

What Will Happen If The Democrats Take Albany?

This is a headline that is on a piece of scare propaganda that is being distributed by the Republicans. They answer this question by saying that all the ills of New York City will be ours if we make the mistake of electing anyone but a Republican.

This is a common campaign tactic of the Republicans. Every time they are in a close race, they come up with scare reasons why we must elect Republicans to protect ourselves.

The last time it happened, it was the reapportionment of the state that would be handled by the legislature. If the Democrats got their hands on it, they would gerrymander the state in such a fashion the people would lose.

The Republicans were victorious that year, and the districts were gerrymandered, and depending on whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, the people lost.

Now they are saying if Democrats win the Governorship and Assembly, as they are expected to do, we will have the Brooklyn Democrats running the state. It is not bad enough to be a Democrat, but to be a Brooklyn Democrat, we guess, is the cardinal sin of all times.

When you stop these politicians in the middle of the rhetoric and you ask them about these awful Brooklyn Democrats, they tell you that some of them are their best friends. During our interview with Leon Giuffreda, he was giving the same spiel. We stopped him, as it was the ninth time we heard it from Republican candidates, and asked Leon where he was originally from. He said Brooklyn. This pretty much puts to rest the big lie.

In reality, suburbia will benefit from the Democrats winning the governorship and having the Democrats control the assembly by a small majority. It will force the suburban-rural delegation into a Democrat-Republican coalition. This coalition will have the strength and the purpose to fight for suburbia and to withstand any pressure the city delegation can muster for its own benefit.

What has happened in the past when the Republicans controlled the Governorship and Assembly, was they tried to protect their interests and control by giving in to the outlandish demands made by the city legislators, in the hopes that they could make inroads into normal Democratic votes.

The result was that suburban interests were sold out for the sake of politics. Now the shoe can be on the other foot, if people vote intelligently.

We do not fear Democrats,

Republicans, Conservatives or Liberals - if they are good. What we do fear is politicians who know better than the people. Mayor Lindsay, who was a Republican first, was one of these guys -- Nelson Rockefeller is another. And there is a whole flock of local Republicans as well as Democrats who fit into this category.

The color of a man's political stripes means little if he is not going to represent the people, and this is the key

Our Endorsements Recapped

In last week's Suffolk Life we presented, in depth, the reasons why we found some candidates more qualified for office than others. Some of these endorsements ran only in local editions that covered the particular district they were to represent. We have been requested to publish, in capsule form, a re-cap of our various endorsements for this week's paper.

Carey for Governor - D

A viable alternative to keeping Nelson Rockefeller's hand-picked puppet in office. Programs will be oriented to people rather than monuments.

United States Senate - Barbara Keating - C

Only candidate that has common sense solutions to practical problems such as inflation, political scandals, and big government. Will represent the people rather than liberal causes.

United States Congress I - Otis Pike - D

Pike has represented district well -- is a one-man inflation fighting army. Opponent's reason for running -- he likes being up in front of people.

United States Congress II - Tom Downey - D

Downey knows people of his district better. He is an activist who will get things done. Opponent exemplifies lack of leadership in Congress.

Suffolk County District Attorney - Henry O'Brien - D

O'Brien is honest, possesses leadership ability, has a better grasp of office, is concerned about organized crime and political corruption.

State Senate I - Leon Giuffreda - R

Has represented and kept in touch with district. Outstanding performance on Education Committee.

State Senate II - Regina Lenehan - C

issue in this election. We hope that you are not panicked into voting a party line, because of tales of an unknown bogeyman lurking in the bushes waiting to rape and plunder the suburbs.

The politicians from the city are not much different from politicians from the suburbs. There are good ones, there are bad ones, and there are the rare few who believe the people have rights, too. No party has an exclusive on them. And why not?

Offers alternative to two majority party, weak candidates. Strong in her own beliefs. Average-person oriented.

First Assembly District - Perry Duryea - R

Great ability - shallow political ethics. Suburban coalition makes it mandatory that we have his strong leadership ability.

Second Assembly District - George Hochbrueckner - D

Will work hard to represent average voter. Choice between his limited experience and opponent's arrogant past performance.

Third Assembly District - William Bianchi - D

Bright, articulate, hard worker. Choice between his desire to serve people and Ashare's desire to serve self-interests.

Fifth Assembly District - Paul Harenberg - D

Hard race to pick. Harenberg represents teachers' group and O'Doherty represents banking interest.


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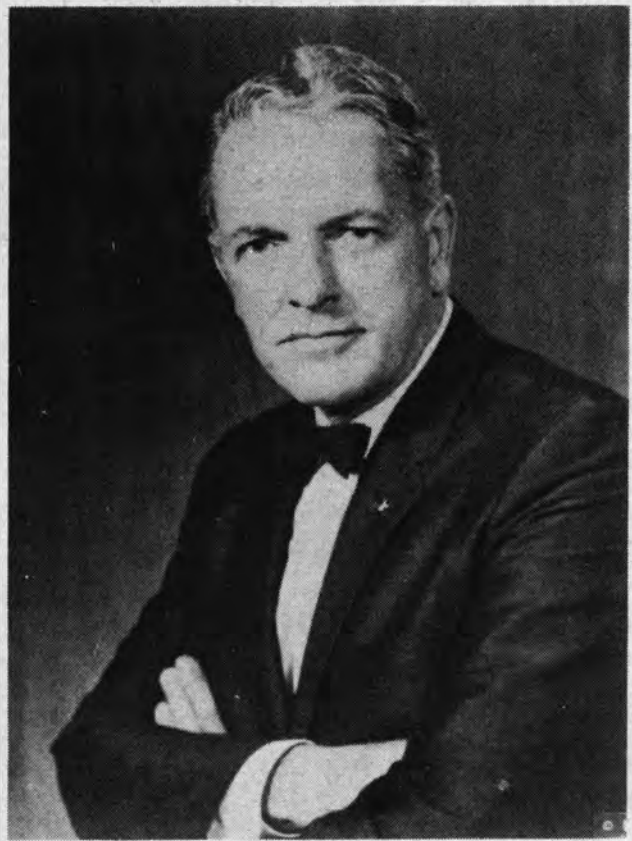
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Harenberg came off better versed and aware of issues and people's problems.

The selections of these candidates are the result of personal interviews, extensive investigation and are the consensus of the News and Editorial Staffs of Suffolk Life. The most important

single aspect in these endorsements the candidates' honest desire represent the people.

We hope this Tuesday that you will go to the polls and vote intelligently on candidates you feel will best represent you. If you do not vote, you are leaving up to others who and how they will run your government. Your vote counts as much as ours. And why not?

letters

"Totally incapable of objective evaluation"?

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I mailed an editorial in your paper to Mr. Klein. As you can see by his letter in reply to me dated October 2, 1974 he is highly critical of you. I do not agree with him.

James F. McMahon
East Quogue

Dear Mr. McMahon:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 26, 1974. While I certainly share your concern about the impact of inflation upon all of us, I respectfully suggest to you that the publication known as "Suffolk Life" has demonstrated beyond question that it is totally incapable of an objective evaluation about the County government or indeed any government.

I hope that you will make your final judgements, with respect to the policies of this administration, based upon the facts as they come to you rather than the already predisposed editorial policy of Suffolk Life.

Sincerely yours,
John V.N. Klein
Suffolk County Executive

Editor's Note: There is a frightening similarity between Mr. Klein's attitude and that of ex-president Nixon towards the press and anyone else who might be critical of him or his administration.

"Rarely speaks as an individual"

Dear Editor:

assure that no primitive action or report will be forthcoming.

3. Why has the turnover in the department been approximately 200 per cent since HDC became comptroller four years ago? Because the man is incompetent, not only as comptroller but also as an employer. No backing is given to supervisory employees, and the employees are subject to "sweatshop atmosphere."

I urge you to consider and investigate the above before making your recommendations.

I am a registered Republican and an employee of Suffolk County, but I can't stomach the thought of four more years of inept watch-dogging by the comptroller.

Name Withheld

"Clean break with old-line politicians"

Dear Sir:

Democrats-for-Duryea, aside from its pleasant-sounding alliteration, has a fascinating inner logic. The old Democratic Party, with its big-city boss control, has traditionally preyed on fraud and deception from the Boss Tweed days of yore to the weird doings in Cook County and Texas that made Lyndon Johnson President.

But thanks to the Watergate revelations, the Democrats have surely met their match in the new breed of Republicans. In fact, Assemblyman Duryea, with his considerable skill at vote-siphoning, might easily have apprenticed as a Democrat in the musty back-rooms of Prendergast's City. It is only right that Democrats-for-Duryea, a fraudulent organization, should have been formed to support a gentleman

A Mandate From The People

From Maine to California, the voters threw their representatives out of office last Tuesday. They had had it with the arrogance, non-responsiveness, and the dual standard by which those politicians had governed the country and themselves.

In few races did the voters elect anyone. Instead, they chose the person who they felt would harm them the least. A year ago last November the voters showed their displeasure, and gave the incumbents, particularly the republicans, a year to clean their own house.

Many incumbents did not heed the warning signs, and, as a result, on Wednesday morning found they had joined the ranks of the unemployed. The mandate of this voter rebellion is clear.

The people will not tolerate any more unscrupulous behavior by their elected officials. No longer can there be one set of laws for those in the political know, and another set for the masses. The effects of Watergate alone might not have been enough to bring such a downfall, but that, combined with the tremendous inflationary factors and the unbearable tax burden we all pay was too much even for the loyalists to put up with.

The mandate in this election should be clear to every representative. The people want more representative government - more responsible government officials. They want to have more buying power for their dollar. They want more of their dollar left for themselves after government gets

finished taking its piece. The voters are not looking for more government or more social legislation, and if the successful politicians think this is what they are after, they will find themselves out of office with the next election.

The voters elected Democrats who tend to be more liberal, not because of their liberal views, but because of the need for a change. If the Democrats are fiscally conservative, they can be in power for a long time. If they aren't, their tenure will be short and bitter.

To those who were elected last Tuesday, we offer our congratulations, and hope that they have read their constituents' needs and will give them the representation in government they are looking for. And why not?

Dear John

Found your letter to Mr. McMahon which we printed in last week's copy rather sad. Thought you were smarter than that, but have been known to be wrong about politicians before. Unfortunately, you seem to have become very comfortable as County Executive. Wish we could live in a glass house, too. It must be nice to be perfect.

Someday you may realize what Suffolk Life is all about. Hope it's not too late. We have nothing to gain personally from government, and don't expect those who run it to love us. If they did, we would know we were not doing our job. We do expect government and the officials who run it to be responsible to the people they serve. When they are not, we'll call them to task. On the other hand, we'll praise them when they deserve it.

The gist of the editorial you condemned was -- in a time of inflation, you should cut corners. You should not raise your own or your associates' salaries. You do not add frills and fringes such as personal photographers and then ask the people to pay for them.

We don't think you're right and neither do the people who are going to have to pay for a raise in your salary and your extravagances.

Think about it, John. You have eighteen part-time employees on the County Board doing a much poorer job than ten men did four years ago. You are paying them 300 per cent more than what their predecessors received. Now they want a raise. Not just an inflationary catch-up raise, but a raise that will contribute to inflation of over 25 per cent.

If you allow them to vote themselves this raise, and you condone it by not

overriding it, how are you going to tell the thousands of other people who work for you in the county that they can't have the same raise? These are the people who work full-time for you. They don't have side businesses or practices or other sources of income as you and most of the legislators have to help put bread and butter on the table. If you do give in, you are going to have to raise our taxes to get the money.

The residents of Suffolk County are already paying too much. We pay, on an average, at least 42 per cent of our income in taxes now. John, maybe this is not an objective evaluation from your standpoint, but it is from the guy on the street who is paying the bill -- which, by the way, is what Suffolk Life is all about.

He is being pressed unmercifully from every side. He is finding it hard to eat and keep a roof over his head. He gave up luxuries long ago. He is not blind. He sees the waste of your government all over the county. It leaves him totally frustrated.

Add to this frustration your record-breaking budget that contains enormous pay raises for you and your part-time legislators and tax raises for the rest of us and we fail to see where the justice is. These are the real facts, John, and they are the facts by which your administration is being judged.

Oh, by the way, did you ever do anything about your park cohorts paying their fair share of the real market value of the mini-estates they are living on, or is it your objective evaluation that \$75 a month, including utilities, is a fair rental to politicians at the expense of the Suffolk County residents? And why not?

Dave



Will Shinnecock Sally Be Russian Cat Food?

The State Department was successful in putting off the decision to raise the limit for fishing from 12 miles to 200 miles. The result is the Russians and other foreign countries will be back off the shores of Long Island with their vacuum cleaners, scooping up every living thing in the sea. Last winter the

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Rockefeller Changes His Tale Again

Believe story A, B, C or D. That's the game the ex-Governor from New York State is playing while aspiring to be Vice President of the United States. The last guy who played this game with the public is reposing in a hospital in California.

Rockefeller, on the "Goldberg Book", first denied that he had any knowledge of it or anything to do with it. When it was reported that the facts were in and they implicated him, he blamed his brother for this, while still denying any knowledge. The last version of this story is that he initiated this book and his brother only spent \$60,000 to pull it off.

Nixon did the same thing with Watergate. He said he didn't know anything about it -- then he denied he

was involved in the cover-up -- and then he finally admitted, after the evidence was pretty much in, that he had been involved all along.

It was Nixon's lies that forced his resignation from office. We'll be damned if we can see where Rockefeller's lies should get him into office. As Americans, we are sick and tired of having to play multiple choice with our leaders to determine when and if they are telling the truth. The American public should not be asked again to accept one liar for another.

We respectfully urge that President Ford withdraw Rockefeller's name for confirmation as his Vice President. And why not?



SAY YOU SAW IT IN SUFFOLK LIFE NEWSPAPERS

The week of November 17, 1974

Energy-The Crisis From Within

Last winter we faced an energy crisis. We are still reeling from its effect. The price of gas and electricity is unbearably high and the shortage of petroleum products and petroleum-derived products such as fertilizer still exists.

There is a grave doubt in the minds of many Americans that this energy crisis was ever anything more than a gigantic hoax, concocted to artificially raise prices. The results of this hoax have crossed over into just about every other field and caused parallel price rises.

The result has devastated the consumer. Double digit inflation has caused just about every one of us to cut back our style of living, and now has many of us only a few feet from the brink of personal bankruptcy.

Those of us who have constantly questioned the reality of the fuel shortage have also asked why it happened in the first place.

The facts show that there was sufficient oil available to have avoided last winter's shortage. We import only six per cent of our oil from the Middle East, and consumers cut back more than six per cent on their use. Furthermore, there would have been a several month lag before we felt the real impact of the Middle East's cutback because of all the oil that was in transport. Ironically, as soon as the price of oil and its by-products had jumped as much as one hundred per cent, the crisis disappeared.

Everything points to the crisis being a manufactured one, and nothing is being done about it. This is serious, but what is even more serious is that we are coming into the winter of 1974-75 in the same

situation we were in last year.

Our space program provided tremendous research and development in the field of energy sources. Very little of this technology has ever found its way into general production. Why? Politics for profit!

Many of the "new" energy sources and even some of the old ones such as windmills and methane gas could be self-sustaining systems. These systems use natural resources or recycle waste products to generate energy. They do not require mammoth outlays of money to build generators, and once constructed, do not depend on high priced fuel to run.

But, because of this, the profit is removed, and the big companies which supply our conventional fuel and energy do not want to see them become reality.

These companies own congressmen, senators and even have tremendous influence on the office of the President. They have many of the committees dealing with energy problems staffed by their own people. They are not about to let America become self-sufficient.

A quick look around the world tells us that other countries are far ahead of us in the use of alternate energy sources. In Israel and Australia, solar energy is the prime source of heating and energy generation.

In India, human and animal waste is fermented into methane gas that burns cleaner and hotter than propane. Japan uses a multiple of systems, each contributing a little to the reduction of the overall energy problem. Even windmills are coming back into vogue in many rural countries to generate electricity.

Yet, in America, nothing is going to


change. Isn't it strange how our President can stand before the nation and tell us we have grave problems caused by this energy crisis but refuse to encourage us to seek out and utilize new methods of power generation to circumvent the use of conventional electricity and gas.

We hope the complexion of the new congress will have changed enough to push through these changes. We hope the new congress will allocate the money and inspire the spirit to develop even newer ideas, and see that the technology developed during the space programs finds itself used for the benefit of Americans. If this does happen, we will be well on the road to economic recovery. And why not?

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Need For Reorganization

John V.N. Klein is power-hungry, ambitious and hell-bent on making the county executive's office a private fiefdom, almost dictatorial in scope, eerily reminiscent of another recent executive administration.

He can't be trusted.

But the county legislators, with whom he deals, act, at times like children, unable to wipe their own noses, much less be the aggressive watch dog of the taxpayer's aching pocketbook.

They'd rather carry on with their own myriad of pet projects which make them popular in their own districts while wreaking havoc with the budget.

In the Republican ranks especially, legislators are lackeys for the individual town party leaders.

Above all they are possessively jealous of their petty perogatives and powers.

Neither can they be trusted.

While these two less than august factions do their futile jousting in Hauppauge and Riverhead, the absence of leadership has unleashed a third, independent, non-elected and seemingly uncontrollable power growing cancerously in Yaphank.

Accountable to no one, Rudy Kammerer, the public works commissioner, thumbs his nose at Klein's attempt to take over DPW's property acquisition and transportation powers and put them under the county executive.

He also has legislators fawning and licking his boots, hoping to get favorite pork barrel projects accomplished.

A powerful ally of Brookhaven's

Richard D. Zeidler, Kammerer is Medford Fats' last vestige of power on the county level after two successive losses at the polls.

Most importantly, however, Ruthless Rudy doesn't give two damns about the people who foot the bills -- us, the taxpayers.

Not too long ago community residents, the legislature and the executive all tried to halt the widening of Northville Turnpike, because it served no need with a four-lane divided highway under construction less than a mile away.

Who was ready to pave away, blithely ignoring the public outrage?

That's right -- Ruthless Rudy, the one who can be trusted least of all, and must be dismantled for good.

In the best of times, with good men running the legislature, we'd call for the DPW to be under the new Real Property and Transportation Departments and they, in turn, be controlled directly by the legislature.

But we are left with a mediocre legislature, unable to button its own britches, and unwilling to take a leadership role in stripping Kammerer of his powers.

While still fearing Klein's tendency to become too big for his pantaloons, we cautiously favor his proposal to make the DPW a people-serving department under his control.

We only hope that the legislature's inherent distrust of the county executive and the control over the purse strings will keep Klein from taking Kammerer's place. And why not?

We desperately hope Ford's trust-busting has only started and will be followed by attacks on the oil and sugar cartels which have the public in a stranglehold.

Free and open competition is the heart and soul of the free enterprise system. When monopolistic factions are created, they are skin to full socialism with its high costs and poor service. And why not?

Happy Thanksgiving

All of us here at Suffolk Life take this opportunity to wish our readers and our customers a Happy Thanksgiving.

We have to much to be thankful for individually and as a community. Our economy here on the East End is still strong and there are jobs for most people who desire to work. We have had no health epidemics. Even Mother Nature has been kind to us -- we have enjoyed a really mild winter, warm spring, beautiful summer, and a sensational fall. No blizzards - no hurricanes - no floods - and no droughts. Our resort industry enjoyed one of the most profitable years in history. Our farmers' fields yielded an abundant harvest.

We here at Suffolk Life have had a successful year, and for this we must be thankful to you, our readers, for responding so well to our advertisers' message, for remembering to "say you saw it in Suffolk Life". We can't thank you enough for this.

This Thanksgiving, when you sit down to your traditional Thanksgiving feast, we hope that each of you reflects upon the fortunes that have been yours, and thank the power that is stronger than you for His blessings. And why not?

Ma Bell Gets Busted

That little old lady who has greedily ripped you off for all these years while you just sat there and paid is finally getting hers.

Ma Bell, as she is affectionately known, American Telephone and Telegraph on the stock tickers, has been served with papers by the Justice Department charging violations of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

Reversing the buddy-buddy relations with big business during the Nixon Administration years, the Justice Department, by direction from President Ford, is attempting to break apart the telephone company, the nation's largest single industry.

While admitting they are a monopoly, telephone company officials use scare tactics predicting service will deteriorate and rates will rise if the government's trust-busting is successful.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Presently telephone company subsidiaries make all phone equipment and all but force customers to pay outrageous, unending and ever-increasing rental prices for their use.

You can't buy the equipment even if you want to, reflecting the dowager's arrogant attitude: "We're the only game in town".

Not only that, but service from this monolithic communications network has steadily gone downhill in recent years.

It will take from three to ten years to complete the suit and we hope it will end in a break up of Ma's monopoly.


The result we see is a more diversified communications industry, egged on by competition, with better service and lower costs for the customer. It has to be that way, if the free enterprise system we were all raised on and believe in, really works.

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