

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

The dazzling display of fiscal footwork by Governor Carey and the Democrat Administration of this State continues unabated, and last week, in one fell swoop, Assembly Democrat votes authorized \$263 million in State aid appropriations. As usual the lion's share of those tax dollars went to New York City-area while those of us upstate got just about enough to fill a very worn out tin cup.

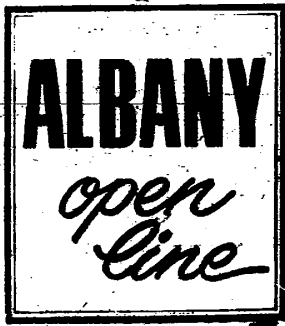
It's understandably difficult for many to comprehend figures in hundreds of millions, but let's try this for starters: Governor Carey says the State has no money that we need at least \$500 million and as much as \$800 million in additional taxes to keep things going. The Assembly Democrats agree and recently put their stamp of approval on \$300 million in added taxes, which fortunately, never reached the floor of the Republican-controlled Senate. As you know, this legislation received no votes from Republican members of the Assembly. Meanwhile, the Democrats insist that over \$300 million more is needed to pay for so-called "enrichment" programs such as additional school aid and local revenue sharing.

The Governor "dug in" on his position last week, and resorted to what only can be called blackmail in threatening to veto any new spending proposals if some kind of tax package is not enacted by the Legislature. His position, of course, is directly opposite of that taken by Republicans in the Legislature, including myself, that there are sufficient funds available not only to support the \$10.4 billion budget for 1975-76 passed several weeks ago, but also at least \$150 million extra to pay for essential "enrichment" programs such as aid to education.

With all this as background, would you be surprised to find that, as of April 24th when this column was written, Assembly Democrats had authorized the spending of nearly one-half billion dollars in State assistance, almost all of it to the New York City area with the exception of special aid to the four largest upstate cities — Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers. So, just who is kidding who? It appears that when Democrats want and need the money for their beloved New York City — for the subways and buses, for the commuter trains, the housing projects, and the like, it's there. Otherwise, for the rest of the state it's no money without taxes.

A breakdown of that half-billion already spent includes \$170 million for mass transportation — all but \$13 million of it going to the New York City area; \$110 million repayment by the state to some cities for partially tax exempt real property of now bankrupt railroads, again with the bulk going to New York City; \$50 million in special assistance to the four upstate cities because of their real property taxing limitation problems; and nearly \$200 million either appropriated or expected to be appropriated to support the mismanaged Urban Development corporation with most of these projects also in the New York City area. (\$110 million of that money has already been appropriated and the Governor was expected to ask for another \$88 million soon).

Now let's take a look at what all this means on a local level here in the 136th Assembly District. In a report issued recently by the Assembly Republican Ways and Means staff, it appears that taxpayers in upstate areas would really be taking it on the chin if the \$643 million in taxes proposed by the Assembly Democrats ever became reality. Taxpayers in Allegany County would be asked to shell out \$375,000 for their share of those taxes and would get just about half \$463,000 — in total new state aid. Broken down, this



by Alex Rankin

Remember when Gov. Carey was attacking the Urban Development Corp. as one of the worst legacies left him by former Gov. Rockefeller and his eventual firing of UDC head Edward Logue?

Well, it turns out Logue is still on the state payroll, with Carey's approval.

Logue is still earning his \$65,000 a year salary.

Logue will continue on the payroll until May, at which time he will have gathered in \$16,000 despite his being fired last month.

Logue was one of the recipients of the famous Rockefeller "loans." He received about \$176,000 from Rockefeller and has paid back about \$45,000 of it.

Commercial bankers across the state should be right about now howling in indignation — and in anticipation of some pay.

Several weeks ago they all thought it was a big joke when Democrats who run the Assembly, and others, suggested that the state set up and run a bank, for profit, in direct competition with private commercial banks.

They saw it as little more than a threat from legislators who were

would be \$188,000 for new education aid, \$175,000 in additional revenue sharing, and \$100,000 for additional mass transit help. Is it worth it?

The situation is even worse in Livingston County where the tax share would be \$1,399,000 and the state aid return only \$420,000 — \$158,000 for education, \$182,000 additional revenue sharing and \$80,000 in mass transit. Ontario County's figures look like this: \$1,929,000 tax share for a return of \$669,000. Broken down, only \$372,000 would go for education, \$446,000 for revenue sharing and \$71,000 for mass transit.

The question, of course, is what would happen to the rest of the tax dollars we would be expected to cough up? You can almost guess can't you?

It is for these reasons that I am sure the position taken by Republican legislators — that no taxes are needed this year and none should be imposed — is the correct position. Governor Carey may threaten all he wants, but everyone knows it's a sham. He proved it himself last week. Just 24 hours after he told the Legislature that he would refuse to sign any further new spending appropriation measures without taxes, to sent up a "message of necessity" in order that the full \$103 million mass transit package could be passed in time to once again save the vast New York City Metropolitan Transit Authority system. It's just a big shell game with the Governor, and Republicans representing upstate areas simply will not play along.

The office of Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Geneseo) announced his schedule for the week beginning May 1, 1975.

Friday, May 2nd — Assemblyman Emery will be a Dias guest at the Allegany County Annual Fund Raiser to be held at the Heater.

Saturday, May 3rd — Assemblyman Emery will be Speaker for the Y. R. Club Dinner, Livingston County at the Holiday Inn in Geneseo.

FROM OUR FILES

50 YEARS AGO

May 1, 1925

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Rehearsals for the "Burlesque Circus" to be given by the Andover

Angry over the way the private banking community, in their eyes, let the Urban Development Corp. fall flat on its face, critics said the bankers were happy when things were going well, but dropped UDC like a hot potato when the bond market got rough recently.

Hearings on the proposal will be held in Albany near the end of the month, and the lead witness will be Democratic Assembly Speaker Stanley Steingut.

"It's got number one priority," said a Steingut aide.

Hook and Ladder Co., May 14 and 15 have started under the direction of Victor J. Erhart, Jr., of the Erhardt Producing Company of Rochester, N.Y.

Miss June Babcock, daughter of Mrs. Bessie Babcock, entertained twenty-five little girls April 27 from 4 to 6 in honor of her 6th birthday at her home on North Main Street.

Glenn Ruger has purchased the property on Dyke Street owned by Leon Bloss of Waverly and occupied by Floyd Farwell and family.

Rev. Clyde Ehret of Alfred, preached at the Seventh Day Baptist Church this week in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. L. Greene and in the Presbyterian Church, Sunday morning.

Miss Viola Wildman entertained Prof. and Mrs. W. W. Palmer and the Senior Class of Andover High School and a few friends Thursday night. Refreshments were served and a very merry and enjoyable evening was passed.

O. W. Robinson has the foundation completed for the new home which he is building on West Greenwood Street.

Harold Howland who is attend-

ing Business College in Buffalo, was taken to the Buffalo General Hospital in that city, Sunday suffering from pneumonia.

Miss Nellie D. Walsh of Andover and James J. Dagon of Hornell were united in marriage April 29 at the Blessed Sacrament Church by Rev. P. C. Tracy.

The old Grange meeting at Newville, held Monday evening about 12 o'clock.

Miss Florence Estlin Reed and Edythe Bloss, both of Waverly, were united in marriage April 29 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick N. Edson. Mr. Bloss is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bloss, a former resident of Andover.

Mrs. Jennie Loughhead and son, Arthur of Knoxville, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Backus. Evelyn Backus accompanied them home for a visit.

Mrs. Claire Backus went to Edinboro, Pa., Tuesday to attend a banquet given in the evening by the Centenary Club at that village and is a guest of her sister Miss Isabelle Loughhead.

Mr. Lewis Macken, who has

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