

Willmott's and Why-Not's

By David J. Willmott, Editor

Transportation Bond Issue - Again

We still have over twenty-five years to go to pay back the five billion dollars we authorized the MTA to borrow five years ago. These monies, according to the Governor, we're going to solve all of our transportation woes from then to eternity. Now, five years later, the governor is on the campaign trail to sell the voters on authorizing another FIVE BILLION DOLLARS OF OBLIGATION PLUS INTEREST.

We are all for transportation. We know that we must build new and better roads, improve our airport facilities and provide high-speed rail service. The fact remains that millions of people have to get around all at the same time. Very few of us don't use some means of modern transportation. For this reason it is hard to be against something that promises improved transportation facilities. Let's look at some of the issues pertaining to this new bond issue.

First of all, we were told that the original bond issue would cure all of our ills. It didn't. With untold millions spent so far there has been little noticeable improvement in any one segment of our transportation. Secondly, this money is controlled by an authority that is not answerable to the people. Its head, William Ronan, whom we feel is an incompetent, is appointed for five years and can't be removed from office through any channel open to the public. We are committing our credit, and our children's credit, to a stranger whom we have absolutely no control over. Thirdly, we have delegated responsibility to an authority which has sole control over projects it might wish to involve itself in within our own backyards. To name a few: jetports, deep sea ports, major highways and expressways, railway rights-of-way and rail service, and other means of transportation. We have put billions of dollars in the hands of an authority which can come into your area and build whatever it sees fit without regard to public opinion, zoning or master plans.

If this authority sees fit to build a jetport here it can and will do so no matter how we protest. If it decides to extend a ten-lane highway along the spine of the north and south forks it can do so regardless of public need or

opinion. If the MTA decides that a bridge is feasible across L.I. Sound or to Shelter Island, it has the power of eminent domain and the money to accomplish both.

Suffolk Life feels that as each of these projects come up they should be acted upon independently. We should not give blind authorization to an uncontrollable agency. This is what we are doing when we pass a bond issue of this nature. We urge all voters to go to the polls this November and reject this kind of ill-conceived planning and projects. And why not?

Paid Political Ad

This past week on Roanoke Avenue in Riverhead, near the town hall area, we noticed unusual pre-election activity. The road was being resurfaced.

What was new was a billboard (illegal in that area) otherwise known as a construction sign, announcing that our tax dollars were at work. Right on the billboard, big, bold and outstanding, was the name of the chairman of the board - not the county's leading official but the name of his twin. This struck us as a bit odd, but a little deduction does tell you that since the leading executive is not running for re-election, his heir apparent, John V. N. Klein, chairman of the County Board, is trying to get a little political propaganda mileage with his name up there as the doer of good public works.

This is not how we like to see our tax dollars working. This is a waste of our hard-earned money. It's fine for this candidate to run for election. He might just be the best man, but it is presumptuous of him to make all of the taxpayers pay to have his name broadcast over our highways. He is going too far.

He is not the only one guilty of this. In an age, when people are anti-sign, we see these officials painting their names on everything they can. Every litter basket, every highway truck, every beach, recreation facility and public property spells out the name of the Mr. Goodguy who is spending all our money. If we must endure this political graffiti, which assails us at every turn, we might suggest that these politicians be given a bill for this valuable advertising space. Then it will be interesting to see how fast they are with putting their names on everything. When the payment is coming out of their pockets instead of

ours, we believe they won't quite see the need to be identified as they do now.

To paint all these signs costs money. They do nothing to aid the betterment of the scenery or the project; they only give free advertising to the incumbents at our expense. The practice is wrong and should be banned; there is no excuse for it. And why not?

Gerrymandered Districts

Last week, when we were in the process of writing to invite the various political candidates for the legislature to our offices for interviews, we began to realize just how badly the districts had been gerrymandered.

Gerrymandering is a system by which incumbent political parties, when the law requires they realign voting districts, do so in such a manner to give themselves the maximum political advantage. This is part of the spoils system, and there is nothing wrong with it unless it affects the people.

The way the present county legislature has cut up the districts does, indeed, affect the people quite adversely. Few people even know what district they belong to or who their legislator is. In forthcoming issues of Suffolk Life, as an election service, we will print maps of the legislative districts in the hopes that you can find out in what district you belong. Any why not?



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Enough Is Enough

LILCO has gotten a little greedy. Twice, during the past year, LILCO has been granted electricity rate increases. Now, for the third time in less than a year, it is back again. The first increase added an average of 61 cents to your bill, the second increase 12 cents, and now they want an additional 36 cents. LILCO claims that this money is needed to offset additional construction costs and the cost of taxes.

We think that the Public Service Commission should turn this request down flatly. At a time when we all have had to tighten our belts LILCO seems reluctant to follow suit. They want us to pick up the additional costs of their spending spree.

The cost of construction is their own doing. They began a project in Shoreham which never should have begun until they had received all of the necessary clearances. Without regard for proper procedure, they launched this operation with overzealous confidence. Once well under way they ran into road blocks which were not anticipated - namely public reaction and lawsuits. Because of LILCO's poor judgement, the people they serve should not have to pay for the consequences.

Under the free enterprise system any other business that makes mistakes must pay for them. They use their reserves or eliminate dividends to stockholders. LILCO is a tolerated monopoly with advantages that no other business enjoys. The average citizen should not be made to pay for LILCO's mistakes so that it can declare a dividend.

We recommend that you write to the Public Service Commission NOW and vehemently protest this third rate request in one year. Write now. And why not?

Budget Hearings

Our towns and villages are in the process of presenting their operating budgets for the coming year. Most budget proposals seem to carry some sort of tax increases which is quite unusual for an election year. Traditionally, budgets during election periods generally reflect decreased expenditures or at least an attempt to

hold the line.

We recommend that as many people as possible obtain copies of their town and village budgets and scrutinize them closely. You will probably find items and budgeted expenditures that you feel are unnecessary, and you will have the opportunity to be heard at the budget hearings. If you feel that the budgets are not wholly justified, you can protest, and if you remain unsatisfied you can make your protest felt at the polls in November.

If you are at all concerned about your taxes and how they are spent, take the time to study these budget proposals. If there is anything you don't understand, ask questions. You should be perfectly satisfied with all of the aspects of these proposals for spending or they should not be passed.

This is a real chance to become involved in your government; don't let it pass you by. And why not?

A Great Idea

With George Hubbard, Mayor of Greenport at the helm, this dormant village seems to have come alive during the last six months. First there was the proposal for a freight port that brought people out and created a good deal of controversy. Recovering from the wounds of public opposition, the town has moved headlong into its second proposal for an Aquaseum - combining a gigantic aquarium and oceanographic museum. This should be both a popular and successful project.

We are sure that this proposal will do much to stimulate the economy year-round. One only has to go to the rather small aquarium in Brooklyn in the middle of February where mobs of people attest to the popularity of this type of project. Having personally observed the public enthusiasm for the Brooklyn facility, we are sure that the Greenport proposal is both imaginative and well within the realm of possibility.

At the moment the Aquaseum is still in planning stages, but, as the plans unfold, we will bring you further details. In the meantime, we congratulate Dr. John Hansen of Eastern Long Island Hospital in Greenport who conceived the idea and the Greenport Rotary Club which is backing the idea enthusiastically. We think it's a great idea. And why not?


Badly Hurt

As predicted, both business people and the communities-at-large on both sides of the recently closed Hampton Bays bridge have been hurt badly. A new bridge, in the process of being built, is as much as two years away from completion.

The old bridge has been in a state of disrepair for a number of years. Last year its traffic was limited to normal passenger vehicles; trucks were forced to use the by-pass bridge. Four weeks ago a noticeable crack in an abutment forced the closing of the bridge to all traffic, and this, of course, is the way it should be as long as a question of safety exists.

According to Micky Altenkirch, chairman of the "Open the Bridge Committee," the contractor on the new bridge has told him that he could have the old bridge repaired and reopened in a short time if allowed to by the county. The county, in the meantime, is twiddling its thumbs on this project and has ordered a committee to investigate. This is a typical stalling technique used to kill off controversial projects.

If the old bridge can be repaired quickly, at the reasonable sum of money rumored, it should be done immediately. Not only are the business interests of the community being hurt, but also the safety and general welfare of the community seriously impaired. The county owes it to the people of Hampton Bays and the Shinnecock area to get off its dead butt and move swiftly on this situation. We are sure that emergency funds can be found to accomplish the repairs quickly. Do it now! And why not?



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Our Endorsements

Next week we present to the voters our endorsements of the various candidates. The candidates have been interviewed by David Willmott, Tim Stalker and George Valyo. When interviewing the candidates we tried to take the position of a personnel office charged with the responsibility of hiring people who, we felt, could best run a business of the size and complexity of our local and county governments. We placed ourselves in the position of an elder son, who has a job away from home, charged with finding someone to take over and run the family business in the manner that our father had conducted it in the past. Not only would the business have to be run smoothly but it would have to produce the income to support our mother and the remaining children at home. A major consideration in our choice of leader is the fact that this business was facing heavy competition and had to change to meet the needs of growing technology.

In the second place we were looking for a person of integrity, like our father, who had the ability to take nothing and build it into something - a man who not only looked out for his own interests, but those of his family and his employees; a man who was scrupulously honest, hard-working, imaginative and possessed fairness and moral integrity. We were looking for both the very obvious and the hidden qualities and weaknesses in a person. In many cases our judgement was based not only on the answers the person gave but on the way he answered our questions.

We ran up against some people who were totally unqualified for the office they are seeking, and, in a few rare instances, we found people who we know will go on to bigger and better things.

At this point, as we are formulating answers to our own questions, we wish we could just take the easy way out and endorse a full party line. We could write an editorial about how wonderful that party is and how it only attracts the best qualified candidates. We could say that the party's leaders had carefully screened their candidates, so if you want to go through the formality of voting for them you can do so with confidence.

When you look at it the way we have looked at it this is not possible. There are some candidates we would not trust with Mom's inheritance, and

this, in reality, is what we are charged with.

Next week we will present our findings. They will not have been made lightly. And why not?

Where Will The Birds Go?

We were in a bit of a reflective mood the other night and found ourselves at the river's edge at twilight. As we have, for several decades, we watched hundreds of thousands of starlings homing in on the rushes and cattails that line the river and the tributaries of the Peconic. These birds start together or flock-up in this area during late August, and this mystical pattern goes on till late October and early November when, by some unexplained signal, they take off for their wintering grounds which is reported to be off the Carolinas. This pattern has been repeated for hundreds of years. It seems that this area of meeting has been programmed into their being by some higher force that is not understood.

Starlings are not particularly important birds. They are rather plain. They don't sing very prettily, and man, over the years, has looked with disfavor on them because they eat his grain and dirty his sidewalks and cars if they happen to roost in his area. Reflectively, one wonders what part they play in the Peconic scene. While gathering here in the Fall do they eat and thin out the mosquitos and gnats, thus diminishing the numbers of insects so that they are controlled the following Summer? Are their droppings important in the chain of food provided by the wetlands which are the nurseries for the fish of the sea? What important purpose do they perform in Mother Nature's scheme of things? What part does their annual gathering in this area play in our own existence? These questions and others were brought to mind as we watched the endless stream of starlings home-in on this one simple area.

As we look down the river we realize that with the high value of waterfront property and the building that is going on in the area this place will not remain in its rural state much longer. We wonder where the birds will go. For hundreds of years this has been their Fall gathering area. Their presence has played some unknown part in the chain of things. Where

will the birds go when the rushes and cattails in the meadows are replaced by houses and lawns? What will be missed in Nature's great scheme of things?

We have no answers to these questions, but feel that somehow we will suffer the consequences from upsetting Mother Nature's delicate balance of life. Where will the birds go? And why not?

President's Perogative

We note with interest the wailing and gnashing of teeth of the liberals over the President's choices for the Supreme Court. Naturally, his choices will be more conservative than those the liberals would like to see in office. In the past, when a President made his suggestions, and after they had been cleared by the bar association and other organizations, they were confirmed by the Senate pretty routinely.

In the last presidential race it was foremost in many people's minds that they would not only be electing a President but would also be determining the caliber of person who would be sitting on the Supreme Court. In that election the voters had three choices: Wallace, a radical extremist of the right wing; Humphrey, a radical extremist on the left, and then they had Nixon, a conservative, middle-of-the-roader. Many people were not only fed up with the present Supreme Court and it's liberal interpretation of the Constitution but also with the rewriting of basic laws without benefit of amendments of the Constitution.

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Colonial Period
Cabinet**
Was \$26.95 **\$13.50**

**Colonial Dough
Box**
Was \$22.95 **\$11.95**

**Wood Folding
Chairs**
Were \$7.95 **\$1.98**

**33x60x16
Triple Dresser**
9 drawers, solid pine, was \$109.95 **69.88**
Closeout

**61" Mr. & Mrs.
Chest**
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Closeout

**Heavy 2" Pine
Captain Chairs**
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Closeout

**60" Dropleaf
Harvest Table**
w/2 9" drop
leaves Was \$59.95 **34.88**
Closeout

**Swivel Bar Stools
With Upholstered
Seats**
Were \$21.95 **\$9.95**

**54x30x31
Oblong Parsons
Table**
Was \$29.95 **29.88**
Closeout

**Brigadier
Captains Chair**
Was \$24.95 **9.88**
Closeout

**Hardwood
Mates Chairs**
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Closeout

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smooth working of this supposedly foolproof system. It simply failed to instruct the Post Office to return undeliverable postcards.

This failure has bothered my colleagues and me for some time. This week the Suffolk County League of Women Voters finally blew the whistle on the Board of Elections for this illegality - and for this I am deeply grateful. But neither the County Legislature nor the Board of Elections has made any statement indicating they intend to correct this illegality before Election Day.

Today I am asking the Board of Elections to take action immediately to send out new cards - stamped "Do Not Forward - Return within 5 days if Undeliverable" - to all registered voters in the county, and to see that all returned cards are delivered to appropriate elections districts before Election Day.

Whether the Election Commissioners or the County pays for this additional expense can be decided in court later. The important thing is that the project be initiated immediately to insure an honest election on November 2. If this is not done, who knows how many people will vote from the graveyard this year? The legality of the entire election could be in doubt for many months.

**Theodore Hulse
Westhampton Beach**

Dear Mr. Willmott:
Please accept my belated congratulations on the Tenth anniversary of your wonderful paper which has been the only true voice of the majority of people who love the "East End" regardless of what a lot of politicians may think. May God only give you the strength and will to continue this for a long time to come.

Progress is inevitable and desirable but not when it produces ultimate destruction and is not the wish of the majority of the people of the area. Too many of our politicians refuse to understand this and it's about time that the majority of people become more demanding of their legislators and see to it that the proper laws are put into effect that would not let the politicians act on their own unimportant issues.

I for one am thoroughly in agreement with your position with respect to Gardiner's Island remaining in the hands of the Gardiner family regardless of Mr. Otis Pike's feeling and I most certainly will write to Congressman Wayne W. Aspinall, Chairman of the Committee of Interior and Insular Affairs voicing my opinion.

**Sincerely,
Raymond Engels**

My dear Mr. Willmott:
I cannot tell you how thrilled the members of our unit are with the wonderful write-up that you gave us in your newspaper.

Our tournament was a great success and we cleared over \$1,000.00. In fact, we were so elated that we made reservations for next year, September 13, 1972, to be exact.

We do so appreciate your cooperation in helping us to promote this event and we feel that with the boost you gave us on your front page we are well on our way to a successful tournament next year.

**Sincerely,
Shirley Pliet President**

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EDITORIAL — from page 3

The widespread desire for a more conservative court was one of the major factors in Nixon's election.

The liberals also realized this, and when their man lost, they decided to do all that they could to discredit anyone who presented a middle-of-the-road or more conservative image. As Nixon has presented strict constitutionalists to the public, the liberal columnists and members of government have attempted to drag up anything and everything that they felt might discredit these Supreme Court nominees in the public's mind. This past week we have been offered a barrage of opinions by these people.

What they all seem to forget is that the people did not so much elect Nixon for himself but for the power that would be his to reconstruct the Supreme Court with people who would interpret the laws of the land as they were intended to be. His court nominations would be able to withstand the public's close scrutiny, but one gets the feeling that the sore liberal losers are trying too hard. When you attack an attorney for defending certain types of clients you are actually attacking our whole court system. You are saying that, before a lawyer takes a case he should first judge the person or the case himself. This, of course, is not only unfair but

unconstitutional as people, under our system of law, are innocent until proven guilty. It doesn't seem to matter to the liberals what is constitutional or unconstitutional as long as their ends are served.

Personally, we want to see the Supreme Court interpret cases along strict constitutional lines and leave the law-making up to the legislative branch of the government. This is the way our government was intended to be run, and, we believe, this is the way our President is trying to make it work. On this issue we support him. And why not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

...Open letter to all voters:
Casting votes for people in the graveyard or people who have moved away from the town or their election district was a cute trick of unethical professional politicians for many years.

But when New York initiated permanent personal registration, this was supposed to make the practice absolutely impossible in the state any longer. The Board of Elections was required to send postcards to all registered voters before election, with instructions on the cards to the Post Office to return the cards to the Elections Board if the addressees had died or moved.

But this year the Suffolk County Board of Elections, which incidentally has no representative of the Conservative Party on it, either intentionally or unintentionally found a way to circumvent the

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 honesty. You don't know what to believe from Klein. As businessmen, we would never hire anyone we did not trust implicitly to run the company store. Klein has the answers, but believing him is where we part company.

Mike Graziano, the Liberal Party candidate and a self-admitted graduate of the school of hard knocks, sells himself too short as a perennial political loser. We found him to be a deep thinking diamond-in-the-rough type candidate with working answers to many of the major problems facing Suffolk now and in the future. To his disadvantage and the voters, however, Graziano gave his concession speech several times during our interview with him, allowing those listening little doubt that he doesn't have a prayer in a million of winning. This is a straightforward, honest, practical reaction -- we have no doubt -- but scarcely fodder for a position demanding the complete confidence in self necessary to fill the office for which he's nominated. While it became obvious during the course of the interview with this extremely likeable man that we could not endorse his negative approach to the election, it became equally as obvious that Suffolk County needs this man now and in its future somewhere in the field of politics and sensible planning. It is our hope the basic defeatism will somehow disappear in the future, and a more positive Mike Graziano will emerge. Suffolk County needs such minds and such men.

Bill Bianchi ran two years ago for a spot on the county legislature. We stated at that time that he was the best of the lot we had to pick from. He lost, but ran well and since that time he has matured and is now an even more presentable candidate. He is better informed and more conscious of the issues. He is also intelligent and dynamic and possesses many characteristics of leadership that a county executive should have. His only weaknesses are that he has no governmental experience and that he bends quite far to the liberal side of the Democratic Party. We have had liberal leadership with Denison for twelve years too long. We are tired of having the people's rights usurped by politicians who feel they know better what the people want than the people. We see this same characteristic in Bianchi. We do believe he would listen to the people, but in the long run, we feel he would act according to his own philosophy. Suffolk County can not afford this kind of leadership now.

Merz was one of the last candidates we interviewed. This placed him at somewhat of a disadvantage as at this point we were tired and bored. Our only look at Merz up to this point had been our observations of him on the county board. For some reason, we expected more of a dynamic personality to be sitting across from us in the interview. First impressions were of a rather weak and tired man, more of the stereotyped bookkeeper who had spent his life in a 5 x 9 office, too timid to venture into the outside world. He rapidly led us to respect him.

Merz, like Klein, had answers for everything. The difference was that Merz's answers had been developed by thought and reasoning rather than by acceptance. Below the surface, you find a very deep and vivacious individual; one who possesses keen reasoning powers. His humility and understanding of human needs are pronounced.

Comparing Merz and Klein on some of the issues may let you see how we arrived at our decision.

On Peconic County, Klein says the people do not know what they are talking about, that he knows the county should remain one and for that reason, he will not allow it to be split. The people's right to decide has little bearing on Klein. Merz says he doesn't think it is a good idea, but if this is what the people want and they understand what it will cost, then he will observe their will.

On sewers, Klein stands blindly behind the present proposition. You feel he is not willing to investigate any other system other than the present one, basically the same one the Romans were using two thousand years ago. He gives you the feeling

that he is not aware of the impact this project will have on the environment. To him, this is not an issue. Merz, on the other hand, is not totally satisfied with this project. He feels that placing a tax burden of \$8,000 on every household in the district is idiotic; that a better system must be found. He recognizes that sewers of some type are needed, but is not ready to go blindly ahead with this project. At the time of the interview, he was investigating another system that he feels might prove less expensive and not ruinous to the ecology. When pressed to elaborate, he frankly tells you he still has a few other facts that must be verified before he is willing to say more about it. He says this, even though it would be to his advantage at the time to get out on a limb and come up with an alternate solution.

Klein's biggest weakness is his stand on welfare. He says that at the present rate the county will be bankrupt in two years and will only be able to afford welfare and police services. He is all for transferring the cost to the federal government. In other words, this is taking the same money out of your pocket in a different way. Upon closer questioning, he gives you the feeling that within a very short time after the federal government took over he would find additional county projects and you would then be taxed for both welfare and his new projects. To us, he is clouding the welfare tax problem by shifting it to the federal government. You have to wonder about this man when you consider that, as chairman of the county, it was he who put a former male nurse in charge of a branch of government that eats up more than half of your county tax dollars. This welfare department needs a shrewd professional, preferably one with heavy business experience, at its head. Klein has failed to do this and there is no evidence that he will be less subject and susceptible to political pressure in the future. Merz, on the other hand, recognizes the need for a legitimate welfare department. He believes it can best be controlled locally by sharp professionals who are business oriented and able to get a maximum return for each and every tax dollar. He feels the welfare department has become too top-heavy with administrative personnel; that social workers are being instructed to work in a manner that is wasting their time and costing the system untold millions in non-productive dollars.

As we said earlier, we were not impressed the first few minutes with Merz. The feeling we had about him as a person by the end of the interview could not be brought home easily. What it amounts to is that Fred Merz is a real person. He will bring positive leadership to this county, free of political domination. The people will have a leader they can trust and have faith in. We have been strongly motivated by this man to support him and we urge you to do the same. He is without a doubt the best of the four candidates running for county executive. He deserves to be elected by a large margin. And Why Not?

ruining and bankrupting every village, town and county in the state. It is a blatant attempt to take all power away from the people.

The amendment misleadingly called "Community Development" should be called "Community Ruination." In effect this legislation establishes a master government out of control of the people which would be paid for by the people in two ways. It sets up the mechanics for the funding of projects through revenue bonds and general obligation bonds, which is just another way of saying through direct taxation and useage fees. The communities will also pay for the cost of this operation through the fact that the amendment will allow the development corporation to grant up to sixty years of tax relief for projects it gets itself involved in. This only means that the taxpayers years hence will have to foot the bill for projects now.

This bill would in scope allow an agency or authority to become involved in just about any kind of community development. While this bill is presented to the public to accomplish housing development it is, in fact, an all-encompassing project whose scope is totally frightening. We hope that the voters will turn this down by a very large margin. The legislature that passed this must be given a very strong and loud message. Vote "No" on Community Development. And why not?

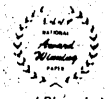
Vote "NO!" Bond Issue

Five years ago we urged that the voters turn down the transportation bond issue. We felt then as we still do, that placing this much money in the hands of a non-public controlled authority is suicidal. We were not far from wrong. The bond issue that was supposed to cure all of our ills for years to come has depleted its funds and is now broke. Now, only five years later, they are back again demanding that the voters put themselves in

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Vote "NO!" Community Development Amendment

This coming Tuesday the voters will be asked to approve an amendment of the state constitution that is absolutely frightening in scope. It is called Amendment One. This amendment has the capability of totally



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hock for an additional 2 1/2 billion dollars plus interest to accomplish vague and unexplained plans. Actually, the interest on this amount of money comes to an additional 1 1/2 billion dollars so, in reality, the voters would be committing themselves to close to 4 1/2 billion dollars.

This money was originally supposed to go to capital improvement. Not all of it has. Funds have been juggled to fit the questionable needs of the authority and to solve unsolvable problems - particularly in the area of saving falsely low fares.

New York City, which has been the chief beneficiary of these funds, has made a deal to use the proceeds from this bond issue that will result in keeping the subway fare at its present 30 cent level even though the 30 cent fare doesn't come anywhere near to defraying the costs of operating the subway system. In other words, everyone in the state is being asked to subsidize the subway rider. This is wrong on two counts. First, those using the subway should pay their own way without depending on other state taxpayers; secondly, it is poor economics to go into bonded funding for any other purpose than capital improvements of benefit to all taxpayers.

The kind of fiscal thinking, predominant under the Rockefeller administration, has resulted in the taxpayer not only being nicked more for general needs but to pay back, at interest, monies that have been squandered on questionable projects. The "tomorrow" that the politicians lovingly postpone in their impassioned sales pitches all too often becomes "today" in reality.

The bill in question offers eastern Long Islanders little in the way of benefits except a tremendous indebtedness. Even if we were to

receive tremendous benefits, which we will not, we would be giving up too much in the way of basic freedoms to an uncontrolled authority that is far removed from or responsive to our needs.

We urge the voters to turn this thing down with the strongest possible protest. Vote "No" on the bond issue while you are voting "No" on the Community Development bill. And why not?

Vote "YES"! County Question No. 1

We urge the voters to approve the question on the ballot giving the County Planning Board the right to overrule local board zoning in coastal areas within 500 feet of the shoreline. We have long been an advocate of home-rule, and this bill does not interfere with our feelings because county decisions can be overruled by local boards if that is their wish. If the local board's decision is the popular one, it can overrule the county decision by a majority vote plus one of their membership. The local board thus has the final say in matters pertaining to littoral or wetland areas effectively retaining home-rule sovereignty. Our coastline is too valuable to be subject to quick decisions and political pressures. This bill does make it harder for an unpopular or unwarranted change in zoning to be accomplished. We urge that you vote "Yes" on County Question Number One. And why not?

Endorsement Summary

The following are a summary of Suffolk Life's endorsements:

Supervisor	
Shelter Island	Jernick (R)
Southold	Martocchia (R)
Riverhead	Leonard (D)
East Hampton	Hackett (I)
Southampton	Hulse (C)
Brookhaven	McComb (C)

County Executive
Merz (C)

County Legislature	
1st. - Cummings (D)	3rd. - Baranello (D)
2nd. - Morgan (C)	4th. - Contant (D)
5th. - Hazlitt (R)	

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Dave:

I must take this opportunity to remind Suffolk Life readers of the importance of a "NO" vote on Amendment No. 1.

It's a stacked deck against local communities and every taxpaying citizen;...it couldn't be worse if it were written in the Kremlin. The fact that Perry Duryea has been a driving force as co-sponsor of the Urban Development Corporation should make every voter mad enough to stuff it down his throat with a "NO" vote on election day.

You will not find even a suggestion of what the price tag will be, (it will be in the untold billions) and it features such goodies as, "permitting the U.D.C. unlimited powers to move into any neighborhood and set up any type of program or development it considers necessary." It should also be considered a "sleeper" if the Transportation Bond Issue fails because the T.B.I. could probably be included under the powers of the U.D.C.

All this, and more mind you, without the voters or their elected officials having any say, or control....if it passes. They not only are out to bankrupt New York and drive business and industry out, but they want the public to commit political suicide as well.

Very truly yours,
Seth C. Morgan

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