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David J. Willmott, Editor

Lilco Must Choose: Capitalism Or Socialism

Long Island Lighting Company, a utility and at present a publicly owned corporation, has filed for another rate increase.

The company has petitioned the Public Service Commission to increase its rates another 15 per cent.

If approved, it will cost the average home owner an additional \$43 annually. That's on top of a rate increase granted last January, which increased the average homeowner's utility bill by \$74.

The company justifies the need for this increase on the grounds that it will enable them to build the massive nuclear plants it has planned for Long Island.

In our simplistic knowledge of the corporate structure, we have been taught stockholders and bond purchasers provide funds for expansion and capital improvements in free enterprise.

It is not the customers or the users who provide these funds. They only pay for the services rendered as they are used.

For their risk, stockholders and bond owners share in the profit that is realized from the users being charged for services rendered. Stockholders and bond buyers in a normal free enterprise, receive no guarantee their investment will be secured or will it yield a profit.

In this application LILCO wants the Public Service Commission to allow them to guarantee specific yields and profits by allowing LILCO to raise their rates, charging its customers for this interest and profits prior to the companies earning them.

This is dead wrong in a free enterprise system and violates every economic principle of the capitalistic system.

What LILCO is asking for is "socialistic capitalism."

They want a system funded through increased rates, guaranteed interest and profits from the people. Yet, they still want the investment to be appreciated and to enjoy other profit-making

opportunities of a capitalistic system.

If the people who are the users are forced to guarantee the profits then the people must demand that LILCO go all the way and become socialized, another branch of the government whose sole purpose is to serve the people without producing a profit.

We would not like to see this happen. LILCO should remain a private profit-making operation. It should take care of its own funding through the sale of additional stock and bonds on a risk-profit basis.

If it is able to operate its company efficiently, economically, and produce a product competitively, its share holders will reap the benefits.

If it doesn't, its share holders must assume the loss. This is the risk that you take when you invest in any private enterprise.

The rate increase LILCO is asking for takes the risk out of this investment and guarantees its investors a return they do not deserve. On this basis the rate increase must be turned down. And why not?

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Legal Advertising Is A Rip-Off

Last week, Suffolk Life published a four-page legal ad. We were paid to run this in our newspaper, Suffolk County Life.

We also ran the ad gratis in one of our Islip papers whose geographical area the legal notice specifically pertained to.

The law pertaining to legals mandates the Town of Islip run this notice.

Legal advertising is supposed to be a valid method of conveying governmental information to the public. When this information finally is printed it is normally written in legal gibberish.

The few people who do wade through these legals have difficulty making heads or tails out of them.

Normally the essence of the legal is contained in two or three sentences buried between several hundred lines.

The whole system of legal advertising bothers us. We consider it a waste of taxpayers' money. Legal notices could be shortened substantially and can be made more readable by eliminating a great part of the legal language contained in them.

A summation of the legal should be published giving pertinent information and the location where the full text of the legal notice could be

found. These ads should be published in the media that has the ability to reach the maximum amount of people within a locality to which the ad pertains.

This is not what happens. In many municipalities, legals are published in papers who are friendly to the political power in office.

These often do not have circulation or penetration in the area where people may be concerned about the content of the legal.

People therefore are denied the right to know, thus defeating the whole concept of legal advertising.

Newspapers do not complain about the system because they are enriched by it. At Suffolk Life we do not tolerate any waste in our operation and feel that we should not tolerate any waste in our government that we fund through our taxes.

The method, purpose and the format of legal advertising should and must be reviewed. We encourage our state legislatures, which are responsible for the method of legal advertising, to act during the coming session on this abuse of the public's money.

We hope all newspapers will join us, in supporting a revamping of legal advertising procedures so the public can receive the

maximum amount of information for the tax dollar spent on bringing them this information. And why not?

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LILCO's Greedy Grab

LILCO'S greed reached epic proportions with its demand that commercial summer users continue to pay their exorbitant rates during winter months, while service has been suspended.

We know of no place in the annals of economic history where a free enterprise could force a customer to pay for services they do not receive based upon the service they did receive over a limited period.

If LILCO was not a monopoly and had competition, they would never dare to even suggest such a greedy and immoral tactic.

This demand on our motels and restaurants

will drive many of these businesses to bankruptcy.

Those that survive will have to add these charges to their rates for the coming season, making them uncompetitive with other tourist locations.

It is ironic that LILCO can bring up such a foolhardy proposal at a time when all Americans are being encouraged to conserve energy.

In reality LILCO is forcing peak users to continue to use their large loads of electricity year-round, because they have to pay anyway.

If they are consistent, LILCO will also apply the same principle to individual home owners.

This will level another staggering blow at the East End economics, which relies on thousands of seasonal homes which are only opened during the summer months.

Many owners of these homes could be forced to sell their second residences if the utility cost is imposed on a year-round basis.

Every business has peaks and valleys in its operation, and they must be geared to handle the overloads without penalizing their normal business. This is the economic way of life.

We encourage not only those affected by this latest rate grab, but all the residents of Long Island to vehemently protest this unscrupulous practice.

Write to the Public Service Commission and your state legislators who are suppose to be the overseers of the Public Service Commission. And why not?

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State Capitol Executive Office
Albany, New York 11208

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Secretary
Public Service Commission
44 Holland Avenue
Albany, New York 12208

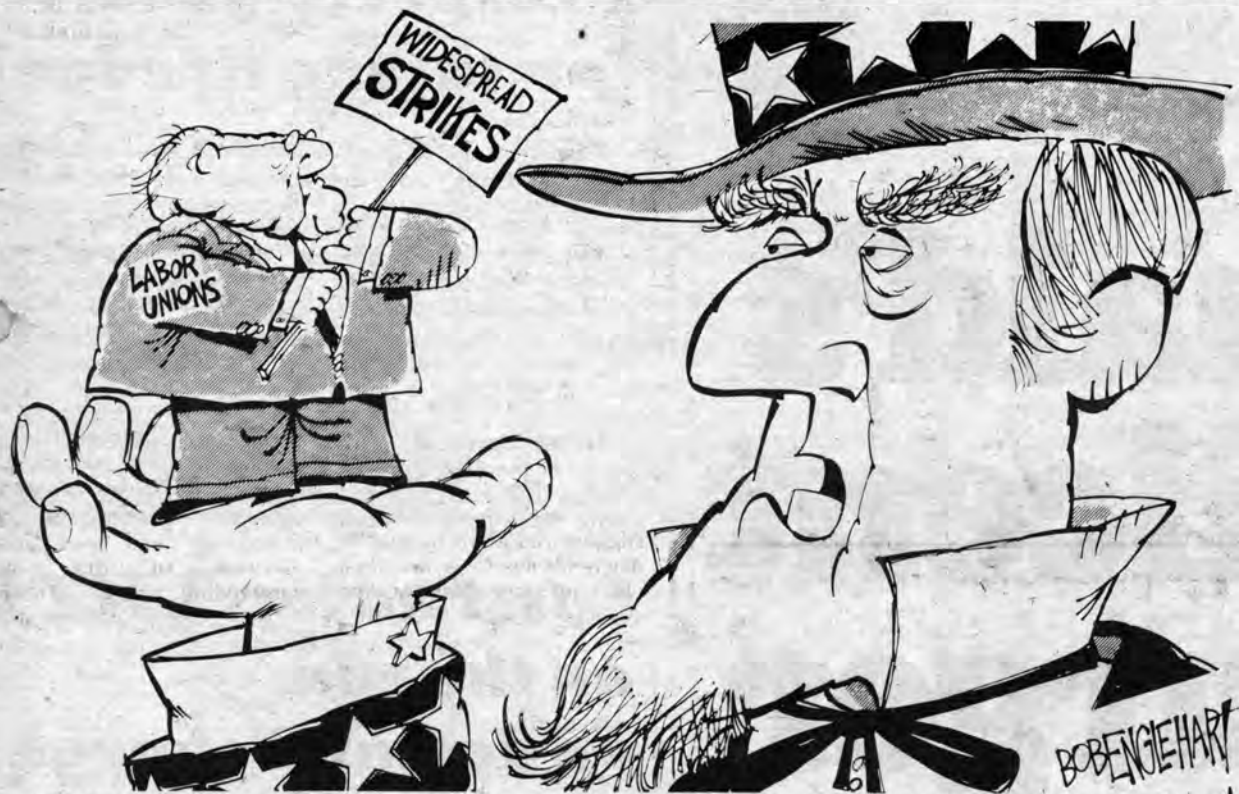
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"AFTER YOU DRIVE THE COUNTRY OUT OF BUSINESS, WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS... ORGANIZE SKID ROW?"

Not For Women Only

Most of us have ho-hummed the proposed equal rights amendment that will appear on the ballot this November.

Whether we are chauvinists or not, most men and women believe a woman is equal and should be granted the same rights as a man.

Therefore, what little has been brought out on the Equal Rights Amendment, didn't seem to concern us very much.

It was graphically brought to our attention by a group of women this past week, some of the adverse affects the Equal Rights Amendment will have on both men and women.

At present, women are guaranteed equal pay, equal job opportunities, credit and bank privileges equivalent to a man. These are guaranteed under the Equal Pay Act of 1963, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Equal Employment Act of 1972.

These laws plus the 14th Amendment establish constitutionally and legally that a woman has every right that a man is entitled to.

If there is a weakness in the system, it is the lack of the law enforcement and this cannot be solved by the Equal Rights Amendment.

What the Equal Rights Amendment will do is nullify every law on the books that protects a women from abuse. It will make it illegal to have any segregated toilets, gymnasium classes and showers, rape and prostitution laws.

It affects the family structure and no longer will give a woman an inherent right to raise children or be provided for. It will subject her to paying alimony, child support in cases of separation or divorce.

She will lose benefits under Social Security and will see her spendable income diminished by revamping of pension and health premiums.

The Equal Rights Amendment is designed to turn the country into a unisex society, no distinction will be made between male and female for any reason.

The only person who could in good conscious support this amendment would be a pure chauvinist, a male or female who has no regard whatsoever for their counterpart.

We have laws on the books that make males and females absolutely equal in every respect: in employment, finances and social conduct.

With these laws on the books, we can not see the Equal Rights Amendment benefiting the majority of society.

The minority who find solace in a unisex society also have protection to pursue their life as they see fit and the Equal Rights Amendment will do nothing for them.

We encourage all men and women to examine the ramifications of the Equal Rights Amendment. And why not?

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Election '75

This week we concluded our interviews with candidates for county executive, legislators and town supervisors.

During the forthcoming week we will be reviewing our tapes and notes plus other research material to determine our endorsement. They will appear in next week's paper.

This year during the interviews, we were particularly interested in the candidates feelings for what was really bothering their constituents.

We attempted to ascertain whether the candidates would be responsive to the voters; whether they felt, once elected, they were on their own to do what they felt best; and why they felt they had the qualifications to run a business the size of our government.

We also questioned each candidate at length as to his concept of the job he was aspiring to. We conducted these political interviews as we conduct interviews with prospective employees.

Two disturbing trends seem to emerge from the majority of candidates. Even though most admitted their constituents biggest concern is amount of taxes they have to pay, candidates chose to ignore this. Their answers were to add new and more expensive projects.

Another frightening trend was their lack of knowledge about the cost to the taxpayer, of major spending programs. This came out in our question regarding the farmland acquisition program.

We asked most candidates what they estimated the cost to be in relation to the average house (\$5,000). Estimates ranged from a low of \$15 to a high of \$400 per year. No one, not even the incumbents seem to know specifically what the impact would be.



We then asked at what figure would they cease to support this program. The candidates had not given this proper thought. We were not particularly interested in whether they supported this program or not, but were interested in determining how much research they had done.

What effect it would have on their constituents and at what level would their constituents not be able to bear the tax burden?

This program has been highly publicized. The legislature has been consumed with it for more than two years. It would seem to us all candidates would have the answers, at their

fingertips.

They should know their district well enough to be able to say, "my people could afford to be taxed up to this 'x' point." To us, this question was very symbolic of how the legislature would approach all spending programs.

There were a number of other questions which we asked not so much for the answers, but the reasoning and thought that went into it. Based upon these interviews and other sources we will attempt to recommend candidates we feel will serve the average voters' interest best.

We urge you to read the candidates answers to the questions which appeared in last week's and this week's Suffolk Life. These answers are unedited and will give you some idea of the candidate you want to put in office this coming year.

They will determine the quality of government you will receive, the taxes you will pay and the representation you will have.

As a newspaper, we have tried to do our part and present for you a non-partisan, unbiased coverage of this year's races. We hope you will do your part in the democratic system by exercising your vote on November 3rd, Election Day. And why not?

Pike Battles Bureaucracy

Whether Republican or Democrat, you have to feel a sense of pride about Congressman Otis Pike's fight to obtain information for his committee which is investigating the security of the U.S.

Pike's behavior reminds us of the patriots who founded this country. The men who were not willing to settle for a "no" without an explanation.

We have come a long way from those days when they established a democracy. There are even moments when we shudder because of instances where government activity smacks of dictatorship.

It takes men like Pike who will not lie down or be compromised to remind us and the nation that we can function in a democratic system.

We do have three distinct branches of government, the executive, the legislative, and the judicial. No one of its branches can operate without the consent of the other.

Pike is breaking down these artificial walls of secrecy and is restoring for Congress its' rights and privileges.

We are thankful to Pike as a statesman for doing this and particularly proud that he is from Eastern Long Island.

And why not?

Please Stay In Your Own Neighborhood

There are few of us who do not remember the fun of tricking or treating on Halloween, dressed up in concoctions determined by our imaginations.

We went to our neighbors and promised some awful trick unless they produced a treat.

Somehow over the years, this custom has gotten out-of-hand. Today many neighborhoods are deluged with kids and even adults not even in costume with their hands out.

It's wrong and has taken a lot of the fun out of the begging.

There also is the safety factor. When we were kids we knew every person we called on. Our parents could rest assured the treats we received

were good.

Today you can't. There are weirdos in this world who hand out apples with razors in them; candy with poison and other deadly potions.

We urge all parents to confine childrens' tricking and treating to the local neighborhood. The children will receive enough goodies to insure the traditional stomach ache. Anything more is not needed.

We urge all parents to observe the curfew requested by our police and the municipalities for festivities to cease by 8 p.m. Let's make this a fun-filled, but safe Halloween.

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For Surrogate Court: Signorelli

Judge Ernest Signorelli is one of the truly independent judges serving in New York State.

His strength comes from people. He represents them on an independent basis rather than along party lines.

Signorelli intends to streamline the Surrogate Court. His plans would speed up the process so people with normal estates would have settlement quickly.

He will keep actively in touch with each case pending before the court. He would prod the various attorneys and agencies into quick action.

He abhors the system of patronage the Surrogate Court is noted for. He likened it to robbing the dead at the expense of the living.

He pledged to hold estate fees to a minimum. He will award guardianships and custodianships to



Ernest Signorelli (R-C)

those who are most qualified, regardless of their political affiliation.

By his own background Signorelli understands the hardships people endure and is determined to make the Surrogate Court responsive to their human needs.

The Surrogate Court and how it operates will effect all of us some day.

It is important to have a Chief Surrogate who understands our emotions and recognizes the need to dispense with useless red tape.

We believe Ernest Signorelli has demonstrated his capabilities and will give Suffolk residents the kind of Surrogate Court they deserve.

We support Signorelli for Chief Justice of the Surrogate Court. And why not?



1st LD: Joyce Burland (D)

The race in the First Legislative district is the single most important contest in the county for the east end.

The reason: The person elected is the only advocate we have against 17 other legislators and a western bred county executive.

Because of this we looked long and hard at the

record of the incumbent and the qualifications of his opponents to champion the east end's cause.

Norton Daniels, a former maintenance man at Suffolk County Airport and long-time GOP party regular, has been as quiet as a church mouse when it comes to letting the legislature know our feelings.

He says he's for bringing home relief back to the towns where there was better control over cheats, but when pressed, he admits he has done nothing to accomplish it.

He says he would like to see the airbase better utilized but all that's been done since he's been sitting on the legislature is a cosmetic election year study. It's like "Bucket" is trying to cover the problem by painting the toes of a \$750,000 a year white elephant.

John Lester, the Conservative, seems like a level-headed businessman who could contribute considerably to county government. Unfortunately, he hasn't mounted a drive strong enough or broad-based enough to have much of a chance of winning.

Joyce Burland, the Democrat, on the other hand, has been out on the stump almost non-stop since her unsuccessful race against Perry Duryea last year.

Burland has walked the district end to end; she has talked to more of the constituents in the past months than Daniels has in his entire term.

A former professional fundraiser and Head Start organizer, she has the varied background to walk into county government and not be overwhelmed.

She has also championed ecological and civic causes without let up since becoming involved in local affairs four years ago.

She has always been a vocal and articulate spokesman for the cause she represents. She will do no less in representing the east end.

Although we have some reservations about Burland's liberal background, she will have to be far more accountable than the mediocre representative we now have in our east end legislative seat. Joyce Burland deserves your vote, and Suffolk Life endorses her. And why not?



2nd LD John Donohue (D)

John Donohue, Democratic candidate for the Legislature of the second district has campaigned three years for this position. He has literally walked and traveled every inch of the district from Mastic to Southampton.

Donohue was born in Mastic and now lives in Hampton Bays. He is a licensed teacher and a former officer in the Navy. He has proven his business abilities by successfully operating a motel.

Donohue believes that our beaches should be open to everyone. They are not there to serve solely the chosen few, who have built their homes on the ocean front.

By contrast, Halsey has been a proponent of taking your money to build jetties to protect their homes. He further insults the taxpayers by stating that he feels the public should not be entitled to pass over the easements and right-of-ways to get to the beaches.

He maintains it is for the public's own good to not be allowed on these jetties or beaches because they might hurt themselves.

Donohue is deeply concerned about the wasteland Suffolk County Air Base has been allowed to become.

He also questions whether the people of this district want an international jet port that a free trade zone would encourage.

Typical of Halseys' inaction, he prefers to see another study be done before he makes up his mind what should be there.

Donohue is also upset by Halseys' defense of Republican loyalists living in \$75 per month parkland houses, with utilities paid. He feels these rentals should be at fair market value which would bring the County treasury up to \$1,000 per month.

Halsey asked you to believe that people occupying these homes are actually doing you a favor. In fact, according to Halsey, "they have trouble getting people to live in them."

Donohue has strong ties to the Bay area. This is an area Halsey has sadly neglected. With Donohue as their representative it will at long last have a voice in County government.

Donohue knows his entire district, what the people want, what they are opposed to and has no strong allegiance to any individual group. This should make him an effective legislator for all people.

The Conservative in the race is John Siegmund, an architect and builder from Hampton Bays.

He is a successful businessman and a long time Conservative party official. He offers the voters his knowledge of architecture, construction and business.

He is an attractive candidate who would serve well. But we question, with his varied business interests, whether he would have the time to be a full-time legislator.

Suffolk Life endorses Donohue on his background and desire to represent all of the people of the varied second legislative district. And why not?

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