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## Not Another

There was a ray of hope that New York might be restored to its prominent position with the announcement that Nelson Rockefeller was retiring in December. His hand-picked successor was Malcolm Wilson, the Lieutenant Governor. Wilson had an image of being a conservative Republican. Many of us hoped it was more than just an image. This past Wednesday, he released a State of the State Message and his true image (or his convenient political image) was revealed.

### Welfare and unemployment

Wilson is damn near as liberal as Rockefeller and more unimaginative. He acted like Santa Claus, promising something for everyone except the poor sucker who happens to be in the plundered middle class. In his State of the State Message, he took care of the welfare recipients by proposing a 12 per cent hike in benefits. Yet he proposed no new measure or means for people on welfare to work their way off and become productive citizens. He proposed to raise unemployment benefits by almost 25 per cent. This, of course, will be paid for out of the payroll budgets of every company in New York State, thus denying those who are working the raises that are justly due them. Just so many dollars are allocated for payroll costs. When the government increases its take, as it will have to do through unemployment insurance costs, fewer dollars are left for direct compensation to the people who are working.

### How to drive industry out

Wilson again showed his lack of imagination by not coming up with a concrete plan to increase the desirability of New York State for business and industry that would mean more jobs and less unemployment. Having the State spend more money in this direction was Rockefeller's solution to the problem, a solution which failed so miserably. During Rockefeller's administration, hundreds of thousands of jobs were driven out of New York State because the taxes on these companies became unbearable; and because the members of the labor force found they could no longer exist on what they were

taking home, they also moved to better economic climates.

### Benefit the city?

Wilson again showed his ineptness dealing with the mass transportation predicament the State is in. He proposed to loan-give New York City \$100,000,000. to keep the subway fare at 35 cents through May 1. This \$100,000,000. will not give the people of New York State better service, better mass transportation; it will only benefit those who are using the subway and bus systems in the city and will be paid for by all the other residents of New York State. It is ridiculous for those of us who must use an automobile for transportation out of necessity (because there is no mass transportation) to pay for the city dwellers' convenience of mass transportation. We have to pay for our cars, the insurance, the maintenance, and we are being hit with phenomenal rises on the price of fuel in which we pay almost one-third in taxes to our local, state and federal government.

### Third party choice

Other items in the State of the State Message were mostly pap. The outcome of all of this may very well be that in November the voters will be given a choice between a liberal Democrat, a liberal Republican, and possibly a Conservative. If the politicians' memory serves them, they will recall the last time this happened was when James Buckley became the only Conservative Senator in the United States. The voters must be given a choice of different ideologies. If the major parties refuse to, then a third party will. And why not?

## Let's Go Boating

The National Boat Show is now in full swing at the Coliseum in New York. The real boat show, the one that has meaning, is in full swing at your local boat dealers here on Long Island. Here is where you will find the greatest selection of boats, motors, trailers and accessories, manufactured for the new season.

## There will be fuel


1974 promises to be a great boating year. The Federal Energy Office has stated there will be fuel available at marinas this summer (which has been of great concern to many marinas and boat owners this fall during the energy crisis). So, with adequate fuel available and some of the greatest bays, sounds and ocean waters at your disposal for pleasure boating in the United States, there is no reason to hesitate about looking for that dream boat of your choice.

## Win cash, too

As a further inducement, the progressive boat dealers in Suffolk are offering you an opportunity to win \$500 cash towards the purchase of your boat, motor, trailer or accessories of your choice. They are participating in the first annual Suffolk Life "Let's Go Boating" Promotion. To be a winner for this grand prize all you have to do is fill out a coupon at any one of the participating dealers listed elsewhere in Suffolk Life. The grand prize award will be made in April. If you have already purchased a boat, motor, trailer or accessories, the \$500 will apply towards these purchases. Or, you can purchase them at the time of your winning.


## Now is the time

We encourage you to go to your local boat dealer now. See all the new, exciting innovations for 1974. Now is the time to buy, when the snow is on the ground, as you can make the best deal before the season comes in full swing. And why not?



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## Your Patriotic Reward

Now that you have sacrificed by cutting the speed of your cars, turning down the heat in your homes, cutting back on using electrical appliances, turning off lights and doing without most of your traditional Christmas decorations, you are about to receive a reward for this patriotic effort. You are going to pay, if approved by the Public Service Commission, approximately 19 per cent more to the Long Island Lighting Company. LILCO has stated in a press release issued January 28, 1974, that they need this rate increase to make up, in part, for the loss of business they have suffered due to your conservation of electrical usage. This raise will be in addition to the surcharge amounting to an average of 20 per cent that your electric bills have been tagged with to make up for the additional cost of oil that LILCO has had to pay, over and above the average they had been paying. When the Public Service Commission allowed LILCO to tag this additional fuel adjustment surcharge to your bills, there was virtually no outcry from the public. We all could see the fairness of it. We didn't like it; it cut down on our spendable income; but it was part of the sacrifice we were making to keep LILCO and America strong.

### Profits, above all

This present increase LILCO is requesting stinks. We can see the corporate executives gushing tears as they are on bended knees pleading their cases before their Public Service Commission. You would think we should be rewarded for the sacrifices requested of us by LILCO propaganda in order to insure enough oil to go around. We, as people, as mere human beings, have made the sacrifices. Now LILCO, the corporate giant, in applying for this rate increase, is saying their profits are more important than all of the sacrificing and that their profits must be maintained and they should not sacrifice as we mere human beings have done. If the Public Service Commission was responsive to the people of the State of New York, they would not only turn back this rate increase, but insist that LILCO cut back on its spending because there is less demand and insure that the people receive a real reward and a rate reduction.

### Be heard!

We will keep you posted as to when the Public Service Commission hearings will be held. We encourage you to turn out en masse and to scream your bloody fool heads off at this total injustice that LILCO is trying to perpetrate on the public. In the meantime, let out your pent-up anger and let the Public Service Commission and the president of LILCO know how upset you are about this injustice. The address for LILCO is: 250 Old Country Road, Mineola, New York 11501. The address for the New York State Public Service Commission is: 2 World Trade Center, New York, New York 10048. Write today. Don't let LILCO get away with this injustice. And why not?

## Nixon's State of the Union

Last Wednesday night, President Nixon spoke to the country about the state of the union. Nixon stressed his record to bring peace to the world -- ending the war, ending the draft and bringing the prisoners of war home. These are his main accomplishments, and he hit hard on them. He introduced ideas for domestic programs that had a strongly conservative tone and a return of responsibility to the individual and decentralization of government control. He emphasized at different points in his speech he intends to serve out his full term for which he was elected. He emphatically stated at the end of his speech that he has no intention whatsoever of resigning. He encouraged a sense of cooperation with Congress and asked that by-gones be considered by-gones both by himself and by Congress. He re-emphasized his program of world wide peace through negotiation based and formulated on trade and commerce, but backed strongly by the strength of a ready and well-financed military machine.

### Strange ending

Basically, we felt his speech was a good one, but we were disappointed at the ending when he seemed to speak off the cuff about Watergate. He stated that one year of Watergate is enough. He did not deny his guilt, nor did he assert his innocence. He did not demand that Congress charge him guilty or free him from responsibility for Watergate. He just asked they stop

investigating. We were left with a rather sick feeling, as though it were like a man suspected of murdering his wife, saying after he had been investigated for one year, "Give up, even though you don't know whether I am guilty or not".


### Not his style

We, like most Americans, would like to see Watergate over and done with. But for it to be over and done with, it must be brought to full conclusion and not left hanging. We are sorry President Nixon did not take this opportunity to demand they either find him guilty or innocent. Settling for middle ground is not Richard Nixon's style nor is it America's. And why not?

## Should We Subsidize?


The Suffolk County Legislature is investigating a plan to create a public mini mass transportation system. This scheme is to provide County-subsidized door-to-door delivery for suburbanites in the County. Two pilot areas are proposed -- one surrounding the South Shore Mall and the other at Smith Haven. The County would charge a nominal fee of \$1 for this door-to-door service. Undoubtedly, this service would be popular, but we do not see it where it can be practical or will solve any of our mass transportation problems here in Suffolk. Furthermore, the subsidies that would be needed to keep a system such as this in operation would be enormous and will have to be paid for by the taxpayers, as there is no Santa Claus.

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