

LEST WE FORGET — THE BIG LIE !!!

An Editorial Worth Repeating

There isn't a month that goes by without some Politician or prominent Businessman, or Executive making a public statement that we should have gun registration in this country — or else outlaw guns completely! And, with this constant repetition, by so-called intelligent people, more and more people — who can't think for themselves — agree with them.

Why do these people preach gun registration, gun control or abolishment of the "rights to bear arms" guaranteed us under the Constitution of the United States of America?

Some of their claims are that it will cut down on the crime rise that is sweeping across the country. Yet, in the States where gun control has been enacted, the crime rate has risen almost 65%. Is this a valid reason then — when statistics and facts belie their rash promises?

Is it possible that Communists could be behind a lot of this "hog wash" propaganda?

Let's take a look at an article that "has been making the rounds" — and then do some serious thinking about the whole deal.

In May of 1919 at Dusseldorf, Germany, the Allied Forces obtained a copy of some of the "Communist Rules of Revolution". Over 50 years later the Reds are still following them. After reading the list, stop after each item and think about the present day situation where you live — and all around our nation. We quote from the Red Rules:

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, thereby:

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 disgrace.

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. Incite unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of government toward such disorders.

7. By specious argument cause the breakdown of the old mortal virtues, honesty, sobriety, self restraint, 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.

This is quite a list isn't it? Now, stop and think — how many of these rules are being carried out in this nation today? I don't see how any thinking person can truthfully say that the Communists do not have any part in the chaos that is upsetting our nation. (Or is it just one big coincidence?)

These are the things that happened in Russia — and every other Country that has been taken over by the Communists and Dictators. How else could five to seven percent of the leaders in Russia control the 93-95% of the rest of the populace? After firearms registration and confiscation — the people no longer have any effective means of resisting the tyranny imposed by their diabolical leaders. And, who in almost every country have carried out purges by killing hundreds of thousands — and even millions of humans — that have tried to question their authority.

Do you think that it couldn't happen here? — Brother — just scan thru the pages of history — and see how many civilizations fell thru their own degeneration, decadency, corruption, and loss of moral virtues!



50 YEARS AGO

February 11, 1927

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Mrs. Agnes M. Harmon died at her home on the Quigg Hollow Road, February 7. She was born July 30, 1857 in Cinchcanati, Ohio, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ridinour. She was the widow of the late Miles Harmon. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Bertha Crank. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

"The Little Clothopper", the Andover High School Literary Society drama, went over big and also was a financial success. The cast consisted of Kathryn O'Donnell, Clifford Howland, Rose Dawson, Edward Cannon, Mary Cible, Ruby Robinson and Robert Lynda. Mary Heran was very charming in her dance routine. The High School Orchestra composed of Claire Greene, Robert Common, Dan Farwell, Ralph Williams with Mrs. Smith at the piano. The song hits by Ralph Williams were well received.

Waldo W. Miller of Wellsboro, Pa., died last Thursday, February 3. He was born in Tioga County, Pa., a son of Charles and Mary Lawrence Miller. On July 2, 1855 he married Mary Bradley of Andover. He died November 15, 1867. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Erma Line, wife of William Fries of Detroit, Michigan and his older brother, Charles Miller of Wellsboro. Burial was in Wellsboro.

LeRoy Jordon has purchased the John Lever Livery Barn and lot on West Greenwood Street.

The Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church will meet with Mary Snyder Friday afternoon.

Grant Brimmer, a practiced Saw Mill man of Elmira has come to Andover as the Superintendent of the Andover Heading Mill.

A party of neighbors and friends were entertained at a double birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett Monday evening. The party was in honor of the birthdays of Mrs. Ralph Burgett and Mrs. Dewey Neithrap.

Commissioner Howland and gang of men were clearing the obstructing snow bank yet on South Hill last Friday and Saturday. Autos now have a clear road. Frank Densmore of Independence was the first to motor over South Hill since holidays.

Louis Dean has nearly completed a new back porch on the family residence which is a very creditable piece of carpenter work for an amateur.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Feenaughly of West Greenwood Hill are parents of a son born February 3.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clarke of Independence entertained company Saturday evening in honor of their son, Leon's birthday.

Curis Burdick was called to Butler, Pa., Wednesday by the death of his father-in-law.

Miss Fernie Greene was over from Alfred to attend the play Monday evening and was guest of Miss Edna Barrett.

Jesse Corwin of Merritt, Mich., has been in Andover since Sunday guest of relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George McAndrew were callers at the home of Mrs. George Barrett Monday and visited with relatives from Dowagiac, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire C. Backus and daughter and William Loughhead were weekend guests of their sister, Miss Isabelle Loughhead of Eldred, Pa.

Howard Fields of Rochester of the Rochester Cabinet Co. and P. C. Poppus of the Rochester Soda Fountain Manufacturers of Rochester, were business callers of John Karcanes the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes and daughter, Margaret and Lillian and Margaret Folsing and Dorythca

Snyder were 6 o'clock dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson of Cuba, Thursday night.

"Chuckles", the big production to be given by local talent in Andover on Feb. 25 and 26, under the auspices of the Masons and Eastern Stars, will be directed by Mrs. G. E. Turner of the Maxine Turner Producing Company, and held at the Auditorium.

For Valentine's Day, give Mary Lincoln Chocolates in Valentine Boxes, at 65c a lb. Also homemade milk chocolate peanut and raisin clusters at 35c lb. Ice Cream Lolly Pops 5s each of 8 for 25c. Marlies Ice Cream, all flavors at the Fountain of Youth, Harry Drevak, prop.

40 YEARS AGO

February 12, 1837

Clara C. Backus, Publisher

It was an unusual service that was held at the Andover Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a. m., Sunday morning. An interdenominational Youth Day Service was held with the four protestant churches of Andover participating. Every seat in the church was filled with the exception of those reserved in front for the young people who gathered at the Methodist Church, marching by two across the street and entered the Presbyterian Church to the strains of the Processional played by the organist Mrs. Harold Hardy. At the same time the four young people in charge of the services, entered at the rear of the church taking their places in the pulpit. Farnum Pope, presiding; Beatrice Kruger, the responsive reading; Charlotte Corvill, scripture reading and Edward Crandall the prayer. The Union Choir sang the anthem and Dr. Herbert C. Van Horn of Plainfield, N. J., gave the address to the young people. In the evening the Acapella Choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Hornell directed by Ceci Lope, sang to a capacity house.

The February Meeting of the Musical Club, was held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Denzel Baker and Mrs. Hayden Rogers. An interesting program was given on the life of Joseph Haydn. Those taking part in the program were: Pearl Goodridge, Elaine Pope, Wm. Goodridge, Wm. Dougherty, Paul Kilbane and Beatrice Dean.

Mrs. Helen Parker Perkins, 88 of Hallstop, died February 6 at the Jones Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Perkins was born in Independence a daughter of the late Hiram and Cynthia Covin Parker. She is survived by one brother, Clark Parker of Wellsville, a niece Hazel Parker of Rochester and a nephew Hiram Parker of Hallstop.

The pupils of School District No. 5 in Shovel Hollow, donated a \$1.00 towards the flood relief. Miss Annette Taylor is the teacher.

The cold weather of last week gave Andover skaters three days of good skating on the Ponds.

Merritt M. Atkins and Mrs. Alice Updyke both former residents of Greenwood, were married January 16 in Winter Haven, Florida.

The two cent supper which was held at the Presbyterian Church parlors Thursday, was a success, both socially and financially. The committee in charge was Mrs. R. O. Snyder, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Earl Richardson, Mrs. I. R. Bassett, Mrs. John E. Cannon, Mrs. Carrie Hunt and Mrs. Leo Snyder.

The Juniors and Seniors held another debate in Assembly, Friday. Farnham Pope, who acted as chairman, presented Jean Mills paugh, Maxine Crandall and Wm Woodruff. Seniors who supported the affirmative side and Marior Swarts, Doris Honegger and Donald Hardy. Juniors who composed the negative team. Alan Tuttle acted as timekeeper. Marior Swarts was outstanding, both in the delivery of facts and presentation of rebuttations. The Juniors won.

The Girls Glee Club held a dance on February 9 with Johnny Croyle's Orchestra playing from 8 to 12. The committee under the direction of Mrs. Scott were: Marion Swarts, Marior Burgett, Mary Burns, Fotiny Karcanes, Delore Farwell, Doris Honegger, Kenneth Vars and Basil Brundage, and the

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"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

Finding a Way Out, Or Digging the Grave a Little Deeper?

This past week, the Governor noted that he will be making available a list of projects to be included under the proposed \$750-million Economic Development Bond Issue up for voter approval this November. I am certainly pleased to hear this news, but I am disappointed about the amount of faith we can put into this listing, let alone the bond issue itself. It is approved by the voters. We wanted the people to know exactly what they would be voting for, what funds are involved and to which projects they would be directed. This would be written into the law and would be part and parcel.

Unfortunately, the Governor's list has nothing concrete about it. It is only a statement saying what he now wants to do. I've been around the State Capitol too long for anyone to try and tell me that the proposed list would not be changed once the voters have approved it and it is no longer in view of the public's watchful eye.

On the subject of approving the bond issue itself, I personally feel the state should not go any further into debt. According to State Comptroller Arthur Levitt, there is already \$1.3 billion in uncommitted bonding capacity already approved by state voters. Do we really need any more?

The Citizens Public Expenditure Survey, Inc. (CPES), a taxpayer's watchdog group in Albany, has brought attention to our disproportionately high state and local government debt totals which equalled \$40 billion in fiscal year 1974-75, the most recent figures available. Of this, the state government owed \$15 billion, and the local governments owed \$25 billion.

Ranking all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, the CPES report notes the \$40 billion New York debt total is "double the debt in California — a state with 1.7 million more citizens — greater than the debt of California, Illinois and Texas combined; and more than the total (combined) debt in 30 other states plus the District of Columbia. It need hardly be said that it was by far the highest tally in the nation."

From a table ranking the 50 states, CPES lists the total state debts as New York: \$39.75 billion, ranked number one; California, \$20.08 billion, ranked number two; Pennsylvania, \$14.64 billion, ranked number three; Texas at \$11.21 billion, ranked number four; and Illinois, \$9.62 billion, ranked number five. The lowest state debt in the union is South Dakota's with only \$195 million total for both state and local governments.

Unquestionably, these figures lend a great deal of understanding as to why creditors suddenly became uneasy about giving New York City and the state any further credit in 1975. Government, like an individual, must live within its income limits and maintain a good credit rating if it is to prosper. The 1975 fiscal crisis faced by New Yorkers was a warning, loud and clear, that we had better put our house in order.

With that warning still in mind, CPES notes, and I concur, that New York State and its localities have a special responsibility to carefully consider and scrutinize any new borrowing, no matter what the intended purposes. Thus, when New York taxpayers will be asked on the November ballot to pass judgement on a proposed \$750-million Economic Development Bond Issue, everyone must weigh whether the possible economic benefits of the added borrowing will better our overall financial status or further destroy our debt-income balance.

The news media, concerned citizen groups and many others will be providing information for and against the \$750 million bonding proposal in the coming months. I personally will be issuing a report to every registered voter on the pros and cons of the bond issue and the other referendums on the November ballot.

Before going to vote this year, I hope you will carefully consider the impact of both passage and disapproval of the bonding issue and what it could mean for the future of our state and its people. This decision rests in your hands.

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