



You Must Be Registered

No one will be allowed to vote in this November's election unless they are properly registered under the Permanent Personal Registration system. This year's election is going to be one of the most important in the history of this county and country. We not only have the presidential election, but we are going to choose federal senators, congressmen, state senators and assemblymen plus a number of judges as well as to determine the answers to vital questions on county issues. This is truly a year of decision. All of us, who are either pleased or dissatisfied with the direction our government has been taking us in, will have the opportunity to express ourselves in the voting booth.

If you are 21 years of age and have been a resident of New York State and of Suffolk County prior to August 6, 1968 you are eligible to vote on November 5th, provided you are properly registered. If you have moved recently, if you have never registered or have not voted in a general town election you must register. If you have any questions concerning your status as a registered voter we urge you to go to your town hall or call the Board of Elections in Yaphank. Their number is 924-3466.

You may register at the Office of the Central Registration Board in the Board of Elections, Yaphank, Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. OR at your local polling place on the dates and hours as follows:

Monday, September 30th- 5:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Thursday, October 3rd- 5:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Friday, October 4th- 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 5th- 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Do not deprive yourself of the priceless right to vote. We can be thankful that we live in a country where we have the opportunity to express our beliefs and our convictions. It is inexcusable that any voter, eligible to exercise this franchise, does not do so because of apathy. Make SURE that you are registered to vote. And Why Not?

In Our Hands

This November, Eastern Long Island residents will have an opportunity to vote on the most important

question facing them. They will be able to indicate whether or not they want Suffolk County divided into two separate counties.

Eastern Suffolk will be totally dominated by Western Suffolk under the planned reapportionment of the county. This plan will also appear on the ballot in November. It is court ordered and provides for a basic one-man, one-vote principal of governing the county. Under this plan the five eastern towns would have only two votes compared to the sixteen votes that the western towns will control. At present, each town has one vote on the county board. In this way all of the towns have equal voting strength and the east is able to protect itself from the ruthless power brokers of the west.

Both sections of the county are as different as night and day. The west end, with its densely populated areas, is basically a bedroom community for Nassau County and New York City. It welcomes industrial growth in every form. It is more interested in man-made cultural and recreational facilities than those that are natural. Its land has already been ruined by lack of planning and profiteering by some of the politicians and their associates. Its residents are more worldly and sophisticated; they move at a faster pace and enjoy this way of life.

Most Eastenders like things pretty much the way they are. They live closer to nature, enjoying the natural resources that have made the east end famous. Much of the land has not been developed, and these areas have been taken into consideration by the east end towns that have developed, or are in the process of developing, master plans. Eastern Long Island is basically an agricultural, tourist oriented, light industrial area. Its people have roots of ancient descent here or moved to the area because it offers a way of life that is slower paced and relatively uncomplicated. They want this area to retain the dignity and the natural charm that IS Eastern Long Island. They prefer government in small doses to the "do everything" monolithic governments that

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seem to prevail in more populated areas.

Under the reapportionment plan the west will have all functional control over the east end. The only voice we will have in our destiny will be the strident and frustrated voice of minority representation. We will not be able to determine in what direction we want our area to go, at what speed and at what cost. These things will all be decided for us by the men who control the five western towns—men who have no real interest in this area.

The only possible way out of this situation is to have the east end secede from the west end of Suffolk County and create a new county. This is both financially feasible and in the best interests of east end development. The Griffenhagen—Kruger Report, that was ordered by the county, proved this.

Many politicians are dead set against this move. Their reasons are basically selfish. Suffolk, as one county, is one of the largest in the state. It commands a dominant position in state government and even in national politics, as the population of Suffolk County is greater than many states. For this reason, anyone who is in politics and desires to further his ambitions needs a Suffolk united in order to reach his goals. There are many, in positions of public trust, who will attempt to sell you a bill-of-goods about the bad features of splitting this county, but, if you will look beneath the surface, they have something to gain personally from the county remaining as a single entity.

This publication has not heard one logical or reasonable reason why it is to the advantage of the east end to remain part of Suffolk County. Our interests can only be served by an independent county, a county that is small enough to be responsive to the people it serves and a county that we can afford to live in.

For the growth of our area, for our future and for the future of our descendents to be sane, financially sound and in our best interest, Suffolk County must be divided. We urge ALL residents to vote "YES" on this question in November. And Why Not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Dave:

Let's give a thought to what eastern Long Island may be like fifteen or twenty years from now.

Farms and open space gone, because of onerous taxes? Jetports, bringing roaring behemoths in at rooftop height; a bridge to Connecticut bringing hordes to our beaches, which by then would be one big Coney Island from Montauk to Moriches? Polluted waters in which no fish or shellfish could live?

Well, when "reapportionment" goes through, the residents of eastern Long Island will be able to do nothing about county efforts toward catastrophic changes like these except protest. Any kind of reapportionment of votes based on population would give effective control of all our affairs to politicians in Babylon, Islip and Huntington.



Paying Their Way

Those who question the advisability of splitting Suffolk County should take note of a report submitted to the county board by the Suffolk County Sewer Committee. In it the committee recommended that the entire county share the cost of the proposed multi-million dollar sewage treatment system.

Sewage is basically a problem of the west end. It has come about because of lack of planning and ruinous use of the land. Too many houses were allowed to be built on too little land. This, combined with the fact that there are virtually no sewage treatment facilities, has pushed western Suffolk into a situation where some experts are making a good case for a massive sewage system.

The politicians originally saw the sewer commission as a pork barrel patronage project. They stacked the commission with loyal party workers and proposed a sewage treatment facility to serve portions of the four western towns that would have bankrupted many of the homeowners in the area. Due to the efforts of the Conservative Party in the area and factual reporting by Long Island daily papers, the project was exposed for what it was and overwhelmingly defeated by a margin of 6 to 1. The commission would have offered similar projects to other sewage districts throughout the county and made each area responsible for the cost of its own facility.

The commission was reorganized and now has come up with a scheme whereby the taxpayers in Montauk or Shelter Island would pay the same as the taxpayers in Babylon even though they don't have sewers in the east end and probably won't for another decade or two.

The east end supervisors have opposed this plan, but, after the November elections, they will only have 10% of the total vote on the county board. The three westernmost towns of Huntington, Babylon and Islip will have enough combined votes to pass this measure. There is no guess as to which way these towns will vote since they are the towns that are in the most serious danger of having their water contaminated.

This will mean that all of us here in the east end will be paying heavily for something that should be the sole responsibility of the west end. This will be just another grossly unfair burden placed on the east end unless we are successful in seceding from Suffolk.

It is frightening to think of the many projects that the west end supervisors could saddle us with if we remain tied to Suffolk. The vote on this matter must be as strong as possible. We must show an overwhelming desire to secede this November.

This should also be the determining issue in electing our state assemblymen and senator. Each candidate should spell out, in detail, what he intends to do to make secession a reality. The voters should accept no lip service from the men running for office. Detailed plans on what they are going to do and to what degree they are willing to work for secession should be made crystal clear by all candidates. Vague statements should be rejected. We must have definite commitments on this burning issue. This publication solicits opinions and comments from any and all politicians and candidates on this matter. We will publish their letters in Suffolk Life from now until Election Day, November 5th. And Why Not?

Your Vote Counts!

We were talking with a young lady recently about the upcoming elections this November. She is a disenchanted McCarthy supporter. She said, "I'm not going to vote; McCarthy won't be on the ballot, and I can't see casting my vote for someone who does not reflect my views. I refuse to vote for just hypocritical party labels." We respect her for not accepting someone who is not representative of her feelings but pointed out that she can achieve her desired goal of a protest vote by taking advantage of the write-in portion on the ballot.

This option is something that many voters are unaware of. We, in the United States, are not saddled with our party's choice of nominees. If we are displeased with the candidates, we can write in whatever name we see fit. It can be Senator McCarthy

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or the cartoon character Snopy. If this option is exercised by enough disenfranchised voters, the men who control the political parties will realize that they have a formidable rebellion on their hands.

Unfortunately, many Americans would prefer to back a winner than to support someone they know is going to lose the election but represents their true feelings. This publication has been chided for its unorthodox endorsements of some Conservative candidates. We have been told that we were out of our minds to endorse candidates who did not stand a chance of winning. Suffolk Life has never been much of a conformist in the newspaper business. We feel that we would be better off voting for Mickey Mouse than to support a candidate who did not, at least in part, reflect our views and convictions. It is the belief of this publication that many of the problems that beset our country today are largely the result of the voters' acceding to anything that the back-room politicians throw at them.

This year's elections are most important. Make your opinions felt in November. Be sure that you are properly registered, and, if you are unsure of your voting eligibility, call the Board of Elections in Yaphank at YA.4-3466. Whether you vote for one of the candidates or register a write-in protest vote, at least VOTE! Be sure you exercise this important franchise. And Why Not?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir;

It's funny how "Conservatives" who attack "left wingers", and ask us to "support our local police" suddenly begin to shed crocodile tears over the New Left, the Yippies and the Hippies when it can make the Democrats look bad. I refer to your editorial "Mockery of Democracy." The Russians in the United Nations could learn lessons from the dilatory and obstructionist tactics of New York, California, Wisconsin, New Hampshire. Or didn't you notice? I watched every minute of the proceedings by CBS; I watched Walter Cronkite and his stooges on the floor aid and abet the so-called Democratic delegates supporting McCarthy, delegates who are really members of the New Left and who had got themselves elected and who, after being outvoted, tried to wreck the the convention. How much of the convention did you watch?

You say Humphrey had the nomination "all sewed up." What's wrong with that? Didn't Mr. Nixon have the other nomination all sewed up? That doesn't seem to bother you. Miss Delatiner in Newsday said that the minority monopolized the attention on the floor ("the minority seemed to be gagging the majority"). Do you really believe that Mr. Lowenstein is a Democrat interested in democracy? Did you notice the college teacher, Mr. Hoeh, chairman of the New Hampshire delegation? "All I did was grab the policeman's badge from his coat," after he (Mr. Hoeh) had tampered with a machine designed

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The words "law and order" are very popular among the candidates for the presidential election. With all of the rebellion and disorder going on in this country, to be for law and order is a must for any candidate.

Since the days of F.D.R.'s New Deal we have seen a steady breakdown of law and order. It started with prohibition, spread through the depression, was halted somewhat during World War II but rampantly spread after the war ended. The picture darkens as we come up to the present time: massive strikes by organized labor paralyzing many of our industries, organized campus rebellions aided, augmented and abetted by left wing agitators, school systems beset by crippling teacher strikes and crimes being committed in full view of the police who are ordered not to interfere.

This publication feels that the major domestic problem is not so much a matter of law and order but a case of loss of self-respect and of self-responsibility. In the last thirty years we have been witness to a breakdown of the fundamental personal values that were so abundant and responsible for the dynamic, early development of our towns, counties and states. This nation was built on the premise of self-help which, in turn, engendered respect for oneself as an individual. A keen sense of self-respect carried over to respect for one's neighbor who also shared the same values.

With the advent of New Dealism, and the federal and state dole, the need for individual self-help and self-responsibility, once crystal clear to right-thinking people, went out of focus. As New Dealism and Fair Dealism have led us down the road to virtual socialism our country, once predominantly a land of law and order, has become a land of organized disorder. Under a democratic, capitalistic system the individual is forced to be responsible for his own welfare and actions. He is kept in check by fair and just guidelines or laws and the machinery needed to enforce the laws. He is further, and most importantly, held in check by his own self-respect and the feeling of responsibility he has toward his fellow men and for their personal property. Once you take away individual responsibility and replace it with collectivism, you take away respect for law and order because you have destroyed self-respect.

Under a communist form of government, where individual responsibility is nonexistent and the state assumes complete control over men's lives, the people can only be held in check, and the laws enforced, by total and unquestioned military domination. Only a police state can maintain law and order; only a police state can maintain a communist state and this is why the Russians could not tolerate the liberalization of Czechoslovakia and stepped in and took over control.

As frightening as it may seem, the American government is headed in the same direction. Isn't it a curious thing that the more our government tries to do for its people, the more its people show their gratitude by mugging, robbing, raping, looting, burning and demonstrating. How much more internal strife will our leaders tolerate before we need a police state to control our mobs, or will our leaders recognize the fact that respect for law begins with respect for oneself and that respect for oneself is a natural outgrowth of self-responsibility? This is the question that faces our nation and the candidates in this year's election.

All three major candidates have espoused law and order. From the sound of their speeches we might expect law and order to mean force. New studies, new laws and more police are not the answer. They are but stopgap measures. Without individual self-responsibility, self-respect and respect for our fellowman we will never have law and order. We are on the road to a police state, and with the police state and its total control of our lives, we will have the one thing that we are all fighting against. It will have sneaked up on us and come through the back door.

We are headed in a deplorable direction. It will be of more than passing interest to see which one of the candidates offers an alternative direction, a direction that emphasizes a return to self-responsibility, and self-respect which can only lead us back to respect for law and order. And Why Not?

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The lucky winners are: Debbie Breitenbach, Riverhead, 1st Prize—Mrs. Kim Renkens, Hampton Bays, 2nd Prize—Mrs. John E. Brolles, Greenport, 3rd Prize—B. Shemmin, Miller Place, 4th Prize.

Suffolk Life, and the participating merchants, thank all the readers of this publication for shopping for all their back-to-school needs here on the east end. Our shops contain a tremendous selection of name brands in depth, and our prices are competitive with the west end.

Your patronage is appreciated and promotions like this one are our way of saying "Thank you". Watch these pages for the biggest promotion of them all—the fabulous Suffolk Life Eastern Long Island Shopping Spree. And Why Not?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Willmott,

It is very quaint that you still believe that the only struggle in the world today is the struggle of the American government against the governments of Russia, China, and Hanoi, except for a few rear-guard skirmishes against domestic troublemakers. If your eyes were not locked shut, you might notice the glaringly obvious fact that the heroic freedom-fighters in Prague and the unwashed troublemakers at Columbia University are exactly the same people. The only enemy is the vast mindless, eyeless, carnivorous stinking gray fog which gasses jews, machine-guns Czechs, napalms Vietnamese and goes by an endless variety of fine-sounding names, such as The Third Reich, the Soviet Bloc, the People's Republic of Bratislovakia, Law and Order, and Responsible Government. An oppressive power structure is always the enemy of free-thinking people, and you have no difficulty in perceiving the monstrosity of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. However, the domestic variety of fog clogs your reasoning ability on certain points. Thus you see the Russian youth timorously sitting in his tank in Wencelas Square as a villain, and the American boy cheerfully pouring white phosphorous on a group of huts 5,000 feet below as a hero. Furthermore, you are not about to alter your comfortably absurd line of thought as a result of "the cooing of the doves" or the bombs of revolution, and that, as the cliché goes, is your privilege. You proudly take your place as a particle of moisture in the great gray fog, dispensing your small-town wisdom every week in your little newspaper while load after load of white phosphorous