

THANKSGIVING 1974!

An Editorial

Yes, another Thanksgiving Season has rolled around — and Thanksgiving Day is almost here. This along with the Fourth of July, is the most thoroughly American of all our Holidays. It celebrates the very beginning of this nation. And, when properly observed, it honors the courage, skills, and dedication of long-gone men and women who faced and conquered dangers and difficulties of an unbelievable scope, as well as the great deeds that our Astronauts are writing in outer space.

Most dinner tables in this country will be piled high with the traditional Thanksgiving feast. There will be, inevitably, an emphasis on the material aspects of the day. Thanks will be offered up for the abundance that is known so generally throughout the land.

Thus, besides giving Thanks this year, let's look around us with wide open eyes — and SEE WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING IN THIS GREAT LAND OF OURS!!! AND WAKE-UP!!!

HERE ARE THE Communist Rules for Revolution that were secured by the State Attorney's office from a known member of the Communist Party, who acknowledged it to be a part of the Communist program for overthrowing our government:

A. Corrupt the young, get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial, destroy their ruggedness.

B. Get control of all means of publicity and there by:

1. Get people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays and other trivialities.
2. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.
3. Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule, and obloquy.
4. Always preach true democracy but seize power as fast and ruthlessly as possible.
5. By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.
6. Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of government towards such disorders.
7. By specious argument cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues: honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.

C. Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view to confiscating them and leaving the population helpless".

Now, we ask all of you: as you read down thru the Communist Rules for Revolution — isn't that exactly what is happening in the United States. Aren't the young people being led away from religion? Towards sex — and drugs? (Just take a look at the facts and figures at the terrific increase in the venereal disease incidence in the 14 to 18 year old group according to statistics from Public Health Departments.)

Why do you think some of our leaders are so worried about TV and News Media coverage of peace demonstrations, moratoriums, etc? Certainly they are being played way up out of proportion! But, had you given it much thought as to WHY? Of course! It's because the Communists are closely following their rules!

So, this Thanksgiving, let's recognize and heed one thing our fore-fathers knew — that under God.

And, lastly — aren't many of our duly elected leaders trying their best to pass gun control legislation on some pretext or other?

each individual human being owes an everlasting debt of duty and responsibility to his family and neighbors and that no institution — nor government agency — can discharge it for him!!

**Legislator
Lee Ryan
Reports**

In response to widespread damages from Tropical Storm Agnes, the NYS office of Planning Service (OPS) and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) entered into a contract to plan and administer emergency flood recovery funds. The purpose of the contract is to develop data and information on the feasibility of small-watershed projects to reduce future flood damages. Actual field work and evaluation is being managed by the US Soil Conservation Service (SCS) under a subcontract with DEC.

Southern Tier West, our Regional Planning Board (Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties) entered into a contract with OPS July 2, 1973 to October 31, 1974 to provide assistance to the Small Watershed Study thru local, technical support and the promotion of community efforts in flood plain management. A total of \$18,900 was allocated to the Regional Planning Board to employ a full time project coordinator and to pay related non-salary expenses.

The study encompasses eight small tributary drainage areas within the Allegany, Genesee and Susquehanna Basins. It is important to note that the Small Watershed Study is a preliminary feasibility and evaluation study. No funds have been allocated for construction or land treatment purposes. At the conclusion of the study, SCS will distribute final reports which evaluate stream and land treatment conditions within the areas and recommend future corrective action. However, future action will depend on local initiative and the availability of funding.

Two of the study areas (Dyke Creek and upper Canisteo River) definitely show need for flood control and local protection structures. Both of these areas should submit applications for a more intensive PL566 study and begin the formation of a watershed protection agency. Although other areas may also submit PL566 applications, the feasibility for structural solutions seems doubtful. Other areas of concern in our County are Plum Bottom Creek, VanCampen, and Dodge Creek.

Flood insurance should be encouraged along with land use controls to future development in hazardous areas. Though the effectiveness of flood plain management cannot be measured in terms of floodwater storage capacities, it is a foolproof method of reducing damages. It is the only practical recourse for the majority of small watersheds within the region.

Over a year ago, I asked our County Planning Board for support and received it, for a County Watershed Agency. This agency could coordinate the efforts of all the watersheds in our county, thereby making it much simpler to expedite the work involved. At our next meeting of the Planning Board, part of our agenda will be devoted to this topic. I will be asking for a resolution to be presented to the Board of Legislators for the creation of such an agency in the near future.

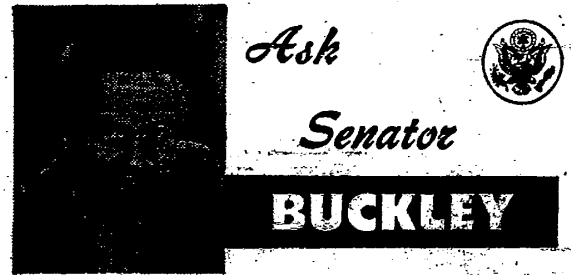
There is a good possibility of getting something done in these watersheds, especially in the ones that show good "Cost Benefit Ratios" but only with all our support.

Public informational meetings have been held in Andover (Dyke Creek) and Alfred-Almond (Upper Canisteo.)

You have probably read of the proposal for solid waste disposal presented by our solid waste committee. After four years of planning and study we (the committee) feel this to be the most practical at the present time. As technical know-how improves, we feel that our plan is flexible enough to encompass changes that will come.

I would be glad to explain the plan in more detail to any of our towns or villages.

Opossums can freeze their bare ears and tails during a normal winter. When they walk in snow they often carry their tails high.



Do you favor any sort of aid for private and parochial schools?

N. B.—Amsterdam

I certainly do. The competition offered by private and religious schools is healthy for our system. It enables parents to have a broad choice in the education of their children. However, parents who exercise their right to send their children to non-public schools are in effect subject to a double tax. They pay taxes to support the public school system and tuition to support their children's schools. This is unfair. A way should be found by which parents of children in private schools could be reimbursed a portion of the costs they save the public school system. President Ford has long advocated a system of tax credits under which the taxpayer could offset a portion of his children's tuition against his taxes. Another approach is to provide parents with educational vouchers that could be applied against the cost of private schooling. Simple justice requires some such approach.

President Ford apparently supports your legislative attempts to de-regulate the price of new natural gas. Just how will this help the New York consumer?

R. S.—Brooklyn

Since the Federal Power Commission began regulating the well-head price of natural gas sold to interstate pipelines in the late 1960's, there has been a dramatic decline in the rate of discovery of new gas reserves, with the result that in many places in New York today, new houses are not allowed to be connected to natural gas systems, and during winter months, gas deliveries are being cut off from certain factories with resulting lay-off in employment. The reasons for these developing shortages are simple. Because the price of gas was held to arbitrarily low levels, fewer and fewer wildcatters were willing to take the enormous financial risks of drilling exploratory wells for interstate markets. Also, to the extent that new gas was discovered in the course of looking for oil, it was usually sold for local consumption within the state, as these sales are not subject to federal regulation. Economists agree that the best way to encourage new exploration and commitment of new natural gas to interstate markets is to remove price controls on uncommitted gas. The net result will be to vastly expand supply so that consumers in New York and elsewhere will be able to get the gas they need at prices substantially lower than those that will have to be paid for substitutes.

**News From
Albany**

by Assemblyman
James L. Emery

Removal of the "hot dog tax", and exemptions on the sales tax on home heating fuels and some utilities has been proposed in legislation prefilled by Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Genesee).

Three separate pieces of legislation are being sponsored by Assemblyman Emery and co-sponsored jointly by Assemblyman Charles D. Henderson (R-Hornell) and Assemblyman-elect John R. Zagame (R-Oswego County).

One pre-filed bill would eliminate the "hot dog tax" imposed in 1971 on the sales of food consumed in a restaurant or food service with the cost under \$1.00. The second pre-filed legislation would remove the sales and use tax on most utilities including gas, electricity and telephone service. The final bill by Emery, Henderson and Zagame would exempt the sales tax from home fuels and electricity used for heating of family residences including fuel oil, natural gas and bottled gas.

Commenting on the pre-filed legislation Emery said, "We have reached a point in our nation's economy where inflation has risen to run away proportions and I feel strongly that we must do whatever is necessary at this time to assist the low and middle income wage earner."

Emery continued: "Because of this serious inflationary trend, in the cost of consumer items, most people are hard pressed to maintain a sound family budget. Gov-

ernment must hold down its levels of spending and institute tax breaks wherever possible which will be most beneficial to the people who are in the greatest need of help.

"There can be no doubt that the institution of these tax exemptions and the elimination of the 'hot dog tax' will have wide-ranging fiscal implications on the state government and will be depriving the state and counties of large amounts of badly needed revenues. This is the reason there has been so much opposition to calls for such measures in the past. The elimination of the 'hot dog tax' alone could mean a revenue loss of nearly \$50 million in one year.

"However we have simply reached a point where the people can no longer afford to pay and the government must find some means to make up this revenue loss without further taxation and without substantial cuts in aid to localities, even if it means curtailment of some state services. Somewhere along the line we must sacrifice, but the taxpayer can no longer afford to carry the load."

Assemblyman Emery concluded: "I have pre-filed these measures early in the hopes that they will be acted upon with all reasonable speed in the 1975 session so that future financial planning in relation to the state budget can be done with this loss of revenue in mind and so that we can give these tax breaks to the public as soon as possible."



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