

## James F. Hastings Reports

A bill, authored by Rep. James F. Hastings (38th District-NY) providing for the presentation of a U.S. flag to the parents of deceased servicemen, has been signed into law by President Nixon.

The signing took place at the Western White House in San Clemente, Calif. It amends current regulations which allow for the presentation of the flag to the surviving spouse or next-of-kin but not to both.

Under the new law, Rep. Hastings said, a second flag can now be presented to the parents or persons who have served in a parental capacity as well as the widow.

The measure had strong support from the Defense Department and unanimous endorsement by the House Armed Services Committee. Rep. Hastings said he was highly gratified that the bill had become law.

"The Flag" he said, "is a symbol of the freedom we enjoy and of the sacrifices made by our sons and daughters in preserving that freedom. Its presentation, in a small way, serves to let their loved ones know that the nation shares in their grief."

Rep. James F. Hastings has also called for nationwide support of a Veterans of Foreign Wars program aimed at gaining the release of American prisoners of war held by the North Vietnamese. The program is headed by an Olean, N.Y., woman, Mrs. Alexander C. Cottone.

In remarks prepared for the Congressional Record, the Allegany Republican lauded Mrs. Cottone recently elected president of the National VFW Auxiliary at its meeting in Miami Beach, Fla., and urged national backing of the petition-signing campaign which she is directing.

"Her first official act on returning to Olean," he said, "was to launch a massive petition-signing campaign aimed at mustering national public support to obtain the release of our captive servicemen, some of whom have been prisoners longer than any American in any war."

Rep. Hastings was among those Congressmen last year who signed a statement calling on Hanoi to repatriate sick and wounded prisoners and to begin negotiations for the release of all U.S. servicemen held by North Vietnam.

Today, he said, an estimated 1,400 American are believed to be captives in North Vietnam prison camps. Their fate is unknown, he said, accusing North Vietnam of failing to live up to a single agreement of the Geneva Convention, which they signed in 1957.

"It is a cruel irony that these men who held freedom so dearly should be captives," Rep Hastings said. "We as Americans would be without conscience if we failed to do all we can to secure their release."

"I urge every American to join in support of this effort by the VFW so that these prisoners of war can be reunited with their families."

## 1970 Feed Grain Diverted Acres May Be Grazed

Farmers who diverted acreage under the 1970 feed grain diversion program may now graze their acreage without losing program benefits, Stephen Clarke, Chairman Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee has announced.

Authority was recently granted to ASC State Committees to extend to 7 months the free grazing period for livestock on lands taken out of production under the diversion program. The starting date for such grazing, therefore, was September 1, marking the end of the period during which the no-grazing provision was in effect under the diversion programs.

"Extension of the free grazing period," the Chairman stated, "will give farmers an additional month each year for grazing livestock on these diverted croplands. It will permit program participants to glean their fields without the expense of erecting fences between lands on which they have grown crops and those they have diverted."

"In making this move to help the farmer, the Department took

## Controlling Aquatic Vegetation

It is no news to the cottage owner that most ponds and lakes in the State have more plant life than they had just a few years ago. In many cases it hasn't been just a steady increase, but has been increasing faster and faster, just like a big snowball rolling down hill.

A good deal has been written about how this is part of the natural process of aging in a lake call eutrophication, and about the increased amount of nutrients that have been dumped into our water in the form of both treated and untreated sewage, industrial waste, agricultural runoff and such innocent appearing pollutants as the detergents that are used to wash our clothes and dishes. It is these extra nutrients which made the increased plant growth possible.

Usually when the cause of a problem is known, corrective action will help the situation. Since eutrophication is a natural aging process, in most cases the best that can be reversed are probably limited to a few ideal locations.

Long time corrective measures don't make channels through the weeds so boaters can get to their docks, nor do they clear patches so the swimmers can enjoy their time in the water. It is the immediate problem that interests most people, and very often their desire to do something backfires. Weed control is a prime example of this, for one's natural impulse is to get rid of the weeds.

On the surface, mowing your lawn and mowing the weeds in the pond in front of your camp look about alike. The big difference is that clipped grass lying in the sun is in a very hostile environment and quickly dies. Aquatic vegetation that is cut and left to be carried away by wind or current is in a very friendly environment. Very soon it sends out adventitious roots, and when it comes to rest becomes established as a new plant. The old plant continues to grow, just like the grass in your lawn, so now you have two plants instead of one. Cut weeds which do not succeed in rooting themselves sink or rot, contributing their nutrients to the lake.

If you aren't going to slide backwards further than you go ahead, you must remove all the vegetation that you cut, a tiring and time-consuming task, for it is wet and heavy.

Hand pulling the plants and piling them on shore is a little harder than cutting and hauling them ashore. When you get through, however, you are rid of the plants until new stock develops.

Black plastic sheeting placed on the bottom and held there with stones will prevent growth of new plants from seeds or roots left in the mud, and will keep rooted plants that drift over from your neighbors from becoming established. For limited areas, such as around docks for boats and swimming, this may be the best solution.

In this age of technology we expect chemicals to accomplish almost anything. Fortunately we have also learned to be on guard for side effects. There are herbicides that will kill plants in water, but their use is so tricky and unpredictable that the Department of Environmental Conservation does not recommend their use. A further problem is that not enough is known about all the secondary effects that may result.

No toxics of any kind may be put in water without a permit from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

note of expanding use of the picker-sheller in corn production which provides for harvesting earlier than was customary under old methods. The net effect of the change is to allow farmers to graze one month earlier.

Allegany County farms participating in the 1970 feed grain diversion program number about 425.

## Bids To Be Accepted On New Ag-Tech Plans

The State University Construction Fund will accept bids on a contract estimated at \$494,000 covering an addition to the Boiler Plant at the State University Agricultural and Technical College at Alfred, Governor Rockefeller has announced.

Charles B. Ferris Associates of New York are the architect-engineers on the project, which is designed to increase the plant area sufficiently to accommodate installation of the new 40,000,000 BTU boiler in the existing building of the plant. The new boiler will augment the plant capacity to meet campus growth requirements. The addition will house a work area with minor repair facilities, workbench, and storage space. The underground high temperature hot water distribution system, which conveys the hot water to various campus buildings, is also being augmented under the project.

Architectural, the new structure conforms with the finish of the present building as to color of brickwork, type and finish of windows, and all other exterior finishes.

## Expressway Bids To Be Opened October 22

Governor Rockefeller has announced that the State Department of Transportation will open bids on October 22 for construction of graded embankments for 11.4 miles of future four-lane divided pavement of the Southern Tier Expressway in the Towns of Amity, Angelica and West Almond, Allegany County.

The proposed contract is estimated to cost \$21,800,000 and will be financed with funds from the Transportation Bond Issue approved by the voters in 1967.

The earth embankments will extend from near Miller and Karr

ishes. Face brick, matching that on the present boiler plant, is backed up by cinder block. Utilities will be extended from the plant to the addition. Completion is scheduled for December 31, 1971.

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Albany Offices of the State University Construction Fund until 2:00 p.m., EDT, October 21, 1970, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Valley Roads westerly to the Village of Angelica and then southwesterly to Route 19 in the community of Belvidere, and will connect two existing roads expected to be under construction this fall.

Related work will include grading for future interchanges with Route 219 and relocated Peacock Hill Road and for a safety parking and rest area to be built off the westbound lanes west of Morton Road.

Governor Rockefeller said all sections of the Southern Tier Expressway are expected to be either under construction or complete within the coming year.

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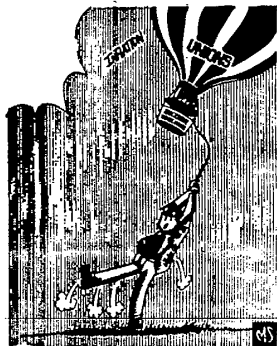
by Vant Neff

It was no moment of great pride for a proud university—Yale—when the six-man black bodyguard of Black Panther leader, David Hilliard, beat and stomped a white man who attempted to speak from the same platform. The audience of 4500 merely sat and gaped. Hurrah and boola, boola, old Eli! How times have changed!

In the midst of world turmoil that surrounds us, let's not overlook the fact that this is a free country. The First Amendment guarantees, without strings attached, freedom of speech to everyone—employers as well as employees. This particular freedom has been reconfirmed by the Taft Hartley Act. But it has been sadly neglected by the National Labor Relations Board. How incredible it is that a union shop steward can tell his men any and all things, but the owner or manager must be wary of each word he utters. According to a Congressional Committee Report on the NLRB, this organization has "double standards" for applying labor law to cases, consistently favoring unions. The remedy for an admittedly biased and unfair situation: labor law reform. If you'd like to become more informed about it—and almost everyone who works is affected by our country's labor laws, one way or another—you may write for a copy of this report to the U. S. Government Printing Office in Washington, D. C. It will cost you a dollar, but it may save you plenty.

It's a shame, in my opinion, that so many fine, industrious Italian-Americans have been tarred by the same brush as their wheeler-dealer Mafia countrymen. Ethnic prejudice is always ugly. But in this case, it's disgraceful.

Thought to remember: Every time a union demands—and wins—an excessive wage hike, you and I pay for it. How? We pay more for everything, from pencils to peanut butter, from hammers to housing. Don't blame the manufacturers for the price rise. It isn't their fault. But those wage increases don't come out of the blue. They come out of your pocketbook, and mine. If the product were bigger, or better, or if the worker produced two products in the time that he usually made one, it would be a different matter. But the way things stand now, higher wages and low productivity add up to one bitterly unpleasant fact: Inflation! Nobody likes it. Nobody wants it! And nobody can afford



The oddest of all odd couples: What in the world did Britain's pretty Princess Margaret and Yugoslavia's Red dictator Tito find to chat about as they basked in the Adriatic sun? And how true is the rumor that her sister Queen Elizabeth is anticipating a state visit to Moscow? Or are these just further instances of the perpetual program to enhance the Communist cause throughout the world?

Will the unions' riches never end! One mammoth labor organization, the United Mine Workers, owns the National Bank of Washington. Nice going, for a union with an alleged 700 bogus locals, about half of which do not file federal financial reports. According to my calculations, that must leave quite a tidy sum to be raked off and used at will. And I would suspect at the union bosses' will, not the workers'. After all, they are only the people who had their pay envelopes clipped to provide the money in the first place!

The "hard hats" who trounced the student dissenters for mocking the American flag have made one point very clear: They want to show their support of our President and of every man who is still fighting for the cause of freedom in Vietnam, or anywhere else. And patriotism like this is a point in anyone's favor. Agreed?

Contrast President Nixon's altruistic proposal to declare the ocean floor beyond a depth of 600 feet as a common heritage of all countries, with the unscrupulous attitude of some other nations that have seized ships as far away as 200 miles off their coastlines in neutral waters. Who says we Americans are imperialistic? (Peru, are you listening?)

What a switch! It is reported that in Hungary today, a doctor who studies for years to attain his professional status receives \$56.50 a month as a starting salary. Meanwhile, an uneducated industrial worker's average monthly beginning wage is \$82.60. If this is the so-called "people's equality" the Communists preach, give me free enterprise any day!

Strange, isn't it, that the five Americans who were awarded the Lenin Peace Prize have been more belligerent than peaceful in their supposed efforts to promote peace? Check the "honors list" carefully. There is W. E. B. DuBois, whose Communist-inspired campus clubs laid the groundwork for today's epidemic of student turbulence. Singer Paul Robeson and artist Rockwell Kent, both notorious for their Soviet sympathizing. Industrialist Cyrus Eaton, who received a three-horse Russian troika carriage as a token of esteem from his pal, Nikita Khrushchev. Now the latest is Dr. Linus Pauling, whose own private battle versus nuclear weapon testing has been waged against the United States, not the country, which decorated him. What does he plan to do about Russian nuclear bomb tests? (Experts claim that Russian bomb build-up and tests by far exceed ours). Doesn't he recall the infamous Russian "gift" to the United States—a carved eagle loaded with concealed microphones? To those familiar with the Communists' methods of swaying public opinion, and surely Dr. Pauling must be, none of this should come as a surprise. No one surpasses the Russians in the fine arts of double-talk, deception and duplicity.

Who knows whether or not student unrest in China seethes as furiously as it does in France or Japan? News from that country is carefully filtered and edited by the authorities. But word does leak out that the authorities there go to a great extent to suppress student opinions, in order to maintain the fiction of "unquestioning obedience", while they contend that all dissent is stirred up by imperialistic foreign conspirators. If this is "Chinese progress", it is inscrutable to me.

