

COMMENTS ON THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

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The most insidious piece of legislation in the history of our country is now being railroaded through Congress. Its passage would destroy our rights to govern our own lives.

If you have been led to believe the Civil Rights bill was designed to give "justice" to minority groups, you have been sold a bill of goods.

Few Americans, especially businessmen, realize that this vicious measure would convert this nation into a police state under the direction and control of a powerful central government. Its effects would adversely affect everyone, black and white.

The bill has been hailed in glowing terms by the President and has been passed in the House. It is now before the Senate. By its action on this bill the Senate will determine the fate of the Constitution and the freedom it guarantees.

Its evils are not concentrated in, nor are they confined to, the much discussed and highly publicized "public accommodations" section, vicious though that section is. It becomes more and more evident that "Public Accommodations" is a red herring that has been used to divert public attention from the basic evil that runs through all of it like a fine electrical control wire, ready to be charged whenever the Attorney General chooses to throw the switch.

Like all such schemes, this socialist Omnibus Bill—misnamed the Civil Rights Bill—is sponsored and pushed under the guise of do-goodism. The phrases, "guaranteeing rights for minorities" and "ending discrimination" cover its real aim, the subjugation of 185 million Americans to an all-powerful centralized Washington bureaucracy.

If Congress passes the Civil Rights Bill, the United States Attorney General will thereby be made a dictator with practically unlimited powers.

His "inspectors" will swarm, snooping and prying over the countryside as if Judicator Warren and his presumptuous usurpations were not enough.

This proposed legislation goes far beyond the wildest hopes of the Socialist-Liberals. It impairs the right of homeowners to be the sole judges as to whom they will rent, lease or sell their homes; it impairs the right of employers to hire or discharge as they see fit; it impairs the rights of banks and other institutions to make loans and extend credit in accordance with their best judgement.

This bill can affect nearly every individual in the United States: insurance agents, realtors, editors, broadcasters, merchants, manufacturers, bankers, farmers, homeowners, teachers, recipients of veterans pensions, civil service workers, receivers of social security, and parents of children attending school, even school boards, themselves. It would outlaw "discrimination", yet, it doesn't even define the word.

If you find this difficult to believe, your doubts are understandable. It seems impossible that the far-reaching effect of this legislation could have been successfully kept from the public; but it has, and time is short.

This evil plot must be defeated. Once control of all American life is centered in Washington, the autonomy and sovereignty of our 50 United States will be swept away.

The President, as the House of Representatives, has deserted us.

The Senate, therefore, is our last hope. If its members cower before the winds of hysteria, we will have had it. For the President impatiently awaits the opportunity to put his signature to the warrant that will consign us, our children and our grandchildren to generations—long political, social and economic bondage.

If you want to continue governing your own life, write your Senators, both of them, and tell them so. Tell them you oppose this bill; tell them why. DO IT NOW!—BEFORE ITS TOO LATE!

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Turning Back The Pages of Andover History

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50 YEARS AGO

April 16, 1914

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Mrs. Mary Cannon, 70, died at her home Friday, April 3rd. Surviving are a daughter and four sons.

Charles Raple, 83, died at Willard State Hospital Tuesday, April 7th. His wife, a son and a daughter survive.

Postmaster W. F. O'Connell has purchased the Goodwin property on Main Street and will remodel it into a modern residence.

Andover ex-prisoners of war who were confined in Andersonville prison during the Civil War will receive a free trip to Andersonville to witness the dedication of a monument there. There are three ex-prisoners of Andersonville in Andover: C. F. Davis, J. C. Greene and John Angood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brundage returned home Sunday from Guilford, Miss., where they have been passing the winter.

Rev. F. M. Baker is in Buffalo this week to sing with the Genesee District Quartette at the Richmond Ave. Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Potter returned Thursday from Hornell where they were called Tuesday by the critical illness of Mrs. Carroll Richmond.

40 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1924

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Mrs. Mary Warfield, 74, died suddenly at her home on Greenwood Street. Surviving are a son, a daughter and a sister.

Mrs. Emma Gardner and George Gleason were united in marriage, March 27th.

At a meeting of the Thomas M. Lynch Post, American Legion held Monday evening, Ralph E. Temple was elected Commander; Claire C. Backus, Adjutant and R. O. Snyder, Treasurer.

Frank Graves will represent Andover as Grand Juror and Forrest Gee as Trial Juror at the April Term of Supreme Court beginning April 7th.

Miss Ellen Driscoll of Buffalo is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Mary Driscoll.

Arthur Wagner returned home Wednesday from Elmira where he has been employed in the Morrow Plant for some months.

A. L. Rogers was a week-end visitor at the home of his sister and family, Mrs. O. G. Whitcomb of Belmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Raufenbarth of Hornell were visitors at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Raufenbarth, Sunday.

30 YEARS AGO

March 23, 1934

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

J. D. Cheesman received his appointment as Andover Postmaster Wednesday. He will succeed Dr. John Common, who has held that position for the past 12 years.

William J. Redmond died at the family home on the Andover-Canaan Road Monday night, March 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hyland are the parents of a daughter, born Saturday, March 17th.

Paul Geer left Andover Wednesday for Warren, Pa., where he has accepted a position as pharmacist with the Harvey-Carey Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Steadman visited her sister, Mrs. Ruth Robbins at Elmira Sunday.

Word from Emergency Hospital in Buffalo states that Mrs. Peter Joyce is gaining nicely from the operation at that place.

Miss Annette Clifford was called to Great Kills, Staten Island, Thursday by the death of her father.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Gilfillan moved their household goods from Cumberland, Md., to Andover this week and are living in the Warfield house on Greenwood Street.

Boost Your Home Town!

Capital Comments James A. Young Named To Local Board 71

By Assemblyman

DON O' CUMMINGS

The 187th Session of the Legislature is now history. Marked by weeks of discussion over budgetary items in a successful effort to increase financial assistance to school districts the session's highlight was the achievement of extra school aid without imposition of new taxes or tax increases.

3% Aid To School Districts — Each public school district in Allegany County will receive a 3% increase in State aid over and above the amount proposed by the Governor in the Budget which he originally submitted. This is not an attempt to get off the Diefendorf formula. Furthermore, I approve of the fact that every school district in the State will benefit by the same, equal percentage increase.

The Legislature is well aware that this additional aid is not substantial. As usual, the problem is a lack of money. We did cut a very tight Budget by a sum large enough to finance the 3% increase but it is apparent that if a substantially larger amount of school aid will be needed in the future, this will necessarily require higher income, or other increased State taxes.

5% Take-Home Pay For Teachers — Since the time when the benefit was extended to State employees, the teachers have argued that they should have a similar benefit. It seems to me that they may be entitled to such equal treatment. During the last two weeks of the Session, the Assembly tried in vain to induce the State Teachers Retirement Board to reduce the contributions of each school district to the Retirement Fund by 4% because the total funds of the system have reached such a high level. This reduction would not affect the retirement benefits for teachers in any manner and, on the other hand, would provide sufficient funds to the school districts to pay the increased cost of the 5% take-home plan.

The State Teachers Retirement Board, for reasons that they considered valid, turned down this plan for the current year. The feeling in the Assembly was that we could not mandate this increased cost on school districts without providing the necessary funds, and that this year we just did not have such funds available.

However, I am informed that the Teachers Retirement Board will take this step next year; that contributions of the school districts will be reduced 4%, and thus provide the money to extend this benefit to teachers.

State Park Acquisition At Cuba Lake — The Allegany State Park Commission has entered into an agreement to purchase 18 acres of land with substantial lake frontage in the area near the Cuba Lake Yacht Club property. This acquisition with Park Bond funds, is for the use of the public, with occupancy to be turned over to the Commission in two years. The property will be improved by the eventual installation of boat launching, sites, picnic areas, swimming and other recreational facilities.

I believe that this is an extremely desirable acquisition for the people of Allegany County and the fullest credit should be given to former Judge Ward M. Hopkins, the Allegany County representative, on the Park Commission, the Cuba Chamber of Commerce and others who have urged and worked to accomplish this result. I am pleased to have been of some

James A. Young, Jr., West Almond supervisor, has been recommended to fill a vacancy on Local Board 71, U. S. Selective Service System, it was announced by County Judge William W. Serra.

Appointments to the board are made by the State Selective Service System on recommendation of the County Judge. The appointment is to fill a vacancy caused by resignation of Hughes Brown of Hornell. Charles C. Backus of Andover is Board Chairman.

The board, which serves all of Allegany County, maintains its offices in Belmont.

Mr. Young, born Jan. 21, 1918 at West Almond, is a graduate of the Allegany Central School. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University from which he graduated in 1940. He taught Vocational Agriculture in Millersburg Central School in 1940 and 1941, until he entered the armed forces Aug. 5, 1941. He spent 38 months overseas in Central and South Pacific with the infantry and was discharged Sept. 21, 1945.

Mr. Young is a former member of the Allegany Central School Board, and has served six years as supervisor of the Town of West Almond. He is a prominent dairy farmer and cattle dealer with a widely-known strain of Holstein Friesian.



Wildwood, N. J., Leader: — "One of President's Johnson's latest promises is a housing project that will put every American family in a decent home in a decent neighborhood. That is a wonderful dream, but it is hardly realistic. Should not the Federal government's concern be the establishment of an economic condition in which Americans can provide the sort of homes their families need? The President's proposal would seem to have a trend toward the regimentation of families, an establishment of Federal standards of family living, paid for by Federal funds."

One of the most advantages of being a senior citizen is that after a man passes 70 he's unlikely to catch any of the childhood diseases

assistance in connection with the interested State agencies in Albany.

Code Of Ethics — The State Legislature has adopted its own Code of Ethics for Legislators based on a two-year study by Senate and Assembly Legislative Committees. This problem has been thoroughly discussed in the press over the past three months and the Code adopted sets up ethical standards of conduct for New York legislators. It is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to legislate ethical conduct because a man is either honest or he is not. However, I feel that the Code does set important guide lines for the legislators which will be most helpful in the future. At the same time, it does not prevent lawyer-legislators from protecting the rights of their clients and permits them to practice law in any State court or before any State agency. DON O. CUMMINGS

Advertisement for 'The BIG ELMS Restaurant' located at 186 Seneca St. Hornell, N. Y. The ad lists 'Open 7-Days Per Week - 7 A. M. to 12 P. M.', 'FULL COURSE DINNERS DAILY', and 'Private Dining Room For Parties'. It also includes the slogan 'Bring The Entire Family'.