

THE RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH An Editorial

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It all started several years ago, no one is sure just when, but it grew like Topsy, until now it has become a major infestation, threatening not only national stability, but perhaps national survival as well.

It started as the mere expression of "the right to dissent" and the Constitutional right of free speech. But each new day saw a little more latitude claimed, and a little more latitude given!

This breakdown of law-and-order became more and more prevalent as authorities permitted minor indiscretions to blossom into major ones — to look aside while little laws were being ignored, until soon it was the major ones that were being violated.

In the beginning, its advocates claimed a moral right to ignore laws that were bad in the eyes of the beholder. Where previously there had been a clear line between right and wrong — between legal and illegal actions — an increasing number of people (who should have known better) bought the argument that citizens had a moral right to ignore the law, so long as the end justified the means.

A whole new glossary of terms came into being. First, there were sit-in, lie-ins later teach-ins, swim-ins, prayer-ins, and a dozen other expressions — all intended to establish a high moral purpose for deliberate violations of other people's rights. Once it was learned that laws could be violated, even to the point of drawing public praise, the advocates of lawlessness grew ever bolder in their challenge to established authority.

One essential ingredient to gaining acceptability was widespread news coverage of every incident of law-breaking. The eye of the television camera or the lens of all news-media — focused on a demonstrator with a large sign and then diffused over the network facilities and throughout the press to the smallest hamlet in the nation — was the necessary catalyst.

Pretty soon free speech almost became a license to "shout fire in a crowded theater". Young men began to burn their draft cards in public and young ladies with guitars sang folk-songs shouting their praise. The Nation's flag was desecrated with impunity. Comedians sent their "Nielsen Ratings" soaring by ridiculing the President of the United States and making him the target of the most obscene jokes. It wasn't very long before the President of the United States couldn't go anywhere in the land without the threat of physical violence and verbal abuse. Cabinet officers could not even visit a college campus without being shouted down by students exercising so-called "free speech". A United States Senator found the new trend so absorbing and so obviously useful to his own goals that he offered to send blood to a foreign enemy whose bullets were killing American soldiers daily.

In the name of gaining equal rights, mass looting and burning and even sniping which is murder, spread to more than a hundred cities. Even more ominous, the highest law enforcement authority in the land decreed that when more than three people commit a crime, it is better for the law to "look the other way" — and it did. The judiciary no longer backed the constabulary! Finally, plans were under way to bring hundreds of thousands of people to the Capital of the United States and, through mass civil disobedience, demonstrate once and for all that the law was dead — even if God wasn't. It is clear that what started out long ago, as however well intended, permissiveness is about to engulf the Nation in a crisis more serious than any yet encountered. My reverent prayer is: God Save America.

By Rep. Durward G. Hall

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50 YEARS AGO June 14, 1918

J. H. Backus, Publisher John Casey, 63, died at his home on South Hill, Monday, June 10th. His widow, four sons, three daughters, two brothers and three sisters survive. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery. Sgt. Harold Hardy sailed Tuesday morning for France with his Company. Wild strawberries are beginning to ripen and the yield is reported good.

Many Andover people enjoyed the sight of the eclipse Saturday evening at about 6 o'clock. John Casey, Jr., of Camp Dix, was called home this week by the death of his father, John Casey. Mrs. Joseph Sauter returned to her home in Hornell the first of the week after a week's visit at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Dean on South Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Caple and family of Elm Valley spent Saturday and Sunday on Hartsville Hill, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orvis.

Miss Edna Pierce and Leon Lewis of Alfred Station were united in marriage Monday, June 10th by Rev. Ira S. Goff. Will Barney of Minneapolis, Minn., arrived in Andover Friday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Barney and other relatives. Mrs. Fay Stephens of Alliance, Neb. who was called to Andover by the death of her father, E. O. Wescott, left for her home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dougherty left Wednesday for New York City, where they will spend some time guests of relatives and friends. Miss Grace Cheesman is in New York City demonstrating at a food show given by the Food Administration in the Grand Central Palace.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brundage are enjoying a week's vacation visiting her brother, N. B. Edwards of Woodhull. Jack Barrett came home Sunday from Oklahoma for a visit with his parents and other Andover friends.

Hiram Lewis of Hornell has been the guest of his brother-in-law, Willard Talbot during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Halsey visited their daughter, Mrs. Cass Kenyon of Angelica last week.

40 YEARS AGO June 15, 1928

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Howard Leahy finished a four year course, graduating this week from Fordham College in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Casey left Sunday for New York City where they will attend the graduation exercises at Fordham University, of which their son, Howard Leahy is a member.

Miss Ruth Parker of Andover, graduated from Alfred University Wednesday. Miss Parker will be a member of Bolivar High School faculty this coming year as instructor in mathematics.

J. Russell Rowe has purchased a stationery and novelty store in Wellsboro, Pa., and will move to that place in the near future.

Miss Mabel Wagner of Andover was a member of the 1928 graduation Class of Alfred University and was awarded cum laud honors and the Burdett - Brown Prize for excellence in English, and also Senior Honors.

The Charles Bloss property on Rochambeau Ave., has been sold to Jesse E. Grossman of Independence.

Hurley Warren, son of Mrs. Alice Warren of Andover, was graduated from the Theological Department of Alfred University this week. Mr. Warren is pastor of the S. D. Baptist Church at Nile.

Mrs. Ida Simmons of Greenwood spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Sherd Austin. District No. 11 closed their school with a picnic at Island Park in Wellsville Saturday.

Mrs. Cora Finch of Canisteo spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Alice Livermore of South Hill.

A company of 45 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs surprised Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis at their home on First Street Monday evening. Miss Augusta Will returned home Tuesday from several days visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Phelps of Canisteo.

Miss Anna... teaching near Albany, was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John and Charles... Mrs. W. E. Baker and family.

30 YEARS AGO June 17, 1938

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers The summer concert by the Andover American Legion Band started Thursday in the Legion Park, where a temporary band stand has been erected.

Miss Marian Virginia Nobles of Andover and William Otto Jones of Bolivar were united in marriage Sunday, June 12th.

Miss Elizabeth M. Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Snyder of Andover, graduated Monday from Alfred University with a degree of Bachelor of Arts. Miss Snyder majored in Latin, French and English while in college.

Another Andover business landmark passed from Andover Main Street last Saturday when the Cheesman Drug Store, which has been conducted by J. D. Cheesman for the past 35 years, was purchased by Edward F. Bullock of Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdett Krause are the parents of a son, born Monday, June 13th at their home on Rochambeau Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tassell and daughter, Esther of Independence spent from Friday until Sunday with his brother, Dr. Harold Tassell and family of Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crandall of Independence drove to Ithaca Thursday to spend the day with their son, Philip, who is going to Delhi to work for the summer.

Directors S. W. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence, are in Syracuse this week attending the Annual Meeting of the Dairymen's League.

Miss Ruth Mingus R.N., of New York City, is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Mingus.

Miss Roberts Church, who has been attending Geneseo Normal, is passing her summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church.

Edward Cannon of Buffalo, passed the week-end with relatives and friends in Andover.

Miss Edna Smith R.N. of Corning passed the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith.

Mrs. Rosetta Dodge visited her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dodge in Wellsville from Friday until Tuesday.

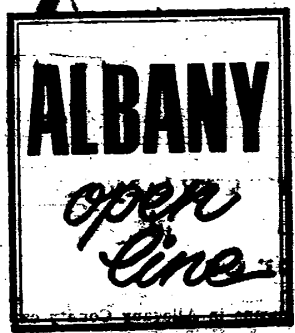
Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Parker visited her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Scott of Cuba over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker and daughter, Florence, passed Saturday and Sunday in Buffalo.

Mrs. Louise Cochrane returned to her home in Friendship Friday, after passing several days with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bullard.

U. S. Official Weather for the past week was: — Thursday, 75, low 51; Friday, 70, low 48; Saturday, 76, low 39; Sunday, 65, low 50; Monday, 76, low 40; Tuesday, 79, low 54; Wednesday, 70, low 43.

Approximately 72 couples attended the Senior Ball Friday, June 3rd at the High School Gymnasium. Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. William Alderson were chaperons.



by Alex Rankin

People living in places such as Dansville Cortland, Penn Yan or Walden may look upon, from time to time, the affairs of New York City as none of their particular business.

And who is to say they are wrong, with their quiet main streets, village board meetings and church socials to compare with the asphalt jungle, the shoving crowds, the deadly duels in the city hall of the biggest city in the world?

Well John Lindsay for one — though he probably wasn't thinking of it.

Lindsay has come out with a \$6 billion city budget.

Gov. Rockefeller, by comparison, could only reach for \$5.5 billion — and that was for the whole state, including the biggest city in the world.

Buried in Lindsay's budget is the reason the quiet people of Cortland, Penn Yan, Dansville and Walden have a stake in Lindsay's city.

A total of \$1.3 billion, a little better than a sixth of Lindsay's request, comes from state — not city — taxpayers.

Lindsay called it an "austerity" budget.

Yes, you are right, Rockefeller said HIS budget was an austerity document.

Some argue that most of this \$1.3 billion in state aid to New York City comes from New York City residents.

That argument supposes that State Tax Commissioner Joseph Murphy has two big bins in his Albany office, and when the tax returns come in, clerks put tax money from New York City into one bin, and money from the rest of the state into the other.

There are no bins.

There is one great big bin.

Everyone, the people in New York City, Penn Yan, Dansville, Cortland and Walden, puts his money in it.

And therefore, one might reasonably assume that the less Lindsay spends, the less everyone in the state might have to put in the pot.

New York City's budget is the second largest in the nation. The only one bigger is the one for the whole United States — the \$136.1 billion Federal budget.

Another point worth noting: Rockefeller's budget — which the Legislature cut by a mere \$100 million — includes capital construction bond funds which are not directly tied to taxes.

Lindsay's \$6 billion budget, to be realistically compared to the state budget, would be around \$7 billion — because around \$900 million in capital construction projects were not included in it. Lindsay revealed that part some time ago.

It should somehow be apparent from all of these figures that everyone has a stake in New York City.

Welfare in New York City will cost \$1.2 billion, because, said Lindsay, about one out of every eight persons in that city is on welfare. It is pocketbook, paycheck evidence that something is wrong with the present welfare system.

Therefore, the people of Cortland, Penn Yan, Dansville and Walden have a stake in the responsibility for it, and for doing something about it.

Last year the shrimp catch was estimated at \$100 million, the first fishery product ever to reach this level in this country.

Of the 59.8 million households in the United States, 58.3 million have TV, more than 30 per cent have two sets, and 24 per cent have color sets.

