

willmotts and why-nots

David J. Willmott, Editor

It could happen here

England assured her neighbors it wouldn't happen there. But, last weekend the Danes and other Scandinavian countries looked to the West and a change in their way of life.

An oil well being drilled under the auspices of the British government had blown out in the North Sea. Millions of gallons of raw, crude oil are spewing their way towards the Scandinavian shores. There is no way of stopping the devastation that will be caused by this runaway oil well.

It may take months to harness the runaway well. It's already too late to stop the environmental damage. The North Sea catastrophe is a grave warning to all of us.

Once the oil companies start drilling in the Atlantic, off our shores, there is a likelihood an accident will happen. In obtaining liquid gold from the sea, we will be exchanging one asset for another.

Are we prepared to give up the pleasures of our beaches, the food and sustenance provided by the sea and accept the ruination of all the businesses now involved in bringing this good life to us?

The oil companies admit they do not have fail-safe methods. They cannot guarantee there will not be accidents.

Even if the oil companies assumed full financial responsibility they could never repair the damage to the environment. Not only will the beautiful white beaches be penetrated and contaminated with oil, but the sea bottom itself will be covered with deadly pollutants.

Almost all marine life will be exterminated or will abandon the Atlantic coastline to survive.

Yes, we are in dire need of petroleum. Our dependency on foreign crude has affected severely our balance of trade. It has been a hectic factor in inflation.

But, each of us should weigh the consequences of getting oil out of the sea against giving up the recreational and nutritional values we derive from the ocean. Let the recent North Sea catastrophe serve as a warning to us.

Let's block the drilling for oil in the Atlantic until petroleum companies' technology can guarantee their methods will be fail-safe and no accidents can take place. And why not?



SO MUCH FOR WISFUL THINKING

From the Wonderful People at General Motors

Recently, it came to the public's attention that General Motors was substituting Chevrolet engines in Buicks, Pontiacs and Oldsmobiles. Suits were brought against General Motors for this practice in New York and other states.

Last week General Motors announced they had come to an agreement with Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz. The owners of affected cars will be able to exchange these cars for new cars with the proper motors in them by paying eight cents per mile for miles they had accumulated since they owned the car.

If this exchange plan is not satisfactory, General Motors agreed

to extend the warranty on drive trains from 12,000 to 36,000 miles and from one to three years, for those who opt to keep their present car.

Our first reaction to this was it looks like G.M. has a heart, after all. Within 24 hours, we heard from some General Motors dealers about how unfair this whole arrangement was to them.

General Motors is not going to take back any cars. The dealers are. The dealers will have to make the exchange themselves. They will be forced to accept the used cars at the purchase price less the 8 cents a mile. They will have to give buyers the type of car they ordered with the motor they wanted in the first place.

For handling this transaction, G.M. is going to credit the dealers \$300. This sounds good, but the dealer ends up with a used car that has depreciated from 25 to 30 per cent, and is forced to pay General Motors for the cost of a new car. The dealers are being taken advantage of royally.

We are surprised Attorney General Lefkowitz would have entered into such an unscrupulous arrangement. Automobile dealers have had a tough time making it in the past. This latest move by Detroit is going to make it that much harder for these guys to survive and it will mean you will end up paying more for the future cars you buy. And why not?

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Do you want a socialistic government?

President Carter's energy program dealt with a far more important subject than oil and gasoline. Ingeniously camouflaged in his crisis speech was a blatant attempt to transform our free enterprise system into outright socialism.

In asking permission to impose up 50 cents per gallon tax on petroleum products, Carter is throwing out the basic economic principles of supply and demand.

In the people's minds, the energy crisis only deals with how much we have to pay for a gallon of gasoline. Most couldn't care less how much oil is in the ground or where it's coming from.

In 1973, when the energy crisis hit, most felt it was not a crisis based on the amount of available oil but on rationing by petroleum companies to deliberately drive up prices. They looked to the federal government for relief. It was not forthcoming.

The federal government was powerless to stop the doubling of the cost of energy. When the prices reached a level of consumer resistance, demand fell off and prices stabilized. The laws of supply and demand had taken over.

We didn't believe we had an energy crisis then; we don't believe there is one now. Carter's attempt to create one is a blatant guise to build a platform for transforming what is left of our free enterprise system into a socialistic state.

Before we let this happen, let us learn from history and what we have allowed our government to become.

Through the 1920's, America was indeed the land of opportunity. Government played a very small role in her people's lives. They were not dependent upon her and only looked for governmental help as a court of last resort.

Americans faced few governmental restrictions. There was little taxation. There were enormous opportunities for all. Anyone who had a good idea and was willing to work hard could make it. Freedom and the ability to personally profit from it produced the greatest industrial nation in the world.

As American businesses made money, it was readily plowed back into developing new ideas and products. This created more jobs and even bigger and better opportunities. America led the world in exporting goods and importing people.

From every part of the world they came. They left behind poverty, dictatorial governments which controlled their every move and taxed them unmercifully.

In the early 30's, there was a world-wide depression. Even America with all her economic might was affected. Twenty-five per cent of her willing work force was thrown out of jobs. As bad as this was, other countries throughout the world had their economies totally devastated.

Being an innovative country, America was willing to experiment

with socialism as a possible temporary escape from the dregs of depression.

It was logical the federal government, a central, unified force should be able to create work for those who wanted it. The federal government only had to make a small amount of the wealth from those who had not been affected and spread it.

After eight years of experimentation with the "New Deal", it was apparent our fling with socialism had been a flop. The depression was still with us, our workers still unemployed. Before this system could be changed, our country was drawn into the Second World War.

This war economy ended the depression. This and the war effort necessitated massive taxation.

When the war ended in 1945, America was riding an economic crest. There were more important things to do. We had the good life to enjoy, which we had given up for the war effort.

We had to convert our war-time economy back to peace-time. Europe and Japan needed rebuilding and there were war debts to be paid off. Taxes would have to be continued for

a little while longer.

During this period, the federal bureaucracy became firmly entrenched. It actually searched for projects to become involved in. It had to justify its existence.

As the federal government began to spread, it assumed more rights belonging to the people. The people were conditioned for this by the war and there was little protest.

Soon, the federal government had wrapped its tentacles around every facet of our lives. Gone was our ability to move freely. Transportation was regulated, so was the food we ate, the clothing we wore, the homes we lived in.

Even the jobs we worked at and the recreational activities we pursued were regulated by the federal government. Gone were many of our freedoms.

So was our incentive to work and our ability to profit. Today, every working American puts in over 25 per cent of his time to pay his obligation to his government. The better we are at what we are doing, the more time we must put in.

As individuals have been drained of their incentive, so have our corporations.

The federal government, through taxation, has robbed them of their abilities to profit and develop. The federal government and its need and greed for funding takes from businesses one out of every two dollars it makes in profits.

Profits are the funds used prior to the New Deal and American socialism that developed technology, new products and new plants. Profits are what made America great. They created jobs, expanded and spread the wealth and this is the difference that had made America dynamic.

The energy crisis may or may not be real. One thing is certain, it must not be allowed to be used as a platform for transforming what is left of our free enterprise system into socialism.

Carter's energy program is outright socialism. This is what Carter wants and this is what the outcome will be if he is given his way. Petroleum today is as much a necessity as food and clothing. Our country runs on energy.

Everyone needs it; it is not something we can do without. Carter's petroleum tax will instantly produce billions of dollars for the federal government.

He claims it will be re-parceled out and returned to the people - a classic example of socialism. This money will be stripped from an overburdened populace and the private industry of our country. It will cause the ruination of our economic structure. It will drain the revenues needed by our corporations to produce an alternative to petroleum for producing energy.

Our disdain for the petroleum companies is no secret. We have no desire to see them become further enriched by our faltering oil reserves.

We have, however, more faith in them than we do in our federal government. Prices these companies charge will only be as high as you are willing to pay.

Under our taxation system, excess profits will have to be reinvested in finding petroleum alternatives or these profits will be taken from them by the federal government, through income taxes.

We have faith in the free enterprise system. Given an opportunity and profit motivation, it will overcome any obstacles. It is the only system that produces when allowed to profit.

This has proven through history, just as it has been proven that when incentive is taken away through socialism, the country is driven into financial ruin.

Carter does not have a war on his hands. It is not an energy war - it is a war of ideologies, a fierce war between the forces of socialism and free enterprise. You must choose your sides.

You can go with a winner - free enterprise, which made America a land of opportunity - or you can side with socialism and watch your country go down the drain. It's up to you. And why not?



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"Better than stealing hubcaps"

That was LILCO's reaction to a rally protesting LILCO's construction of nuclear power plants in Jamesport.

When a spokeswoman from LILCO was asked about the corporation's reaction to the rally, Jan Hickman stated, "It's a good healthy release, better than stealing hub-caps."

Attending the rally were people from all walks of life, young and old. They are protesting the construction of these nuclear power plants because they fear for their lives. They are worried about themselves and their children's health.

Radiation, even in small quantities, contributes to, and causes cancer. Living in the shadow of these atomic reactors, according to statements made at public hearings, will heighten the chances of this dreaded disease.

Those of us who make eastern Long Island our home, must drink the water coming from underneath this plant and breathe the air passing over it and contaminated by the existence of these nuclear reactors.

Not only do the protestors fear for their long-range health, they are concerned about possible accidents and sabotage. The protestors and those who are opposed to nuclear generating facilities are sincere in their beliefs.

They are not an excitable fringe element, just protesting for something to do. Most have families and obligations. A weekend could be better used for personal purposes than to stand at a construction site. They are attempting to protect their rights because they fear the government will not.

They are not anti-LILCO people.

They realize LILCO is only a corporation made up of business people attempting to make the most money they can for their investment. This they do not hold against them. It is LILCO's choice of nuclear power for generating electricity they are protesting.

The callous and uncalled for remarks by LILCO's representative are indicative of the attitude prevailing in the board room of this utility.

They have had things their way for such a long time, they have forgotten they are bound by law to serve the people as well as profit.

People are important. Such statements by LILCO do nothing to sell their side of this issue. It shows the coldheartedness in which LILCO

has approached this atomic problem.

Those of us who have chosen to live on eastern Long Island have done so because of the quality of life offered here. We have a right to defend this quality of life. We have a vested interest in fighting for a way of life we cherish, for a way of life that will mostly benefit a single corporation.

We have never been a strong advocate of protest marches, sit-ins, but we do recognize a peaceful assembly as a legitimate way of expressing one's views.

We hope LILCO will change its attitude and respect the right of people to disagree with them. People are important, their way of life is important, much more important than the bottom line of a lifeless corporation. And why not?



Some never learn

Brookhaven Town last year imposed fees on town residents, who bring their garbage to the dump themselves. The cost is 25 cents for a car, per individual trip, or \$6 on an annual basis.

There was great debate about the wisdom of this move when it was proposed. Many feared it would lead to "air mail special garbage dumps" springing up throughout the town.

The town chose not to listen to these warnings and passed this measure and incorporated the expected revenues into the budget. The heralds of gloom have had their predictions proven.

Brookhaven is rapidly being transformed from a garden spot of Long Island, to the garbage heap of Long Island. There is hardly a wooded road you can ride down that is not littered with bags of garbage and refuse.

Why drive out of your way to the dump, pay a fee on top of your taxes, when you can have your garbage out of the window?

The three Republican councilmen who are running for election this year,

have seized upon this issue and made a motion to rescind the fees.

Although political, their actions are right. Town residents already pay for the town dump in their taxes. A dump should be provided as a service. The failure to do so free, causes random dumping and marring of the landscape. We encourage the other members of the town board to join

with the Republicans in dumping garbage fees for individuals immediately.

We hope other towns on eastern Long Island will learn from Brookhaven's mistake and not make their dumps expensive, restrictive areas that people will not use. And why not?

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READERS' OPINION

"There aren't enough parents of students who appreciate it"

Dear Editor:

This is in response to "A Parent of Students" who feels that teachers are "greedy" and "self-seeking." As the "wife of a teacher" and also a parent of students, I would like to give my views on the issues at hand.

"Parent" complains that teachers only work 180 days but are paid for a full year. Are you sure? My husband is paid for ten months' work only. That ten month salary is spread out over twelve months so that we can eat over the summer which means we receive less each month than we would be getting on a ten month basis. I haven't been able to convince my family to give up food for July and August.

As far as preparing lessons and correcting papers during "free" periods is concerned, these are not free periods but rather preparation periods. This time is spent running off dittos and mimeos, gathering tapes and visual aids for classes, phone calls to parents, taking care of necessary paperwork and maintaining legal attendance registers. I would like to see "Parent" accomplish all this in addition to reading, correcting spelling and grammar, and commenting on five sets (approximately 125) of compositions in a forty minute period. In addition he must prepare lesson plans for the following day. Of course the teacher could give up lunch every day but I don't think a dedicated teacher could do that five days a week, ten months a year. They certainly couldn't function properly.

What profession do you know that gives sabbatical leaves? It certainly isn't teaching anymore. Sabbaticals have been on the way out for the past couple of years and are almost extinct now.

Tenure guarantees a teacher nothing. An incompetent teacher can be dismissed no matter how many years he/she has been teaching. Tenure gives no security to the incompetent. Actually tenure isn't worth a "hill of beans."

My husband starts teaching at 7:30 am and his day ends at 2:30 pm. In addition he stays until 3:00 pm every day for extra help for any students who want it. That adds up to a 7 1/2 hour day, no matter how you figure it, plus my homework. Tell me about the short day the teachers put in.

What other profession requires as much education and pays so little? People with comparable education in the private sector earn more in their lifetime than do teachers.

Right now we are in the process of paying off a student loan because last year the state required 18 additional credits for my husband. These credits were not available at Stony Brook or Suffolk Community College. He could only get them by paying \$100 per credit at a private university. That adds up to \$1800 out of his fantastic salary.

I would like to see "A Parent of Students" feed, clothe, and house a family of four on a teacher's salary, and be caught up on all your bills. We pay taxes, too. We aren't exempt because of my husband's profession. But, out of the fantastic taxes we are paying, I think my children are getting a wonderful education. In the Comsewogue school district, I have met some more than dedicated teachers who are putting their all into their profession. Perhaps "Parent" is living in the wrong school district.

Granted there are some not-so-dedicated teachers in all districts. But, from my experience as a taxpayer and parent and as the wife of a teacher, I have found dedicated teachers to be in the vast majority.

Unfortunately, when my husband gives his heart and soul and all his energy to his job and his students, there aren't enough "Parents of Students" who appreciate it. But, this won't make him any less dedicated. "Parent" can complain all he wants, but in my estimation, he should talk with more teachers and check out the other side of the coin. If he thinks it's so great getting so much for so little, why not get a Masters degree and become a teacher. (L-3E)
Wife of a Teacher

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N.Y. education cost 56.9 per cent higher than national average

Over the next month, residents and taxpayers of local school districts will be going to the polls to approve the school districts' budgets for 1977-1978 and elect new school board members.

Voters should consider the cost of the education they are approving. According to the Citizens Public Expenditure Survey, Inc., it costs a New York State resident 56.9 per cent more to educate our students than the average for the nation.

In California, the cost of education is \$1,320 per year, per pupil. The average cost for a New York State student is \$2,179.

There are many reasons for our high cost of education. The main culprits are the cost of employees and the ratio of these employees to students.

In many districts, particularly here on Long Island, there is a very low ratio of teachers to students. Of equal extravagance is the ratio of administrative help to pupils.

We encourage the voters to support budgets that show the board has attempted to approach the educational costs from conservative viewpoint. Those budgets that have been prepared with little regard for the ability of the taxpayer to support them, should be turned down.

At the information meetings prior to voting, find out what the 'per pupil' cost in your district is. Compare it to the state average and the national average.

Find out what your teacher-pupil ratio is, find out what your administrative-pupil ratio is. Also look at the curriculum being offered at your school.

You will hear board members make a statement that 85 to 90 per cent of the budget is mandated. This is only a partial truth.

The state only required the basic "R's", reading, writing, arithmetic, social studies, basic science and basic physical education, and a few other courses.

The balance of the curriculum is at the board's option. This Board of Education adds and deletes courses, according to the dictates of the parents and the taxpayers.

Some districts offer a host of courses of questionable need, considering they are attended by as little as a half-dozen students. Offering these courses, therefore, cost more than more fully attended basic education programs.

You must remember Boards of Education meet on a regular schedule throughout the year. These meetings are poorly attended by the public.

When a bloc of people show up requesting additional services, there is no opposition. The cost for these services winds up in the budget. School taxes make up over 60 per cent of your local real estate tax bill.

You have a right, and you have a responsibility to examine how this money is being spent. Go to the information meetings. Have your questions answered. Vote on the budget on the basis of what our children's needs are and what you can afford to pay as a taxpayer.

Look at the candidates for the board positions carefully. Support those who represent your views on education and its financing. And why not?

\$30,000 for whistles

May is senior citizens' month. It has become almost a tradition for our state legislature to introduce a host of bills during this month to aid the elderly.

Most are window dressing. Nothing more than a blatant attempt to con senior citizens.

This year's host of bills hit a new low.

To fight the growing number of crimes committed on the elderly, the legislature's brilliant and fearless

solution was to appropriate \$30,000 to buy plastic whistles for senior citizens.

Now when granny is getting raped and mugged, she can blow a whistle. The hurt and the humiliation will still be the same. Her money will be gone, but she will have a token to remind her of this grand occasion, compliments of her New York State Legislature. Toot - Toot. And why not?

QUEST COLUMN

'Who needs this dangerous amendment anyway?'

by Phyllis Graham

EAGLE FORUM Chap. Pres

The problematic Equal Rights Amendment is in trouble because it cannot stand on its own merits. The overwhelming majority of people in this country obviously do not want ERA and, with the 14th Amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing equal protection to women under the law, they realize that they do not need it. The foolhardiness of this seemingly simple amendment is starkly evident in its power to render Congress helpless to exempt women, including mothers!, from the draft (Congressional Record, Sen. S 4264, 3-20-72).

Proponents are not able to cite one specific right that ERA would give to women that they don't already have under existing laws. In debate, Phyllis Schlafly stated, "ERA will do absolutely nothing for women in the field of employment," to which leading Congressional ERA proponent, Martha Griffiths replied: "I never claimed it would."

Who needs this dangerous amendment anyway?

Certainly not the working woman who deserves the same pay as a man (Equal Pay Act '63). Neither does the female job applicant seeking a position on her own individual merits (Equal Employment Oppy. Act '72). Nor does the woman seeking credit in her own name (Depository Inst. Amend. '74). The woman who chooses to help a political candidate doesn't (her vote is counted the same as any man's). And career homemakers certainly do not want ERA (existing statutes privilege her with husband support and his support of their minor children -- these statutes would be wiped out with ERA). While all these rights need better enforcement, even ERA proponents admit that ERA is not self-enforcing.

Who, then, are the beneficiaries of an amendment which would prohibit any different treatment of the sexes, no matter how reasonable?

Opponents of the free-enterprise system, mainly. They need ERA to predispose the nation to socialism. "One of the principles (of socialism) is the demand for equality... The idea of equality in socialist ideology has a special character... (it) is understood in so radical a way that it leads to a negation of the existence of any genuine differences between individuals: 'equality' is turned into 'equivalence.'" ("FROM UNDER THE RUBBLE," A. Solzhenitsyn & others). Marching for ERA, 3-16-76, in Springfield, Ill. was International Socialists, Louisville Young Socialist Alliance and other socialist organizations (see photos P.S. Report Vol. 9 No. 11, Sec. 2, available from EAGLE FORUM, Box 618, Alton, Ill. 62002, 15 cents).

Abortionists need ERA. Both those who profiteer handsomely by it and the radical feminists who advocate it. Nervous about the burgeoning Right to Life movement, abortionists need ERA to lock abortion-on-demand into the Constitution. Betty Friedan,

founder of abortion-advocates N.O.W., when asked about ERA and abortion, on Town Meeting of the Air, 5-15-75, replied: "As for reliance on future Supreme Courts -- that's the reason we need ERA."

Lesbians and homosexuals need ERA to guarantee their legal acceptance into society, thus gaining them rights afforded only to normal married couples, including the right to adopt children and to promulgate sexual perversion. (See manifesto of National Organization for Women, "REVOLUTION: Tomorrow is NOW", Sec. XIII-A. Lesbianism. This handbook is an eye-opener. Available from EAGLE FORUM, \$1).

And, the Federal government needs ERA both to immensify its size and power (Sec. 11 of ERA) and also to increase Social Security taxes -- which helps explain tremendous White House promotion of this amendment plus Federal expenditure of \$5 million of taxpayers' money through the unnecessary "International Women's Year" to promote ERA.

The suspicions of a free, thinking people have to be aroused when an amendment so obviously unnecessary and unappealing to the nation at large, is hurriedly rammed through state legislatures in secrecy, pushed by magazines which profiteer on exploiting women's bodies, (PLAYBOY magazine contributed substantially to promote ERA -- Illinois Legislative Hearing, 1974; also PENTHOUSE and VIVA MAGAZINES) and lately desperately pushed with arm-twisting pressure by President and Mrs. Carter in blatant violation of the Constitution (SEE Art. 5 which vests the ratification process in the state legislatures only). Indeed we have every right to fear ERA!

I believe that many sincere women who are lobbying and working so hard for this innocent-sounding amendment have themselves been duped. They are being used and their personal hardships are being ruthlessly exploited by powerful vested interests.

The Suffragettes who won women the vote wisely condemned a blanket Equal Rights Amendment back in 1923 (Suffragette Editorial, entitled "A Risky Short Cut," 12-1-23, in THE WOMEN CITIZEN), and they continue to oppose it today. Suffragette Dorothy Frooms, prominent lawyer-crusader for women's rights, testified before the N.Y. Senate Judiciary Committee on 3-11-75, that "The ERA is a wolf in sheep's clothing!"

If the citizens of Suffolk County wish to keep this amendment from being forced upon America, they should contact their State Senator and Assemblyman right away reminding them of their district's defeat of a state ERA at the polls here in 1975 and urging them to support Rescinding the monstrous Federal ERA. (It will be interesting to see which legislators are truly representing the people)..

Parr Meadows opens Thursday

This Thursday, May 19th, is an important day in eastern Suffolk's history. It marks the opening of Parr Meadows, a quarter horse race track.

Parr Meadows is a modern race facility that will offer nine exciting races nightly, six days a week, from early spring through late fall.

It is particularly important to eastern Long Island, as this facility will enhance our vacation potential. In natural resort communities, race tracks have proven to be a big draw. Vacationers seek night life as well as daytime activities.

The opening of Parr Meadows faced

just about every difficulty imaginable. For a long time, it was even questionable, that they would ever open. Many of these problems have now passed by and Suffolk can look forward to another exciting entertainment opportunity. We wish Parr well.

We hope his troubles are behind him and his track opens to a sell-out crowd. He is to be congratulated on having the foresight and the perseverance to bring the opening of this track to conclusion. We hope Parr Meadows is in the winners circle in the future. And why not?

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READERS' OPINION

'This is what happened to us'

TO THE PUBLIC

This letter was written to open a few eyes - to the people who think that having to resort to welfare are on a free ride. Well, let me tell you after they put you through all the red tape and humiliation, far beyond any human being should suffer, you are lucky to walk away with any pride. I suggest everyone to apply for welfare and see exactly where your tax dollars are going. See the help walking back and forth drinking coffee, not knowing what they are doing half the time, while you are sitting there for three hours before they see you. Fill out a million forms to be stacked in a corner somewhere, misplaced then notified a week later to fill out some more as they forgot something. In the meantime, you are worried about what you are going to feed your children for supper that night, but who cares??? They don't!!!! Let me tell you good, proper people our system stinks and you are paying for it. The welfare recipient is merely a pawn, used by the bureaucrats.

Is it time to retire social security?

Social Security insurance was a product of the New Deal. It came into existence as a plan to help the elderly avoid catastrophes in their golden years.

It was heralded in the beginning as an insurance program. People would make contributions of a few dollars a year and their contributions would enable them to expect minimal subsistence.

To sell Social Security to the American people, President Roosevelt and the rest of the New Dealers relied on the "big lie" technique. They promised the cost would be low and the benefits reasonable. People were led to believe they were actually banking themselves for their own future...

This was not the truth. Current income pays current benefits. Today's wage earners are paying the benefits of current recipients. Wage earners contributed in 1976 a total of 9.9 per cent of their wages, up to \$15,300.

Social Security taxes for most wage earners are more than their federal withholding taxes. Social Security taxes, since 1949, have gone up 500 per cent.

If you think this is bad under the present system, by current calculations in the year 2050, the average individual beneficiary under the Social Security program will be receiving more than \$34,000 per month. The average individual wage under the Social Security program to support this system will have to be in excess of \$50,000 per month.

This is based on everything remaining equal, which it will not because of America's declining birth rates. Currently, the Social Security system is being shored up by the children of the baby boom that were born between 1946 and 1954. Moving into the work force, these people's wages are taxable. Their taxes partially covered the rising level of retirement benefits, and will help stabilize the system for another 10 years.

Another factor holding the deficit down is the birth rate during the great depression, which was quite low. There will actually be a decrease in the number of people entering the Social Security system between 1995 and 2005.

But, watch out after the year 2010. At about this time, war babies will begin to retire. The ranks of the Social Security will swell rapidly.

At the same time, the number of contributing workers will drop. America had a birth rate that was at its peak in 1957. The average American women had 3.7 births. Today, the rate is 1.8 and is forecast to be 1.9 over the next 75 years.

Today, there are 100 workers paying taxes supporting 32 beneficiaries. By the year 2035, for every 100 workers, there will be 52

beneficiaries. The double-barrel effect will cause the collapse of the system, and probably the government unless something is done now.

This system has already effectively smashed the concept of a family unit. Prior to Social Security, families took care of their own. Need necessitated the old living with the young. Grandmothers and grandfathers helped in rearing the offspring.

Young people had a definite obligation to take care of their parents' and they did. With Social Security taking 10 per cent of the gross wages earned by most Americans, only those at the top have money left over for Mom and Pop.

Not only is there a scarcity of money, but Social Security insurance has stripped away the moral obligation and responsibility young people felt to their elders.

In looking at the Social Security system, we must remember this concept was only meant to be an aid and an assistance for the aged. It was not meant to cover all expenses from retirement to the grave.

Recipients on the lower end of the economic ladder receive more in Social Security benefits than while working.

Recent newspaper reports indicate the Social Security fund will be broke shortly.

Carter has proposed a rash of inflationary taxes on employers and has also broached the unpopular subject of raiding the general treasury to finance this system. Either method is only a stop-gap measure and does not face the magnitude of the Social Security problem.

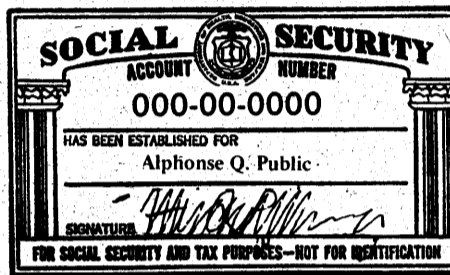
If the system is allowed to run unchecked, under present policies, by the next century, as much as one-third of wages and employers' contributions will be paid to Social Security. Our President and our Congressmen must realistically look at the alternatives available.

They can stabilize benefits by eliminating or reducing the inflationary clause that increases benefits at the same rate of inflation as reflected by the cost price index.

This is not politically popular.

They could increase the retirement age, forcing people to work longer to be contributors rather than beneficiaries. Labor unions are opposed. In fact, they are lobbying to have the retirement age reduced so that jobs will be freed for young people.

Another alternative could be to make the system voluntary. Those who got out of the system now or who did not go into the system would not be eligible for any kind of assistance at all.



The only long-term alternative would be an increase in the birth rate in this country.

For the Social Security system to survive and continue to pay as it does now, we must have at least four workers preferably more, to each beneficiary. This is almost a physical impossibility.

It would mean every family would have to have an average of eight children which in itself is not likely to happen with today's attitudes and methods of birth control.

Social Security is something few of us ever give serious thought to. We have become adjusted to the deductions from our paychecks and most don't even realize the amount they are paying in is being matched by their employer who pays them that per cent less in real wages.

Those of us who are working look at Social Security to take care of us when we retire. A realistic look at the facts indicate this will not happen. It's time that each of us started investigating and became knowledgeable about where 10 per cent of our earnings are going, and what our future holds in store. And why not?

This is what happened to us:

We had no choice as my husband was fired on Nov. 6th. It took from Nov. 6th to Dec. 29th (after Christmas - mind you) to receive a cent. They supplied us with food vouchers until then. Somehow I could not see how I could put them under the tree Christmas morning and tell my children this what Santa Claus left. Have you ever had a food voucher? They are fun, they have to be used all at once. It is a piece of paper stating a certain amount you should spend. The catch is it is for food only. Okay, mind you I was grateful, for that, but please tell me what I was supposed to do for toilet paper, soap powder, bleach, shampoo or tampons. You are not allowed these luxuries!!!!

This is not all folks - because my husband's employer said he quit, he was refused unemployment. His case is still pending as we are fighting it. Also, because his employer said he quit, welfare will not help us as a family unit. They would help me and my children, but not him. In a days time I was to become head of the house, and they found me a job. Now mind you my husband wanted to work, but he was punished, by the system and was not allowed the same access to any job opportunity that I had. I appeared at my job for a half a day. As I sat there all morning I could not comprehend what I was doing there. I could not rationalize how I got to that point. When the time comes for me to work, it will be my choice where and when, not the systems.

On the 27th of Jan. his punishment was over, so he became head of the household again, mind you, he had never left. This was the system again and how they do things.

Needless to say, I did not go back to my job and was taken off the case because I balked at the system. My husband is getting assistance and my four children, as for me, I guess I will have to starve. I may be hungry, but I am much happier.

So for all you people out there who think going on welfare is a free ride, I would like you all to hop aboard and before long you will be singing an old tune called "Smile" (remember it?)

P.S.: My husband has an interview soon and hopefully will be working shortly. I can not wait so I can have the honor of calling up Social Services and telling them to go to HELL.

I am sure a lot of responses from people will say that is gratitude for you, but I really don't care. It is these people who know absolutely nothing about the system that I hope I have reached a little bit, if not; at least I tried.

FOOTNOTE: The people on welfare who have everything a working man has and most of the time better, (clothes, color TV, nice cars, best foods, CB's, etc.) they are cheating somehow, someway. There is no possible way to live that way on their allowance believe me, I know! For all those people and they know who they are, these are the ones that are milking our system dry. Also, to all those landlords who are charging outrageous rents, you are guilty. There is no possible way the average working man can pay \$300. and up rent, without going on welfare or at least get supplement help. Something has to change. Somehow, someway!!!!!!L-45.

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A real weapon for fighting the utilities

Public utilities such as LILCO, New York Telephone, and the various water authorities operating within Suffolk have continually petitioned the state for rate increases and won them.

We, as consumers, may have felt the increases to be unfair, but there is little we could do to fight them.

The utilities, using our money, commonly spend hundreds of thousands, even millions of dollars for expert witnesses and top legal talent. Their lobbying efforts are notorious.

Senator Joseph Pisani and Assemblyman Irwin J. Landes have filed a bill, Numbered S4114 and A6404, that if enacted, will give you a real meaningful weapon to fight these giant utilities.

This bill creates a residential utility consumer corporation called True Corp. The purpose is to be a private, public benefit corporation. It will provide ongoing representation for resident utility consumers in matters, and proceedings which effect their interest.

The bill will cost you no tax dollars. Its funding is provided by voluntary contributions to be solicited through enclosures in utility bills. Contributors of \$4 annually, automatically become members and will vote to elect a state-wide Board of

Directors. Neither the legislature nor the Governor will have the power to appoint directors and, therefore, they will be free from pressure from the utilities to stack the board.

These directors will set the priorities of the corporation within the limited purpose. They will use the money raised to hire staff to represent your interest.

True Corp. can be the most meaningful piece of legislation enacted in the consumer's behalf in this year's session of the legislature.

Utilities, this year, using the consumer's money raised through utility rates, will spend over \$2.5 million on regulatory expenses. Last year, this \$2.5 million investment cost us \$300 million in rate increases.

The True Corp is backed and endorsed by the New York State Consumer's Protection Board, Suffolk's Department of Consumer Protection, the City Department of Consumer Affairs and Public Service Commissioner Edward Berlin, plus numerous senior citizen groups, unions and a host of individuals.

This is the weapon we have been asking for to fight the legal rip-offs and skyrocketing utility rates. If you have never written to your Assemblyman or State Senator before, we urge you to pick up a pen now, and

simply state; I support True Corp. S4114, and A6404. Do you? And why not?

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READERS' OPINION

'Now is the time for the voice of sanity to be heard'

Dear Sir:

In reading of the recent nuclear hearings in Riverhead (of the medical forecasts by Dr. Caldecott of Harvard University Children's Hospital and by Dr. Gofman of the University of California, predicting multiplying cancer and birth abnormalities resulting from nuclear power plants, as well as the already increased rate of Leukemia in the vicinity of operating plants across the U.S.), I am hoping that the Town Board of Riverhead will reconsider whatever advantages they expect to gain from LILCO's promised Tax-gifts. The tempting offer of "cost-free" education to Riverhead's children in return for permitting nuclear plants in Shoreham and Jamesport is a "Gift-horse" that needs careful examination, lest we find too late that the children themselves must pay for this bargain with their lives.

While turning the TV dial a few weeks ago, I came upon a public TV program on facing death, and by a curious coincidence, the death to be faced was Leukemia in children. As practical advice on coping with a child's terminal illness, it was argued that as soon as the medical verdict is "hopeless", parents would allow the child the privilege of dying at home among his loved ones, rather than in a hospital among strangers. Thru interviews with parents who had already eased their children into death in their own living rooms, one had a direct view into the horror. The unspoken premise of that program is the increase of Leukemia among children. It chillingly underscores Dr. Caldecott's charges at the nuclear hearings and her impassioned plea that our government "not permit industry to directly propagate these diseases."

As to the hope of increased employment, growing public awareness of the perils of radiation in the vicinity of nuclear plants points to economic blight for farm, marine and tourist industries.

NOW is the time for the voice of sanity to be heard from every parent-teacher group, from every religious denomination, from every town board, from every farmer, fisherman and businessman. It is essential to speak out FOR LIFE and to say "NO" to nuclear plants.

Mrs. Sophia Adler Southold

'You and I know what they can do with their whistles'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I am 24 years of age and a mother of two small children. Day in and day out, I read about how our government rips off the general public by either charging too much or not helping the people who need help.

So much money goes to waste on things that aren't even beneficial to stay alive. There are so many people who make sixty and seventy thousand dollars a year. I believe it is just because greediness has taken them over. Nowadays, twenty thousand will do nicely to survive.

Welfare has gotten out of hand with almost 60 per cent of the people either fraudulently receiving benefits or finding out some way to keep off the employment lists.

Elderly people are being practically told not to live anymore when either getting a cut in social security or having to pay higher medical insurance rates.

The money that we all need to survive is getting into the wrong hands and used improperly and criminally, on just plain nonsense.

Why doesn't it become a tradition for our state legislature to help out the elderly by means of bus transportation for so many that have to push shopping carts through 5 inches of snow and bitter cold? Why don't they raise the income on Social Security with the \$30,000 they want to spend on those ridiculous whistles and see to it that the elderly get some kind of better health insurance with the money?

Those idiots that make up the New York State Legislature I guess never plan on getting old. I know when I reach that age, I hope this doesn't happen to me. You and I both know what they can do with their whistles, and why not? Truthfully speaking,
Mrs. Linda Lutz Ridge

Putting the lid on New York's Welfare

State Senator William Smith of Big Flats has introduced, and State Senator Ken LaValle, representing eastern Suffolk, has co-sponsored a bill that would create a welfare limitation act.

The measure is designed to save New York State taxpayers \$167.6 million or more over the next two years.

The cost of welfare in New York State is 60 per cent higher than the national average. On a per capita basis, we spend 81 per cent more on welfare than the national average.

Smith, in a tour around the state, is trying to drum up support for this

measure. He claims that if Suffolk Democratic Legislators, Harenberg, Bianchi, and Hochbrueckner refuse to support this measure, it will cost Suffolk taxpayers over \$9,000,000 this year.

What Smith's act basically will do, is reduce New York State's welfare grants to the maximum levels in six comparable states. The six states are similar to New York, being industrial and having experienced rapid welfare increases. They are California, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan and New Jersey.

Smith's act is good and it makes sense. The cost of welfare in Suffolk

County constitutes over 56 per cent of the county budget. It has been a major factor in stemming New York's growth and a cancer causing unemployment and deterioration from Buffalo to Montauk.

To support our generous welfare allocation, New York has had to tax their residents more than any other state. Businesses also have had their profits stripped away from them, and to survive, have left the area.

As these businesses leave, they take with them the jobs and the productive people who once proudly helped make New York the leading state in the nation. The void has been filled by professional welfarers who migrate to the state because of its lucrative welfare policies.

Those of us who are left must pick up the freight, and this load is causing more to flee.

There is no question welfare recipients, under the Smith proposal, will receive less. But what they receive now is more than we can afford. They still will be at the top of the heap, receiving the best benefits available in the nation.

We encourage every taxpayer in the state, who is tired of paying more than his fair share, to contact their Assemblymen and ask them to support William Smith's senate bill No. 4089 A. And why not?

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The Suffolk Attitude

We are in more trouble here in Suffolk County than we realize...trouble that we should not be in.

Suffolk is rich in natural and man-made assets. It is an excellent location and its residents are a great group of people. But it has one of the worst governments known to free man.

The government is supposed to do for man collectively what he cannot do individually. This collective action is supposed to make life easier and better for him. This is not what government does here in Suffolk County.

The government in Suffolk County seems to put up every obstacle imaginable in a smooth flow of life. Those involved in government both elected, appointed and many civil servants have an attitude based upon the false assumption they are Gods.

They believe the residents of Suffolk County are here to serve them through paying taxes. Their purpose is to make life as complicated and miserable as they can.

We all are so accustomed to being treated this way, we become oblivious to this abominable behaviour to our fellow residents. All of this was made painfully clear with the opening of Parr Meadows last week. Parr Meadows, Suffolk's first official race track, should have been a welcome breath of air.

It will be a major employer and a phenomenally profitable tax producer. It will enhance our tourist vacation industry and offer Suffolk residents a legitimate recreational outlet.

It's a wonder Parr Meadows ever opened its doors, when you consider the hostile reactions it has gotten from two-bit-tin-horn politicians and bureaucrats right from the start.

Instead of a sense of cooperation to insure a quick and expedient completion, these bureaucrats threw obstacle after obstacle in their way. Parr situated the track in a rural part of Yaphank.

The track is located next to the Long Island Expressway and the William Floyd Parkway, two major

highways. The Town of Brookhaven in its zeal to keep out a legitimate taxpayer threw at it numerous illegal restrictions, which Parr finally beat in court.

Once construction was under way, the track was infiltrated by the mob that Suffolk's politicians have not been able to keep out of the county. The financial institutions that backed the track played every game they could to put Parr's back up against the wall.

Court fight after court fight proved Parr right.

When it finally appeared the track would be able to open on May 19th, Suffolk County's Department of Environmental Conservation refused to inspect the sewage treatment facilities and threatened to issue citations against Parr if he opened as scheduled. The Health Department refused to issue temporary permits necessary for operation.

At this time, County Executive John Klein and presiding Legislator Linton both could have used the power of their office and their influence to aid Parr but chose to continue to put obstacles in his way.

Klein claimed he couldn't even attend the ribbon cutting ceremony because he had a prior engagement. He finally showed up begrudgingly, not that anyone gave a damn about his presence.

Linton in a great show of political fanfare announced he was boycotting the opening to protest the potential traffic problem. Where the hell was this "concerned" public servant for the last four years he has represented this district when this track was under construction.

If he was so darn concerned and he felt so strongly about it why the devil had he not used the power of his office to get this problem straightened out when there was time to do something about it.

It just so happens Linton is up for re-election this coming November. The track is in his district and this cheap shot was nothing more than a con to show people of the district he has been working on their behalf after ignoring them for the last year and a

half.

Politicians like Klein, Linton and the rest of the insensitive, and arrogant bunch in Suffolk County must be removed from office if we are ever going to have a government concerned about the people. What business would attempt to make an investment in this county knowing the leaders will do everything in their power to make it impossible for them to succeed.

It's the attitudes of these self-appointed Gods that are keeping businesses and jobs out of Suffolk County. When you have deplorable attitudes at the top, you can expect no better than that from the people who are their subordinates.

This arrogance and obstinance filters all the way down to the town level. Homeowners face the same frustrations, when they apply for a permit to make minor improvements on their property.

This is not what government is supposed to be all about. It is just the opposite.

We the residents of Suffolk County are the government. The people, who run it, are the people we elected to office by our votes and by our apathy in not voting. In 1977, we don't expect our neighbors to come to physically help us put up a barn but we should be able to put up the barn without unrealistic restrictions, impossible rules and regulations?

What can we do about it?

This November let's throw out those officials who are not responsive to the needs of the people and who by their actions during their terms of office have shown their contempt for the average resident of Suffolk County. And why not?

READERS' OPINION

'If government is going to assist anyone, it should be the poor, the needy and unemployed'

Dear Editor:

The government is bound to change as time goes on. It cannot stay forever the same neither, can the country. The industrial revolution can't last forever. A lot of people are glad that it is now almost over. No one can white-wash it.

Workers were exploited, overworked and underpaid, there was child-labor. It was fine for the rich, appalling for the poor. Only with laws and restrictions was industry managed so labor was not oppressed. Sure, a little prosperity trickled down to the poor. There were benefits from prosperity and there were drawbacks.

One big drawback was destruction of the environment. If we gained time and labor-saving devices, we lost clean air and water and we are now surrounded by all kinds of chemical poisons, in our food, air and water, and what with nuclear energy hanging over our heads with the great problems of disposal of radioactive wastes, we are losing rather than gaining.

The question is - "Is free enterprise more important than life on this planet?"

The majority of the people are the ones to benefit, not just a handful of profiteers and merchants.

If the government is going to assist anyone, it should be the poor, needy and unemployed. This is not socialism, it is plain humanitarianism.

Free enterprise is not the big beautiful benefit to mankind you would like us to believe it is, and people today are not fooled like they were in the past by it. It has also helped to engineer and create big wars and world-wide conflict.

So you can see what ever goes up must come down. It is the law of gravity. Nothing can last forever and the prosperity that came with the industrial revolution at the expense of the exploited is now gone and maybe will not return again in our time and who cares?

Sincerely yours,
Colina W. Donnelly
Wading River

'Or is it Chevrobile'

Dear Editor:

We're not quite sure just what we bought. We haven't raised the hood up yet; It's not a Ford, It's not a Cord. We think it may be "Oldsmobile". (L-1K)
Frank M. Re
Hampton Bays

Other countries support and provide for the aged

Dear Editor,

Your recent editorial denouncing Social Security was the wackiest yet.

Do you realize we could not dump all the elderly without doing something to help them? Who would help them if not the government. Society at large has duties and obligations to meet, if we are not to become a set of stone-age savages. Other countries support and provide for the aged and you are suggesting we be less moral than everybody else.

What is more when we aged worked we paid in to Social Security for our old age. That money accumulates interest and you want to bilk people out of it.

If this program were discontinued, the government would have to substitute another one, so what would you gain?

Welfare is another thing you can't take away - you have a moral obligation whether you like it or not. If it is not run right, see to it that it is.

Would you like to see a bloody revolution in this country?

The money is there to take care of people

who need it and you want the government to dump people and use them ill - for what reason?

Maybe you just didn't read the constitution. The government is of the people, by the people, for the people. The taxpayer is not the only American there is. The aged are still paying taxes or didn't you know?

I don't expect you to print this as it goes against your ideas, but it would be a shame if someone didn't speak up for the aged and the poor. And Why Not?

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Colina Donnelly

ED NOTE: The editorial only presented the facts. It also offered a few suggestions, none of which we endorsed. The facts are there, Social Security is in deep trouble, the country is also. Do you have any idea that might work? Let's hear them. By the way, you have not placed one cent in for your old age. Social Security does not work this way. The money you have paid has been used to pay current beneficiaries. Our government will worry about you when you're 65...hopefully.

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David J. Willmott, Editor

What is Memorial Day?

A couple of years back, one of my kids asked, "Dad what do we celebrate on Memorial Day?"

To him, it was a happy holiday. He got a day off from school, I was off from work and we were attending a parade with bands, soldiers and fire engines.

What he couldn't yet understand is his heritage from being born in a country where he has an inalienable right to be free, a right guaranteed by our Constitution and our Bill of Rights. He is one of the luckiest

people in the world. As he grows older he will come to appreciate the freedom to speak his mind, to practice a religion of his choice, to choose his occupation, the girl he will marry and where he will live.

For those of us who are older, Memorial Day is a day to remember what these freedoms cost.

Young men coming of age, just a few short years ago, recall reading the headline, "America at War." We had been attacked by powers who wanted to enslave us. They knew then

they had to offer the ultimate to protect what was guaranteed them by the Constitution.

Freedom does not come without a price. That price has often included the sacrifice of American lives. Fortunately, in each generation there have been responsible young Americans who have accepted this challenge. Trained to be soldiers, they have crossed the seas and fought valiantly. Some never returned.

Even those who came back, can recall the fear of being in a strange

land, and crying themselves to sleep in a foxhole or a hard bunk on a war ship, knowing tomorrow he could be responsible for taking another man's life, or face death.

Today, as we go about our apathetic and comfortable lives, let us each say a prayer in remembrance for what our freedom fighters of all wars have done so we can continue to live as we choose. Memorial Day is not a happy day, but one of gratitude and pride. And why not?

Realistic unemployment

Governor Carey has proposed raising unemployment benefits 12 per cent. He justified this raise by inflation and the need to keep unemployed workers' heads above water.

Although altruistically motivated, it may put the final nail in the coffin of New York State's faltering economy.

New York already has the most liberal benefits of any state in the nation. These benefits, mandated by state law, have left many businesses with no alternative but to move, taking jobs with them, and this is the cause of our unemployment.

We hoped this session of the legislature would enact laws rescinding some of these benefits, putting New York in the mainstream of the nation, helping re-establish the state's economic base. The legislature and Carey have refused to face these problems realistically.

Instead, they are compounding the problem, while increasing the benefits and taxes needed to support this.

Legitimately laid-off workers, who are out of a job through no fault of their own, men and women who have not quit nor been fired, can receive a

maximum benefit, tax free of \$95 per week. They can receive these benefits for up to 65 weeks.

We have witnessed in operating our own business, however, people deliberately placing themselves in a position to be dismissed because of these benefits.

We have noted with interest the length of time they remain unemployed. It is more than a coincidence that towards the end of their employment insurance, they miraculously are able to come up with a job. In interviewing people who are on unemployment, we have had them blatantly tell us the only reason they are looking for work is that their benefits are coming to an end.

These people are the abusers of the system. They are the same people while collecting unemployment benefits are moonlighting at other jobs and businesses earning money off the books while at the same time, keeping legitimate job-seekers from finding employment.

There is very little done to stop these abusers. There are a few inspectors and their job is insurmountable.

Even when they catch a cheater, the person is only removed from the rolls and very seldom are they penalized by incarceration or fines.

These abuses are widespread and so commonly practiced, they are almost routine.

Raising unemployment benefits by 12 per cent will make it lucrative for even more people to take advantage of the system. This will lead to higher unemployment, higher taxes, and more businesses that can't absorb this increase and will flee from New York State.

This system is unfair to businesses and to workers. This system lacks common sense or incentive.

A system should be started tying benefits for a legitimately unemployed worker to his net income, not an arbitrary fixed amount. This figure would be reduced progressively by five per cent over a 20-week period.

A worker taking home \$200 per week, laid off because of business conditions, would receive his first week the same salary as he received while working. Each successive week after that benefits would be reduced

by five per cent.

The responsibility would be on the worker to return to the work force as soon as possible.

Each week his benefits would be decreased until the 20th week, when he would receive nothing. During the 20-week period, he would have time to seek out a job in his field at his pay scale or accept whatever job he could find paying more than his unemployment.

Initially, a worker could suffer no ill effects; he only could suffer setbacks, if he procrastinates. The incentive would be to go back to work immediately. There would be no advantage to "use the system." The ultimate outcome would be a stabilizing of the economy and the job opportunities in New York State.

There would be a reduction in unemployment and ultimately the cost of unemployment would be scaled down and would act as an encouragement for businesses to stay or to set-up shop in this state. And why not?

READERS' OPINION

'I would like a dollar for every horseshoe crab I helped'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

In answer to Mr. Peter D. Kuznir's letter which appeared in your paper on May 11, 1977:

Mr. Peter D. Kuznir: The hell with you too. I have been a fisherman for many years and have never had any trash on the beach. The fish I catch, my family and I eat, none is wasted. As for horseshoe crabs, I would like to have a dollar for everyone I helped back into the water.

You will find that most fishermen are this way as are most people.

The person you stereotyped as a fisherman is a slob whether he or she is driving a car, hunting, fishing, camping, skin diving, or whatever.

I agreed with the first part of your letter as to what is progress, but, as for the last part, I and other fishermen I know, dislike being stereotyped as a slob.

Francis J. Ambrose
Patchogue

'The 'Solar Age' is about to be born'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

The letter of April 27th by B. Milnor Renshaw smacks of LILCO Public Relations.

He quotes our energy needs almost as well as Jimmy Carter. I've run across people like this at every Solar Lecture I've given and it turns out every time that they are or have been LILCO employees, who are given brain-washing sessions.

Unfortunately, when confronted with the question of disposal, or even worse, evacuation procedure, these proponents of nuclear energy never seem to have the answer. It is very clear that at this time, there is no appropriate answer. I have heard some suggestions like shooting the waste to the sun in rockets, but we've all heard of rockets exploding on the launching pad.

There is no need here, although I can also quote the facts expertly, to go again into the subject of disposal, pollution, etc., because it has all been done well by the experts which Farm Bureau brought in to testify at the LILCO hearings. I am sure that everyone who reads the papers knows all the facts well, including the desperate need for energy at this time. There are other alternatives which are better, cleaner, and cheaper with no disposal problems and no hazards to future generations, such as wind, solar and tidal power.

Wake up Mr. Renshaw, the Solar Age is about to be born! We will be truly ready to take our first real step for mankind!

Sincerely,
(Ms.) Lee Moorhead
Riverhead

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