

## LILCO Must Be Stopped

The Long Island Lighting Company last week announced they were applying to the Public Service Commission for a 56.5 per cent increase in the rates they charge you for electricity, to be phased in over a three year period. LILCO made application for this increase to cover, for the most part, the cost of constructing the Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant.

The power plant presently is not in operation and it is questionable whether it will ever go on line. LILCO maintains they will load the plant this coming August 15 for low power usage. No one knows whether the N.R.C. will permit LILCO to load the plant for testing purposes.

If they are allowed to load, the plant will become radioactively hot and whatever value the plant might have had for scrap will seriously be negated. If the N.R.C. refuses to allow the plant to go into operation, the plant would be considered useless and unusable and, under law, could not be closed to the ratepayers. The stockholders would start to be forced to assume the liabilities for the mistakes made by the management of LILCO.

Before you take out your handkerchief to dry the outpouring of tears for the stockholders, consider the fact that these stockholders have had an opportunity every year to change the management of LILCO through their votes at the annual meeting. Additionally, for the last couple of years, the stockholders have been asked if they wanted management to cease building the nuclear power plant. Of course the majority of stockholders were content to keep the management of LILCO in, they were getting substantial dividends, approximately 14 per cent per year, almost tax free. This equates to an income of 28 per cent for those in the higher tax brackets.

These stockholders also stood to enjoy an appreciation in the value of their stock over their initial cost. Buying LILCO stock was a much better deal than buying a municipal bond, the income of which is tax free but the value of the bonds in real dollars depreciate by the rate of inflation.

Part of the business community on

Long Island, organized by the Long Island Association of Commerce, of which LILCO is one of the largest members and the heaviest contributor, have been frantically lobbying on LILCO's behalf. As a battle cry they have been saying Long Island industry and commerce cannot afford an increase of 50 per cent in their electrical rates, a figure they have been projecting as a cost factor if Shoreham does not go on line. We agree wholeheartedly, Long Island business and commerce cannot stand a 50 per cent increase in energy costs and be expected to survive. Neither can the average homeowner, whose current electrical costs nearly equal, in many cases, their mortgage payments. These are the people who make up our work force and who are the productive backbone of Long Island.

These are middle-class people making decent salaries but who also are mortgaged to the hilt. Increase their energy costs by 50 per cent over three years and thousands will be forced into bankruptcy, others will just pack up in disgust and leave. Particularly here in Suffolk County, where we know that the burden of paying for the county government will skyrocket because of the settlement made with the county workers that will dramatically increase the cost of the county government by 1986.

The Shoreham plant must be stopped if LILCO is to be stopped from inflicting their bankrupting rates on the Long Island community. The Public Service Commission, which up to now has appeared to be an adjunct of the utilities, must consider the financial impact on the ratepayers as part of the rate making process.

We applaud County Executive Cohalan's decision to fight this rate increase through the hearing system and in court, if necessary. Our tax dollars could not be better spent. This is a battle of the people of Long Island against the management and the stockholders of LILCO. We must win or we are going to be broke.

If LILCO loses, its portfolios may be a little lighter, but they will have a wonderful tax write-off!

And why not?

## Frightening Arrogance

We have often complained that the Public Service Commission appears to be owned lock, stock and barrel by LILCO and other utilities. All too often, matters before the P.S.C. concerning rates and procedures have been given such a quick shuffle by the Public Service Commission that it has appeared that the P.S.C. was misnamed and should have been the Utilities Service Bureau.

This notwithstanding, the staff of the P.S.C. finally appears to have had enough. On May 27, they issued a notice, appealing directly to the commission itself rather than to the administrative law judge, for an immediate order compelling LILCO to comply with earlier decrees. The staff is working on investigating cost overruns on Shoreham and related problems concerning this fiasco.

Reading the brief is frightening, not only because of the alleged arrogance but because even a novice, or a supporter of LILCO, would have to wonder if they did not also handle the construction of this plant in a like manner.

Here are a few excerpts from the brief: "LILCO has imposed unnecessary requirements that constitute harassment of the staff of inspectors... Many of their files are in disarray, suggesting they had been reviewed hastily by LILCO just prior to staff inspection... The Public Service Commission's staff suggested that the files of top management have been purged and swept clean of documents which might have indicated that LILCO was at fault in the cost overruns."

The staff gives a number of other instances of alleged skulduggery by LILCO, and goes on to say: "All these

instances suggest that LILCO has a strategy of impeding the flow of information to the staff." They state, "at times, LILCO has been totally uncooperative in this investigation... LILCO has delayed the investigation to an intolerable degree... LILCO went on to claim that the P.S.C. staff posed a safety risk."

To give an example, the P.S.C. staff offered as evidence a chart on the requests made for project management information. It indicated that LILCO has failed 82 per cent of the time to comply with requests made for information.

If it has become painfully obvious to the P.S.C., which regulates their rates, that LILCO has taken every shortcut to keep the truth from becoming known concerning fiscal matters, they also must be aware that LILCO probably used an equal amount of subterfuge in building the plant. No wonder LILCO has refused to allow a total, independent, outside, professional staff from investigating the quality of construction and design of the plant.

Is there anyone out there who believes a word that LILCO says at this point? Is there anyone who is willing to risk his or her life and the lives of their children on such a lack of credibility, professionalism, ethics and honesty?

We can only pray that the bureaucrats who run our governmental agencies recognize the responsibility they have before them to save and hold harmless the lives of good, hard working honest Suffolk citizens who will be put in jeopardy and peril.

God help us if our government backs down and fails to do its duty. And why not?

## Capping County Spending

Do for others before they do it for you.

California voters did it to California government with Proposition 13 that capped the spending of all branches of government in that great state. The politicians had been requested by the citizenry to do it on their own. They failed, and the voters took it into their own hands through Initiative and Referendum and overwhelmingly passed a measure that placed a mandate on the spending of California government.

Legislators Joseph Rizzo and Gregory Blass have introduced in the County Legislature a bill that will cap spending at the 1983 level and only

allow for future increases tied to inflation. There are 18 legislators who now must make a decision, whether they will do what the people of this county want, or face their wrath in November for failing to do so. If the proposed measure fails, I and R must be brought into play to bring the budget Capping Plan to the ballot.

How the legislators vote on this measure will most assuredly be a key issue in the campaigns for the November elections, one which they should survive or fail on.

Let's hope this measure is approved 18 to zip.

And why not?

## Readers' Opinion

Dear Mr. Willmott:

This is regarding your article on Tier III employees in the Vol. 22, No. 38 issue of Suffolk Life.

I am a state employee in the Tier III retirement system. I am a Grade 4 on the state pay scale.

Concerning what you call our "huge salary increases," I think you are grossly misinformed, sir!

I have four years seniority at my job and up

until this week my salary was \$10,528.00 annually, and my take home pay for 80 hours (Not 40) was \$290.31. (I have no salary deductions besides the usual taxes). Now with my new raise my annual salary is \$11,520 or \$314.54 take home pay for 80 hours. I have been trying to make ends meet on \$580.62 per month, now it is \$628.08 per month. Huge salaries? You try and live on that!

A State Worker

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# Willmotts and Why-Nots

David J. Willmott, Editor

## What Shoreham Loading Means

The Long Island Lighting Company has made application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a license and approval to load the Shoreham reactor with fuel in August for low power testing. This application must be denied, for the implications are horrendous. First, we have no evacuation plan.

Second, if LILCO is allowed to activate this atomic reactor, the opportunity will be forever lost for an independent, outside inspection, that could possibly assure that the plant has been built properly, and that every safety measure has been taken. Once the reactor is hot, whether it be for low or high level generation, no man will be able to enter parts of the reactor.

Once the reactor is hot, the value of plant for resale, if the proper licenses cannot be obtained, will be substantially diminished and, additionally, we will be stuck with an activated atomic waste problem which always will be a potential danger to the health of the people of Suffolk County.

The question of a safe evacuation plan that does not sacrifice the lives of any Suffolk County residents will be moot. We will have accepted LILCO's demand that a certain amount of us die when and if an accident happens.

We also will accept the premise that we will be contaminating the areas surrounding the plant with leakages of radioactivity which will cause an undue number of birth defects and functions within our citizens' bodies that will manifest themselves in leukemia, lymphoma, and other forms of cancer and illnesses.

Studies by a University of Pittsburgh professor, Dr. Ernest Sternglass, have linked the operation of two reactors just across the sound at Waterford, Connecticut, with increases in leukemia and other cancers in the area surrounding the plants.

There have been no major accidents at Millstone, to our knowledge, and yet a professor of physics says the plant may well be poisoning the people nearby in a slow, insidious way which people cannot

taste, smell, feel or see.

The moment Shoreham is allowed to be activated, all of us who live within the range of this economic nightmare will see our homes, our businesses and our futures in potential jeopardy.

The jeopardy may not seem immediately real or obvious, but the potential is such that our homeowners' insurance policies exempt the insurance companies from any losses that may be incurred by a nuclear mishap or accident, regardless of whether it is caused by poor design, construction, equipment or human failure.

There is serious question concerning who should pay for this tragic mistake called Shoreham. The law says that before the cost of a power plant can be worked into the rate base, it must be useful and usable in the generation of electricity. If it cannot be operated because licenses cannot be obtained, it is neither useful nor usable and the question of who will pay for this mistake is much clearer. It is the stockholders and the management of LILCO, and the federal government, who encouraged the development of this project who will be responsible for it. Once the plant is hot, and it can be demonstrated that electrical power can be generated from this facility, we move into a grayer area even if all other licenses and applications are denied.

We believe that LILCO is desperate, desperate enough to force the start of plant operation before all safety issues have been resolved in order to beat this criteria.

LILCO has lost all credibility with the public, and we hope with the bureaucrats and political structure not only in the county, but in the state and the nation. They have resorted to outright untruths and stone-walling attempts to thwart the laws of record and common sense.

Desperate people do desperate things. There are billions of dollars at stake in this fight. They are willing to bet their corporate billions against our lives and safety. William Carney, the Congressman from the First District has failed, up to this point, to

fulfill his duties to the people of the First District. He has refused to use the influence of his office to convey to the NRC the concerns, the worries and the facts regarding the Shoreham situation. His attitude has been that he will wait and see what the federal agencies propose. This was not what he was sent to Congress to do. He was sent to Washington to be a conduit for his constituents' beliefs, and as a representative of these people. Carney must now correct these past misdeeds by directly intervening with the NRC, explaining that there are grave questions concerning this project that mitigate their denial of a

license for even low power testing.

We urge every resident concerned about Shoreham to deluge Carney with your own messages, telegrams, phone calls at his Washington office, his Suffolk office and at his home, that is if Mr. Carney has come back from his junket to the Paris Air Show paid for by the taxpayers of his district.

It's time for Mr. Carney, as well as the rest of the fence sitters, to fish or cut bait, as there is nothing quite as valuable as our lives.

And that is what is in jeopardy by LILCO's application for low power testing.

And why not?

## Halpin Announces For County Executive

Democrat Pat Halpin announced this week that he is throwing his hat in the ring as the Democratic candidate to oppose Peter Cohalan for County Executive this November.

Halpin is a young activist, a seasoned legislator having served in the county and in the Assembly. He is most noted for the work he did on the Suffolk Bottle Bill which, someday, may require a deposit on all beverage containers sold.

Halpin's youthful enthusiasm and successful political track record should make him a dynamic candidate for office. If Halpin's candidacy is going to get off the ground, however, he must be firm in his stand on Shoreham, which is the most important issue of this campaign.

Cohalan, whose job he seeks, is four square opposed to the opening of Shoreham until a complete, independent, outside inspection can be done on the design and the function of the plant. This he asserted and was included in his issue papers when he first sought the county executive office in 1979. He is opposed to the opening of the plant because safe

evacuation cannot be effected without the sacrifice of some of our lives.

This was not a political conclusion that was reached by him for political reasons, it is the collective decision reached by 17 out of the 18 Democratic and Republican legislators at the conclusion of a \$600,000 investigation and study conducted by outside experts to develop an evacuation plan for use when and if an accident occurred.

This is a Suffolk County problem, not a problem that should be answered by the governor or the federal government. If Halpin's candidacy is going to get off the ground, he must come out firmly for or against, and not present himself as wishy washy to the voters.

The sooner he does this, the campaign can get under way. Without a firm stand, pro or con, he is asking the Democrats to nominate a pig in a poke rather than a man of principle and the convictions to stand up for them, which they need to lead their ticket.

And why not?

## Readers' Opinion

Mr. Willmott:

I am a divorced father of a 13-year-old girl. I am a full-time employee of Grumman Data Systems and I make a weekly payment to the Suffolk County Support Enforcement Bureau.

My ex-wife and I were married in 1969 and separated in 1972. Almost immediately after the separation she was living with another man. She refuses to marry him, the reason being she would lose her welfare grant. I have complained to the Department of Social Services several times with no results.

In my early years of the separation I was very unsettled and got behind on my support payments. I have been harassed by the enforcement bureau without any regard to my present situation. I have remarried and have three children. It is a very good marriage and I am sure it will last.

All the governments expect me to be responsible for my daughter from the first marriage—including the federal, seeing how they have taken my tax returns for the last two years. What about the governments' responsibilities? How can they let a person raise my daughter the way she has been raised? How can they let a man live with a divorced woman and collect welfare for better than 10 years? When either you or the governments can explain that to me then maybe when I read such articles such as yours or when I hear about something being done about delinquent fathers I won't be so infuriated as I am now.

I don't really expect to hear from you, but

maybe after reading this you will think about me and other fathers who have to see their (children) raised by an animal and who are being harassed to pay for their poor upbringing by officials who don't give a damn.

And why not?  
East Ender

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Maybe I read more into your tribute to men and women who fought and died in World Wars (5-25-83 issue). I took offense because you said, "This holiday probably has more meaning for the older generations than for the young people who have escaped the horrors of world war."

Tell me, what is the difference between world war and police actions, such as Korea and Vietnam? Do people die easier and is the horror less? I hate to get on my soap box, but war is war, no matter what it is entitled.

I agree all world wars should be remembered, and their fatalities honored, but so should police actions and their fatalities. Why are we forgetting them?

Yours truly,  
Kathleen Scesny  
Wading River

(Editor's Note: The whole country was involved in World Wars I and II. Because of this, there was more emotion felt. War is war. Those who fought should be remembered and prayed for.)

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## The Probe Comes First

The Public Service Commission last week ordered the Long Island Lighting Company to turn over, immediately, all documents that have been requested as part of an investigation into charges of mismanagement in the construction of the Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant. That action strikes us as being an example of "too little, too late," and another indication that the Public Service Commission is little more than a sounding board for the utilities.

Not all PSC members, however, fall into that category. Anne Mead of Sayville, for example, termed the PSC directive "too lenient," adding the PSC members "are being jerked around by this company." She's right! They are! As are other regulatory agencies who don't seem to have the gumption to stand up and say so.

The PSC probe into mismanagement is extremely important, in light of the recent request by LILCO for a 56.5 per cent rate increase spread over three years. If mismanagement is proven, the ratepayers should not be forced to burden those costs. That is - or certainly should be - the responsibility of the stockholders. But the mismanagement investigation has been stalled, according to PSC staff members, by harassment from LILCO officials, by LILCO's refusal to turn over requested documents, and an added charge that the files of top LILCO officials appear to have been purged of information on Shoreham. The PSC staff declared their investigation has been placed in a "crisis" situation because of LILCO's actions.

The full PSC, in the wake of these charges, which LILCO, as one might suspect they would, denies, has now ordered LILCO to cooperate by turning over the documents. If the PSC had any guts, and any concern for the ratepayer, they would go one

step further: they would reject, out of hand, LILCO's rate increase request until the investigation is complete. Then, and not before, should LILCO's rate increase application be accepted for study, but only if LILCO has been cleared of any mismanagement. If LILCO has nothing to hide, they would surely want to cooperate as much as possible to get the investigation over and done with.

Unfortunately, however, the PSC has not shown any indication of trying to protect the ratepayers from unjust charges. If LILCO's own mismanagement caused the costs of Shoreham to escalate, surely the ratepayers should not be expected to foot those costs. Let LILCO pay for its own errors. The requested 56.5 per cent rate increase - if permitted to stand - will spell financial ruin for Long Island. If we're going to go down the tubes, let it be on the basis of honest figures, not padded costs.

And yet, the PSC has scheduled the first hearing on the rate increase request for later this month! Either the PSC has already decided what the outcome of their stalled investigation will be - far in advance of final data, or the PSC truly doesn't have the courage to stand up to the utilities it is mandated to regulate. Either way, it doesn't bode well for the public.

From where we sit, it's get tough time! Our New York State legislators should act, and forcefully. They should make it very, very clear to the members of the PSC that the future of that agency depends on how it acts in the LILCO rate hike matter. They should use every political muscle possible to insure that no action is taken on the rate increase request until all the facts are in. That the time of rubber stamping utility requests has long since past. That they will not idly stand by and permit the PSC to bring about the death knell for the economy of Long Island.

And why not?

"pandering to uncertainty" because they have solidly supported Cohalan's position?

Halpin, many in his own party acknowledge, is taking a "wait and see" position on Shoreham for a very important reason: the big bucks being offered by those who support the opening of the plant. Since he has already voiced strong opposition to the plant, he could hardly do a full circle and voice support and still be believed on any other issue. The next best thing, then, is to do nothing, stall, and, as Democrats at the recent convention charged, Halpin is guilty of: equivocating.

There's some benefit to be gained by LILCO with such a stance, especially because the utility now has an application filed for a low power license. Once the fuel at the plant is charged, the costs will escalate because decommissioning expenditures will have to be added to the billions already spent. That will add to LILCO's already stated argument: "We've already spent all this money so the plant must now be opened."

We applaud the members of the Democratic Party who tried - without success - to force their candidate and

their party to take a stand on the Shoreham issue, be it "yes" or "no," so they know exactly how their candidates stand. With the Shoreham issue the most important county residents may ever have to face - because it boils down to "health or wealth" - equivocation should not be tolerated.

Attached to the dais at the Democratic convention was a huge banner which declared: "Halpin" and "The Time Is Now." If Pat Halpin hopes to be taken as a serious contender for the position of county executive, he should follow that advice. The time is now to stand tall and speak honestly on this important issue. If wealth in the form of promised political contributions is the top priority for Halpin's campaign, let him say so! If health is the important consideration, Halpin must take a firm stand on the subject of Shoreham, as he once did.

If he continues with the stance he has thus far adopted, he should be considered to be in favor of Shoreham, and the election should truly become a public referendum on the controversial nuclear plant.

And why not?

## Graduation 1983

Instead of offering congratulations to our graduates, you should say "Welcome."

Welcome into the real world where you will be judged by your abilities, your desire and your ambition. Gone are the days when you can smile at getting a good grade because you take tests well. Gone are the days when "brown nosing" will substitute for ambition and reality.

It's the real world out here kids, though, mean and harsh. A world where you will be judged by your contribution to the bottom line. If you are good, very good, you will make a lot of money. Before you make this money, however, you will be acclaimed not a good guy, but a leader, by your peers. Once you are recognized as somebody of value by those you work with, you will also be recognized by those you work for.

For those of you who have the desire and the ambition to rise above mediocrity, the world is your oyster.

You can do it if you want to. You just have to decide you want it. The road to total success is not easy. There are pitfalls every inch of the way, some natural, some man-made. An early marriage and a family can throw off course man or woman. Installment credit can put a yoke around your neck, causing worry and frustration that you can never rise above. A lack of education, or an overabundance for some, can get in your way and preclude you from jobs you want, desire and can master.

Peers who travel in the fast lane, will try to con you into their way of life of drugs, party times and a lack of respect for yourself. Such obstacles are hard to shrug and may cause years of wasted advancement.

This is an imperfect world, you should feel the challenge to improve instead of becoming frightened and frustrated. Go for it, rise above it and conquer it. It's yours.

And why not?

### Letters to the editor

Dear Mr. Willmott:

How do you expect the poor dogs whose pictures you advertise each week to get adopted when Brookhaven Pound charges 3 times what others charge. There are only a few whom this bothers when they see the advertisement and cannot rest until they

adopt. There are too many broken hearted children whose parents cannot afford to redeem their pets.

Thank you. Perhaps you didn't know.

Signed  
A.R.W.  
Coram

## Halpin - The Time Is Now!

With the Democratic and Republican designating conventions now history, the stage is set for what could be one of the most interesting - if not important - election campaigns in many years.

The major issue of the battles for elective seats on the county level is Shoreham, and the balloting may well offer Suffolk residents something they have thus far been denied: an opportunity to say "yes" or "no" to the opening of the plant.

The Shoreham stance taken by incumbent County Executive Peter F. Cohalan is well-known, and has been soundly criticized by officials of LILCO, owners of the Shoreham nuclear facility, and others who support LILCO in its quest to put the plant on line.

The Democratic standard bearer, Assemblyman Patrick Halpin,

however, has now backed off a strong position against the plant - which he voiced while a member of the Suffolk County Legislature - and has taken a "let's wait and see what the Governor's Task Force has to say" attitude.

In adopting that view, however, Halpin has, intentionally or not, thrown some political barbs at incumbent Democratic county legislators who originally took the lead in voicing Shoreham opposition. "To fail to wait for that (Cuomo Task Force) report would be the worst kind of political posturing. It would be pandering to uncertainty and fear which is precisely what LILCO and Peter Cohalan have been doing the past six months," Halpin declared in his acceptance speech. He forgot to mention the stand taken by the Democratic legislators. Are they also guilty of "political posturing" and

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## Independence Day 1983

It was a little over 200 years ago that the founders and the families of the United States fought for freedom and won. They fought against oppressive taxation, bureaucratic rules, and restrictions created by the ruling families of England who thought they knew what was good for the people of America better than the people of America knew what was good for them.

To keep the new Americans in line, they set up a host of regulations. They restricted their freedom of speech, assembly, religion and economic opportunities, to name but a few. With typical American spirit, these founders of our country attempted to work with the bureaucracy to effect change. They met with resistance which led to frustration, the taking up of arms, the Revolutionary War and victory.

These founders developed a Bill of Rights, a tremendously encompassing document that guaranteed each of us here in the country, freedoms never heard of, freedoms never dreamed of. America the Republic developed as the longest lasting form of democratic government ever envisioned in the world.

In doing so, we also set up our own bureaucracy. A hierarchy we hoped to control through open elections by the people, which would enable us to change the leadership and those who run the government, when we deemed it necessary.

This worked phenomenally well for the first 150 years of our existence. In the twenties and early thirties, political abuses created the need for protection of the competent people who worked in government, but found their jobs being threatened everytime a change in an administration took

place. The desire was to protect the little people, the laborers, the clerks, those who did the work the chiefs took credit for.

The Civil Service System came into existence, which removed normal mechanisms for eliminating the little people from the jobs they had earned and did well. Typical of government, once this protection was granted, it was rolled over to include everyone but the elected officials themselves. And, once this became reality and the chiefs learned the ins and outs, the cost of government skyrocketed and the productivity sagged. Armed with this new-found power of non-removal, these bureaucrats set about to do exactly what the English founders of this country had done when they established colonies. They insulated themselves from the real people, instituted rules and regulations without legislation or approval by the elected bodies. Regulations that gave them power to operate in a vacuum above and beyond approach or rebuff by the people, the voters.

Every day they make new rules, regulations and decisions they were not elected to do. We have built a dictatorship, controlled by nameless bureaucrats, operating in a vacuum who decide what is best for all, and we have to live with it.

Or do we? Finding a solution to the dilemma created should be the top priority of every elected official. The ruling families of England failed to find a solution. The result was the Revolutionary War. At what point will the frustrations of the people reach a peak that can no longer be controlled by promises alone?

A somber frightening thought on America's happiest holiday.

And why not?

## F.E.M.A. Said No

The Federal Energy Management Agency, after examining LILCO's "do it yourself" evacuation plan, found fault with one-third of the proposal, 34 items out of 99, as being deficient and unworkable. They also seriously question whether LILCO has the "appropriate legal authority

to assume management and implementation of an offsite emergency response plan," and urged a full-scale exercise be held if the plan is put into place.

LILCO has vowed to make revisions in the proposal to overcome this finding. But it is difficult to see how

the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which has the final say in the matter, could find fault with F.E.M.A.'s findings. The LILCO plan is, indeed, deficient. It would be suicidal to permit LILCO to attempt to open this plant using the same management that has created this fiasco, particularly when you put LILCO in the proper perspective of a monopolistic corporation that is above and beyond the laws that govern any normal business or industry.

LILCO is a corporation that has arrogantly misrepresented the truth in every step of the Shoreham saga. LILCO has given false testimony, and has offered projections now found to be inaccurate, that have put Long

Island on the brink of financial ruination, to say nothing about putting us all in the shadow of death by a nuclear mistake.

It is our hope the NRC will find the courage to deal with this matter on the basis of truth. If it does, it can only agree with F.E.M.A. that not only is the LILCO plan deficient, but so is the entire premise of a nuclear plant on an island where escape is not possible.

The NRC should close the doors on Shoreham, permanently so we can get on with the tough task of trying to put our economic well being back in order with alternate means of electrical power.

And why not?

## Best In The U.S.

The Riverhead Moose Lodge's Ceremonial Presentation Team won the grand championship in the United States and the rest of the world in a competition between the 1800 Moose lodges in existence. We offer our heartiest congratulations to this fine group of men who have spent thousands of hours perfecting their skill, which was long overdue for recognition.

The Riverhead Moose Lodge is a large, well-run fraternal organization that the entire community is extremely proud of. In a little over 20

years it has grown from a humble beginning to one of the largest, active organizations in the county. It offers its members a host of reasonable activities and services while, at the same time, perfecting outstanding community work and acts of brotherhood.

The winning of the national competition brings deserved recognition not only to the team itself, but to the lodge that they represent, and that is something to bellow about.

And why not?

## Tough Political Design

Arthur Felice, the Suffolk County Clerk, made the toughest political decision of his life when he announced he would not run for re-election, in a campaign he was guaranteed to win hands down.

Arthur proved himself to be the caliber of man most suspected he was. Arthur has been suffering from a severe illness which, hopefully, is forever in remission. But the political facts of life were if it became active again, he might be forced to resign from his post and a number of his aides who have served Arthur, his office and the county would be terminated with his resignation, as the new County Clerk would be appointed by the Governor and his patronage positions would go to the Democrats.

Every election, the chance is taken that this will become a reality if this is the will of the people. If the boss is not

perceived as doing the job because those who work for him aren't doing theirs, they are all out. Arthur made the painful decision after many weeks of emotional deliberation because he loves and respects those who serve him, and wanted to offer them an opportunity to continue to succeed even though he would no longer be leading.

Arthur is a rare human being, particularly in the world of politics. He is a man of his word and is bound by a sense of loyalty and obligation. He has been professional in the job as County Clerk, running his department effectively and always with a touch of class and human dignity.

We congratulate Felice for being a man, and pray God gives him many years of health and peace.

And why not?

### letters to the editor

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Every Long Islander should read Irving Like's persuasive article, "People best served if Shoreham is abandoned," and your provocative editorial, "What Shoreham Loading Means."

LILCO must not be allowed to load the Shoreham reactor. The fate of our Long Island is at stake.

Sincerely,  
Virginia Wines  
Northville

Dear Mr. Willmott:

It doesn't make sense to me to have the Shoreham plant inspected, we do not want it opened. In case of a disaster -

1. Should we go to the bank and withdraw our savings, so we could take it with us when the bus comes to pick us up? We have to eat.
2. Will the muggers in the city be waiting for us knowing we will be arriving with our valuables?

3. What about the sick, bedridden people in hospitals and nursing homes - will they be left behind like cattle?

It makes no sense to inspect the plant as we don't want it opened.

Thank you  
Bernice Lowey  
East Moriches

To the Editor:

Why all the uproar, at this time? Where were you and all your supporters when the nuclear plant at Shoreham was proposed and approved and licensed?

Why all the noise at this late date?

Yours truly,  
Hannah and Bob Hansen  
Southold

(Editor's Note: The voices were there when nuclear was proposed. They just weren't listened to. None are so deaf as those who choose not to listen.)

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