

A MAN'S HOUSE IS HIS CASTLE — OR IS IT?

An Editorial

According to the American "Bill of Rights", A Man's House is his Castle—but will it be to-morrow?

The "Bill of Rights" in the United States Constitution in the 4th Amendment says: "The right of the people to be secure in their person, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated and no warrant shall issue but upon probable cause and supported by oath or affirmation and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized."

According to a recent Press Release from Robert L. McManus, Press Secretary to the Governor, two new bills that were introduced in the State Legislature are:

(Publicly referred to as the "Knock-Knock Law")

1. Permit courts to authorize police officers to execute search warrants without notice to the occupant of the premises involved, when the property sought may be easily destroyed or the notice will endanger the officer's or another person's safety.

(Known as the "Frisk and Search Law")

2. Provide similar authorization for police officers, when encountering in public places those persons whom they reasonably suspect of committing a felony or serious misdemeanor, to stop them, question them briefly, and search them for concealed weapons before arrest.

At first examination of both of these, it would seem as if they are infringing directly on the 4th Amendment in our "Bill of Rights".

We firmly believe in the original "Bill of Rights" as it was originally adopted and are opposed to the Socialistic leanings that have become so popular in the last decade or two.

We hate to see the rights of the individual taxpayer and businessman invaded by an all powerful central government that forces us to become a tax collector and statistical bookkeeper for them at our own personal expense.

With these two new approaches at battling the rising incidence of crime, as is the case in most laws, there are two sides to the propositions. Furthermore, as with most laws, there are apt to be abuse on both sides.

Thus it was with misgivings that we started out to try and determine to what extent, if any, our civil liberties were being tampered with.

We called and talked at considerable length about these 2 new laws with both our local members of the State Congress. Don Cummings, State Assemblyman from Wellsville, and State Senator Barber B. Conable Jr., Batavia, N. Y., who represent us from the 52nd District.

Both of these new bills were passed, by a rather large majority in the State Assembly, but a much narrower margin in the Senate, and now await the Governor's signature which will undoubtedly be forthcoming.

We are told that they both have "built-in-safeguards" to protect the innocent and that while they may infringe slightly on the individuals rights, they are designated to protect the majority of the people.

Their main purpose was to give Law Enforcement Agents tools to wage a bigger war on the illicit narcotic trade which has been blossoming since World War II.

If these new laws are used for this purpose, and not abused by the Police, we are strongly in favor of them. However, if they should be abused, then it will be up to WE, THE TAXPAYERS, to see that corrective measures are taken.

The far reaching importance of these laws should be impressed on ALL Law Enforcement Agents—no matter how big or small, so that abuse will not occur!

Turning Back The Pages of Andover History

(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 27, 1914

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Mrs. Kathryn Gavin died suddenly Tuesday morning, February 17. Surviving are eight children.

C. E. Brown has purchased the Alonzo Porter property on Main Street.

Bartley Clark, 77, died Tuesday, Feb. 24th. Two nephews are the only survivors.

Edward Wilcox returned to Springville Wednesday after spending two weeks with Andover relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Greene have returned home after spending a week visiting relatives in Cleveland, Buffalo and Warren, Pa.

William Lauterborn was called to Hornell Wednesday by the illness of his mother.

Mrs. Edwin Livermore is visiting daughter, Mrs. Allen Corwin of Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Hamilton of Alfred were in Andover Friday to attend the funeral of her uncle, A. W. Hoard.

Miss Frances Answorth and Mrs. Flora Deming were the delegates and Mrs. Lelia Livermore and Mrs. Charles Robinson the alternates representing the Andover W.C.T.U. at the County Institute in Wellsville this week.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1924

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Patrick Mulcahy, 72 died Monday evening, February 11th. His wife, four sons and two daughters survive.

J. J. Cook died Wednesday evening February 13th.

Nelson Straight has moved his family to Alfred Station where he will work for Leonard Claire.

W. S. Clarke will represent Andover as juror at the term of County Court beginning February 25th.

South Hill Cor.—We are having our first sleighing of the season.

W. R. Hann is spending a few days guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wange Walker of Angelica.

Mrs. Rachel Farr left Saturday for Buffalo where she will spend the winter in the wholesale millinery store.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wilcox of Hornell and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fenner of Almond were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Minor Green of Nile were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Livermore.

W. S. Calhoun was a business visitor in Rochester Monday.

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 9, 1934

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Cecil Hoagland of Canadice was a guest of his brother, Victor Hoagland and family Friday and Saturday.

Arling Briggs, Willard Adams and Floyd Slocum were in Whitesville Tuesday evening to play checkers.

C. H. Watson returned from Buffalo Friday where he underwent operations for growths on both eyes.

Oliver Kemp was in Whitesville Tuesday evening to play at a concert given by the Henry Williams Orchestra.

Mrs. Dorsey Northrup and Miss Virgil Slagho are attending the State Grange Convention at Lake Placid this week.

Charles Lever of Bryant Stratton Business College, Buffalo, passed from Wednesday until Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Lever.

Mrs. Harrison Emerson and son Robert of Detroit, Mich., are visiting her mother, Mrs. Jennie Flint.

Miss Elizabeth Sander left Sunday for a few weeks visit with relatives in New York City.

Capitol Comments by Assemblyman Don C. Cummings

The present legislative session has reached the halfway point. I am impressed by the fact that there are many matters dealt with by the legislators outside of those reported in the newspapers and other communication channels, and, among other things, I wish to discuss some of these at this time.

SOUTHERN TIER EXPRESSWAY — Despite repeated efforts by individual legislators, the Route 17 Association and other interested groups, there has been considerably more talk about this four-lane divided highway than there has been action in constructing it. I am referring to the proposed Expressway, running from Binghamton westerly across the southern tier to a point near the border of Lake Erie.

Industrial expansion and economic improvement in the southern tier, including Allegany County, requires a direct and fast means of transportation to the large eastern seaboard markets and westward to the northern Ohio-Cleveland area. A completed Southern Tier Expressway would provide the necessary arterial for commercial and individual transportation. Believing that there is strength in unity, a number of legislators have formed a group to request an early start on construction of this highway west of Binghamton and to press for its completion. This group is composed of Assemblymen from the counties of Tioga, Chautauque, Steuben, Allegany, Cattaraugus and Chautauque and 27 of the Senators who represent these same counties in the New York State Senate. We have had preliminary meetings and discussions and met as a group with the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works.

Our purpose is to persuade the department to construct some portion of this Expressway during the year 1964 in the area lying west of Binghamton. If necessary we intend to present this matter directly to the Governor. I am convinced that this is a matter of the highest priority for Allegany County, and one that should not be relegated to the distant future. If a portion of the Expressway can be constructed this year west of Binghamton, in any portion of the southern tier, we will have opened the door to its eventual completion. I hope to be able to furnish most specific information on this in future reports.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAXES — New York State employers will save approximately \$50 Million in unemployment insurance taxes in 1964. The average contribution rates as fixed by the Division of Employment will fall to 2.7% of taxable wages from the present 3.3%.

The drop from 3.3% to 2.7% reflects a reduction of approximately 0.2% in the normal tax paid by most employers and an additional 0.4% in the subsidiary tax paid by all employers. The 2.7% average rate is the lowest since the year 1960. The 1964 rates reflect changes which result from enactment last year of the recommendation of the Governor's Committee on Unemployment Insurance Financing and improvements in the individual employer accounts and is a healthy trend towards a more favorable economic climate in the State.

OFF-TRACK BETTING — The New York City administration has put forth a proposal for State-wide off-track betting. The

reason given is that a tax collected on such bets would provide an easy and painless way to increase State revenues.

I am opposed to this proposition on moral grounds, and believe it reprehensible for the Empire State to finance its government by wholesale extension of gambling. In addition, my studies of the proposition lead to the conclusion that it is not a good revenue-producing measure. The experience in England and other countries that have tried this, shows that it has worked a hardship on the lower income group and has added substantially to the welfare state. Further, it has resulted in a significant increase in bankruptcies and the law courts to enforce collection of debts. In my opinion, it has led to recommend it.

ALFRED AG-TECH INSTITUTE — Newspapers and other reports with regard to the amount of money available for new construction at Alfred Ag-Tech Institute have been confused. The capital outlays as set forth in the State Budget for the fiscal year 1964 are as follows:

New Appropriations	
Industrial Buildings	\$2,025,000
For Industrial Buildings	\$2,025,000
For Installation of athletic, gymnasium, and other improvements on new building site	2,225,000
Service group & athletic fields	575,000
Total	\$5,370,000
Re-appropriations	
For Library, Service Administration and room facilities and buildings	\$5,450,000
For Student Activities Building	1,600,000
For Central Heating Plant	632,300
For Farm Groups, laboratory, demonstration and lecture areas	216,558
Site preparation	48,107
Total	\$7,947,064

In addition to the foregoing, Alfred Ag-Tech expects to build two dormitories for 412 students at an estimated cost of \$1,760,000 with the same to be bid approximately June 1964, and also a dining hall with capacity of 500 at an estimated cost of \$200,000 to be bid in August or September of this year. These three facilities are expected to be completed by September of 1965 in time for the first semester of that year.

GRASSROOTS OPINION

Corvallis, Ore., Gazette-Times: "We have grown too careless about protecting our birthright. And we lose our freedoms just as easily through internal corruption as through external aggressions."

Weedville, Pa., Valley News: "Under consideration at the moment in Congress is a bill which would grant pay increases to almost two million government employees, and cost the Treasury over half a billion dollars. The first question any thinking citizen must ask about such legislation is: 'How can the federal government afford such an expense when we have experienced a heavy deficit in the past fiscal year and are piling up another big deficit in the current fiscal year?'"

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