

I AM A SICK AMERICAN

An Editorial Worth Repeating

There are those who claim ours is a "sick" society; that our country is sick; our government is sick; that we are sick. Well, maybe they're right. I submit that I'm sick — and maybe you are, too. I am sick of having policemen ridiculed and called "pigs" while cop killers are hailed as some kind of folk hero.

I am sick of being told that religion is the opiate to the people, but marijuana should be legalized.

I am sick of commentators and columnists canonizing anarchists, revolutionaries and criminal rapists, but condemning law enforcement when such criminals are brought to justice.

I am sick of being told that pornography is the right of free press, but freedom of the press does not include being able to read the Bible on school grounds.

I am sick of paying more and more taxes to build schools while I see some faculty members encouraging students either to tear them down or burn them.

I am sick of Supreme Court decisions which turn criminals loose on society — while other decisions try to take away my means of protecting my home and family.

I am sick of pot-smoking entertainers deluging me with their condemnation of my moral standards on late-night television.

I am sick of being told that policemen are mad dogs who should not have guns — but that criminals who use guns to rob, maim and murder should be understood and helped back to society.

I am sick of riots, marches, protests, demonstrations, confrontations, and the other mob temper tantrums of people intellectually incapable of working within the system.

I am sick of hearing the same phrases, the same slick slogans, the cries of people who must chant the same thing like zombies because they haven't the capacity for verbalizing thought.

I am sick of permissiveness.

I am sick of those who say I owe them this or that because of the sins of my forefathers — when I have looked down both ends of a gun barrel to defend their rights, their liberties and their families.

I am sick of cynical attitudes toward patriotism And, I am sick of politicians with no backbone.

I am sick of the dirty, the foul-mouthed, the unwashed.

I am sick of the decline of personal honesty, personal integrity and human sincerity.

I am sick of people who try to rationalize and forgive the Communists for their ideals when they teach that the means justify the end — no matter what it consists of — as murder, tyranny, atheism.

I am sick of the talk of amnesty for draft-dodgers and deserters when thousands of American G.I.'s lie buried on foreign soil.

I am sick of seeing the American Flag desecrated by ignorant, un-patriotic, un-American rebels who choose to ignore the Constitution of the United States of America — and what it stands for.

Most of all, though I am sick of being told I'm sick. I'm sick of being told my country is sick — when we have the greatest nation that man has ever brought forth on the face of the earth. Fully fifty percent of the people on earth would willingly trade places with the most deprived, the most underprivileged among us.

Let's all of us see what we can do to re-establish the concepts of our Constitution and the principles of the "Ten Commandments"!

News From Albany

by Assemblyman James L. Emery

The office of Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Geneseo) announced his schedule for the week beginning September 27th, as follows:

Saturday, September 28th — 11:00 a. m., Mr. Emery will be at the Penfield High School in Penfield, New York, to speak to the Central Western Zone of the New York State Retired Teachers Association, Inc. The Central Western Zone includes Livingston, Allegany, and Ontario Counties. Also during the day, the Assemblyman will attend the Livingston County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs' exhibits and displays at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Regional 8 headquarters in Avon. That evening at 7:30 p. m., Mr. Emery will be attending the 100th Anniversary of the Grant Duke Hotel Company, Inc. at the Cameo Restaurant in Wellsville.

Tuesday, October 1st. Assemblyman Emery will be in Albany to attend a State Manpower Training Conference sponsored by the New York State Department of Labor. That same evening he will speak at a testimonial dinner for Honorable Glenn H. Harris, Majority Whip, in Johnstown.

Thursday, October 3rd — Mr. Emery will be in New York City attending legislative hearings.



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First Prize Goes to Independence — Allegany's venture in the realm of amateur dramatics at Fairs was a success in every way. It is estimated that more than 700 people saw the five plays produced on Thursday and Friday at the Angelica Fair. First Prize: "Joint Owners in Spain" played by Independence Community — 2nd Prize to Alfred Community and 3rd Prize to Petrolia. Obi and Little Genesee received Honorable Mention.

Several roads in this vicinity which have been torn-up all summer are now opened. The road to Wellsville being one of the finest in this section.

Get your fruit jars now at F. L. Bloss Grocery — for the big talk is a shortage.

The Regular meeting of Andover Grange will be held Wednesday evening, September 24. Members come prepared to discuss the Traffic Law. Don't forget the Grange Fair which will be held October 12.

Andover was in line with the larger places, with her splendid display of Flags on Main Street, Friday in honor of National Defense Day.

At the last meeting of the Andover WCTU, Mrs. Lela L. Moore was elected President; Mrs. David Bullard, First Vice-President; Mrs. Eliza Cooper, Second Vice-President and Miss Alice Clark, Secretary.

John Davis is painting the woodwork on the News Office Building.

The Burrows home on Main Street has been repaired. M. J. Grey doing the work.

The work of oiling the side streets of the Village was begun Tuesday afternoon.

Williams and Burdick have just completed the stucco work on the residence of Glenn Ruger on North Main Street.

Emmett Dawson has resigned as Physical Instructor of Andover High and has accepted a similar position at Depew.

Gerald, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wahl, had a finger badly injured Monday by getting it caught in a lawn mower. The little man was brought to Dr. Wells of Andover and the wound cared for.

Ask



Senator

BUCKLEY

I recently read that President Ford has signed a piece of your legislation that would allow parents to see their children's school records. Don't parents have the opportunity to know how their children are doing when the kids bring home their report cards?

—A. G.—Oswego

There was a time when a school kept a record of little more than a student's grades. In the past several years, however, students have been bogged down with a battery of psychological tests which are designed to bring out things to elicit information about students' potential personality problems, and even their family life, sexual activities and possible criminal involvement. Until President Ford signed my legislation into law, parents in 90% of our school systems were prohibited access to their children's records. Yet, a majority of the school systems routinely passed along such information to criminal investigators and other government agencies. Naturally, such information, if stored in the recesses of the government's information banks, could haunt a child through his school years and beyond. The new law allows parents in every school system not only to see their children's records, but also to supervise the distribution of these records to third parties.

President Ford has now revived the question of amnesty. What are your views on the subject?

—R. L.—Albany

The cause of justice surely is not served, as President Ford has noted, by blanket amnesty for draft evaders or military deserters. The individual offenders should have their cases reviewed on a case-by-case basis. There should be no blanket treatment for any particular class of offender. Where the evidence warrants, the individual should be treated with the degree of leniency that their particular circumstances warrant. Our legal system has always been capable of providing leniency to the accused when it is appropriate. We can rely on our legal process to reliably distinguish between the genuine conscientious objector to all warfare and those others who sought to provide safety for themselves only by increasing the danger to which their fellow citizens were exposed.

There was a reunion of the Childs family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Childs, Sunday. Among the 32 attending were Charlie Smith and daughter and granddaughter of California.

The Andover Rebekah Lodge observed their 72nd Anniversary of the organization of the order with a program of music, reading and a short address, Wednesday evening. The special musical numbers, a violin solo by Miss Alice Rogers, accompanied at the piano by her mother, Mrs. Hayden Rogers; vocal duet by Misses Ina and Edna Youmans, with violin obligato played by Miss Rogers and a piano solo by Miss Eva Rennells were greatly enjoyed. The program was followed by a luncheon.

The estimated attendance at the Hornell Fair for the four days was given out as 60,000.

Fall is truly here. The threshing machines are busy. E. P. Rogers started out this week on his annual visit to the farmers of this vicinity. His machine is equipped with self-feeder, straw stacker and automatic grain weighing apparatus. The grain yield this year is good.

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. MacGowan, Jesse Snyder and John Wahl attended the Steuben Presbytery at Hammondsport, Tuesday, making the trip in Mr. Wahl's car.

Greenwood News — Mr. and Mrs. Gussie Cook and children of Almond and Mrs. Velma Loper of Hornell, called on Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Trowbridge, Sunday.

Mrs. John Osmun and son, Paul of Rexville, spent Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. A. L. Trowbridge and also called on Mrs. John Rogers Sr.

A daughter was born September 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Oat Vanderhoef of Bennetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Holt, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Holt of Jasper.

South Hill — Frank Holmes of Andover, is superintending the building of a new power shed on the Atwood-McAndrew lease. Con-

tractor Kemp is moving the rig to another location on the lease.

Williams and Burdick of Andover, are busy with cement work at the Village Springs on the Dean Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Potter, Miss Margaret Grossman, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Briggs and Wilmar, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crandall and Maxean, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mings and Eloise, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Crandall and Maxon and William and Mrs. John Hlig, all of Independence, attended the Cube Fair, Thursday.

Tip Top — Miss Rose Green called on Miss Ruth Baker, Saturday afternoon.

Frank Graves was calling on B. J. Baker, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lee attended the funeral of their cousin, Eugene Banter at Hammondsport, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. VanSchaick Mrs. Ina Church and daughter, Lena and Hilda, were calling in Whitesville, Wednesday p. m.

Several people from Davis Hill and the Lane School District, attended the Westfield Fair last week.

Nurse Elizabeth Folsing returned to her work in New York City Saturday after a few weeks' visit in Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. George McAndrew of Ward, visited with relatives from Michigan at the home of Ed Earley, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arling Baker motored to Elmira, Tuesday, with their daughter, Miss Sara Bettlinger, who entered the Elmira College.

Dr. and Mrs. John Common and son, Robert and Miss Wilma R. Preston of Hornell and Miss Clara Comstock of DeMolines, Iowa, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Preet at "The Preet Farm" at Bath, Sunday.

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