



SUPPORT THE RESIDENCY LAW

We congratulate Supervisor Vojvoda on his one year residency requirement in order to receive welfare payments. The welfare budget has been going up and up each year and so have our taxes. The average hard working citizen is being taxed right on to poverty row due to such spiraling county, state, and federal budgets. Welfare should be supplementary and temporary; not a lifetime dole. Some families have been on relief for generations with no sign of future improvement. Are we really helping these people by paying them to remain unemployed, unambitious, and indigent? Our whole Welfare system is in desperate need of revamping and reevaluation. Under the present set-up we don't give supplementary financial aid which many hard working families are in dire need of. Relief only goes to those who are completely jobless whether they are capable of work or not. Because our state has a non-residency law, many come just to get on welfare. Supervisor Vojvoda cited six families with 39 children who are receiving \$1,500 a week. They recently came from the South where some had jobs. That \$1,500 comes from our taxes and our taxes are taking a bigger slice of each pay check every year. In middle income families, both husband and wife have to work to make ends meet. In other cases the husband is holding down two or three positions in order to cope with his financial obligations.

Welfare should provide supplementary monies to families that need it and total relief to a few but certainly not to the growing numbers that could better themselves through work and the industrious use of our free educational system. We must stop supporting a welfare system that is mushrooming way out of proportion in cost and negative results. And Why Not?

ELECTION 1965

East Hampton is well known as a stronghold of conservative Republicanism. However, most of us did not realize that the Democratic Party was so weak that it could not conjure up a complete slate of candidates. They have no one to oppose Supervisor Eddie Ecker in his bid for reelection. We know Mr. Ecker is a very strong Republican candidate but surely there should have been some Democrat zealous enough to oppose. Good government needs healthy competition between our two great parties to make it better government whether it be on the national or local level. Eddie Ecker has done a tremendous job in East Hampton, one of the most beautiful and progressive towns on Long Island; however,

no one is perfect and should go unchallenged in Election Year.

These vacancies on Row B are a disgrace and very detrimental to sound government. The Democratic Party of East Hampton and other eastern towns needs the impetus of good leadership, money, and organization to build it into a strong, competitive political party. Only when two healthy parties battle it out are the issues aired and the incumbents held accountable for their actions. We sincerely hope that such a time is coming for Eastern Long Island. The American way of life is built on effective competition and our area desperately needs this dynamic catalyst to propel us into a prosperous future. And Why Not?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

October 1, 1965

Dear Dave:

This refers to your editorial of September 22nd relating to the New York sales tax which became effective August 1, 1965.

I have never believed in the sales tax as an ideal revenue source and would never have accepted it if the first Democrat-controlled Legislature in thirty years had offered any reasonable alternatives.

In spite of Democrat protestations, the fact remains that they controlled every Assembly committee including the Ways and Means Committee which approved the sales tax and sent it to the floor. This committee allowed no alternative plan to be voted upon. The Democrats provided the majority of the votes for passage of the sales tax into law. The deciding individual vote for the bill was that of the Democrat Majority Leader. Incidentally, one of my opponents has wrongly charged

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LONGER SCHOOL YEAR.

There was a news story from the State Education Department last week that reported on lengthening the school term. Syosset, Commack, Hornell, and Cato-Meridian (near Syracuse) are already experimenting with longer school sessions with no ill effects such as student fatigue. In fact teachers are happy to receive extra pay for longer hours. This study was started on instructions from the 1963 State Legislature in hopes of finding an answer to the rising cost of education. So far the only complaints have come from resort businesses who feel that a longer school year will hurt their pocketbooks.

SUFFOLK LIFE thinks it's a terrific idea and hopes a longer school session will become a reality throughout the State and Country. Such a system will shorten elementary and high school by one or two years. In a few years that would mean less children would be attending school at the same time. The State, alone, would save millions of dollars on construction and extra teachers. The approximate 10 percent increase in teachers pay for a longer session is much less than would be paid out for many new teachers to staff bigger and more schools. Higher salaries and a year round job should enhance the quality of teachers and administrative staff. Expensive school buildings would no longer be idle for almost three months of the year. Pupils would still have a vacation. Under the various longer school term plans under consideration, vacations would be cut from the present eleven to twelve weeks to about a month. School days during the summer would delete unnecessary activities such as study halls and extracurricula pursuits.

Eastern Long Island has yet to be hit by fantastically rising school taxes that have been sweeping Western Suffolk and Nassau for the past decade. However, the population boom will rush over us soon enough and so will the huge taxes. Our educational system has needed revamping for a long time to keep pace with our growing nation.

A college diploma today is the equivalent of a high school diploma twenty years ago. More and more advanced learning is necessary to keep pace with the times. Why shouldn't we shorten the years needed to complete elementary, high school, and college?

Let's support a longer school term so that taxes can be minimized; out teachers and administrative staff can be paid better salaries; and the years needed to complete elementary, high school, and college can be cut. And Why Not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs:

After Mr. Duryea's letter of last week in defense of his vote for the sales tax, the voters of the District should find the following report of the day the Assembly approved the Sales Tax which appeared in the April 18th, 1965 column of John M. Greene of the Long Island Daily Press Albany Bureau rather important to them.

"The Assembly coup on Gov. Rockefeller's 2 per cent sales tax bill that sped it into the law of the state was one of the cleverest in recent legislative history.

The execution was days in the making. At least 76 of those 150 members of the Assembly had to be persuaded to go along with the levy."...

"Assembly speaker Anthony Travia did a bit of arm twisting in the palatial suite he inherited from Joseph F. Carlino, of Long Beach who was speaker last year. Assembly Majority Leader Moses M. Weinstein of Kew Gardens Hills fast-talked other Democrats to go along.

Meanwhile, Assembly Minority leader George L. Ingalls was working on reluctant Republicans in his ample quarters. So were Assemblymen Perry Duryea of Montauk, Chairman of the Republican Assembly Conference and A. Bruce Manley, The Republican Whip"

"The roll call was tense. Speaker Travia and Majority Leader Weinstein had the lists of the 'ayes' in front of them. So did Minority Leader Ingalls and Assemblymen Duryea and Manley.

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THE TIDE IS TURNING

Repeal of section 14B of the Taft Hartley Act was passed by the House of Representatives but has been stopped in the Senate under the leadership of Everett Dirksen. There is serious doubt that repeal of Section 14B would even pass the House next session during election year. Most Americans are against wiping away the right to work laws that exist in some states and against a law that would forever prevent any other state from passing right to work laws. We must never be forced to be union in order to work. Only when unions are made up of voluntary members are they part of the American way of life. Compulsory unionism has not even been good for the unions. Now it must woo its members with benefits and sound leadership. If a worker had to be union he would have no recourse to correct unsatisfactory union conditions. His dues would be paid and he would be another cog in the gigantic labor movement. Unions have done a great deal to protect and advance the rights of the individual laborer. Repeal of Section 14B would not protect rights but destroy them. We think that time will prove that Everett Dirksen and his forces protected the rights of every working man. No law should ever be passed that will deny a man of his right to work in this great country of ours. And Why Not?

SECESSION

It now seems certain that our County Board of Supervisors will be changed to insure representation based on population. This move while guaranteeing the rights of the many in Western Suffolk will almost negate the rights of the few who live in Eastern Suffolk. Secession of Eastern Suffolk would be unfeasible economically and politically but something must be done to protect our future. An area will be powerless to determine its own fate. We will virtually have taxation without representation.

The only fair, adequate County Government must be shaped on representation based on population and locale — a joint legislature. We earnestly hope that Eastern Suffolk's leaders will work hard to insure the rights of their constituents. A joint legislature is the only way to insure a prosperous and responsible future for all Suffolk residents. SUFFOLK LIFE urges every reader to make sure the candidate of his choice is cogni-

zant of the County Board problem and is going to do something about it. And Why Not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



October 15, 1965

Dear Dave:

This refers to the letters to the editor in last week's issue written by and in behalf of my opponents.

One attempted to make a great point of the John Greene column of April 18, 1965. In doing so, he points up the basic fact continually stressed by the Republicans. It is that the Democrats in New York State, in complete control of both houses of the Legislature and in control of the Assembly committee handling the budget by the ratio of 11 men to 4, allowed no alternative to the sales tax to be voted upon. The choice given by the Democrat leadership to every member of the Legislature was a budget with a sales tax or economic chaos in our state.

Even this choice was not offered until democrats caused New York State employees to be paid in fake money, school districts delayed in receipt of aid funds and the great Empire State ready to default on its obligations. This performance was not unique. A democrat Governor named Soapy Williams allowed Michigan to reach the same point a few years ago.

The individual who asks why Republicans did not offer alternatives should acquaint himself with the legislative process. The Democrat leaders allowed no member of the Republican minority this opportunity. They were similarly high-handed in the treatment of our bills which were designed to

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dustrious and imaginative full time Supervisor. He pledges to continue fighting to make Riverhead a better Town to live in. We have no doubt he will do just that.

Pat Torney has good motives but she doesn't seem to understand how to control Riverhead's growth. Her go-slow attitude towards industry would wreck whatever progress is being made to attract the right kind of industry. We don't want to end up like some western Suffolk towns with deserted Main Streets and unattractive factories. Riverhead is the hub of Eastern Long Island. How can the center of the fastest growing area around Metropolitan New York grow prosperously if we aren't governed by a Supervisor who recognizes our problems. Riverhead needs an able and experienced Town leader in the crucial years ahead. Robert Vojvoda has been a good Supervisor. He will be an experienced and effective Supervisor - progressive but with a realistic approach to today's problems. We hope you will join with us in voting for Supervisor Robert Vojvoda on election

SOUTHAMPTON NEEDS HELP

Southampton's three way race offers little hope for the voters. Each candidate's platform has definite weaknesses and shortcomings.

Edward Brennan, the Conservative candidate, is experienced in business, government, and holds a distinguished military record. He is a former Trustee and Village Mayor. He was instrumental in bringing Southampton College to the area. Mr. Brennan's platform is excellent with one exception; his stand against the Long Island - New England Bridge. He has the understanding and many of the solutions to the problems facing Southampton, but we feel that his stand against the bridge would be detrimental to Eastern Long Island's progress in the future.

The Republican candidate for office is Robert Cameron, mayor of the Village, and head of a large plumbing and heating business. SUFFOLK LIFE feels that Robert Cameron offers absolutely no change from the policies of Supervisor Meschutt who has governed Southampton for 16 years. Times are changing rapidly and Southampton Town administration needs a fresh, capable force to help it cope with today's problems.

McGowan, the Democratic candidate, is a little too new to Eastern Long Island to be fully cognizant of the problems we face. So far his campaign has been built on repeal of the sales tax which has nothing to do with Town government and opposition to the jet port which has already been decided against by the Federal Aviation Administration.

We can not endorse any candidate for Southampton Town, because not one of them is fully cognizant of the current problems facing Southampton Town.

RETURN ALBERTSON AS SOUTHDOLD'S SUPERVISOR

Two years ago, we supported the Democratic candidate for Supervisor against Lester Albertson. We felt his opponent offered a better program for coping with Southhold's current problems and its future needs. This year we endorse Supervisor Albertson. During this past term of office he has shown foresight and ingenuity by having a master plan drawn up. No town can grow progressively without a master plan to encourage industrial development while retaining its natural beauty and charm. Lester Albertson has shown vision in his decisions on the County Board. His platform shows confidence and intelligent planning for the North Fork's future.

Pat Gorman, the Democratic candidate for Supervisor, has worked hard to keep his party alive in Southhold. He has the will but not the way. He lacks experience in town and county government, and has not developed a progressive platform that could warrant our endorsement.

SUFFOLK NEEDS GRIFFING

Perhaps, the most important contribution Shelter Island has made to Suffolk County is Steve Griffing. He is the presiding officer of the Board of Supervisors and the watch dog of our public

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REPEAL THE SALES TAX

The Sales Tax was proposed by the liberal Rockefeller Republicans led by Perry Duryea. The Democrats propose to repeal this tax and substitute other taxes.

ARNOLD BAYLEY

has shown how to reduce the budget by \$567 million, eliminating the need for any sales tax Without Eliminating Necessary Services.



“The time has come for Republicans and Democrats to abandon Party labels and vote for principles, integrity, and honesty; and return to a government of

FISCAL SANITY VOTE ROW “D” CONSERVATIVE

The “grass roots” response to our campaign for funds and volunteers has been overwhelming. The Committee would like to thank all those who have been so generous in their support.

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monies. Griffing is objective enough to look into all sides of the question. However, his conservative fiscal philosophy effectively stops any wild spending ideas that may come up before the Board. We congratulate the Democrats of Shelter Island on finding a candidate to oppose Griffing. It must have been very difficult in such a Republican stronghold. Marvin Nevel, the Democratic candidate for Supervisor, has run a good campaign; he has raised many issues that should be looked into.

However, Griffing is too valuable a man not to return to office and the residents of Shelter Island seem to be completely satisfied with his administration. SUFFOLK LIFE endorses Steve Griffing for Shelter Island Supervisor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



October 18, 1965

Dear Mr. Willmott:

New York State spends 27% more, for education, per pupil than any other state and yet the quality of education in New York is not 1% superior.

This inefficiency and waste is caused by what is called "state aid to education", a program that taxes us heavily on real estate and income, and then returns part of our money to us. IF we follow the recommendations of the Commissioner of Education and the Department of Education.

We taxpayers are being "bribed" by our own dollars to enter into unnecessary and unrealistic programs we do not want. And to boot, we have the control of our educational system in the hands of the faraway offices of the Commissioner of Education who need not be responsive to the people since he has a lifetime appointment to his position. We are all aware of the dangers of state-controlled education as it is in communist and socialist countries. Why have it here?

Ironically, the money that is WASTED on education alone is in excess of the revenue of the State Sales Tax. Eliminate the waste and you could eliminate the tax.

The Conservative Party candidates are the only candidates dedicated to the elimination of this so called "state aid (?) and the reduction of the dictatorial powers of the Commissioner of Education.

Sincerely yours,
John J. Siegmund

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