problem today, yes, right now, hasn't been doing much reading and-or listening.

.. The bumper sticker says:

ABORTION IS MURDER.

I would like to buy one that reads:

OVER-POPULATION IS MASS MURDER.

If we must choose between two forms of "murder," I would choose abortion.

How many children are born unwanted and live a life of misery because they are unwanted? How many women become pregnant by accident, not choice?

No, Mr. Willmott, abortion is not murder and neither is over-population but those who fail to control over-population are much more guilty than those who support abortion. Preventing abortion can only add to the over-population problem.

Those who haven't read "The Population Bomb" should do so as soon as possible.

If Bill O'Leary is really going to run on this issue alone, he hasn't got a chance. Reason is on the side of population control. Mr. Willmott, I urge you to support population control. It is a cause that needs your help.

Russell E. Mann
Southold

EDITOR'S NOTE: Duryea's action affected New York State - not worldwide population. With the present welfare state here, it's virtually impossible for anyone to starve to death, except possibly out of ignorance. Though you state that if you had to choose between two types of murder you would choose abortion, I reaffirm my belief that no one person has the right to willfully take the life of another. With today's modern methods of birth control, I see no reason for either plain damn

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Sinai-Shores, Chapter of
Women's American ORT,
general MEETING; at Mt.
Sinai Community Center,
North Country Rd., Mt.
Sinai; Apr. 19; 8:15 pm.

PLAINVIEW
American Assoc. Medical
Assistants, New York State
Society, Inc.; 13th Annual
CONVENTION; at the Kings
Grant Motel, Plainview;
host, Suffolk County Chap-
ter; educational sessions
with guest speakers,
exhibits, entertainment; for
advance registration, in-

formation, contact Beverly
Caine - Chairman, 61
Ellensue Dr., Deer Park
11729 or Mae Sheridan - Co-
chairman, 8 Barbara Court,
Greenlawn, N.Y. 11740; Apr.
21st thru Apr. 23.

MT. SINAI
Mt. Sinai Church, sponsoring
an evening of
FELLOWSHIP; coffee and
cake hour; slides on migrant
ministries by Rev. Jack H.
Alford; at the church, North
Country Rd. between Shore
Rd. and Pipe Stave Hollow
Rd.; Apr. 23; 7 pm.

WESTHAMPTON
Suffolk County Postmasters'
Assoc., Annual Installation
DINNER-DANCE; Hun-
tington Towne House;
cocktails followed by dinner
and dancing; Apr. 21; 8:30
pm.

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side seems willing to give. At this point, both sides are not even talking to each other. This is asinine, and the only one who will suffer will be the thousands who earn a living off the environs of Montauk.

Two years ago, at a meeting held in Rocky Point, it seemed that a compromise could be worked out, if both sides would only sit down in earnest. This must be done. The striper deserves to be protected - and so does the livelihood of the commercial fisherman. We do not think that either side is without fault. The only solution is to work out a compromise between both sides.

We suggest that Mr. Duryea select a group of persons representing commercial, sport and disinterested third parties to act as arbiters. Meetings should be held and a compromise formula worked out that will satisfy both interests. Legislation should then be proposed, along the lines of the compromise, and every effort made to get it passed. This fight has gone on for too long, and it is too bad that Mr. Duryea has permitted the hard feelings to build to the point where his hometown may suffer the most. It is a must that Duryea exert his power, prestige and influence in this matter now. And why not?

Let Everybody Know Where The Action Is

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Willmott's and Why-Not's

By David J. Willmott, Editor

Two Sides

Everyone was happy when President Nixon announced that he was attempting to deescalate our involvement in the Vietnam war. At the time he made his intentions known, he stated that he hoped the South Vietnamese would be able to carry the ball when our troop withdrawal timetable had been met. He also stated, at the same time, that he would follow the withdrawal plans as long as there was no further active aggression on the part of the communists to endanger American lives. Nixon proceeded and exceeded his withdrawal timetable. He is to be congratulated for this.

The communists, unfortunately, did not like this arrangement. They chose to escalate the war as they did with the Tet offensive during Lyndon Johnson's administration. Regiments of troops, supported by Soviet armor, having been pressing the attack for many weeks. Nixon has reacted with courage. He has sent our warplanes into North Vietnam to bomb both the outskirts of Hanoi and Haiphong Harbor where most of the Russian war material arrives.

If our country had reacted with this kind of conviction in the first place, the war would probably be over today. Instead we chose to fight with our hands tied behind our backs. We chose to sacrifice thousands of American lives in the name of worldwide diplomacy. Such a policy was barbaric and wrong. If you get into a fight, get into it to win. There is no other way to fight. We don't advocate using nuclear weapons, but our arsenal contains other equally devastating weapons. You don't emphasize politeness in a battle plan, worrying what other countries will think. You fight to win with the least sacrifice of your own men.

How many American men would be alive and home with their families today if we had acted with courage and conviction when we decided to become involved? We don't pretend to know all of the whys and wherefores to our involvement in this war. Few others do also. History will give our children's children the reasons. The fact is, we are involved and have been doing everything within reason to get out. We have offered a plan, and we are carrying it out. The bombing is something that the North Vietnamese have brought on themselves. They knew the terms and the consequences

when they chose to mount an attack on the south and on the remaining American troops.

We are proud to have a man, at the helm of this country, who has the courage of his convictions. And why not?

Friday The Weekender

Things at Suffolk Life are in a state of organized confusion to say the least.

Somehow, we are confident you will find our second publication - the Suffolk Life WEEKENDER - on your newsstand this Friday afternoon. We think it is going to be great, and we know that you are going to be as pleased and excited about it as we all are. It has the looks and content that, we think, will make it just what you want.

The first edition of the WEEKENDER will be a sampling of things to come. In the forthcoming weeks, we will zero in on specific recreational and cultural themes and try our best to give you, in a light and airy way, all that there is to know about the subject.

You will discover, in the pages of the WEEKENDER, what to do, how to do it, where to do it, the cost and equipment if any is needed. You will read about people who are involved in these activities whether it be digging for soft clams in Great South Bay or playing the leading role in a Shakespearian play. You will use our Eat Beat to discover where the good restaurants are. Our sixteen-page, all-channel TV magazine will include programming for channels 38 and 21 also. Our women's page, with engagements and weddings, recipes and other articles will be of interest to the distaff side. Our sports section will be as complete as we can make it and will include an East End hunting and fishing column. The WEEKENDER will run the gamut of leisure-time activities; it will be for and about YOU in this wonderland of recreational opportunities.

Unlike Suffolk Life, the WEEKENDER will not be regularly sent through the mail. Subscriptions are available, or you may purchase it at your local newsstand. The price is only ten cents, and we are sure you will find it the best ten cent bargain available in the publishing field.

We urge you to hurry to your newsstand this Friday afternoon. The first printing will be limited, and we

will be unable to reprint no matter what the demand is. We hope you are going to like it as well as we think you will. And why not?

Political Logic

Somewhere there must be some logic in the minds of our state legislators. Political logic is often a study in contradictions. Two years ago, Albany passed the most liberal abortion bill in the nation. It allows for the murder of children up to about two months prior to their normal delivery time. Any woman of any age can seek an abortion whether she be twelve or sixty.

This past week they knocked down a bill that would have made contraceptives (particularly prophylactics) readily available to anyone of any age for any reason. To secure prophylactics a person must be over sixteen and must purchase them from a pharmacist. This is asinine.

According to the health department, venereal disease is reaching epidemic proportions. It is the second most frequent communicable disease in our own Suffolk County. Yes, right here! An article in the Wall Street Journal two months ago told of a single prostitute infecting no less than 1,200 individuals. According to the public health officials, prophylaxis could have prevented this.

People don't have to get pregnant if they take the proper precautions. To deny them access to the various products, or to place them in an embarrassing position, encourages impregnation both in the married and the unwed.

To sanction a bill that allows an unborn child to be killed, and then to deny people free access to readily available information and products that could help to avoid this mass murder, is not only morally corrupt, but logically asinine. What kind of minds do we have running our state government? Heaven help us. And why not?



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