

### Assoc. Of Towns Against Acceptance Of Proposed Constitution

The following announcement was mailed today by the Association of Towns, Albany, N. Y., to each town board of its 911 town members across the state telling of the opposition of the Executive Committee of this Association to approval of the new proposed Constitution. Over 97% of the 831 towns of the State are members of the Association.

This announcement was made by William K. Sanford, Executive Secretary of the Association of Towns following a meeting of the Association's Executive Committee last Wednesday in Albany. The vote of this ruling committee was unanimous to defeat the proposal of the 1967 Constitutional Convention which will be on the ballot on Election Day, November 7, 1967.

"We went into this Constitutional Convention determined to strengthen local government in New York State and to strengthen the voice of our people over their local affairs," Mr. Sanford said. "Instead, the document the Delegates ask us to approve weakens local government, centralizes government district from the people and drastically dilutes the effectiveness of the people's voice over public spending."

He observed further, "By a vote in favor of the proposed new constitution citizens of New York State would sign away centuries-old rights and protections against careless decisions and unwise actions by public officials. By a 'yes' vote millions of citizens would sign a blank check for future state debt and millions of property owners would subject themselves to politically motivated tax assessments of their homes and other real property with little hope of recourse at the polls, or elsewhere."

Mr. Sanford noted that 7,000,000 people live in the towns of the state, outside cities. Many of these people moved to towns to enjoy the powers of self-determination in local affairs they saw there, he asserted.

It was pointed out that the Constitutional Convention of 1894 gave the people of the state for the first time a vote on questions

of the contracting of debt for state purposes. This was done because at that time the state was on the brink of bankruptcy because of the fact that the state had been repeatedly incurring new debt with no check. "Let us not go backwards over 100 years," Mr. Sanford said, "Let us go forward on the sound, wise and firm groundrules with the careful checks and balances that have made our state great and its credit and obligation regarded as the best," he added.

Mr. Sanford stated that the Association would be forwarding town boards further information on specific problem areas of the new proposed Constitution envisioned by the Executive Committee of the Association. He did explain, however, that the action of the Executive Committee is adopting a resolution recommending disapproval of the new constitution was based on three areas of consideration:

1. It would weaken local government by removing functions of towns to a district (justice court), county, (assessing and tax collecting) or state (welfare) level.
2. It would weaken the voice of the people over local affairs and over state and local debt incurring power.
3. It would impose on town taxpayers massive annual taxes (the State Budget Director estimates an 80% increase).

### Appreciation

I wish to thank my friends and neighbors for the cards and acts of kindness extended to me and my family while in the hospital.

Oliver Freeland

### School Tax Notice

School Taxes will be received at my home, 6 Pleasant Ave., from September 1st to October 31st. No fee will be charged for taxes paid in September. For the month of October, the fee will be 2%.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held in the County Supervisors' room at the County Courthouse, Belmont, New York, on October 24, 1967 at 7:30 o'clock P. M., in connection with a proposed Local Law for the County of Allegany entitled "A Local Law establishing Allegany County provisions and procedures for County Employees' rights of organization and representation for the purpose of collectively negotiating conditions of employment".

The proposed Local Law provides, pursuant to section 212 of the New York State Public Employees Fair Employment Act as set forth in Article Fourteen of the New York State Civil Service Law, the right of County Employees to join or refrain from joining any employee organization of their own choosing; the right of County Employees, through employee organizations, to negotiate collectively with the County of Allegany in the determination of their terms and conditions of employment and the administration of grievances thereunder; the right of a certified or recognized employee organization to negotiate collectively to membership dues, deductions and to unchallenged representation status for certain periods of time; the establishment of provisions and procedures with respect to the determination of the representation status of employee organizations and the resolution of disputes in the course of collective negotiations with such organizations; the establishment of a County Public Employment Relations Board with powers and duties relating mainly to resolving representation status disputes and disputes in the course of collective negotiations; and provisions relating to the prohibition against strikes by County Employees.

Such Local Law, if adopted, will become effective upon approval by the New York State Public Employment Relations Board and filing in the office of the Secretary of State.

MANLEY C. ACKERMAN, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Allegany County

Dated at Belmont, New York, this 9th day of October, 1967.

### Notice of Off-Premise License

NOTICE is hereby given that License No. L-2607 has been issued to sell liquor, wine and cider at retail under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 30 South Main Street, Andover, Allegany County, New York, 41 L 49, for off-premise consumption.

EDITH COURTNEY

### Notice of On-Premise License

NOTICE is hereby given that License No. 41 TL 4 has been issued to Herman A. & Marie E. Koehler dba Margaret's Restaurant at 4 South Main Street Andover, Allegany County, New York, 48723, to sell liquor, wine, cider and beer at retail under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at Margaret's Restaurant for on-premise consumption.

HERMAN A. and MARIE E. KOEHLER 41

### Notice of On-Premise License

NOTICE is hereby given that License No. 41 HL 87 has been issued to Ormal W. Osgood, dba Hotel Joyce, Main Street, Andover, Allegany County, New York, 46245 to sell liquor, wine, cider and beer at retail under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law for on-premise consumption.

ORMAL W. OSGOOD 41

### F.H.A. News

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