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Senatorial candidates profiled; issues are explored

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The Courier and Freeman compiled responses from the five New York State Democratic Senate contenders on four issues affecting North Country citizens. Each candidate's main campaign office was contacted and requested to speak on the topics without prompting from already prepared statements. At each office the Courier and Freeman asked to speak with someone well informed on the candidate's views. What follows is a review of the positions of three of the candidates, Bella Abzug, Ramsey Clark and Daniel Moynihan. They are presented in alphabetical order. The remaining two candidates, Abe Hirschfeld and Paul O'Dwyer, will be presented next week.

Bella Abzug
The Courier and Freeman spoke with deputy press secretary Robert Ortiz. He mentioned Bella Abzug's position on the Food Stamp Program, stating that there should be "no reduction of food stamp eligibility until alternatives are available to provide adequate nutrition" for the poor and other needy receiving food stamps.

Speaking on unemployment, it was noted that Republican Representative Abzug is "proud to stand on her record"

of supporting and authoring" bills, "among them the twice vetoed Public Works law" and that Abzug has "always lobbied for extended unemployment benefits." However, Ortiz added that Abzug's stand on the unemployment problem is "like any other politician's" that the government should be interested in "getting people more jobs."

The answers to questions on nuclear power and the role of agriculture took longer to obtain. The Courier and Freeman was required to wait, an explanation given that the office was "hectic" at the time of calling. The information given to the Courier and Freeman seemed to have been read from prepared statements, with Ortiz at one point stating "...the next paragraph

says..." Abzug's stand on nuclear power may have softened since her visit to Massena last July. At that time, she told the Courier and Freeman that she had called for a moratorium on nuclear power plant construction. During Monday's telephone interview, her official stand was that the nation should "minimize reliance" on nuclear energy production. In addition, it was stated, regarding energy production in general, that the nation's programs should stress energy conservation as well as increased funding of research on "alternative" energy sources such as "windmills and the like."

It was stated that Abzug proposes a "multipoint program" in support of

agriculture. Based around support of the "family farmer," her "position" called for "preferential tax assessments" on the family farm, including the reduction of state tax burdens on the family farmer and the "elimination" of tax subsidies for "conglomerates" who benefit from tax write-offs on agricultural properties.

In addition, Abzug called for the development of a "national consumer co-operative bank to provide capital loans for farmers." No clarification was given, however, on how this would be financed or even established.

Abzug called for, it was said, an increase in parity supports to farmers in proportion to the costs of production of crops and livestock headed for market. This would mean that the federal government, while artificially keeping market prices on food goods low, would compensate farmers so their costs of production would be met.

Abzug's press secretary also read, from what seemed to be a press release, that farmers should be given "priority access" to fuel and transport facilities to markets. She called for the encouragement and development of food co-operatives and farmers markets in urban areas and, for farm laborers full union rights and "decent wages and housing." Her campaign aide indicated that this latter comment was especially relevant where large numbers of

migrant workers are employed.

Abzug's office personnel were apparently quite efficient in their operations. Unlike other offices contacted however, her aides appeared to make use of prepared press statements, something that each of the offices were asked to avoid doing, as the calls, were made in an attempt to find out how informed members at the main headquarters of each candidate were about their own contender.

Ramsey Clark

A telephone interview with Ramsey Clark staff member Ira Feldstain, brought the following responses on four questions.

Asked about his stand on the Food Stamp Program, it was said that Clark felt "we must cut out the waste" from the program, but "we still have to continue (the program) so people can eat." He clarified this by indicating that there must be "levels to sustain" to insure a "decent diet" for all Americans. Clark was said to be opposed to the Buckley Bill, presently on the Senate floor, which would further limit the number of people eligible to receive food stamps.

Clark was said to be in favor of continuing unemployment benefits if it were necessary but that "the issue is creating jobs." Clark supports the Humphrey-Hawkins Bill as a "first step in going to full employment."

Regarding nuclear power, Clark favors a moratorium on new plant construction until further data affirming their safety or delineating hazards can be obtained. Clark has said that the Ford Administration has placed a "dangerous emphasis" on nuclear energy development and campaign aid Feldstain noted that while the nuclear industry is "capital intensive" it "doesn't create jobs as well as solar energy would." A realistic energy independence program, it was said, would focus upon "alternative energy sources, the elimination of wasteful practices in present day energy production and transmission and emphasize energy conservation."

Clark's campaign aides indicated that he was interested in "helping save the family farm." Noting that for the last five years, the family farm has been increasingly "squeezed out of business," Clark has called for a program that would protect and encourage family farms from further declines.

Specifically, Clark called for an exemption from capital gains taxes for family farms and small businesses up to \$100,000 until the farm was voluntarily sold out of family ownership. In addition, Clark would call for an increase in credit available for new family farms, and would call for tougher enforcement of anti-trust laws against the corporate farms run as tax writeoffs by "corporate speculators." Consistent with this, Clark's aide indicated that Clark would call for the elimination of tax loopholes which benefit corporations holding land for tax losses but injure the family farmer.

"Ford," the aide said, "says we must help the family farm, but his record, indicates the contrary. The aide continued, stating that "although many believe big farms are most efficient," family farms are more likely to be so.

Gathering information from the Clark offices was easy. The Courier and Freeman was given a person to speak with immediately. The aide was able to speak on all four issues without any undue hesitation. In addition, the Clark office personnel seemed aware of current bills in the Senate.

Clark is scheduled to be in Buffalo later this week, but no other information regarding upstate tours was available.

Patrick Moynihan

Campaign aide for Patrick Moynihan, Bill Kristol spoke to the Courier and Freeman on his candidate's stands.

Moynihan, it was said, supported the Food Stamp program as "necessary" but it "would be preferable" to launch a full-scale reform of our nation's welfare system. Food stamps should be continued until "something better is put into practice."

Moynihan is a "strong advocate of jobs." The federal government, his aide said, has had, since 1946, an obligation to press for, if not insure, full employment. This goal, "it had clearly failed to uphold." Moynihan has been quoted as saying that "unemployment is the disease of capitalism" but that "it can and should be cured."

On energy policies and nuclear power production, it was said that Moynihan's general position on energy was that he favored "strong safeguards and controls" when producing power by any method of production. Of nuclear power as a producer of energy he said that "it is but one source of power; if used, strict safeguards should be provided." Moynihan is "very much interested in, and strongly supports, efforts to achieve energy independence." The "best" way to attain this goal, he said, is through the use of coal, oil or some other fuel source is merely "a technical question."

Moynihan's aide spoke of agriculture, and its role in New York State: "He is the farmer; I mean he owns a farm in the state. It is farmed but he rents out the land."

In addition, Moynihan's aide stated that Moynihan didn't "have any sort of program on agriculture; he does appreciate the importance of farming in New York. We are working on something in agriculture, but have no policy statements as yet."

Benefit for park slated

A dance for the benefit of Norwood's Recreational Park will be held on Thursday, September 2 from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Norwood Municipal Building.

Music for dancing will be furnished by "Graffiti." Admission is \$1.25. Refreshments will be sold.

SCHOOL OPENS

Norwood-Norfolk Central School will begin classes for all students on Tuesday, September 7 at the regular starting time of 8:25 a.m.

Dateline...

BUCKLEY TESTIFIES

WASHINGTON—Senator James L. Buckley (R-N.Y.), in testimony before the House Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds, said today that H.R. 15134, which would encourage the Federal Government to save historic and other older buildings and then use them for new federal offices, was an "important new direction" in federal building policy.

The bill is sponsored in the House by Rep. Bo Ginn (D-Ga.) and Rep. William Walsh (R-N.Y.)

Buckley, the ranking Republican on the Senate Public Works Committee, and original sponsor of the Senate version of the bill, said that the bill "would provide added flexibility in meeting office needs by insisting that the General Services Administration at least consider the use of what is worthy in our past. There are many opportunities to preserve it and enhance it, rather than to raise it in favor of needless new construction."

According to Buckley, the bill would save energy, because "the design of older buildings is generally less extravagant in the use of energy than modern glass designs. A renovation approach would eliminate the consumption of the energy needed to tear down and replace the older building."

RECEIVES AWARD

HOLLAND PATENT—Assemblyman Daniel Haley of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties was the recipient of an award proclaiming him Energy Man of the Year, 1976 at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Holland Patent on Friday, August 27.

The award was sponsored by several environmental groups in Oneida County.

INVESTIGATION

ALBANY—The Department of Motor Vehicles will step up its investigation of all driving school advertising in an effort to protect the public from illegal or misleading statements, Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner James P. Melton has announced.

"Our Departmental regulations have maintained standards concerning this aspect of driver training," Melton declared, "but every so often a company needs to be reminded. I have asked all District Directors to review their area for any ad that does not comply."

The investigation will cover newspaper, magazine and other written media advertising as well as "yellow page" ads in the state's telephone books.

If a violation is found, the company will be notified and must submit proof that the offending ad will be replaced.

OPEN MAILBOXES

WASHINGTON, Senator James L. Buckley (R-N.Y.) today introduced legislation which would open up the nation's individual mailboxes to private mail carriers, a move that he said would result in "significant savings to the consumer."

Currently, said Senator Buckley, "in spite of the fact that someone buys, installs, and maintains a mailbox at his residence, it is legally the property of the U.S. Government. The Postal Service is the sole determiner of what may be deposited in it."

In my estimation this is an unnecessary infringement on the individual's property rights and an arrogant disregard for the respect and choices of the people. To deny private carriers access to the mailboxes is discriminatory and unfairly penalizes those who receive mail from private carriers."

He said that Chairman Alfred Kahn of the New York State Public Service Commission supported the Buckley amendment.



CINEMA 10's fall season gets underway on September 6. Ed Dubinsky and Elliot Rich discuss pre-opening subscription sales during a planning session. Tickets are available from Cinema 10 representatives and from Bronen's, Lewis House, Beyond The Fringe, Giant Steps, and Potsdam Co-op. (Victoria Levitt Photo).

Cinema 10's films to open

Cinema 10 will begin the fall season on September 6 with a new series of films to be shown on Monday evenings at 8 p.m. in Snell Hall Auditorium on the Clarkson Campus.

Subscription tickets for ten admissions are now on sale at Bronen's, Giant Steps, Beyond the Fringe, the Potsdam Co-op and Lewis House at the rate of \$3 for students and \$6 for non-students. Single admission tickets will also be sold at the door before each showing, at \$5 for students and \$1.25 for non-students.

A schedule of films follows. September 6, "Shoot the Piano Player," a film by French director Francois Truffaut, is part thriller, part parody. Charles Aznavour is a pianist

United church may dismiss Rev. Maxfield

A congregational meeting of the members of the United Church of Madrid has been scheduled following the morning worship service on September 12, to vote on a resolution to dismiss the Reverend Charles Maxfield from his duties as pastor.

The dismissal is being sought by the pastor-parish relations committee. Specific charges against Maxfield have not been made public. Maxfield came to Madrid three years ago from a pastorate in York Beach, Maine. He was instrumental in forming the United Church of Madrid from congregations of the former Madrid United Methodist Church and the Madrid Congregational Church.

During his tenure, Maxfield has been active in a number of community activities. He is chairman of Madrid-Waddington Clergy Association, and is chairman of Black-River St. Lawrence Association Christian Education Task Force. In this capacity he organized an ecumenical four-week training course for area church school teachers and has been dean of Family Camp at Camp Laurent in Lisbon for two years.

In 1974 he was also instrumental in bringing the Senior Citizens Nutrition Program to Madrid, Waddington and Lisbon, under the auspices of the County Office of the Aging. The program has since been discontinued. In the summer of 1975 he organized the Madrid Food Co-op, which now has a membership of seventy families.

Except for stating that he feels he has carried out all duties assigned to him, Maxfield has declined to comment further until he has been given the opportunity to see specific charges against him in writing.

turned piano player who is trying to escape from himself in this existential essay on life.

September 13, "The Third Man," directed by Carol Reed, is based on Graham Greene's script and novel. Trevor Howard plays a stylish Englishman who instructs Joseph Cotten in life's darker truths in this high-class thriller. The score features the famous "Third Man Theme."

September 20, "The Bicycle Thief," by Italian director Vittorio De Sica, represents the summit of the Neo-realist school of post-war Italy. It is a penetrating look at the paradoxicality of a lower class ethos framed in a lucid moral fable involving the theft of a bicycle. Humanity is seen here at its heroic animal level.

September 27, "Love" is a deeply resonant film by the Hungarian director Karoly Makk, about an elderly woman whose failing health is buoyed by letters from her son. The letters are written by his wife out of a peculiar kind of devotion to shield her from the fact that he is serving time as a political prisoner.

October 4, "Lonely are the Brave" is an American film made in the early sixties, about the heroic struggle of a "last cowboy" against the encroachments of a leveling technological culture in the West.

October 18, "The Confession," by Constantine Costa-Gavras is a "director-as-guerilla" warning against excesses of ideological dedication and an exploration of a personal truth. A man, who is a Communist, is tortured and brought to trial in an attempt to break his spirit, but he survives to see justice done.

October 25, "The Most Beautiful Age" is the first Czech feature to be directed by Jaroslav Papousek. It is a haunting, provocative comedy in the tradition of "Firemen's Ball," with an unburied camera as candid observer of human foibles. Amusing and sad, it stands apart in curious and original dignity.

November 1, "The Conformist," by Bernardo Bertolucci, director of "The Last Tango," is the story of a young fascist assassin and his various loves. A past affair affects his desire for normalcy and security in this attempt to equate corrupt politics with a society become depraved.

November 8, "Simon of the Desert" and "The Andalusian Dog" are two films by the Spanish director Luis Bunuel. The first is a hilarious fable about a man trying to avoid all worldly temptation. The second is a surrealistic short film directed by Salvador Dali.

November 15, "The Grand Illusion," directed by Jean Renoir, is set against a prison escape of French aviators from a World War I prison camp. A drama reflecting the fading glory and honor of war, it is a most telling examination of why men submit to war.

Tax rates announced

The tax rates for the 1976-77 school year for the five townships in the Potsdam Central School District are as follows: Potsdam, \$22.61 per thousand; Pierrepont, \$99.78 per thousand; Stockholm, \$118.08 per thousand; Parishville, \$64.02 per thousand; Canton, \$93.03. These rates were announced by Una Frank, the district's tax collector, after the board of education approved a final tax levy of \$1,770,474 on August 23, 1976.

Frank noted that some tax bills had been prepared while she was under the impression that a larger tax levy would be approved. However since the district found itself with somewhat larger operating balance than it had anticipated and also discovered that its state aid accounts would be slightly larger than projected, the board was able to re-adjust the levy.

District residents will be receiving corrected tax bills based on a lower figure.

Office hours

The Village of Potsdam Civic Center office hours have returned to the normal time of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Village Board will meet only once in September, on September 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Civic Center Board Room. Beginning in October the Village Board will meet on its regular schedule on the first and third Monday each month.

PHCS opens

Parishville-Hopkinton Central School will begin classes September 7, at 9 a.m.

Buses will begin picking up students at 8:15 a.m. (about 1/2 hour later than normal). Students are instructed to go to homerooms to pick up schedules and await further instructions. Homeroom lists are published in the school bulletin.

New students in grades K-6 are asked to contact Mr. Gene Staffiere, Elementary Principal before September 3 to register.

New students in grades 7-12 should call George Cox, guidance counselor (265-4642) to arrange an appointment for registration and scheduling by Friday, September 3.

Board duties set

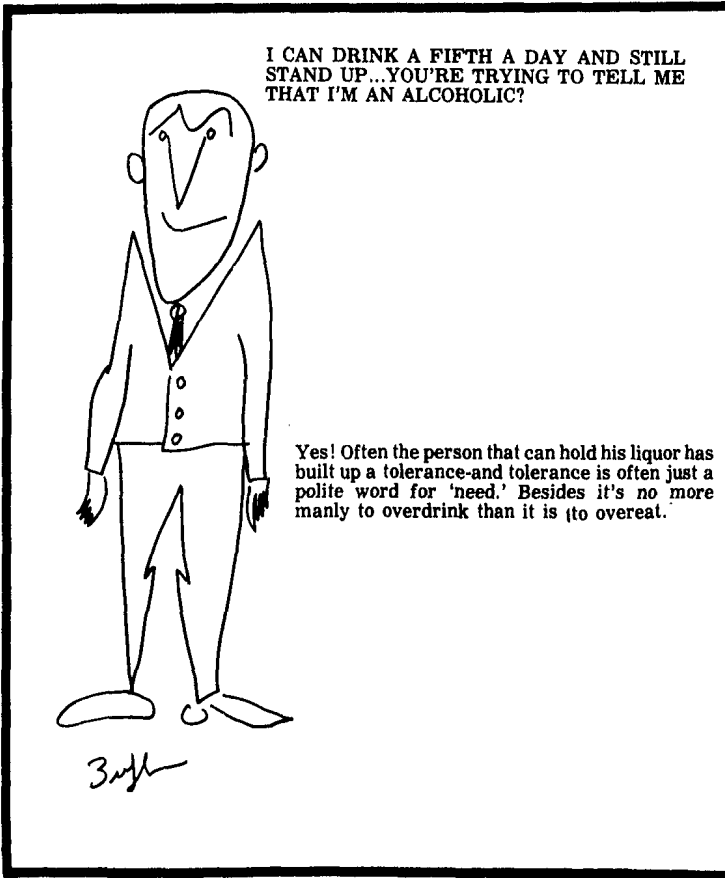
School officials announced recently the Potsdam Central School board officers for the current school year. They are: A. George Davis, President; Ann Mason, vice-president with John G. McMann serving as school district clerk. Eva S. Jenne was appointed treasurer and Una Frank will be the school tax collector. Davis and Mason will be serving their second term in their respective offices.

The board appointed Verner M. Ingram, Sr. as its attorney; Marshall Stevenson, school physician and Assistant Superintendent John G. McMann as purchasing agent.

The Farmers' National Bank of Potsdam was designated as the district's official depository while the Marine Midland Northern Bank was designated as paying agent for the bond and coupon account. The Courier-Freeman and the Watertown Daily Times were designated as official newspapers.

Davis appointed the following standing committees for the current school year:

Committee for Academic Planning: Davis-ex-officio, Paul Merritt-Chairperson, Mason, Louise Haskins, Committee for Business Management: Davis-ex-officio, Walter Theobald, Chairperson, Harold Alpert, Theodore White. Non-professional Negotiation Committee: Davis-ex-officio, Alpert, Ernest Brown, White. Professional Negotiation Committee: Davis-Chairperson, June Duryea, Haskins, Mason. Policy and By-laws Committee: Davis-ex-officio, Mason-Chairperson, Merritt, Duryea.



I CAN DRINK A FIFTH A DAY AND STILL STAND UP...YOU'RE TRYING TO TELL ME THAT I'M AN ALCOHOLIC?

Yes! Often the person that can hold his liquor has built up a tolerance and tolerance is often just a polite word for 'need.' Besides it's no more money to overdrink than it is to overeat.