

Good Healthy Sign

This past week we received from the County Board of Elections, copies of petitions filed for public offices. In past years, primary races have been rare. This year, party-designated candidates are being contested in a number of different races. This is good. It is democracy in action. It means the rank and file of all parties are throwing aside bosses and the deals they have made. The challengers are taking their cases to the people.

On September 11th, you will have an opportunity to not only vote, if you are registered in a political party, but you will have an opportunity to reaffirm your belief in that party and to show the political bosses you either agree or disagree with the way they've been running your party.

The most noted primary is being run between John Klein, the county executive, and the bosses' choice, and Peter Cohalan, Supervisor of Islip, who was robbed of the designation at the Republican Convention. Klein has used, as his sole issue, the allegation that Cohalan is a candidate of the bosses. Ironically, Klein is not only the candidate of the Republican bosses in Suffolk, but it now appears that Nassau County Republican boss Joe Margiotta is attempting to spread his influence across the county line.

Margiotta, in a very unusual and questionable move, is co-hosting, with Suffolk's Republican boss Gil Hanse, a fund-raising dinner for Klein.

Isn't there enough support here in Suffolk for Klein? Why is Margiotta extending his Nassau ties into Suffolk? What does he have to gain? Is he hitchhiking to take over the Republican party in both Nassau and Suffolk? Not only is Margiotta associated with the dinner, reports have reached this office of his demanding support from labor leaders for Klein. He also is reported to have told his Nassau organization workers to contact their relatives and friends in Suffolk and let them know, in no uncertain terms, that he expects them to turn out and support Klein.

Republicans have been great supporters of home rule. Is the Republican party, under Klein, so

void of leadership they are willing to give everything up to a Nassau leader?

In the 1st Legislative District, Conservative Tom Lakeman is being opposed by Lee C. Moorhead and Gregory J. Blass, both Republicans, for the Republican designation.

Lakeman is a product of a deal made on the county level to give the nod to a Conservative for the Republican line in exchange for the Conservative support for Klein. The East End leaders, with the exception of Jim Beebe of Riverhead, who voted by proxy, were unequivocally opposed to allowing a Conservative to run on the Republican line. They didn't have much to say about it. The deal had been cut and the Republican boss, Gil Hanse, wasn't about to upset the apple cart.

In the 4th Legislative District, John Sorli, a Republican, is opposing Michael Walter, a Conservative who also has the Republican line, a product of the same deal.

On the Conservative line, Conservative Bill Matthews of Patchogue is opposing the Conservative bosses' designation of John Klein for County Executive. Matthews is attacking Klein's abortion stand and is also asking Conservatives the critical question: "How can somebody as liberal as Klein be representative of the Conservatives?"

In the 2nd Legislative District, Conservative Margaret Bell is being challenged by Republican John Rosso. Bell, like Matthews, doesn't go along with the deal and believes that the Conservative line should be for a registered Conservative. There are also a number of other Conservative primaries being run out of Suffolk Life's circulation area.

The Democrats also have a donnybrook going on in the 4th Legislative District. Frank Loccoriere, the designated candidate, is being challenged by Bruce Brodsky and Tony Chiovaro.

It's the first time we can remember this number of primary challenges. The outcome might well be the return to a different and distinct political philosophy for each party.

The big weakness in the primary system is the ability of the organizations to turn out the vote. The organizations have the enormous powers of patronage available to them. If the candidates who are running primary challenges can get past voter apathy, the rank and file of the parties can regain control of their political party.

September 11th will be one of the

most important election days in Suffolk's history. But you, as a registered member of a political party, must exercise your right and responsibility to turn out and vote. In a sense, primary day is a referendum on our entire system. If the vote is heavy, it will mean the people care. If the vote is light, it will be interpreted as a win for the bosses and everything they stand for. And why not?

"There's hope . . ."



Cohalan is coming!"

Cohalan Needs Your Help

Have you ever been involved in a political campaign? Would you like to? Peter Cohalan, Supervisor of Islip, is running a primary for county executive against the entrenched bosses' choice, John Klein.

His campaign has been put together through the efforts of a host of dissatisfied Republicans and Independents. They are tired of seeing their party and their county abused by the power brokers.

A successful, county-wide primary is not an easy undertaking for a challenger. Cohalan's campaign is desperately in need of funds and campaign workers, people who care enough to become involved and to do something.

Your contributions do not have to be big. The time you give does not have to be long. If you can help by making

telephone calls, stuffing envelopes, running coffee klatches, cocktail parties or soliciting donations, please do it. Call the Cohalan campaign headquarters at 587-1122 or at 728-8968.

The time or financial support you put forth in this campaign could well change the face of politics and government in Suffolk County. Pete needs your help and you need the help he can bring Suffolk County. When elected, he'll use his imagination, intuition and proven experience in government for the people's good. But before he can bring his expertise to government, he must win the primary and the general election.

Tired of the county being used by others at your expense? Change it. Work for Cohalan's election. And why not?

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Is It Coincidence or Ineptness?

On February 15, 1979, Clearview Cement Corporation and its chief officers were indicted in federal court for cheating the federal government, the County of Suffolk, and the Southwest Sewer District by manufacturing and selling sub-standard sewer pipes. Clearview has been the chief supplier of the concrete sewer pipes in the Southwest Sewer District.

There have been substantial rumors as to the connections this firm had with Suffolk politicians. Strangely, when the indictments were announced, Suffolk continued to purchase sewer pipes from this firm. It could be argued they only had been indicted, and had not been convicted, so they should not be penalized.

On May 21st, county executive John Klein, in a dramatic speech before a group of lawyers, confirmed what everyone had been saying. The sewer district was rank with scandal, corruption and mismanagement. As county executive, he was responsible. He promised to clean up the mess, stop the corruption and put an end to those who had profited out of the taxpayer's soaring rates.

On May 31st, Clearview, as a corporation and its officers, were convicted of the charges presented in the indictment. Shockingly, the county continued to buy pipe from Clearview. Why wasn't Klein making good on his May 21st promise? Why were convicted crooks who had robbed the taxpayers of Suffolk County still profiting under John Klein's administration?

This contempt for the system and the taxpayers was an amazing display of total arrogance. Klein had not only accepted the responsibility for the sewer mess, he promised to put an end to it. Obviously, he didn't. The county continued to do business with those convicted of robbing them.

Peter Cohalan, Supervisor of Islip, could take no more. Personally risking everything, he decided four days before the nominating convention to challenge Klein. He promised to run a primary. As the primary has heated up, the facts concerning the county still doing

business with Clearview have become an issue.

On July 30th, almost two months to the day after Clearview's conviction, Klein announced he was suspending business with Clearview. Why 60 days after the conviction? Was he suspending business with Clearview because they were crooks or because of the serious primary challenge being waged against him by Cohalan? This time lag is another glaring example of the malfeasance in office or just plain arrogance by Klein.

If Klein was serious and meant what he said May 21st about putting an end to the corruption surrounding the district, why did he wait 60 days to stop doing business with crooks? Was his May 21st speech nothing more than political rhetoric designed to appease the voters and calm them into a false sense of security? Klein's continued business dealings with these convicted crooks answers the question.

The tragic part of it is Klein almost got away with it. If he was not being seriously challenged by Cohalan, wouldn't it still be business as usual in Suffolk? Klein's lack of action, either by coincidence or ineptness, should be a clear indication to everyone that if Klein is re-elected, it will be business as usual. Klein's entire eight years in office have been a classic example of mismanagement. Even a dramatic pronouncement of "the buck stops here" cannot hide or change this fact.

Republicans have a clear choice on Primary Day, September 11th. They can condone Klein's actions by either voting for him or staying away from the polls, or they can turn out and vote for Cohalan. A victory by Cohalan will start a new era of Republicanism here in the county.

Cohalan offers the voters his impeccable record, his unquestionable honesty, and the ability, determination and courage to clean house and return Suffolk government to its people.

Let us all hope registered Republicans are proud of their party and care enough about its future to vote on Primary Day. And why not?

Suddenly the Crisis is Over

The Wall Street Journal last week announced the world-wide crisis in petroleum is over. The article went on to suggest it was actually over several months ago and there probably is currently a glut of oil on the world market. Isn't that amazing? The newly posted prices of \$1.00 plus on gas are hardly dry and mysteriously the world is wallowing in surplus oil.

As you recall, just a few weeks ago, we were being told by everyone from our President on down there was a shortage of oil world-wide. The law of supply and demand was in effect. Because of the scarcity, the prices were skyrocketing. If suddenly, in the middle of the summer with the peak driving season coming to an abortive end, we are wallowing in a surplus of oil, there couldn't have been much of a shortage a few weeks or a few months ago.

The energy shortage, as in 1973, was contrived by the oil companies, abetted by the bureaucratic stumbling of the idiots in Washington who run our country. Our federal government did not learn from the first so-called oil shortage; that they could not trust the figures being supplied to them by the American Petroleum Institute. The American Petroleum Institute is the main lobbying arm of the major oil companies, and most of the executives who make up the U.S. Energy Department come from the American Petroleum Institute and the major oil companies or their subsidiaries.

Let's face facts: The executives of the oil companies are controlling our

energy policy. They have thoroughly infiltrated the administration and Congress. There is no independent energy policy. There is no independent source of information on our petroleum reserves and inventory. The administration and Congress base their decisions on rhetoric fed to them by this lobbying arm of the oil companies, and we as consumers pay for this mistake.

The only sensible alternative we have is to demand a break-up of oil company monopolies from well head to service station. Our government must enter into the manufacturing and recovery of alternative fuels. We hate to see the government involved where private enterprise should be. But it's obvious the oil companies have such a lock on all energy sources, they can, at will, manipulate the world's economy for their own greed and gain, without a counter force.

If a nationalized company were producing fuel from coal, shale and tar sands, available to only American consumers at cost, there would be a balance to the oil companies.

Any hopes for a realistic program like this are dismal considering the make-up of Congress and the ineffectiveness of the Carter Administration. We can, though, change this composition a year from now when there is a new federal election.

In the meantime, the bible of industry and commerce, The Wall Street Journal, has declared "The oil crisis is over." So it's over. And why not?

Readers' Opinion

"You should run a retraction"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I read your editorial in Suffolk Life condemning the Conservative Party and I am very disappointed in your change in attitude. I can remember the David Willmott who was a fair-minded and open-minded individual and never condemned the whole for what some individuals did. If you pick up a copy of Newsday, you will find that the entire Suffolk County Conservative Party did not endorse John V. N. Klein; that there were some Conservatives who preferred to seek their candidate elsewhere. As far as your comment is concerned asking Conservatives to re-register as either Democrats or Republicans because of your mistaken opinion that all Conservative leaders have sold out the party and are now endorsing Klein, I find to be in very bad taste and not something the old David Willmott would have said. In fact, when the old David Willmott endorsed Conservatives who were idealistic in their principles, he never asked (to my knowledge) conservative Democrats or conservative Republicans to change their enrollment from their party affiliation to the Conservative Party.

The Brookhaven Town Conservative Party at this time is engaged in what may be one of the largest primary fights to emerge in Suffolk County in many and many a year. For

your information, we are endorsing William Matthews of Patchogue for the office of Suffolk County Executive. With the help of God and the registered Conservatives of our party (and not David Willmott) we will get Mr. Matthews sufficient petitions to put him on the Conservative Party line and be victorious in the upcoming primary.

I believe that now that you know that there are Conservatives who are very concerned with their party and are trying to do something about it, that you should run a retraction or an apology in your editorial and permit us the same courtesy in your retraction or apology as the venomous statement that you made concerning all Conservatives.

Very truly yours,
Dominic Santoro
Chairman
Brookhaven Town Conservative Party

Editor's Note:

Please re-read editorial - I mention some town leaders, not all. I'm glad to see all Conservatives have not made a deal and still think principles are more important than patronage. I hope you are successful with your campaign for Mr. Matthews. Conservatives should not be asked to vote for a liberal republican on the conservative line.

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Eliminate Sales Tax on Energy

As the cost of fuel and energy rises, we are supposed to blame the Arab sheiks for greedily causing this condition. The sheiks are to blame, but so is our county executive, the legislature, our governor, our senators and the assembly.

Since last spring, gas and fuel have almost doubled in cost, and so have the sales taxes. Last spring, we paid approximately 4 cents a gallon sales tax on gas. We now pay between 7 cents and 8 cents. A 100 per cent increase.

Last spring, we paid 4 cents a gallon sales tax on fuel oil. It is predicted we will be paying between 7 cents and 8 cents this winter.

We understand the reason for the increase in the cost of oil, but is there any reason for increase in the cost of sales tax?

Our county and state governments prepared budgets for this year based upon revenues they would receive, conditioned on the old prices. They are now receiving sales taxes they had not planned on or budgeted. They are windfall sales taxes!

The original concept of sales tax was a tax placed on luxuries.

Necessities were to be exempt. Fuel, whether it be for gas, heat or electrical generation, can hardly be considered a luxury. Taxes on these commodities must be repealed.

There isn't a person rich or poor who has not been affected by the unplanned-for acceleration of fuel costs. To compound the back-breaking effect of these costs by charging sales taxes is unconscionable.

Our own Suffolk County Legislature can show their concern by enacting a county law eliminating Suffolk's 3 cent sales tax on fuel and energy now. The assembly and senate can follow suit when they go back into session. This would bring direct relief to the hard-hit citizens here in New York.

The revenues the county and the state will lose by rescinding this tax will be more than made up. They are making increased taxes because of increased prices created by inflation.

Swift action is needed to bring immediate relief. They have the power within their hands ... let's hope they have the courage to use it. And why not?

Primaries are Grassroots Government

I have always been amazed so few people exercise their right to vote on primary day. Primaries are the foundation of our entire electoral process. When you vote on primary day, you select a candidate to be committeeman to represent you in the party of your choice.

Committeemen are the people who are charged with knowing your feelings and sentiments. They are charged with relaying these feelings to the town leader, who in turn conveys them to the county committee which in turn brings your message upward to the state and finally the national organization.

Primary elections are held every year, but the selection of committeemen for the two major parties take place in alternate years. This year, Republican voters have an opportunity to select their committeemen. Next year, it's the Democrats' turn.

In addition to selecting committeemen, there are a number of candidates selected either by executive committees or at nominating conventions who are being opposed. The opponents are taking their cases to the rank and file.

The most notable primary race is between incumbent John Klein and Peter Cohalan. Klein's administration has been surrounded

with mis-management, scandal and corruption. Cohalan's administration as Supervisor of Islip has been an outstanding example of what an honest, highly motivated and intelligent man can do to bring corruption-free, effective, responsible government to the people.

In making this primary race, Cohalan has sacrificed the security of being re-elected Supervisor of Islip. He feels strongly about what has happened here in Suffolk. He's gambling that the people care, also, and will respond to an honest young man's appeal by turning out on Primary Day.

He is risking everything, and his campaign lacks the established machine Klein has at his disposal. But for what it lacks, it has made up with enthusiastic support from average Republicans and Independents. They are determined to restore intelligent and sensible management to Suffolk government.

The key to Cohalan's success will lie in the rank and file Republican's decision to go to the polls on September 11th.

Klein's machine will call in everyone who has ever had their head in the trough and who hopes to keep it there. They will vote out of purely selfish reasons because they will not want to kill the goose who laid their own personal golden egg. If average Republicans stay away from the polls, they will be making a decision to continue to pay exorbitant taxes

Klein's Sewer Plan Illegal

John Klein announced early in his campaign that he had a new plan to save the Southwest Sewer District. Last week he revealed it.

Typical of the misconceptions that have guided his career, the plan is not only unworkable, it is illegal. Klein's plan to eliminate the dilemma, that by his own admission he is responsible for, is to make the Southwest Sewer District into an authority.

The fallacy of this plan is that an authority cannot have both the ability to tax and to levy sewer fees at the same time. An authority constitutionally cannot levy a tax, as spelled out in Article 8, Section 3, of the N.Y. State Constitution. An authority, by its structure, is a use-benefit service corporation. It must be profitable. To be profitable, the fees it charges must be high enough to fund all its cost and operation.

Do the residents of the Southwest Sewer District care which pocket their money is being taken out of? If the real estate taxes are reduced because of an authority, but their sewage use fees are increased by as much or more, how will they benefit?

Authorities are dangerous. They possess the powers of eminent

domain. Because of their structure, they are above the law. They are not controlled or responsive to the voters, or even their creators. Their sole purpose is to fund profitably the purpose they were created for. Their first obligation is to insure the bondholder's interests are protected.

The only way a sewer district operated as an authority could fund itself would be to charge residents and businesses of the Southwest Sewer District fees high enough to pay for all the capital construction, bonds, and operating cost. When these fees increased the ability of the users to pay, that's tough. There is no recourse. The authority is above the people.

Anybody who would support the creation of an authority would have to be a first-class damn fool. Unfortunately, that's what King John takes the voters of Suffolk County to be. As Peter Cohalan, Klein's challenger in the Republican primary said when he heard of this plan, "His sewer plan is illegal and nothing more than pure political bull. It's clearly intended to fool the taxpayers of Suffolk County." And why not?

Readers' Opinion

"Thank you"

Open Letter

Dear Mrs. Tomkinson:

Thank you for writing the most informative article which appeared recently in Suffolk Life entitled, "Help for Viet Vets". To date, we have received many calls pertaining to this article.

Your assistance in this most worthy cause is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,
William Penza
Metro Director
National Alliance of Business
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What Is The Difference?

Registered Republicans should be asking themselves what the differences are between Peter Cohalan and John Klein, the Republican candidates for the nomination of county executive.

Both men have extensive records voters should be examining. They have a history of stands on issues which are a clear indication of political philosophies. Both candidates are mature and articulate.

Cohalan's philosophical stands place him on the Conservative side of the Republican party. Cohalan is opposed to the use of taxpayer dollars to fund medicare abortions. Klein has gone to court using the taxpayer's money to win the right for medicare recipients to have taxpayer abortions.

Cohalan firmly believes in the elimination of duplication of county and town services. He advocates having the towns take care of all problems falling within their jurisdiction. He opposes the move forcing towns to give up their control over home relief. He asks: Who knows better who deserves home relief than the people in the community in which the applicant resides?

Klein's Record - Big Government

Klein's record indicates he supports massive big government. He has expanded the number of county employees by better than 25 per cent during his administration. Today, county departments duplicate the work being done both by towns and state. This results in a cost to the taxpayers of two to three times what they should be for the same services.

It is a fair evaluation, both by examination of philosophies and actual conduct in office, to assume that Cohalan will offer the voters a more Conservative, Republican administration. Klein will lean further to the left, whereby it will be hard to discern the difference between his and a Democratic controlled office.

The job both men are seeking is the management of Suffolk County and its projected three-quarters of a billion dollar budget.

Cohalan's Record

Cohalan's record in Islip is one of tough, uncompromising management: management by objective. When Cohalan took office, he set down a list of priorities and goals to be achieved within a specific period of time and at a stipulated cost. Examination of Cohalan's years as Chief Executive of Islip verifies his achievement of these goals.

Cohalan's record was not achieved by accident. When he assumed office, he immediately announced his intentions, requested the resignation of those who did not or could not perform according to his standards. He then

recruited and hired qualified, talented personnel, regardless of their political affiliation. When local talent could not be found to fill a position, he searched elsewhere until he matched the man with the job.

The best way to describe Islip Town government is to say it is run like a business. This is rare in any government. Running Islip as a business has produced a profit in increased services for the residents while stabilizing expenditures and taxes.

Klein's record of management over the last eight years is dismal. Key, decision-making positions were filled with political appointees. Klein's method of running the county was to fill important positions with people of his political persuasion, delegate to them the responsibility for achieving an end product, then turn his back and hope for the best.

Flynn's Murder

Klein appointed the about-to-be indicted, then murdered, John Flynn as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Control. This department was in charge of running the Southwest Sewer District. Flynn's office was charged with mismanagement, corruption and scandal almost from the day the project was started. Klein ignored these charges, claiming they were political in nature designed to discredit his administration and office. The ignorance of this situation finally led to the federal intervention and investigation.

Sewer Cost Tripled

The sewer project cost has risen from a pledged \$291 million to an estimated \$1 billion and still is not in operation. The federal government has already convicted a prime contractor and its officers. A number of other indictments are expected after the general election and are rumored to involve a number of the more important politicians associated with Klein.

Flynn, facing indictment, was murdered hours before he was to turn himself into the district attorney. Newsday reported Flynn, just prior to being murdered, had a lengthy conversation with the district attorney. He had promised to blow the lid off the entire mess. That night he was allegedly murdered in a lover's quarrel, but skeptics question the coincidence and timing of this.

Klein and the Suffolk County Airbase

Klein's mismanagement has not been limited to the Southwest Sewer District. In the East End, Klein's mismanagement can be felt in his arrogant handling of the Suffolk

County Airbase. Over 500,000 square feet of buildings could have been rented, providing income, jobs and industrial opportunity. When Klein was queried by tenants for these buildings, he steadfastly claimed that the policy of the FAA was to forbid the rental of any of these buildings for any use other than general aviation.

Legislator Donohue and aides, acting on the behalf of the Citizens Advisory Committee, personally intervened with the FAA and found, to Klein's embarrassment, that 90 per cent of the buildings could have been rented for any purpose. Klein then developed yards of red tape effectively limiting the leasing of these buildings, and appeared to have other purposes in mind for this facility.

Recently, Klein announced he was going to lease the facility as a cattle transportation center. This met with immediate objections from the resort and business community in the Hamptons. Over these objections and even the State Department of Environmental Control, he persisted in pursuing this plan.

Even in his dealings with county workers, Klein has failed to instill a sense of team play. County employees are openly hostile to him and, as a result, the work force morale is dangerously low. Cohalan, on the other hand, instilled in Islip Town workers a sense of value; a need for excellence and an opportunity to advance if you had the job qualifications, regardless of your political affiliations.

Their Attitudes

The attitudes of the two men are in direct contrast both in personality and purpose. Personality-wise, Cohalan, although an intellectual, is down-to-earth. He loves to get out among the people, to talk, to explore and to debate. He is perfectly at home on the dais as well as the corner bar drinking a Guinness Stout.

Klein's personality places him

above the average person. He cannot tolerate a difference of opinion. He is almost arrogant in his approach to subordinates and even his peers. This attitude earned him the nickname of King John.

These attitudes, when projected to the job both men seek, can best be explained in their outlook on corruption and scandal.

Cohalan took over a scandal-ridden town. He plainly told all those involved in this town, Islip was no longer for sale. Anybody suspected of wrongdoing would be immediately investigated. If the findings were substantiated, they would be suspended. Cohalan has called in Suffolk County's District Attorney's office to investigate official wrongdoing within his administration whenever there has been suspicion.

Klein has taken the opposite road. When people he surrounded himself with were accused of wrongdoing, he arrogantly refuted the accusations, saying they were political in nature. When indictments rose up around him, he maintained they were only indictments and those accused still had to be tried in a court of law. This is true, but it is not the type of situation that builds confidence in government. It leads to abuse of power.

The Choice

Republican voters have clear-cut choices in this September 11th primary. One, they can stay home and not vote. This will tell everyone Republicans don't care. Two, they can vote for Klein and a continuation of what is politically expedient -- scandals and corruption. Three, they can repudiate Klein by voting for Cohalan. In doing so, they will re-chart the course of the Republican Party in Suffolk County with new faith, ethics and principles. It's up to the registered Republicans on September 11th. Their choice is clear. And why not?

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Indexing - The Only Hope for the Middle Class

The average family here on Long Island has a combined income of \$19,000. Ten years ago, it was about \$9,500. Out of our \$9,500, we paid less than \$1,800 in taxes, leaving us a net income of \$7,700. This allowed us to live fairly comfortable. In 1979, our \$19,000 income leaves us with a net income of less than \$12,500. We can't make ends meet. And inflation, coupled with a progressive income tax, is the reason.

The government is not only taking more dollars, but a larger percentage of gross dollars because we are in higher tax brackets.

There is an equalizer to this our federal and state governments have refused to put into existence. It's called indexing. It's a system requiring the base on which we pay taxes, or the percentage of taxes which we pay, to be adjusted according to the consumer price index to reflect inflation.

This system has been tried effectively for the last five years in Canada. In that country, as inflation diminishes the value of the dollar and as income and prices are increased, taxes are adjusted accordingly. The average Canadian citizen is not, thereby, forced to pay more in taxes, and his government does not receive windfall taxes paid by the average taxpayer. This does happen here in the United States.

Our government receives more taxes each year as inflation increases. It receives an automatic tax increase without having to pass legislation. This has allowed the government to continue to spend

more and more of your income without having to raise tax rates.

In Canada, the government expenditure growth rate has been reduced since 1974 from 15.9 per cent to 2.1 per cent in 1977 because of indexing. Unless indexing is put into effect in the U.S. before 1990, everyone will be paying more than 50 per cent of their income in taxes. The 50 per cent tax bracket at one time was reserved for the super rich, not the average or the low income producer.

Congressman Bill Graddison, Republican from Ohio, and Senator Bob Dole, Republican from Kansas, have introduced legislation mandating indexing. It will be a tough battle, and massive popular support will be needed to pass this legislation.

The concept of indexing is not well understood by the average person. Few realize this is the most meaningful way of controlling our tax liabilities. It will curtail needless, wasteful government spending.

The bureaucracy and the politicians fear indexing for it takes away from them a silent but deadly tax increase imposed on the American people without them knowing it.

We encourage you to write to Graddison and Dole announcing your support for their efforts. We encourage you to send copies of your support to your own Congressmen, Bill Carney and Tom Downey and to your Senators, Jacob Javitz and Daniel Moynihan and the President.

The addresses are the same for all, Washington, D.C. Do it today. And why not?

Getting the Italians

Over 30 per cent of Suffolk's population is Italian-American. This is a major and sizeable voting block. To be successful, a candidate for county-wide office must either court their support or maneuver them against an opponent.

A few weeks ago, John Klein's hand-picked political appointee, Joe Fasbach, at a meeting of the CSEA, referred to Presiding Officer of the legislature Anthony Noto as "a guinea bastard." This was reprehensible and about as low an ethnic slur as can be made. Klein subsequently fired Fasbach.

Klein knew this would not be enough. He had to turn the consequences of this unfortunate remark to his advantage. His campaign committee immediately started airing radio commercials charging Peter Cohalan, his opponent in the primary, with making anti-Italian remarks. He did not say what

remarks.

The remark Klein referred to, though, was Cohalan's characterization of the indicted Smithtown Republican leader being Klein's "political godfather." It takes a wide stretch of the imagination to interpret this as an ethnic slur. Klein knows people are easily confused by radio advertising. He counted on this confusion. It was intended to lead to Cohalan being connected with the ethnic slur made by Fasbach, Klein's appointee. He planned on this confusion turning the heat from himself to Cohalan.

We met an Italian-American in the Three Village area who was vehement that it was Cohalan who had made this statement about Noto. He said the Italian-American Club had been on the air constantly calling on Italians not to support Cohalan. Typical of the dishonesty surrounding John Klein, there is no Italian-

American Club. The script reader identifies himself "an active member of the Italian-American community." The commercials were ordered and paid for by Klein's campaign committee.

In all the time I have known Peter Cohalan, in business, politics and socially, I have never once heard him utter a single ethnic or racial slur.

His campaign staff is made up of many citizens of Italian descent. His brother-in-law is Italian. The proof, though, is in the record. In checking Peter Cohalan's executive staff in the Town of Islip, you will find names of almost every ethnic background. His chief deputy is Italian. He did not get

the job because he was Italian. He is good at what he does and this is why Cohalan hired him. Refreshingly, this is the way Cohalan runs government.

Klein should apologize to the Italian-American community he has tried to deceive through his tricky radio commercials. Klein has cheaply attempted to manipulate the Italian vote through dishonesty and deceit.

Klein is counting on Italian-Americans being confused. He hopes they will stay away from the polls on September 11th, or vote for him. Italians, as all Americans, resent being cheaply used for political purposes. And why not?

Readers' Opinion

"Help us help Brookhaven"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

In regard to your recent editorial, I feel you are wrong in suggesting that all the registered Conservatives should change their registration. Brookhaven is desperately trying to remove the "sell-outs" in our party.

Mr. John Andrew Kay, the Conservative county leader, didn't have the decency to call a county convention this year because he knew that the committeemen would never have let "King Klein" have our line. Due to the way our by-laws are structured, our County Executive Board has the right to endorse a candidate without committeemen approval.

You stated that the Conservatives "sold-out". The only ones that "sold-out" were the

party leaders. If any thing should change, it's our party leadership.

Instead of writing us off, you should give Brookhaven all the support you can in helping us put William Matthews on our line in a primary this fall.

As you stated many times in past articles, Klein should go, if the Conservative line does go to Klein in November, "long live the King".

Help us help Brookhaven, support William Matthews for county executive and Anthony Schmidt for superintendent of highways.

Sincerely,
Maureen Flaig
Chairman

Adam Smith Conservative Committee

"The Federal Government should put Grumman to work"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Normally, in past times, our country spent huge sums of money on military budgets only in war time, when civilian production was cut back. Now, however, we have fantastic military budgets year after year in peacetime. The Federal spending on this non-productive effort is responsible in large part for the runaway inflation that threatens our economic stability.

Sooner or later, if reason prevails, we will have to cut back on our military budgets and put money into gigantic engineering projects for producing synthetic gasoline and heating oil, to say nothing of rebuilding our cities before their bridges and water mains collapse, or of modernizing our railroads.

It will take time for this transition to occur, but, in the meantime, it obviously does not

make sense to keep spending billions of dollars on unnecessary military equipment only to keep people at work. For example, to spend over \$100,000,000 on AGE planes for the Navy, which our military leaders say they don't need, to save 1,300 jobs at Grumman is a luxury we cannot afford. It means that \$700,000 in everyone's tax money will be spent only to save one job.

The Federal Government should put Grumman to work on more energy projects to save these jobs. That is the intelligent way out. And it is this which Long Islanders should seek through their Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Sincerely yours,
Frederick S. Lightfoot
Greenport

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