

Javits - The Spoiler

Sen. Jacob Javits is 76.

By his own admission he is not physically well, yet, last week he announced he is going to again run for the Senate. Javits is a registered Republican, but abhors everything the Republican Party stands for. His voting record is that of a flaming liberal. A number of Republicans have indicated they might run a primary race against Javits this year.

One who deserves close attention is Jack Kemp from upstate New York. Now a congressman, he is co-author of the Kemp-Roth Bill which would put a cap on federal spending. Kemp, at press time, still was weighing his

decision on whether to run.

Javits must be challenged for the good of the Republican Party as well as for the good of New York State. His liberalism and that of his fellow senators have all but ruined this country's economy.

Considering Javits' age and his poor health, we can only look at his re-entry into the Senatorial race as that of a spoiler, seeking to stop the election of a real Republican.

We hope Kemp decides to make the run, and we are looking forward to aiding him if he does.

And why not?

Killing The Economy

We attended a party also attended by an economist reputed to be part of the brain trust surrounding President Carter.

The topic of the conversation was inflation and the economy. We asked how the devil small businesses and average people were expected to survive, with prime interest rates being pushed up and inflation eroding our buying power. Coldly and callously, he stated: "They're not. The decision has been made to sacrifice the country's small business and the great masses of working people."

The reason allegedly is to break the back of inflation, stop us from spending, from using our earnings to make purchases.

We suggested Jimmy Carter and Company were going after the wrong people. If they were serious about stopping inflation, they should index our progressive income tax system. His reaction was so violent that you would have thought we suggested a treason.

Indexing is a simple system which automatically broadens tax brackets to coincide with the rate of inflation. Under the progressive income tax system, as you earn more money the percentage you pay in taxes in-

creases. In the past 10 years earnings have nearly doubled, yet this doubled income buys less. Not only has inflation doubled the cost of goods and services, but the number of actual dollars left over after taxes is less than with which we started.

Inflation is caused by the government, not by unions, big business or even the greedy oil companies. Our state and federal governments are the beneficiaries of inflation.

The only way to stop these silent, but deadly tax increases is to enact legislation tying income taxes to inflation. This will keep us even and stop federal and state governments from receiving unregulated increases in tax revenue.

This should be the issue, the big issue, of the upcoming Presidential campaign.

Unless our progressive income taxes are indexed, it is estimated that by 1985 an average wage-earner will be paying taxes at the rate of 50 percent. There won't be, for all practical purposes, a progressive tax system. Everybody will pay half of what they earn in taxes.

To avoid this, our only hope is to elect a Congress that understands what is happening, and a strong President who believes in the

capitalistic economy. We will have an opportunity between now and November of finding out what those

seeking office believe. And why not?

Readers' Opinion

"Register for the draft?"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

All the sounds emanating from our fearless leaders in Washington appear to me like the braying of jackasses at a full moon!

An overpopulated and undernourished peanut nation demands the return of one of their American-sponsored and protected puppet king who fled the wrath of his people with the national wealth.

They decided that they might insure his return by holding hostages who represent the United States. Instead of selecting 60 important Iranians in this country to act as guarantees that no harm befall our people, we take off with all sorts of thunderous threats from CIA "SWAT" teams to Naval blockades, to out-and-out invasion. This "power broker" approach has been publicized throughout the entire world, making us appear as a blustering Goliath whose powerful sword cannot reach the puny David on the other side of the hill, who delights in tossing his hot rocks through a worldwide media sling.

Our innermost military capability secrets are freely discussed on television, and if I were a Soviet agent, I could receive a complete transcript of this one-hour program for two dollars.

All of our so-called friendly allies are located within easy striking distance of the Soviet armor. Will Japan, who has built a

formidable production empire, sacrifice all this for another atomic cocktail? Will England and Ireland stop fighting their Holy war to invite another invasion by another dictator war machine? Will Spain, Italy and Portugal "teeter-tottering" on the brink of revolution have much to offer the "allied" war effort? Finally, with the specter of Vietnam firmly entrenched in the minds of our youth, will they be willing to lay all their educational dreams and hopes for a reasonable future on the line for instant death in another distant country?

Register for the draft? Bunk! Why weren't our unemployed youth offered to register for a job with a Civilian Conservation Corp.? That would have been a double prolonged solution to our unemployment and national conservation requirements. That would also serve to toughen up our flabby youth and give them a sense of cooperation to preserve and understand the good things in their country.

Finally, let us consider our approach to the potential of a severe conflict. The old American adage that "the early bird catches the worm" now is the early worm caught by the bird! Are we going into this dilemma as a bird or a worm? And why not?

Sincerely,
Michael A. Graziano
Lindenhurst

"Close to the source"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I was very impressed by your February 6th editorial entitled, "Why Generate on Long Island?" In it you suggested building a coal-fired generating plant in the heart of the coal lands close to the source of the raw energy rather than building a plant on Long Island and experiencing all of the difficulties of bringing in the coal and disposing of the ash.

I think that's an excellent idea and I want you to know that as a member of the Assembly Standing Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions which deals with utility-related legislation, I am investigating this matter. Also, I have

already spoken with Charles Pierce, the top man at LILCO, and have requested that they investigate this possibility. While I do not expect LILCO to be excited about this prospect, I do feel that their study will provide a good basis for us to begin to understand the advantages and disadvantages of your suggestion.

Please be assured that I will keep you informed of my progress in this matter.

Sincerely,
George J. Hochbrueckner
Assemblyman, 2nd District
Port Jefferson Station

"Give guns to children?"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

This is in answer to your editorial in Suffolk Life regarding gun control. I cannot imagine anyone in his right mind advocating what you have. How can you, in all seriousness, want to give guns to children in school to teach them how to shoot? Are you trying to bring about another wild west? Granted, anyone owning a gun legally should be taught how to use it, but exposing children who would not ordinarily be in contact with guns is only encouraging their use.

Your solution sounds like it comes from someone who belongs to a gun club and will go to any means to foster guns. You must be aware that the crime rate in Massachusetts

involving guns has gone way down since their ruling barring guns in the state. I can only hope there aren't too many people around who want to make all our people gun toters.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Alice Johnson
East Hampton

Editor's Note: I do not belong to any gun club. I don't consider 18-year-old seniors in high school children. Youths 14 years of age can legally obtain a gun hunting license in New York State. The Sullivan Law in New York is far tougher than the Massachusetts Law. It's not enforced anywhere near as well.

"Olympics pale in significance"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

The Olympics pale in significance when compared with what Russia has done. America must not succumb to a business-as-usual temptation when so blatantly challenged.

Sure, it would be rough on the athletes, but as one of them said, he was an American first, athlete second. Some of us made sacrifices in World War II; now it's the

younger generation's turn.

In the 1930's Hitler sweet-talked the free nations into continuing a normal relationship between nations, even as he was moving for a stranglehold on the world. Today the same thing is going on with the Russian-threat. It is much more serious because communism has a much broader base than Hitler ever possessed.

G.S. Murphy

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How Will We Pay For It?

We were surprised to hear County Executive Peter Cohalan advocating massive land purchases for park purposes.

If we acquire everything on Cohalan's list, the tab could run into millions of dollars. The lands he advocates taking are worthy of preserving, but Cohalan seems to have forgotten he ran on a platform promising economy and a reduction of county government. Having an abundance of park land but not enough money left over to eat is not what most taxpayers want.

Suffolk County already has massive land holdings without funds available to either develop or properly supervise. These lands are closed to the general public, and darn poor investments, for they are neither producing tax revenues nor serving the public. Regarding the acquisition of Robins and Gardiners Islands, we question whether the county ever could accumulate funds to properly protect these ecological gems or to use them for the public's best interest.

When money was easy, the county took Cedar Point in East Hampton. At the tip of Cedar Point was an old stone lighthouse that had been converted into a home. Just a few months after

the county acquired this site, we were invited to visit it by an old-time East Ender, Carl Vail. He was extremely upset and agitated during the trip there. Upon entering the premises we could see why.

What had once been a thing of beauty had been reduced to rubble. Furniture, glassware and pieces of art had been stripped away. Cement walls had been chopped away for the copper plumbing. The land surrounding the building was strewn with rubble and garbage. All this had happened within a short period while it had been under county jurisdiction.

Cohalan would be wise to reconsider attempts to increase park land acquisitions. Towns where these park lands lie cannot afford the reduction in the tax rolls. Also, the county cannot afford the manpower needed to protect these lands and open them up for the public use. Citizens of Suffolk need tax reductions, not increases.

We hope Cohalan will remember why he was elected. The voters wanted a reduction in government, a reduction in taxes -- not massive, new spending schemes that they can ill-afford.

And why not?

Jimmy's Burying Us

Fifteen years ago, Nikita Khrushchev, Russian Premier, banged on the podium at the United Nations with the heel of his shoe and declared, "We will bury you," through the capitalistic system itself.

America, at that time, was a viable, strong, economically sound country. Our factories were being enlarged, employment was at record highs and the dollar was strong enough to be the basis for a worldwide currency. Gold was fixed at \$35 per ounce. Inflation was well under three percent and the prime interest rate hovered around five percent.

When Khrushchev made his threats, most Americans and world leaders scoffed, considering his emotional demonstration nothing more than the theatrics of a clown. We should have listened.

As we enter 1980, America is on a frightening downward trend. This trend almost was reversed by the economics of President Gerald Ford. Ford, suffering from the sting of Nixon's Watergate, lost his own presidential bid to Democrat-Populist peanut farmer Jimmy Carter. Since Carter came into office, he almost singlehandedly has made Khrushchev's threats real. Inflation in January topped 18 percent. To combat inflation, Carter has forced the prime interest rate to almost triple.

The prime rate is the basis of our economic system, as it is the foundation of capital. Monday afternoon the prime was set at 17 and three-

quarters percent. It is expected to reach 18 percent by mid-week, and before spring it will be closer to 20 percent. Carter's misguided economic theory in increasing the prime rate was to force a cut in borrowing by increasing the cost of money to consumers and businesses. This is supposed to force a reduction in spending. In theory this might work, but in reality it has had an opposite effect.

Each time the prime interest rate has been increased, prices have gone up and inflation worsened. This should not come as a surprise. Capital is the base of price we ultimately pay in the market place. We cannot increase the basic commodity, the foundation, without increasing the cost of the end product.

When businesses uniformly are forced to pay higher interest rates they unilaterally add this cost to doing business. As long as all competing factors are equal, the laws of supply and demand will remain unchanged. When business is forced to pay more for money, consumers on all levels are forced to pay higher prices, reflecting the prevailing market rates.

This situation is further complicated by informed consumers concluding it no longer pays for them to save. To stay ahead, they must spend every cent they make or can borrow.

It's common knowledge that for every \$100 you save, your buying power is reduced at least \$15 per year.

The federal regulated interest banks can pay is limited to 5 and one-quarter percent, and up to 50 percent of this interest is subject to tax. Nobody is a winner except the government, and that's where the problem lies.

President Carter has refused to recognize this. His refusal to recognize the government's gain from inflation has led to the rapid deterioration of the American economy. Carter is not stupid, yet by his actions he seems deliberately determined to ruin the capitalistic system that built this country.

Even to those of a liberal philosophy the facts are clear. If we continue with Carter's current reckless economic policies, our financial system will collapse. Once-sound businesses will be forced to close their doors. Unemployment will reach depression highs; homes will be foreclosed in wholesale numbers.

Inflation should have been and still would be controlled if those who ran government recognized the needs of the individual as well as those of the government. Taxes must be indexed to inflation. This will stop the

government from receiving unprecedented increases in taxes without public approval. Without these additional tax revenues, government will have to cut back expenditures. This will reduce spending and slow inflation.

Taxpayers, whether individuals or corporate, will get no tax break from indexing, but they will break even. Base rates and brackets will be adjusted to reflect the impact of inflation, rather than operating as a penalizing progressive tax system. Carter also should force the Federal Reserve Board to reduce prime interest rates to the historical level of under 6 percent. This will provide businesses and industry with affordable capital. That will be reflected in a lower cost of doing business which ultimately will be passed on to the consumer at all levels through lower prices. These two measures must be adopted if the United States is to rebuild a strong economy that can compete worldwide and prevent social upheaval, wars and mayhem.

And why not?

Trusting the Russians

A year ago last May we attended an American Newspapers Publishers Convention and listened to President Jimmy Carter extol the virtues, present the reasoning for a treaty with Russia, called the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty II.

According to Carter, the Russians are our friends; we have no reason to fear them. They were honorable and would live up to their commitments. The treaty would end the arms race and potential for nuclear holocaust, the shadow under which we have all lived since 1945.

The publishers from all over America gave Carter's pronouncement a cool reception. The selling of Salt II came to an abrupt halt with the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. It should.

It has been revealed in the Wall Street Journal that Russia has em-

ployed nerve and chemical warfare in its aggression against a neighbor.

What is even more revealing about Soviet intent and trustworthiness is that they used a nerve gas which caused a horrible death in Africa last year during an uprising.

The use of nerve gas, the execution of chemical warfare, is banned by the Geneva Treaty. Even Hitler, heinous as he was, refused to use chemical warfare during World War II.

The Russians are part of these treaties and bound by their provisions. Their flagrant and absolute disregard of humanity should make us flee from ever signing an agreement with them that might make us vulnerable to their trickery, their unscrupulous and inhuman behavior.

And why not?

Readers' Opinion

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I read with interest the letter written by Peter Bourhouris, about protecting our trees.

When we first moved to Riverhead about eight years ago, my husband I spent many a pleasant summer afternoon under the shade of the trees along Shinnecock Canal. What has happened to these once lovely trees?

They are dying from neglect. A bit of tender-loving care is all that is needed -- fertilizer, pruning and a dose of top soil -- to restore these once lovely trees to their former beauty. And why not?

Very truly yours,
Betty Bunnell (Mrs. Fred)
Riverhead

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David J. Willmott, Editor

"War Is On For Now"

If legislators and residents alike needed a reason to push Peconic County, Anthony Noto, the Legislature's presiding officer, certainly gave them one last week.

"War is on for now," Mary Fallon, East Hampton supervisor, said. She was responding to Noto's statement that "We cannot afford to spend one additional dollar that will cement the future of Peconic County to Suffolk County."

But, as East End officials point out, they have paid tax money in and should receive something for it.

Noto seems to us to be putting stumbling blocks in the way of a swift resolution to the Peconic County matter. He calls for such things as a feasibility study and referendum. Does the Peconic County Now movement have broad support, he asks? Can Peconic County be a reality?

Let's get all the red tape out of the way: Such stumbling blocks as home rule messages and obtaining the "permission" of the West End seems somewhat irrelevant. It has been brought out to state legislators and counsel aides that such a home rule message wasn't needed with the creation of Bronx County. Should it be required now?

We must wonder if such things are delaying facts by those who don't want to see the East End free to have its own destiny under its own control.

Noto wants a referendum? Fine, let's get the matter on the November ballot. Support has been evident. All five town boards on the East End have given unqualified support to a new county; so have several village boards in the areas involved.

"We have the voice of the people out

here," State Assemblyman John Behan told Noto. "Hasn't Mr. Noto been reading the newspapers? That should be enough of a referendum for Mr. Noto and the other legislators to see that the East End wants Peconic County."

This shows that Supervisors Barbara Keyser, Shelter Island, and Joseph Janoski, Riverhead, have a point in their complaint about a "blank wall" when it comes to the East End. No wonder they feel an East End Legislature would have a more sympathetic view, would be more in tune with the East End way of life and East End's needs.

Is it realistic for Legislator Wayne Prospect to call the Peconic County bill "Behan's hallucination?" We think not. "Peconic County is not around the corner," he claims. We think it could be.

All indications show Behan is on solid ground when he says the state Legislature will pass a bill. That is, unless there is "some ridiculous grandstanding movement, which seems to be the movement in the Suffolk County Legislature."

But, let's get back to money. If Noto doesn't want dollars spent in the East End, perhaps he should return the money sent from there. Fallon and Southampton Supervisor Marty Lang have indicated they might take the step of asking their respective Town Boards to withhold the next tax payment scheduled to the county.

Peconic County could be a reality by January. The people should make their feelings known to the Legislature and demand a November vote.

And why not?

have the firm rehired.

Noto, in our view, should have supported Smith and Jones, instead of calling for their resignations. A special legislative meeting was scheduled Friday (March 21) to consider abolishing their positions.

We repeat. Noto's missing the message. Smith was appointed by Cohalan to clean up that mess in the Southwest Sewer District. He should be asking questions. The crux of the matter is that if more questions had been asked during the administration of former County Executive John Klein, we might not be in such a mess with the sewer district.

Grant should not overreact. He is right to want an investigation. But, he should be more concerned with problems with Bowe Walsh than with questions being asked by Smith. Let's get all the facts on the table, no matter who has them. It's the citizen's right to know that is important.

So far as we could learn, Grant has no basis on which to demand the

resignation of either Smith or Jones. He has shown no basis for his charge that: "It is questionable whether you (Jones) are interested in the Southwest Sewer District."

Cohalan apparently doesn't see any basis. He said it would be "dereliction of my duties to acquiesce to his demands." He said Smith and Jones

are "both fine public servants."

Cohalan said he would be glad to "review the situation in a reasoned and objective manner." Both Grant and Noto should take the same approach, rather than attempting to get rid of capable public servants.

And why not?

Readers' Opinion

"Why Generate on Long Island?"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

The sentiments in your recent editorial, "Why Generate on Long Island?" (Feb. 6) were carefully presented and well reasoned. Many Long Islanders wonder whether it would be cheaper and less of a nuisance to build large electric generating stations elsewhere and import the power here. Unfortunately, this practice would be exorbitantly expensive and potentially disastrous to the reliability of Long Island's electric supply.

Right now, we import some power from other utilities when the power is reasonably priced and there is transmission capacity available to ship it to us. We must pay a fee to other utilities for using their transmission lines to bring power here. When the power comes from a long distance, such as hydro (water) power generated in Canada, these charges add substantially to the cost of that power.

A more basic issue, however, is whether there is sufficient transmission capacity to carry large quantities of power -- an entire generating station's output of power -- to Long Island. This amount of transmission capability simply does not now exist. If we were to construct a plant upstate, or in a southern state, we would also have to build billions of dollars worth of additional transmission lines, overhead, underground and underwater. In light of recent opposition to the building of new, high-voltage transmission lines in this country, it appears doubtful that we could easily get the local permits necessary to construct the lines.

Even if we assume that citizens in other states and localities magnanimously agreed to let us build our facilities in their backyards -- and all our customers graciously accepted the large increase of their electric rates that would result -- we would still face a serious question as to how importing large quantities of power would affect the Island's reliability of electricity supply.

You probably remember that when the Con Ed blackout occurred in 1977, that utility was importing much of its power over an upstate transmission line. When the line was hit by lightning, a series of events was initiated that cut off most of Con Ed's power imports. Con Ed did not have enough local generation immediately available to prevent the blackout. If LILCO were to rely heavily on power produced off Long Island, we similarly could be vulnerable to large-scale service interruptions.

Besides these questions of technical feasibility, there is an ethical question. How would you feel if a utility in West Virginia or

in Canada planned to build a few huge coal-fired plants, and an associated transmission network, on Long Island to serve the needs of West Virginians or Canadians? Such a proposal would probably not generate a great deal of enthusiasm here. By the same token, it would hardly seem fair to expect other localities to shoulder the burden of having our facilities in their backyards so that we may have the electricity without any of the associated responsibilities.

Very truly yours,

Jan K. Hickman
Media Information Representative
Long Island Lighting Company
Mineola

Editor's Note: Rather than take your word as gospel, we'll wait and see the cold, hard facts as presented by an independent agency comparing the relative cost of transporting energy from the source or the source to Long Island than generating electricity here.

"Gun Controls Won't Work"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

You sure know what you are talking about whenever you print something, especially your editorial of Feb. 20, 1980, "Gun Controls Won't Work." They never have and never will, irregardless of how many extra policemen are hired at additional taxpayers' expense, or whatever other methods are chosen.

It seems that the cops and robbers are the only ones allowed at the target range, the public being the targets. Sure, we lose a few cops and robbers, but the public fatalities far outnumber the two. The public has no way to protect themselves due to the fact that the law-abiding citizen is not allowed to have weapons of any kind in order to protect themselves, according to our unconstitutional man-made Penal Law No. 200.

I ought to know, I have a valid New York State Pistol Permit since 1949, was instrumental in forming quite a few rod and gun clubs. As it stands I can't get it amended to here, Suffolk County, since moving from upstate New York. You call this justice? (I don't.) People like myself could be a big help to society by being a deterrent to perpetrators, as well as helping the community.

Think about it, and why not?

N. Gravino
Shirley

Protesteth Too Much!

Once again, some old-line legislators seem to be missing the message of the voters when they elected County Executive Peter Cohalan.

They want to know what's going on with their government; they want political corruption cleaned up, and fast.

Anthony Noto, presiding officer of the Legislature, certainly overreacted last week in a matter regarding the Southwest Sewer District. It appears Deputy Attorney Allen Smith was attempting to check reports that Legislator Michael Grant had been having discussions with representatives of Bowe Walsh and Associates after they had been dismissed by Cohalan.

At a March 13 legislative committee meeting, heated discussion erupted when Smith attempted to ask questions. Deputy County Executive Frank Jones also wants some checking into the financial records of the company before certain bills are paid. Grant, it appears, would like to

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Bad Leadership is Bad Government

Tony Noto was elected presiding officer of the Legislature, not by the people of Suffolk County but by the Republican majority.

Noto's actions since the first of the year have not only been subject to question, but have been irresponsible and a classic example of poor leadership. He started out his term by announcing he was going to push for legislative terms to be extended from two to four years. Since creation of the Legislature, the men serving have yet to distinguish themselves as superb or even just qualified public servants.

The turnover in the Legislature by voter mandate has been substantial. Noto wants to eliminate voter opportunity to eliminate those who they feel are frequently incompetent. As presiding officer, Noto has increased the staff of the Legislature by what insiders say is at least one-third. Budget time will tell. Noto obviously did not hear the voters last November. They want less taxes, not more. Noto's emotional demand the county executive fire Allen Smith and Frank Jones is ludicrous. These men, acting on behalf of Peter Cohalan, the elected leader of Suffolk, are attempting to complete the Southwest Sewer District.

All these men did was have the audacity to ask questions that should have been asked long ago. The Southwest Sewer District, a corrupt pork barrel, has been the personal slush fund for many county officials. It has reeked with corruption from its inception, because no one, including Noto, bothered to ask questions. Up until recently they were willing to let the chips fall on those who had their hands in the cookie jar.

Smith apparently had gotten wind that Michael Grant, Noto's close ally, possibly had acted improperly, and he

had the nerve to try to substantiate the allegations. Because Smith had the courage to do the job he was appointed to, and that his boss, Cohalan, had promised the voters he would, Noto demanded he be fired.

And, earlier, Noto, acting as a dictator, announced his intention to cut off any funding of East End projects until the question of Peconic County is settled. He reasoned there was no need to spend any money on the East End when it might secede.

What Noto has failed to realize is the East End contributes an estimated 22 percent to 30 percent of the taxes to Suffolk County. As much as Noto may think he is a god, he cannot blackmail the East End into giving up its fight for freedom.

Last Tuesday, I was scheduled to speak before the Senior Citizens Council on the initiative and referendum proposition, concerning keeping the Legislature or replacing it with a weighted Board of Supervisors. Due to a personal problem, I was unable to attend this meeting. At seven in the morning, I called Denis Hurley, former legislator from the first district, now an assistant county attorney, and asked him to substitute for me. By Tuesday afternoon, Noto was demanding Hurley be fired for using his constitutionally guaranteed right of free speech.

We don't know what Noto's gig is, but he is only making a darn fool of himself, alienating the people of Suffolk County. Noto is not the county executive. He was not elected by the people of Suffolk County. Suffolk County government is not his government; it is ours, the peoples'. He had better start thinking about it this way or he is going to have a very short-lived, stormy, political future. And why not?

Are You Listening, Mr. Noto?

Presiding Officer Anthony Noto and certain other members of the Suffolk County Legislature apparently question the support for a Peconic County.

They shouldn't. As we have stated in the past, there is broad-based support for the concept and for many good reasons.

But, if further proof were needed by Noto and other cynics, it appears to be coming from the police. And Noto shouldn't be especially surprised, because it's triggered by a proposed resolution designed to "rip off" taxpayers of the East End.

The new development is the possibility that the Patrolmen's Benevolent Associations of the East End will endorse formation of Peconic County.

And no wonder. A proposal before the county Legislature would force the East End to pay out an additional \$900,000 for police services that the East End finances for itself.

Does Noto realistically expect East End residents to stand still for this "rape of the taxpayer?" While he might, they won't.

As one police representative said, "It's another attempt to raid the East End."

To us, it's no wonder East End residents feel such a lack of concern from Suffolk County officials. Just recently, Noto argues further funds shouldn't be spent on the East End unless absolutely necessary. Unfair, cried East End officials. And they're right.

Now it would seem Noto and some

legislators want to get every single dollar out of the East End that they can before Peconic County becomes a reality.

But, the situation is worse than that to us. It seems the Legislature is interested in nothing more than the money they can get from the East End. Again, according to an East End police spokesman, "They see that the East End has an excellent economy." We agree, the East End does have a good economy: one we would like to see enrich the East End.

So, while some legislators seem to

think they can stall Peconic County, perhaps cheat the East End before the issue becomes a reality, we urge sanity. Let's have careful consideration of such "antics" such as the police proposal before action is taken.

Meanwhile, plans are in the works for a Peconic County Day in Albany. The East End towns are arranging bus loads to go together to Albany to let state legislators know the people's will. Let's fill those buses to overflowing. And why not?

Carter is a Disaster

President James Carter had the audacity a week ago last Friday to accuse the public of reckless spending and chastise us for single-handedly causing inflation. We brought upon ourselves the unprecedented interest rates and ruinous inflation.

Carter announced forced conservation of fuel by imposing a 10 cent per gallon tax on gasoline, effective immediately. He wants savings accounts subject to withholding tax, plus a host of other measures that only hurt the people. He dramatically and magnanimously announced he was cutting his own budget by \$12 billion to bring it into balance. Somehow we were supposed to take heart.

A \$12 billion cut in a budget that exceeds \$600 billion is barely a drop in the bucket. When James Earl Carter took office three years ago, the budget

of the United States was a bloated \$330 billion.

Carter was elected on a promise to cut the budget and balance it. What has he done? In three short years, Carter and the Democratic Congress have doubled the budget, never coming close to balancing it.

It is Carter, not the people, who must accept full responsibility for wrecking the American economy and causing unmerciful inflation. Carter is a failure, the biggest economic disaster ever to hit the American scene.

Voters from Alaska to Hawaii, from Oregon to Maine, must throw Carter and the Democratic Congress out this November. This is our only hope of ever surviving the 80s as a capitalistic, democratic society.

And why not?

Readers' Opinion

"The hour is getting late"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I am a senior citizen and the hour is getting late. I refer to the fact that so many of us actually have to spend our food money to pay our utility bills each month. We have tried petitioning our lawmakers to give us relief from this terrible painful specter of disaster, but we never see or hear of help from any quarter.

This social problem has reached a point of no return and it is plain to see that our town is being vacated by people of my financial status and age because we are tired of fighting. Can our civilization, as we know it, afford to turn its back on faithful productive citizens such as we? I doubt it very much.

We have lived our lives standing tall and proud because we have given so freely of our

talents to our community and nation. When you see our homes boarded up, like a ghost of decency that has died and is only waiting for the forces of nature to destroy it forever, then you will realize that this legacy of despair and neglect by our government is being handed down to the young people who will take our place. I wonder how long they will be able to hold their heads up high and proud with confidence that their civilization will stand the ravages of time.

We tried and failed, our enemies were human apathy and greed. It was just too strong for us to conquer.

Sincerely,
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