

Martin raps Carey on veto

Calling it a blatant political move to deprive local governments of their rights of self determination, Assemblyman David O'B. Martin of Canton, H. Robert Norotz of Lowville and John B. Zagame of Oswego have severely criticized Gov. Hugh Carey for his veto of a bill they sponsored to give counties legal authority to decide how to fill vacancies in their own county legislatures.

Assemblyman Martin, author and prime sponsor of the legislation, said, "The people of New York State are sick and tired of legal mandates and bureaucrats from Albany telling us how to run our local affairs. It is shocking that the governor of this state would demonstrate such a depraved indifference to the people's right to elect the officials who are going to make the decisions for them just so that he may retain a power which boils down to little more than political patronage."

The legislation offered by Martin, Norotz and Zagame would have required that where a vacancy occurs more than nine months before the expiration of the

term of a county legislator, that vacancy must be filled through a special election, within three months of the occurrence of the vacancy. When less than nine months remains in the term, a local law would be adopted to provide that either a special election be held or an interim appointment be made until the next general election.

Presently, there are 17 counties — including St. Lawrence, Franklin, Lewis and Oswego — which have county legislatures but do not have a county charter. These counties are subject to a gubernatorial power of filling vacancies. Historically, this power of appointment in selecting a replacement legislator has been heavily influenced by political considerations. To combat this, some counties have tried to pass local laws providing for filling vacancies and this conflict with the gubernatorial power has brought about many court suits.

In his veto message the governor noted, "Governors have, for many years, filled interim vacancies occurring in the various county legislatures. Recently, however, the validity of such appointments has been challenged by various county legislatures throughout the state. As a result, there have been various and divergent court decisions concerning the validity of the governor's power in this area."

The governor continues, "There is no overriding governmental reason which would warrant this departure from existing practice, particularly at a time when the validity of existing law has been called into question and is in the process of being determined by the judiciary." The disapproving legislators stated: "This is precisely the time when a change should be made to a more democratic process. There is no overriding governmental reason favoring a gubernatorial appointment over the power of self determination by the people who will be affected in the filling of vacancies. Additionally, consideration should be given to the great benefit which could be derived through the clear and concise legal determination the legislation would have effected. The expensive court suits and the undeterminable price of government in limbo caused by the court suits all would have been eliminated with one signature by the governor."

"Instead, Governor Carey acted to preserve his personal powers of appointment and to frustrate the people's right of direct representation of their local governmental officials. We will not allow this to be the final word on the subject as we intend to continue the battle to cut down the mandates and bureaucracy, and to preserve the people's right to home rule," Martin, Norotz and Zagame concluded.



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As an antidote, see the "Enjoy" books, and learn how to enjoy Music, Good Health, Your Retirement, This Moment, and Yourself.

The True Positive Thinker
For the truly positive-minded, the go-getter, the human engineer, there is no single category, and so we will briefly mention a number of books found throughout the file and let you dash over to the library and demand your due.

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The Close-Up Studier
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One Of A Kind
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Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Baxter, Fulton spent the weekend at the home of Mrs. Baxter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Kingsley, O'Brien Road; and with Mr. Baxter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard O. Baxter, Knapps Station.

BELL RINGERS

The Bell Ringers for the Mental Health Association will be calling for donations in the Parishville area during the month of September.

Bell Ringers are Viky Fefee, Mary Katmer and Beulah Cary.

MONROE COMPLETES COURSE

Navy Seaman Steven A. Monroe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Monroe of Brasher Falls, has completed the Basic Enlisted Course at the Naval Submarine School, Groton, Conn.

During the six-week course, he was introduced to the basic theory, construction and operation of nuclear-powered and diesel submarines. In preparation for his first assignment, he studied shipboard organization, damage control, and submarine safety and escape procedures.

He joined the Navy in January, 1975.

NEW DAUGHTER

A daughter, Melissa Ann Pearl Johnson, was born at the Potsdam Hospital on August 12, 1977, to Wayne and Debra Gonyea Johnson, West Stockholm-Knapps Station Road. This is the couple's first child.

The baby's grandparents are: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gonyea, Potsdam; and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Johnson, Old Market Road.

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The harvest they reaped this year was rather grim. Poverty and hunger and ignorance seem to be their major commodity.

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Peace Corps volunteers are people who won't allow the world to go gently into that dark night. No, they'd rather rage toward the light. But what can they possibly

get from that? The rewards, they're just too many to count. A language, a cultural exchange, a mutual giving of knowledge. Of course there's all those and more. But how do you measure pride? And what's satisfaction bringing on the open market? And happiness, that ought to be worth something.

Ask any Peace Corps worker who they did the most favors for. The answers seem to come back pretty much the same all the time. Himself. Herself. They got back much more than they gave.

The Peace Corps is alive and well. Call toll free: 800-424-8580. Or write the Peace Corps, Box A, Washington, D.C. 20525.



Cook backed for pay hike

CANTON — The transportation committee Tuesday unanimously endorsed highway superintendent John Cook's bid for a \$5,000 pay hike, after legislator Ernest LaBaff asserted "we have to bite the bullet and give people what they're worth."

Cook is currently paid \$21,000 a year. In his 1978 budget request, he had penciled in a figure of \$26,000.

However, as LaBaff pointed out, Cook has received only nominal pay raises for the last several years. LaBaff said that an endorsement of the pay hike by the committee would be a "vote of confidence" for the highway superintendent.

LaBaff pledged to fight for the pay hike when it comes before the full legislature as well.

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