

WHEN IS A PROMISE—NOT A PROMISE?

An Editorial

The answer would appear to be: "When it is a Campaign Promise made by a Politician!"

Governor Rockefeller's principal election pledge last fall was that there would be no tax increase—yet within two months he is asking to raise Auto Registration costs as much as 150% (per cent) in some cases.

We see no point in debating whether it is a Fee or a Tax! The Main Point is that it has the same effect as a gasoline tax—ITS GOING TO COST US ALL A LOT MORE TO DRIVE OUR CAR!!!

In Tuesday night's Evening Tribune their Editorial, "Now, Governor"—states: Governor Rockefeller has done two foolish things in the past few months—"ridiculous" would be a better word.

The first was to campaign with a "no-tax-increase" pledge—something few people would dare pledge unless they knew taxes already were too high and there was plenty of fat that could be trimmed or unless it was just a wild-vote-getting gimmick to be forgotten after election.

The second, of course, was to ask for increased "fees" and expect the public to fall for such a bit of semantic huggermuggery. Or perhaps the Governor was foolish to expect the public to overlook his own switch of words from "taxes" in his previous budget to "fees" this year.

The Governor is inconsistent—he doesn't practice what he preaches.

Last Tuesday evening in an address to the state's publishers he was critical of the national administration and had this to say:

"I am old fashioned enough to believe that no political leader has the right to try to fool any of the people any of the time—either by withholding legitimate public information, by false or misleading statements, or by managing the news."

He also told the publishers: "Political leaders must be candid rather than clever." The very next day he presented his budget to the Legislature. How about that, Governor?

Yesterday's Buffalo "Courier Express" came out with an Editorial titled "Rocky Raises Taxes By Subterfuge", which brought out the secret meetings of Republican Legislature leaders with the Governor and his budget Staff less than a week after the November Election to discuss the 1963-1964 budget.

It goes on to state in part: "This whole plan of tax increase by subterfuge would have been made public sometime ago if the preliminary budget sessions at which the Rockefeller administration revealed its program had been public as they should have been. The furor which the revelation caused among the taxpayers and motorists of the state would have become public sooner and could then have been assessed."

The manner in which this is trying to be shoved into effect is much the same as that employed by the Allegany County Board of Supervisors when they tried to cram a County Sales Tax down the Voters throats.

This attitude of "the Public be damned" idea reflects directly on the intelligence of all of us voters.

The N. Y. State Automobile Association reminds us that "Autos for most of their owners are not a luxury, but a necessity. They are a factor in gaining a livelihood, a means of going to and from work. And it follows that every increase in "fees" or "taxes" imposed on motorists amounts to a living cost increase.

This increase would strike at all of us—the little man—the taxpayer, who is overburdened already,—and would certainly be a hardship to the retired and the elderly who are supported by fixed incomes.

We say it is high time that our State Legislators listen to what we Voters want and don't want.

Why don't you contact your State Senator and Assemblyman today and let him know how you feel about this added expense to the already overburdened motorist?



Albany Report

By Barber B. Conable, Jr., State Senator, 53rd District

The new \$400 standard tuition charge for units of the State University system has caused the largest upsurge in mail received in my office since legislative session began.

Many of us, of course, are reluctant to accept a charge on something that had seemed to be free. But there are a couple of factors here that deserve attention. First many of the letters I received were based on the assumption that some new law brought about the change. Actually, the Board of Trustees of the State University took the step under old legislation giving them the power if tuition became necessary.

Second, most of the letters were from students or parents who were concerned about financial hardship or about the chance of discouraging youngsters who might otherwise enter the teaching profession. I am in full sympathy with those concerned about expense. But we mustn't overlook the state's scholar-incentive program which provides from \$100 to \$300, depending on need, for state residents attending a tuition-charging college. Up to now, State University College students have not qualified for this money. Now they qualify.

In addition, the Board of Trustees recommended that an extra \$100 scholarship be provided for the neediest students, so they still won't be paying any tuition at all.

As far as discouraging youngsters interested in teaching is concerned, it seems to me that more people will be attracted to teaching by payment of a good living salary than by tuition-free colleges.

Half the State University units have been charging tuition right along, the biggest exception being the former teachers' colleges. But these schools now offer Bachelor of Arts degrees which also qualify graduates for occupations other than teaching.

Now we may ask, if the state will have to pay a substantial part of the new tuition itself through the scholar-incentive program, why impose the tuition in the first place? The answer is the need to finance a billion-dollar expansion of the State University so that we can take care of the 100 per cent increase in New York State residents who will want to go to college by 1970.

Tuition charges, whether they come from students who can afford them or from the state itself through the scholar-incentive program, are acceptable security for college construction bonds.

Our private colleges, because of financing problems, cannot carry the load of the growing student population alone. The state will have to take up a large part of the difference, or qualified and interested youngsters will be denied the opportunity. If education is part of our obligation to the future, this kind of planning is necessary to meet the obligation in a responsible fashion.



Oswego, Kan., Independent:—"A lot of well-meaning U. S. citizens are trying to figure out how to make sense out of a proposed tax reduction in an overall way, when the government's financial outgo not only continues to exceed its financial intake,—but in a sum that continues to get bigger each year. If the proposed tax reduction is to just take less out of one pocket and more out of another—why kid ourselves."

Great Falls, Mont., Leader:—"There is one thought that may not have occurred to you in regard to the recent thalidomide scare. The drug originated and was freely used in just two nations, England and Germany."

Capitol Comments By Assemblyman Don O. Cummings

The major, over-riding problem facing the 1963 Legislature involves the balancing of the State Budget. Those who have followed these reports, or have heard me speak on occasions over the last two years, know that this problem has been anticipated.

In 1963, serious difficulties have been encountered in balancing our spending for essential services with income we obtain from taxes, fees and other sources. The population of our State continues to grow although this is not noticeable in the Southern Tier generally or Allegany County, particularly. Such population expansion sparks continued and increasing demands for more state aid for education, health, highways, for local communities and districts, and, in general for all services that this State provides for its citizens.

I have stated again and again if the Legislature continues to yield to these demands for more state aid—or to put it another way, unless we can halt state spending—that there could be no alternative except to raise state taxes. Demands for more money from the State have not decreased; on the contrary they have been increasing, and in spite of fair-to-good business and earning conditions in 1962, spending has caught up with income. This is not peculiar to your State government. Most of you are well aware that your County, Village, Town and School Districts are faced with similar and difficult problems in balancing their budgets.

Although it is early in the Session, I do not believe that there will be an income tax increase this year. However, many so-called "fees" are going to be raised to obtain sufficient funds to balance the budget. Increases in auto registration fees are presently being seriously considered in spite of the fact that it will be very unpopular throughout the State.

Many of my colleagues in the Legislature and I are hopeful that we can effect economies in spending to bridge the gap between our income and our expenses. We intend to make every effort to cut expenses or to halt spending in order to avoid an auto registration fee increase. Whether this can be done without cutting essential services, and whether we can gain a majority who favor this approach, can only be ascertained in the months of this Session that lie ahead. The fiscal problems of the State will be our major concern at this Legislative Session.

Have you noticed the new title given to this article? Two years ago I instituted these monthly reports from Albany which have been published in the daily and county newspapers and other media throughout Allegany County. The purpose of these reports has been to stress certain matters before the Legislature which I deemed to be of special interest to my constituents. These were entitled "Albany Report". Thereafter, Mayor Forhan of Wellsville followed by publishing interesting and informative articles under the title, "The Mayor Reports". Now, lo and behold, our new Senator, Barber Conable, has started a series entitled "Albany Report"! Without going into the protocol or seniority aspects of this matter, I find it expeditious to change the title of my report. Hereafter, these articles will appear under the above heading.

Don O. Cummings

These are the two nations which have the oldest and most deep rooted systems of socialized medicine—It just goes to show that under the crushing burden of nationalized medicine neither doctors nor scientists can exercise caution that is required in testing new drugs."

Calumet, Mich., News:—"Before you pick up that nice looking young man thumbing a ride, consider this—the FBI reports that prints of two out of five thumbs raised to beg a ride are on file with the police. Still want to give him a lift?"

Turning Back The Pages of Andover History

(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 31, 1913

J. H. Backus, Publisher Pennsylvania Crude Oil is quoted at \$2.35.

Miss Anitta Feely has accepted a position as bookkeeper for M. F. Smith and Co. of Hornell.

Miss Angie Davis has returned home from Angelica where she has been taking the training class examination.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Comstock are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Linford Potter of Independence.

F. M. Swink is a business visitor in New York City this week.

Mrs. Millie Cathoun is visiting her cousin, Miss Chapins of Scio.

G. B. Proper returned today from a few weeks visit in Arizona.

Jerry Updyke, W. F. Snyder and James Dougherty are attending the Auto Show in Buffalo this week.

Seymour Herrick, son George, and Charles Herrick returned to New York Saturday after passing several days with Mrs. Elizabeth Herrick.

Mrs. R. A. Bartlett and son, Richard returned to their home in Pulaski Sunday after a two weeks visit with Andover friends.

40 YEARS AGO

Jan. 26, 1923

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Frisbey paid them a surprise visit Friday evening, January 19th, the 65th anniversary of their marriage.

Mrs. Edythe Snyder died at the family home on Elm Street, Wednesday night following an illness of two months duration.

Mrs. Magdaline Hemmer, 77, died at the family home on Harmon Street Monday. Two daughters and three sons survive.

The Condensory is filling their ice houses this week. The ice is about 12 inches thick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brundage leave today for Los Angeles, Calif., to pass the remainder of the winter. They will visit their son, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brundage at Santiago, en route.

Miss Helen Yorton of Saginaw, Mich., arrived in Andover Wednesday for a visit at the home of her Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Beebe.

Miss Helen Rogers arrived in Andover Tuesday morning from Flushing, L. I., called here on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Edythe Snyder.

W. E. Chase has gone to DuBois Pa., where he has employment with the Shawmut Railroad.

Mrs. Augusta Bullard Smith of Friendship is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Barreft.

30 YEARS AGO

Jan. 27, 1933

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers R. A. Geer has purchased the Andover Variety Store, which he has been managing for A. D. Howe of Wellsville the past year.

A son was born January 23rd to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Snyder and Mrs. W. F. Snyder spent the weekend in Buffalo where Mr. Snyder attended the Auto Show.

Mr. and Mrs. Mearl Hibbard of Pikesville were Monday guests of his sister, Mrs. William Dodge.

Mrs. Charles Kilmer and two children of Woodhull were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Wreley of Elmira were Sunday guests at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Wreley.

President J. W. Crofoot of Milton College, Milton, Wis., was a guest of Rev. and Mrs. W. I. Greene, the first of the week.

Charles Cochrane of Belmont spent Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bullard.

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