

FLAG DAY

An Editorial

The flag of the United States means something different to each of us. It often evokes some special memory, something which touched us deeply, perhaps fleetingly or in a still, solemn moment never to be forgotten.

It could mean the Fourth of July and fireworks or the muffled drums and riderless horse in a hero's funeral procession. It could be a parade or some special ceremony. No matter what particular personal thoughts or reminiscences are associated with the flag, there is an even deeper more universal meaning to Old Glory.

The flag is often called a symbol for what America is, but it's much more than that. It does stand for all of the freedoms and rights that are so basically American. But it's also a rallying point, the battle standard around which our great Nation has been built. It marks the point toward which men surge when called upon to fulfill the national purpose. Seen in the flashing light of rockets and shell bursts, it is the sign that men fight on. Lifted atop some rocky crag of a battle isle, or above some stately building, it is a mark of victory — a victory which has never resulted in the subjugation of man but instead has advanced the cause of individual dignity.

Yes, the flag of the United States represents the greatest cause ever undertaken by mortal man, a cause to which mankind must continue to rally if the lofty concept of individual dignity is to be universally attained and preserved.

The history of the Stars and Stripes is the history of our nation: it symbolizes not only the ideals, traditions, and free institutions of our Republic, but also the expansion and territorial development of our United States. The thirteen original stars have grown in numbers to fifty — the union of our fifty states held together by the bond of our national government — while the thirteen stripes preserve the traditions and ideals of the thirteen colonies or original states which so nobly laid the foundation of this great independent nation.

Display of the flag is a privilege. It is an act which reaffirms our basic freedom of choice. Saturday, June 14, is Flag Day, marking the 198th anniversary of the adoption of the first flag of our Country. Every household and every business place in Andover should mark this day with a flag on display.

Fly the flag with pride and gratitude! Fly it to affirm your desire that our Nation shall remain strong and true to her lofty purpose! Fly it in memory of victories won! But, above all, fly it to mark the point to which men shall rally to fight on, whether with blades and shot to meet a godless aggressor or with minds and hearts to meet the spiritual and physical challenges which also threaten our very existence.

Here are a few rules on the proper "Flag Etiquette".

The flag, when carried in a procession with another flag or flags, should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.

The flag should not be displayed on a float in a parade except from a staff.

The flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides or back of a vehicle or of a railroad train or a boat. When the flag is displayed on a motorcar, the staff should be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the radiator cap.

The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.

The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery.

I think it is important for those who follow this column to understand what is taking place in Albany these days, especially as it relates to their tax dollars. As we spend hours in the Assembly chambers finally getting down to some of the major issues which must be solved this year, reports coming from this Capital City tend to confuse the population of this State and, in some cases, mislead them. They may even, as in the case of the Stavisky 'school aid' bill, lead them into a false sense of security.

But make no mistake about it. The threat that your state tax bill could skyrocket, if it were left to the Democrats, who now control the Assembly and the Statehouse, is very, very real. Since we began this legislative session in January, the Democrats in the Assembly have approved the imposition of \$383 million in state taxes on the residents of this State. I say the Assembly Democrats because these taxes have been passed on the floor of the Assembly without one single Republican vote. And these taxes hit the residents, businesses and industries of the State with a broad sledge hammer — personal income taxes, franchise taxes, banking taxes, corporation taxes, estate taxes, more taxes on liquor and cigarette related products as well as others.

However, this is only the beginning as far as the Governor is concerned. Mr. Carey keeps insisting and insisting that we need still another \$300 million in taxes to make up his total tax figure of approximately \$640 million. And the Governor hasn't stopped with demands. He's gone far beyond that, and seeing that threats would not move the Republican members of the Legislature from our position that no new or increased taxes are necessary in 1975, he has set out to turn the residents of our individual legislative districts against us by a series of politically and unwarranted cuts in state services designed to have an adverse effect specifically on upstate Republican areas. I have written of these in the past weeks, but now I think it is time to put all the pieces of this "Carey Tax Plan" together.

The first 'wave' of cuts and actions by the Governor included such sensitive areas as the State prison system, the State Transportation Department in terms of highway safety and repairs and cuts in state aid to town highway reconstruction, cuts in some state police services, and the startling hike in fees for state park facilities and historic sites. Now the Governor has come forth with his second 'wave' — once again aimed upstate. He has eliminated important Motor Vehicle Department branches in some areas, necessitating longer waits for driver license testing and, in some cases, forcing people to travel further distances to receive MVD services. And he has made even further extensive cuts in the State University system which our families and children pay tuition to attend while student residents of New York City attend the City's university tuition free.

Now let's carry this scenario one step further. Let me once again turn my attention to New York City. I have said before that we must recognize New York City's serious financial problems, and the State must take responsible action to see that this city returns to a solid financial footing and never again puts itself in the position of bankruptcy. However, at the same time the Assembly Democrats want to impose \$380 million in new taxes and the Governor demands \$640 million while he continues to cut upstate services. Here is what the Democrats have done for New York City, since they took over the administration of this State:

— Assembly Democrats voted nearly \$200 million to help run the buses and subways and keep the subway fares to 35 cents (lower incidentally than any comparable fares in upstate cities).

— Assembly Democrats have voted to spend hundreds of millions to save the faltering Urban Development Corporation with the preponderance of projects in the New York City area.

— Assembly Democrats (again without a single Republican vote) passed a so-called 'school aid' bill which, in fact, would perhaps be of aid to New York City schools but few others. The bill would change the basis for figuring aid per pupil, in some cases, from average daily attendance (the number of students who actually attend classes) to average enrollment — thus favoring New York City schools where there are approximately 200,000 students daily who are truant. (Incidentally, the Democrats attached an \$83 million tax package to pay for this aid, but the return which most school districts would get for these taxes is extremely small).

— Governor Carey in the past few weeks has given two 'advances' on State Social Services payments to New York City totaling \$600 million.

Despite the above list of millions for New York City, Mayor Beame says he needs another \$640 million to close his budget gap. And if that figure sounds familiar, it should. It's just about the amount which Governor Carey and New York City say is necessary in state taxes. But for what purpose? That's the question, and now the final pieces of this State's fiscal puzzle fall into place. The Governor's fiscal plan is out of the closet. Namely, millions for New York City and nothing for our upstate area.

It is summed up best by the highly regarded political writer of the Syracuse Post Standard, Gus Bliven. The heading in the June 1 'sne' reads: "Budget Gap Big Ploy To Bail Out NYC" and Mr. Bliven wrote, in part: "Some state legislators think they see now why Gov. Carey and Democratic legislative leaders have been pressing so hard for state tax hikes. The money, they suspect, would wind up being used to plug the New York City budget gap — not a state gap as Gov. Carey and Assembly Speaker Steingut have contended."

Mr. Bliven has been on the political scene a great many years and I think his analysis is correct. Under the circumstances, I would advise the taxpayers of this assembly district to hold onto their wallets, for it's going to be a rough ride to the end of this session and I need your support for the new set of additional taxes to safely bail out the badly mismanaged City of New York.

Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Livonia) hailed the final passage of Minority Leader Perry Duryea's constitutional amendment that would permit the legislature to call itself into special session by a two-thirds vote for both the Senate and Assembly.

The amendment passed the Senate on Tuesday and the Assembly on Wednesday of this week.

Emery was a co-sponsor of the amendment which first passed the Legislature in 1974.

The resolution does not need the Governor's signature. It now goes to the Secretary of State to be placed on the November ballot for statewide voter approval.

The amendment would permit a member of the legislature to convene an extraordinary session on presentation to the temporary president of the Senate and the speaker of the Assembly a petition signed by two-thirds of the members elected to each house. The special session would act only on the subject or subjects contained in the petition.

Assemblyman Emery said, "I am confident that the voters want this authority vested in the legislature. The legislature is the people's voice" and it should be able to attend to the people's business when necessary without having to wait upon the Governor to call a special session."

Assemblyman James L. Emery announced today that he is very pleased that the reconditioning & improvement project for Route 244 in the Town and Village of Alfred has been approved.

Along with asphalt resurfacing, the 24 ft. wide pavement will be widened in places to 36 ft. New curbing and sidewalks will be installed in the Village and at Alfred Station, along with storm sewer facilities and tree plantings.

These improvements will be made Route 21 westerly to about a quarter of a mile west of the east line of the Village of Alfred for 1.6 miles.

Mr. Emery said this project is in keeping with the State's desire

to maintain, recondition, and rehabilitate New York State roads and to keep our highways in the safest condition possible for the motoring public.

Bids for the project will be let June 26th at the Department of Transportation building in Albany.

The office of Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Genesee) announces his schedule for the week beginning June 12, 1975.

Friday, June 13th — Assemblyman Emery will be speaking at the Northern Central New York Firemen's Association Convention being held at the Tremholm East Inn on Route 332, Farmington, New York.



50 YEARS AGO

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A meeting for the Alumni Banquet for Andover High School will be held June 16 at the High School to make plans for the Banquet at later in the month.

The Sixth Annual Reunion of the Hann Family will be held at Island Park, Wellsville, Saturday, June 26. F. L. Hann of Andover is Secretary.

Miss Nina May Shelly and Edward Brown were united in marriage June 5, 1925 by the Rev. C. C. Conrad.

Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Hardy of Tecumseh, Michigan, sailed June 1st for Europe where Dr. Hardy will do some studying and later in the season some hunting in Austria.

The local Base Ball Team lost their opening game at home to Company K Boys of Hornell by a score of 7 to 1. Andover players were: Harder, DeRemer, Rager, Bloss, Trowbridge, D. Baker, Kemp, Horan, Howland and Lehman.

The 23rd Annual Reunion of the Kemp Family will be held at Island Park, Wellsville, Thursday, June 18, 1925. Locha Burdick is the Secretary.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Doris Livemore and Rodney Robinson on June 20.

Mrs. Erwin Baker entertained a party of twenty-eight ladies at bridge, Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael V. Lynch of Andover are parents of a daughter, Cecilia, born June 7 at the St. James Mercy Hospital.

Flag Week is June 8 to 13 inclusive has been observed in Andover Main Street with a fine display of colors each day.

Mrs. Jesse Hunt and Miss Reta Stearns, enumerators, are busy taking the census in Andover. The work must be completed by June 15.

Prof. Lloyd Robinson of Alfred formerly of Andover, received the degree of Master of Arts at the Commencement June 10 at Alfred University.

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will hold their Annual Picnic in the Church Parlor June 16 at 3 o'clock. Come prepared to sew carpet rags.

Miss Ferris entertained the Kings Daughters, Thursday night at The Ledges in Almond.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson entertained their sons and families at a farewell dinner Thursday for Mr. and Mrs. Harland Robinson and family who are leaving for their home in Wyoming today.

Joseph, Eberle has purchased the Atherton interest in the Hotel Swink and will continue to conduct the same.

Assistant Cashier R. O. Snyder tripped over a fence in his back yard, fracturing a bone in his right hand the first of the week.

A variety shower was given at the Silk Mill, Friday evening for Mr. and Mrs. William Burger, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hall.

Harold Dawson has been assigned a regular territory as traveling salesman for the N. J. Thompson Co. of Elmira. Mr. Dawson has Northern Pennsylvania and this section of New York and will make his home in Andover.

The children of the Presbyterian Sunday School will hold their Children's Day Service Sunday

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