

Willmotts and Why-Not's

David J. Willmott, Editor

U.S. Senate

cont. from the cover

His administration includes a female deputy supervisor as well as a black top-level administrator, hardly the record of a redneck. Yet, D'Amato takes a strong stand against the overburdened programs that have been long supported by Jacob Javits. He is opposed to "make work" job programs. He says he'll fight for a flat-grant welfare system which would equalize welfare payments nation-wide and put an end to the conditions which have made New York a mecca for millions of welfare recipients and poor immigrants.

D'Amato charges, without apology, that Javits has betrayed the Republican Party. He accuses Javits of turning his back on the working people, the taxpayers of New York. He points out that since Javits has been in office, federal contracts for the military, for space exploration and for energy development -- contracts that should have come to New York, the technological center of the Nation -- have gone to the West Coast and the Sun Belt.

D'Amato finds our lack of military strength appalling, and blames Javits' votes against the B-1 Bomber, the Trident Submarine and the MX Missile System for this condition. He pledges to support the rebuilding of our military forces to put us back in a

position to defend our country from intimidation by foreign countries, large or small.

D'Amato deplores Javits' record as a Republican, not only on social issues, but those affecting the economy, inflation, and taxes, as well. Why, D'Amato questions, did Javits, a Republican, oppose the Kemp-Roth Bill designed to reduce the working man's taxes by a third over three years? D'Amato supports a tax cut with "fiscal discipline" measures such as accelerated depreciation for industry. Why is Javits opposed to indexing, a plan that could kill inflation and the federal government's ravenous appetite for tax increases? Why did Javits so consistently support President Carter more so, in fact, than many liberal Democrats? This is hardly the kind of representation one would expect from a Republican.

The Republican primary on Sept. 9 offers an unparalleled chance to clearly indicate to the leadership of the Republican Party and to the country that New York Republicans are back in the mainstream.

Suffolk Life strongly encourages registered Republicans who believe in the Republican philosophy and ideals to reject Jacob Javits and vote for Al D'Amato for United States Senator.

And why not?

U.S. Congress

JOHN J. HART - REPUBLICAN

The key word in this race is integrity. Jack Hart has it, Bill Carney doesn't.

Philosophically, Carney and Hart are not far apart. Carney, as a Conservative, would make it as a conservative Republican. As a Republican, Hart, philosophically, is in the center spectrum of the Republican Party. Fiscally he is conservative, socially he is aware.

Our editorial board was disturbed by Carney's apparent blatant lack of integrity. He makes no apologies for being a product of a backroom political deal. That's expedient. That's the way you win. When questioned about his campaign contributions, he said, "The oil companies made an investment in the First Congressional seat."

Carney's designation as a registered Conservative to run with the Republican designation is the product of a deal between the leadership of the old Republican Party and the Conservative Party. It was made two years ago and has been carried forward. We supported Carney in the last election, as we felt he was more in tune with the majority of voters in the First Congressional District than his Democratic opponent. We had hoped he would be more responsive to their needs. Carney has been a failure on this count.

Last December, Carney got the East End involved in a federal

estuarine sanctuary plan that could have stripped away all home rule and control over the destiny of local lands and waters. He was out of touch with the people's views when he voiced support of the plan. Without checking, Carney accepted a bureaucrat's word that the East End supported an estuary study. Because federal funds were available for the sanctuary and the study, he committed us to it. For three months, East End residents and their elected officials voiced opposition, protesting our involvement in this study. But Carney remained mute. He either didn't hear, or refused to hear, the outcry.

We find it hypocritical for Carney to profess conservatism, but then as a congressman vote to spend funds simply because they are available on a project that is opposed by the people who would be affected. That's the kind of liberalism you would expect from a Democrat.

Carney has been too busy being a Washingtonite. We knew we were sending a lightweight to Congress, but we hoped he would mature in the job. He hasn't.

His opponent for the Republican designation is a registered Republican, Jack Hart. Hart's biggest weakness is that he appears as a stuffed shirt. He is. By education and background he is a professional. Yet, Hart has a reputation for and a record of substantial community involvement on behalf of all the

people. A strange contradiction, but a pleasant one.

Politically, Hart is independent. Long before it was popular or even politically safe, he took on the old Zeidler machine. He demanded it clean up its act. This cost him financially, personally and politically. He became persona non grata, a Republican without the organization's support. Hart went out on a limb again last year as a finance chairman for Peter Cohalan's campaign. He bucked the Klein organization because he believed what he was doing was right.

Hart is a refreshing change on the political scene. He is intelligent, educated, by record and reputation a man of honesty and integrity. He has basically financed his own primary campaign. We doubt as a congressman he would be easily influenced by dinners, cocktail parties or contributions.

More important, Jack Hart's ap-

proach to government is people-oriented. During the gas crisis of 1979, when federal allocations deprived East End residents their rightful share of gasoline, Carney stayed in Washington where, he claims, he was fighting for more gas. But the long lines at service stations showed no results here. And, when Chrysler dealers tried to sit with him to discuss the impact the loss of Chrysler Corp. would have on the East End economy and the lives of many of its residents, Carney was in Washington. Jack Hart, we firmly believe, would have been here, meeting the needs of our people.

Congress needs people who have strong beliefs and strong character. Hart is such a man, he is strong. Republicans should make no apology for supporting a Republican instead of a Conservative for the Republican designation. Jack Hart deserves your support.

And why not?

District Court Judge

TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN
JUDGE JOSEPH M. O'DONNELL
DEMOCRAT-LIBERAL

This race is not, in reality, one between Judge Joseph M. O'Donnell and James F. X. Doyle, but a contest between O'Donnell and the Suffolk County Bar Association.

There currently exists in Suffolk County a political agreement that stipulates the names of judicial candidates must be submitted to the Suffolk County Bar Association and the Suffolk County Criminal Justice Association for review and approval. The screening groups of these organizations review the candidates and then make a recommendation of "qualified" or "non-qualified." Although the Bar Association found Judge O'Donnell qualified to be a judge in 1972 when he was first appointed to the bench and again in 1973 when he sought election to the position, it changed its mind in 1980 and ruled him unqualified.

Why? The Bar Association is comprised of lawyers who try cases before Judge O'Donnell. He has a reputation of being a tough judge. He demands compliance with the court calendar and concern for those who appear in his court. O'Donnell, it would seem, earned the wrath of lawyers because he refused to tolerate certain practices which have become commonplace in many courtrooms: lawyers frequently seek postponements, regardless of the fact that the participants in a trial,

defendants, witnesses and plaintiffs were forced to take time away from other duties or employment to appear as scheduled. Judge O'Donnell felt this unfair to those who had to take time off from work to appear as ordered, and required that lawyers give prior notification of the need for a postponement to eliminate this needless waste of time. When lawyers abused this common courtesy, he would fine them.

Interestingly, some of these same lawyers who were affected by Judge O'Donnell's desire for fair treatment were members of the screening committee who sat in judgment of his qualifications. They didn't like the fines, nor other measures, imposed by Judge O'Donnell designed to effect a strict -- but fair -- court.

On two occasions he had women appear before him with children in arms for sentencing or final disposition of their cases after circumventing warrants. These women repeatedly had been called to the court. They knew they were facing final action on their cases, yet they persisted in playing on the sympathy of the court. Finally, after such repeated incidents, and after giving the defendants time to call someone to take care of the infants outside the courtroom or arrangement for payment of bail or fines, he ordered

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Be Nice

The N.Y. State Commerce Department has designated Long Island as a Fall Festival site. A host of activities are planned from Montauk to Long Beach to attract and extend the tourist season.

Fall is the best time of year on Eastern Long Island. The air is clean and crisp, and the crowds who come here during the summer are greatly reduced. The Fall Festival will give many people a reason to come back, extending our tourist season a little longer. With the hustle and bustle of this past summer dissipated, we have an opportunity to welcome our guests back under more manageable circumstances. We hope all employed in serving tourists will show good, old

fashioned, down-east hospitality. A simple warm smile, a may I help you and a sincere thank you, will bring these visitors back time and time again.

The extension of our tourist season is of vital importance to our over-all economic well being. Tourist dollars are of the utmost importance. These visitors spend generously, yet require little as far as municipal services which absorb tax dollars.

Let each of us do our part to make the Long Island Fall Festival a memorable experience. If we make an extra effort to be pleasant and courteous it will pay big dividends in the future.

And why not?

Noto Has Found The Answer

By jove, Tony Noto has done it! He has found the answer in the fight against those who offer inferior services. Noto, presiding officer of the Suffolk County Legislature, has joined force with a consumer advocate from Nassau County, Richard Kessel, in urging Long Island Railroad commuters to stage a boycott to dramatize complaints against service on the line.

Noto and Kessel led the boycott efforts on September 3 in which commuters were urged to refuse to show their tickets to conductors. Both were at Penn Station last week handing out leaflets urging commuters to join the protest, and on the day of the boycott Noto got into a screaming match with LIRR President Francis Gabreski about a missing fire extinguisher.

Interestingly, refusing to show a ticket is a crime--it's called theft of service--and more than one person has been arrested for such action in the past. Even more interesting is the fact that a public official--one who considers himself second in power only to Suffolk County Executive Peter Cohalan-- is in the forefront of urging that commuters commit a crime.

If the Noto-Kessel protest proves to be successful in any way, taxpayers of Suffolk should take particular note.

Here, finally, may be the answer to the inefficiencies of government, the lack of adequate services that many of Suffolk's taxpayers endure.

For example: the taxpayers who live within the Southwest Sewer District are currently paying taxes for a service--the sewer system--that is not only inferior, it simply does not yet exist. Should these people pay for services they don't even get? Of course not! Tony, lead the way; we need a boycott in the Southwest Sewer District to dramatize this miscarriage of justice. Taxpayers, withhold your taxes! Isn't that right Tony?

The Noto-Kessel boycott is against poor railroad service. Yet there are many areas of Suffolk County where there is no transportation service at all. Take, for example, the East Patchogue area where senior citizen residents recently wrote the following in a letter to Suffolk Life: "We live in the Guild Residences, Robinson Avenue, East Patchogue, which is a housing of 80 units. We are mostly senior citizens and very few of us have cars at our disposal. Our nearest supermarket, and other necessary stores, are a mile away, which is quite a long walk. Taxi cabs are beyond our means to be called on a regular basis as the fair ranges from \$5 to \$6 a round trip.

"Our question is this: Is it at all possible for some inexpensive means of transportation to be made available for us?"

How about it, Tony? Should these people pay taxes for services not available to them, while other areas are included in county transportation efforts. Good gosh, Tony, here's another boycott effort that could bring you some more headlines.

How about those areas where people may feel the representation they have in the Suffolk County Legislature is less than adequate? Should there be a discount for lack of service? Say a 25 per cent reduction of the county taxes? How about it, Mr. Boycott Leader, let's get started on

this one.

The list could go on and on, and we're sure that as soon as our new Boycott Leader returns to his desk to face the problems of county government we can get started on some of these worthwhile protests. Taxpayers with a gripe are invited to share with us their suggestions about other protests which might help us to solve some long-standing problems which, until now, have been allowed to continue without resolve.

By jove Tony, you've done it! You've given us a weapon to use in our fight against inferior service. In and from Suffolk County Government!

And why not?

As Winter Approaches

The first twinges of Fall are being felt. The evening air has a chill. Some trees are even starting to turn from green to golden hues.

Many Suffolk County homeowners are starting to think about rebuilding their stock of wood for the winter months ahead. Sadly, Suffolk County, which owns more than 18,000 acres of parkland, still has no program allowing residents to harvest the dead wood on these lands. Literally thousands of cords of wood are available to county residents, but it is illegal for them to harvest it. For several years we have urged the County Legislature, which controls the County Park Department, to develop a comprehensive, but simple plan for the harvesting of this asset. They have refused. The State has such a plan. Several weekends in the Fall and Spring, lands controlled by the State are opened to residents for this purpose.

The system is simple. A permit is necessary, the quantity of wood harvested is limited. The results are noteworthy. For the payment of a modest fee, residents may take up to a cord of dead wood. The activities are checked and monitored so healthy

trees are not disturbed, yet homeowners through their days' efforts are able to save \$100 to \$150 they would have to pay a commercial cord wood dealer.

For many, woodcutting is a family activity. The family works as a unit to provide heat for themselves in the long winter ahead. Many tracts of land owned by the County, controlled by the Parks Department, contain huge quantities of fallen or diseased oak trees - prime hard wood. They are going to waste. These trees could be harvested, providing both recreational and financial opportunities to County residents.

We do not understand the reluctance of the County to allow its residents to fully partake in these assets. We do not understand the Legislators allowing something of value to be deliberately wasted. We again recommend the Legislature develop a plan for the harvesting of cord wood. We hope they will act expediently, so before snow is on the ground, residents of the county could avail themselves of the valuable hard wood.

And why not?

Making The I R S Responsible

Under our judicial system in the United States, you are innocent until proven guilty. The exception to this is the Internal Revenue Service.

Under IRS regulations, you are guilty until you prove your innocence. To avoid being guilty average taxpayers go to the I.R.S. for aid in interpreting regulations or simply to fill out a return. Currently, if an IRS agent or employee gives the taxpayer the wrong information, the taxpayer still is liable. About twice a year we receive calls from people caught in this Catch 22 dilemma.

Problems have occurred often enough to lead to consideration of an amendment to the Treasure Postal Service Appropriations Bill. The amendment is proposed by Rep. Millicent Fenwick, R-N.J.

If passed, the IRS would no longer penalize businessmen or individual taxpayers who underpaid taxes, if their returns were based on the advice of IRS personnel. Fenwick said

this would tend to insure more accurate advice from the IRS. It would prevent extra penalty payments by taxpayers who had followed inaccurate instructions from the agency.

The IRS codes and rules are extensive, hard to interpret for the average taxpayer or even the average tax consultant. Most people tend to be honest and pay their fair share. They also endeavor to pay no more than they have to, taking advantage of every loophole.

When advice is given by IRS personnel it should be accurate. If it is inaccurate, the service employing the personnel should bear the responsibility, not the taxpayer. This amendment will accomplish this purpose.

We can't see how any congressman or senator could oppose this legislation. We hope those representing us in New York will support the measure.

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The Big Winners

There were three big winners in last Tuesday's Primary races.

The candidates themselves, Republican Al D'Amato and Democrat Liz Holtzman, won hard-fought campaigns for the right to represent their parties in the race for the U.S. Senate. The big loser was Jacob Javits, the 24-year incumbent. Many said it before. Most inside and outside government say it now. Javits should have the good sense at 76 years of age to retire and not be forced out a loser. The Republicans and Democrats of New York also were big winners. By their choices, they have returned their parties to the mainstream of their respective philosophies.

Since the coalition between Nelson Rockefeller, Javits and John Lindsay was formed in the '50s, there has been a sameness between two parties. That made it impossible for voters to distinguish between candidates, based on party. These three Republicans acted and voted liberal, yet continued to run under the Republican banner. Voters found it impossible to support the philosophies they believed in under normal party labels. In fact, they became so confused two years ago, Gov. Hugh Carey, a Democrat, appeared more conservative than his challenger, Republican Perry Duryea.

There is no question D'Amato is a Conservative-Republican, as there is no question Holtzman is a Liberal-Democrat. When the voters go to the polls in November, they can indicate

decisively the future they want.

One man, who hasn't received the press he deserves, came out the biggest winner of all. He is Suffolk County Republican Leader Tony Prudenti. Prudenti broke into the limelight with his early backing of Peter Cohalan for county executive. This led to his selection as leader of the Republican Party in the county and state. Last January, D'Amato took a longshot. After being refused by his own Nassau County Leader Joe Margiotta, he sought out Prudenti's support. Prudenti faced the predicament of alienating Margiotta, who fancies himself as the Mayor Daly of Long Island. After initial discussion with D'Amato, Prudenti was impressed enough to gamble. He touted D'Amato to his fellow county chairmen throughout the state. He put a 100 percent effort behind him.

It was Prudenti who nominated D'Amato for the Republican designation and led the fight that garnered him a third of the voters, granting him the right to run in the Primary without state-wide primary petitions. D'Amato's victory Tuesday night can, in large part, be attributed to Prudenti's early support and advice. Prudenti now is being touted in some quarters, as a good shot for the next state Republican leader. Time will tell. He might just make it. Prudenti has proved himself an instinctive leader. The state Republican Party needs fresh leadership. Prudenti has it to offer.

And why not?

Making Politicians Crooks

Do you realize there is nothing illegal with going to a political leader and offering payment for a favor?

It is legal to buy contracts, jobs, variances or just about anything dealing with government here in New York State. The only things stopping wide-spread use of this practice are the ethics and morals of any particular political leader. Some leaders have them, some don't. Some seek leadership for the sole purpose of selling influence.

County Executive Peter Cohalan has asked the Legislature to enact a law making it a felony to either offer or accept a bribe. A similar law failed to pass on the state level last year.

When county officials enact this law, at least there will be some protection for county residents. Some action locally might even push the state. The government belongs to the people. It should operate for the benefit of everyone. We are uncomfortable with just having a leader's morals and ethics to guarantee what is right. In conversations with political leaders throughout the county, we find basically they support this measure. We expect the Legislature to act positively on Cohalan's proposal. It is for the good of all the people.

And why not?

High Cost of Tenure

New York State teachers have guaranteed lifetime employment once they have obtained tenure. They receive tenure after three years of consecutive employment in a district.

Tenure came into existence during the '30s, when teachers were dedicated but the job offered pitiful remuneration. Since the '30s, this has changed substantially. The job today is one of the best paying in the state. Between salaries and fringes, teachers cost the taxpayers between \$25 and \$50 per hour. What once was an old maid's province has become the profession of both men and women.

Gone are the days when a teacher's whole life was molding children, transferring of knowledge. Teachers today are unionized and often look at their positions as nothing more than a job. Teachers who fall into this trap are acting like some students. They

put in their time but little more. It's easy to understand, with the permissive trend in education, how teachers can become disillusioned, lose their enthusiasm, their purpose. This is an occupational hazard that at one time faces just about everybody, whether in a profession, business or industry. When this happens, changes should be made. Because teachers have tenure, however, they can be removed only for serious violations, mostly concerning morals and other items of a personal nature. This means lengthy and costly legal battles.

Because of tenure, those teachers unqualified to serve are allowed to remain in positions which affect children's lives and futures. Teacher unions, the strongest in the state, unequivocally oppose the removal of tenure. The last state assemblyman who attempted to reform tenure was Charles Jeriaback. The teacher unions came down on him in full force. Lavish contributions to his opponent's campaign provided vital support. The reforms Jeriaback had

instituted were changed quickly by a politically frightened Legislature.

There isn't a teacher in the system who doesn't know of others no longer qualified to teach. They know firsthand the damage being done to students by these incompetents. Yet, the teachers or the unions have failed to amend the system. It should provide a fair and impartial review of all teachers on a systematic and regular basis. Such a system and formula is a must if we are ever to improve the quality of education.

Teacher performance should be reviewed on an annual basis and subject to a full-scale review at least every three years. If student achievement of a particular teacher is found lacking, the teacher should be warned that performance will be monitored. Unless the class improves substantially, they will be suspended. An educational review system should be a goal of all candidates for the state Legislature. This is the educational issue that can make a difference, not spending more money. And why not?

Readers' Opinion

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I do wish that County Executive Cohalan would explain to the taxpayers of the county the reasoning by which he reaches his decisions.

Recently he approved a "Sweetheart" lease for the new Shirley Health Center, to builders who had already proved themselves to be, at the least, inefficient, or at the most, unethical. That project is now in limbo, and will very likely become a White Elephant, after an investment of many hundreds of thousands of our dollars.

The only voice heard in opposition to that fiasco was that of Legislator John Rosso, who pleaded that we rehabilitate the health center in Mastic Beach, at a greatly lower cost. His pleading, unfortunately, fell on deaf ears.

Now Mr. Cohalan has vetoed funds for the Smith Point County Park Marina. I cannot believe that he cannot see the long range benefits of this project, and not only in terms of the beautification of the area.

We taxpayers already have over a million of our dollars invested in this park. Once again, Legislator Rosso is absolutely right when he suggests that the choice is a simple one -- ignore the place and allow it to become an even more disgusting sight, or invest another million-plus dollars, and see it become a place of pride and pleasure for our residents and visitors, and the potential for a considerable source of income.

I sincerely hope Mr. Cohalan will reconsider his opposition to the park marina. If, however, he should decide to again veto the favorable vote of the Legislature, then I would join the company of thousands of their

constituents who would expect the legislators to override that veto.

Mrs. Sybil Rosenbaum
Mastic Beach

Open Letter to:
Three Village Central School District Residents:

We would like to express our appreciation to the community for its overwhelming approval of the school budget on Sept. 2, a statement of commitment to and support of our educational system.

We do not plan to rest on our laurels, however. Throughout the year the board meets on a regular basis at the district office (8 p.m.) and twice a year (10 a.m.) at Ward Melville High School. (Please check your school calendar for dates.) In addition, we will try this year to inform you in advance of the agenda of both the regular sessions and the work sessions, all of which are open to the public. We also have a number of committees working on specific areas of interest and urge your participation through them as well.

Again, many thanks for your expression of support. We look forward to a most positive, productive year for all.

Respectfully,
Board of Education, Three Village Central School District
Ann Coates, Ida Wehman, Anita Romano, Duane Davis, James McInerney, Raymond Miller, Peter Pitsiokos

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Hiding Behind the Ladies' Skirts

Sunday night, the League of Women Voters sponsored the first presidential debate.

John Anderson, the independent congressman from Illinois, received the recognition as a serious contender that he sought. Ronald Reagan masterfully asserted the Republican concepts in his own down-home folksy way. James Carter, hiding behind the ladies' skirts, never showed up.

The Democrats took themselves out of this year's presidential race. Carter had asked for debates to start early in the campaign. The League obliged, setting Sept. 21 as the date. Reagan agreed. Anderson, the independent candidate, sought to be included. The League said a minimum of 15 percent standing in the national polls was the criteria to

be included. Anderson achieved this percentage. Carter then reneged, asking for new rules, his rules. The ladies said, sorry Jimmy. All candidates are going to play by our rules. Jimmy, like a spoiled brat, responded: If you don't play by my rules, I'm taking my ball and going home.

And, Jimmy went home with Rosalynn to the White House, but he couldn't take the ball with him. The ball was the television screen reaching into the millions of homes across the country. The citizens of the United States heard where Anderson and Reagan stood. They were insulted by President Carter, who refused to face not only his challengers, but the American people.

And why not?

hock. You had to borrow money from Gramps and meet last month's mortgage, car and refrigerator payments. You are depleting our income through your reckless spending. Soon we won't have money left to support ourselves. By the way, I saw a nice rowboat in a neighbor's yard with a for sale sign on it. Couldn't this accomplish everything you want? When you have saved up enough money, buy the bigger boat." She would be called a Republican.

Grandpa has been listening to his wife and daughter. He says, "Hold it a second! Why buy a boat at all when you could plant a garden? You have that 20-foot parcel alongside your house. The whole family working together could make a fertile garden. This will provide an opportunity for the family to work and play together. You will grow more food than you will ever catch in the sea."

Gramps adds, "The manual labor of tending a garden will take your husband's mind off his worries, give him a complete change of pace, and you won't have to borrow a dime. The food you grow will cut your expenditures in the year to come, you actually will be able to save money while accomplishing everything your husband desires!" He is a Conservative.

This story illustrates the major differences in political philosophies. One of the characters described fits what you believe, how you think and what you want for your future.

As the politicians parade their various philosophies before you during this campaign season, decide which candidate reflects your viewpoint and cast your vote for that person. For, chances are, he will legislate and vote according to that philosophy.

All too often, we, the voters, fail to take a careful look at the candidates' political beliefs. As a result, we elect a Conservative when we wanted a Liberal and a Liberal when we wanted a Conservative.

A word of caution: put a candidate's political philosophy before his personality. All too often, we have opted for the most personable candidate and have been dismayed to find he was a sheep in wolf's clothing. He'll vote to give away our hard earned money, to support programs we neither wanted or believed in. He'll smile while he does it. We complain this was not what we wanted, but in reality, we used poor judgment in our choice.

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What Are You?

Do you know whether you are a Republican, Democrat, Conservative or Liberal? Do you know the difference between the parties and know what they stand for?

Back almost two decades ago upon graduating from college I was confused about the various parties. I went to the Republican and Democratic Clubs' meetings in my community and asked about the difference. I did not receive a satisfactory answer from either side.

A few times I have been asked the same question. The best way I can describe it, a man is invited on his friend's boat for a day's fishing. He has a ball, he relaxes, he catches fish and the excitement of being a boater and fisherman thrills him. Immediately upon returning to the dock he goes to the nearest yacht broker. He spies a 45-foot Sport Fisherman. Without regard to the price, or how he is going to pay for it, he instinctively knows he must have it.

He justifies the purchase by saying, "The boat will provide me with a wonderful form of relaxation. It will enable me to have my family around me and playing together. We can

catch fish to feed ourselves." He doesn't consider the ramifications of the purchase price, where he is going to get the money or what it will do to all his other finances. He only knows he wants it, and the devil be damned if he is going to wonder about trivia like paying for it.

That man can be called a liberal.

Excited, he proceeds home to tell his wife about his new-found passion. She agrees owning a boat would accomplish everything he says it would, but, more realistically, points out that a 32-footer at half the price might do the same job. Ever realizing the budget already is stretched, she decides, "Somehow we will find the extra funds to pay for it. If we don't, we'll worry about it when the time comes."

She would be called a Democrat. With the same gusto, she calls her mother about her husband's discovery, how his hobby is going to allow him to relax, keep healthy, provide an atmosphere for the family to play together, and yet save on food by catching their own fish.

Grandma is more cautious. She warns: "You are up to your ears in

N.Y. Welfare Dilemma

The South and the Sunbelt states are reimbursed by the federal government for about 70 percent of what they spend on welfare. Those states have benefited from huge federal contracts and rigged oil tax deals, enabling them to grow and prosper.

By contrast, the Northeast, particularly New York, receives back less than 50 cents for every dollar spent on welfare.

This generosity was acceptable when New York received its share of federal defense and other technological contracts that provided a rich base for social programs. New York today pays more than double the welfare benefits paid in the South. We attract welfare recipients from these states which have restricted their welfare programs.

Enormous welfare costs, the largest single item in the county and state budget, have reduced New York from a once viable, economic region to one that can barely keep its head above water, fiscally. Yet its residents and businessmen pay more taxes than any others in the nation.

The dilemma is due to Washington, but also because state legislators have refused to be realistic. They refuse to see what's happening to the productive working people and

businessmen of the state. The federal government sets a maximum on what any state will be paid. The states, themselves, can opt to increase these, and New York has done so. The state legislature and the executive office have developed a welfare standard so attractive it lures welfare recipients from around the country.

We are not only taking care of our own, but the nation's poor. It is the middle income worker who is footing the majority of the bill. It's the highest tax burden on any working class taxpayer in the nation. The solution clearly lies in legislators being sent to Albany who recognize the needs of the working class.

There are those with legitimate needs, who through no fault of their own are unable to feed and clothe themselves. But, the working class is disappearing rapidly from New York. Our ability to continue these social programs is strapped. Our legislature must face reality and offer constructive programs to turn New York around now.

Find out where Assembly and Senate candidates stand. Ask them pointedly for specifics on what they favor, what they oppose. Look at the incumbent's voting records. These will tell you a lot more than rhetoric.

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Readers' Opinion

Dear Mr. Willmott:

The people of the five eastern towns are determined to break away from Suffolk County and form the Peconic County. Why?? It will not help their cause much, as all the laws, rules and spending is mandated by the Lords in Albany.

What they should be doing is to join forces with both Nassau and Suffolk counties and break away from New York State and form the State of Long Island.

Walter J. Junior
Patchogue