

IS HISTORY — TO REPEAT ITSELF?

An Editorial

Are WE, THE PEOPLE, going to sit idly by and allow History to repeat itself? Are we willing to allow criminals — Communists — or their sympathizers — to pass gun control measures that are aimed at taking sporting guns away from the millions of Americans that have them for recreation — and protection?

Here in New York State, the Sullivan Law makes handgun ownership difficult for the honest citizen — and theoretically impossible for the crook. (According to the proponents of the law). But, has it actually disarmed the New York crooks and gangsters? Of course not! All it has done is to hamper the citizen in his justifiable attempts to protect himself from them.

Anyone with common sense can readily understand that a thief would prefer robbing an unarmed person — to tackling an armed one. Easy money is one thing — risking a bullet for it is another.

How can proponents for gun registration ignore the cold facts that criminals make a business of breaking laws — and certainly would not obey a gun law — when they are committing crimes of much greater seriousness! And, they are still going to have guns because they are tools of their trade — crime!

Then who is behind the scenes pushing for gun control and stirring up the uninformed pacifists to do their bidding? According to our memory, the chief proponent and agitator for the "Sullivan Law" was a New York City gangster who finally ended up in Sing-Sing prison — and even died there.

Now lets take a look at what is going on at the National Level. Who has been one of the most active leaders in the movement for federal anti-gun laws since the early 1960's? None other than Senator Thomas Dodd from Connecticut!

And, is Senator Dodd such a paragon of virtue that people should blindly follow his advice and his line of propaganda? Lets take a look at the Senate record. In 1967 Senator Dodd was censured by the Senate by a 92 - 5 vote on a charge that he diverted "at least \$116,083" of political funds to his personal use, and according to a news report by prominent national reporters in a syndicated column, the Internal Revenue Service and FBI have stepped up their investigation into his financial affairs.

Furthermore, in another development close to Senator Dodd, a prominent Washington correspondent revealed that the Gun Control bill submitted to the last session of Congress by Senator Dodd, parts of which were enacted into law, was authorized by a special staff assistant who was a former Canadian citizen and an admitted member of the Socialist Party.

The subject of this report was David Martin, a staff assistant to Senator Dodd since early 1963, whose real name is Isadore Levine, although he reportedly has used several other names in the last 40 years.

According to this reporter, between 1927 and 1933, Martin attended Toronto's Bloor Collegiate Institute and Toronto University where he was a member of the Independent Labor Party League of Youth, Spartus Youth League of Canada and the League for a Revolutionary Workers Party. And, also from the same source, Martin currently is a contributing member of the American Civil Liberties Union, which has been cited by the U. S. Attorney General's office as a pro-Communist organization.

Now, we ask all of you sensible minded people: "are these the kind of people that should be instrumental in writing and supporting gun control legislation?"

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50 YEARS AGO

January 31, 1919

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Mrs. Ella Casey entertained thirty guests at her farm home two miles south of Andover Tuesday in honor of her son, Private John J. Casey, who arrived home from the service that day.

David P. Corwin, 88, died Monday, January 27. His wife and seven children survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. Coats of South Hill tapped part of his sugar bush last week and obtained a nice quantity of syrup.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Marvin have moved to Railroad Valley, where he will work for E. V. Green.

Ernest Cochrane has returned to Elm Valley, from an extended visit with relatives in Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bloss of Sayre, Pa., were guests of Andover relatives Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. L. H. Thompson has returned to her home at Bennetts Creek, after two weeks visit in Andover.

John G. Pease of Batavia was the guest of J. A. O'Leary and family Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mrs. F. P. Herrick and son of Binghamton, are visiting at the home of their grandfather, Isaac Smith.

G. B. Proper left Tuesday night for Honeoye Lake for his annual fishing trip. He will be gone several days.

Mrs. W. A. Reed of Canisteo, returned to her home Sunday, after passing the week, guest of her father, Calvin Slocum.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clarke returned Tuesday evening from two weeks visit with their daughter, Mrs. Wilbert Davis of Procton, N. J.

Mrs. George Bloss came home Thursday from Sayre, Pa., where she had been spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Mark Wilson.

J. P. Smith returned to Galeton, Pa., Tuesday after passing a few days with his family in Andover.

Mrs. Sylvia Mourness returned Friday from several days visit with relatives in Wellsville and Whitesville.

Mrs. T. F. Kelley of Salamanca was called to Andover this week by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Ellen Regan.

40 YEARS AGO

February 1, 1929

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Victor B. Perkins 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burrett Perkins of Voorhees Hill, is classed as the Champion Potato raiser of the State of New York, having won leading prizes consistently each year since 1925.

Mrs. M. A. Fowler sold her business Monday to P. K. Tuttle of Wellsville, who took immediate possession. The store will be known as Andover Variety Store. Mrs. Fowler expects to return to Buffalo in a few weeks to make her home with her daughter, Grace Fowler.

Miss Virginia Smith and Ronald Gibbs were united in marriage Saturday, January 26th. Miss Mariel Smith was maid-of-honor for her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cocoman have gone to Buffalo, where Mrs. Cocoman will have charge of a large boarding house. Mrs. Cocoman has supplied Andover people with excellent home baking for several years.

Mrs. Mary Greene has returned to her home in Independence after spending a week with her son, Ed of Tip Top.

Mrs. Rockwell of Smithboro, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wallace Briggs of Independence.

Mrs. Paul Kaple of Hornell, who has been helping in the care of her brother, William Bines, returned to his home Tuesday.

Mrs. L. E. Jones of Wellsville, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Fred Stebbins, Saturday.

Miss Mary McStridger is in Buffalo this week to take the State



by Alex Rankin

Reaction from state Senators and Assemblymen in Albany to Governor Rockefeller's budget proposals have been slow in coming.

The Governor has put them off balance, and with an eye on the political situation back in their own home districts — each with different problems, they are being cautious before deciding which way to jump.

The background leading up to this point is this:

On January 3 the Governor delivered his annual message to the state legislature. Because his annual budget message is always less than a month away, he normally does not dwell on fiscal matters in this opening message.

So his first shift came when he threw out some figures and hints as to what his budget would contain.

The wire services played an important part here. Rockefeller told the lawmakers he was recommending a five percent across the board cut in state spending. And since there had been speculation weeks before that there would be a one percent hike in the state sales tax, it went almost unnoticed in those first important stories from Albany. First impressions often outlast whatever happened later.

What happened later is that it took a few days for everyone to realize that Rockefeller was really asking for a 17 percent hike in state spending over the current year — a record.

Two weeks later when he delivered his budget message he completed the shift that now has everyone off balance and cautiously looking over all the options.

He delivered to the Legislature a \$6.4 billion budget and then told

- the Legislature: 1. Cut it by five percent back to \$6.1 billion; 2. Raise the sales tax one percent.

This was an unusual move. Normally the Governor hears all the budget requests from all his department heads and then sometime in December retreats with his Budget Division to audit the whole thing over. Then he decides to cut here and there, from various departments and things made up his mind, presents the finished product to the Legislature, letting them do with it what they will.

This time he gave a part of this chore to the Legislature.

Instead of presenting them with a \$6.4 billion budget and saying "here it is, my spending plan for 1969-70," he gave them a \$6.7 billion budget and in essence: — Here it is, but a one percent hike in the sales tax won't make up the difference, so you will have to cut it some more.

This is emphasized by the fact that the actual line item budget and the appropriation bills total \$6.7 billion — not \$6.4 billion.

In the early stages of this game every one jumped on the five percent cut and local officials set up a howl about all the money they would lose.

But after leaving the city limits of Albany, people began to realize they weren't losing anything — just what they thought they might get in the future. It's like not getting that Christmas check from grandmother you have come to count on every year.

The fact is that school districts will get more money than they got last year. The fact is that the budget calls for the state to hire over 4,000 more people next year.

Board Examinations for Graduate Nurses for the degree of Registered Nurse.

Mrs. Frink Williams returned Monday from New York City, where she was called two weeks ago by the death of her brother.

Mrs. Walter Dvnes returned Monday from Buffalo, where she had been visiting at the home of a relative.

Jerry Lewis, manager of the Larkin Store, was in Buffalo Wednesday to attend a directors meeting. Mrs. Beattie Mulconery was in charge of the Larkin Store during his absence.

Clayton Bennett returned home Saturday from several days visit in Buffalo, Hornell and Binghamton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Atwood left Thursday for a few days business trip to Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cole of Rough and Ready, are the parents of a son born last week.

30 YEARS AGO

February 3, 1939

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Esther Tassell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tassell of Independence, was among the student nurses in the New England Sanitarium and Hospital at Melrose, Mass., to receive her cap.

A. L. Bloss was appointed chairman in charge of fishing stocking and Clifford Blaby, chairman of the stocking of game for this vicinity at the regular meeting of the Andover Rod & Gun Club Friday night.

Francis Mead brought to the News Office Wednesday a letter found at his farm the day before. The little fellow was as nimble as if it was July, even if the temperature has been hovering near zero for several days. The late Raymond Church of Voorhees Hill reports that she saw a Robin Thursday.

Andover people woke up Monday morning to find themselves in the midst of the worst snowstorm so far this year. Country roads were impassable and about eleven inches of snow had fallen.

Mrs. Lottie Drew and family moved into Mrs. Nora Bassett's home in Independence, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clarke returned to their home in Independence, Sunday, after a week's visit with relatives in Wrights and Port Allegany.

Miss Veronica Joyce of Hornell passed the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Joyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldyn Brooks of Almond, passed the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green.

Charles Powers of New York City arrived Thursday and is visiting his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Kemp.

Miss Lulu Wightman of Friendship is visiting her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wightman.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Parker passed the first of the week in Cuba, guests of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Scott.

Mrs. Irving Gilfillan left Sunday for Detroit, Michigan, called there by the illness of her sister, Mrs. James Feeley.

Mrs. E. J. Cory and daughter, Miss Queens Cory, passed the week-end in Rochester at the home of their son and brother, Rev. and Mrs. Reginald Cory.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stebbins, in company with Mr. and Mrs. O. Leigh of Wellsville left Wednesday for Washington, D. C. The party plan to go from Washington thru the southern part of the United States to California, and return by the Grand Canyon, visiting points of interest enroute.

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