

## IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK!

An Editorial Worth Repeating

The average life of each of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years, and their progression seems to have followed this sequence:

1. From Bondage to Spiritual Faith;
2. From Spiritual Faith to Great Courage;
3. From Courage to Liberty;
4. From Liberty to Abundance;
5. From Abundance to Selfishness;
6. From Selfishness to Complacency;
7. From Complacency to Apathy;
8. From Apathy to Dependency;
9. From Dependency back to Bondage.

This year, the United States of America will be 200 years old. And, from the looks and appearances around us, it would seem as if we are in the 8th period — doesn't it?

We are sure that all serious thinking people can put approximate dates to the stages from 1 thru 7.

From our recollection, the latter part of stage 5, namely the Selfishness, became manifest shortly after the outbreak of World War II.

Many people became money hungry when they saw the big pay that was available in the defense plants. Patriotism was subjugated to the value of the almighty dollar and draft dodging became very noticeable.

During World War II, Labor Unions that controlled part of the Nation's defense effort were allowed to go out on strike for higher wages. This, despite the fact that many of us on the combat fronts were receiving an average of \$60 to \$74 a month and were risking our lives daily. What would have happened if we had gone on a strike for more pay — and less hours?

After World War II, we seem to have traveled along the 6th stage, as the Korean conflict came along. We, as a nation, lost many Soldiers — but this wasn't even considered a War! Instead of emerging victorious, the best thing that was accomplished was a compromise — with a stalemate!

We lost a great deal of "face" with the free people of the World as a result of the settlement of this conflict. Then we were embroiled in Vietnam — and many voiciferous "so-called" Citizens were demanding that we QUIT — before we achieved a decisive VICTORY!

Yes, we passed thru the 7th stage quickly when we allowed the "Reds" to establish an accessible base in Cuba — Just a few miles from our "Home Shores".

Now it appears that we are well into the 8th stage as our Leaders, Workers, and Unions demand more and more of management! These people want to be taken care of practically from the cradle to the grave. They want to work fewer and fewer hours — make more and more money — do less and less at their jobs — live higher and higher — and spend more of their time playing and vacationing.

And, with the establishment of "Medicare" as well as "Medicaid", we followed the "Primrose Path" of Socialism! Add the governor's ambitious spending plan to "bail" New York City out of its fiscal woes — where does that leave poor John Q. Taxpayer? — Just WHO is going to earn the money to make this Welfare State possible? Taxes are so high now that many ambitious people have to work at a regular job and have at least 1 or 2 part-time jobs on the side in order to afford to live at the social level they desire — And, this is just the BEGINNING!

Let's see if we can't get people around us interested in how our Tax Dollars are being spent — and help put a stop to this deplorable inflation and waste of our financial resources!

If we don't — our Apathy will allow the majority to turn into complete dependency — and from there it's just a short step to complete BONDAGE!

Elections are coming up in a little over a month. Check over the platforms of the Candidates carefully! For those that are proposing huge spending programs — or giving the voters more money — ask yourselves where else is it going to come from — other than your already flattened wallet! Then vote accordingly.

## "Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

One of the things which I think sticks in the craws of many up-state residents when we get into increasingly frequent discussions about "bailing out" New York City's financial troubles is the fact that residents of that City are still able to attend the City University of New York (CUNY) tuition-free. The staggering costs of this giveaway program alone to taxpayers everywhere in this State is amazing when you consider that the average tuition for New York State residents at the State University system (SUNY) is between \$650 and \$800 a student.

This fact comes home to hit hardest now, of course, since the Legislature has just completed a Special Session authorizing the expenditure of \$2.3 billion in State and public pension funds to keep New York City from default, and it is highly doubtful that the default can be prevented in any event. Last June, when it wasn't even known that things in the Big Apple were as bad as they really are, Time Magazine ran a candid assessment of that City's financial woes entitled "How New York Went Broke." Several paragraphs from that article tell the story:

"The city (New York) got into its fix by overdoing what it does best: being generous. New York has always taken pride in its treatment of the poor and oppressed; it has welcomed wave after wave of immigrants, clothed, housed, and schooled them for a better life — if not for themselves, then for their children. No other city in the U. S. has provided such a range of free services and diversions: schools and libraries, parks and playgrounds, museums, zoos and a host of programs aimed at improving mind, body, and spirit. New York spends more per capita on services than any other city."

"The city helps support a highly ambitious and costly university system — City University of New York is now larger than 43 state universities. Yet most students receive a free education as compared with the several hundred dollars in tuition charged by almost all state universities. In 1970 the Lindsay Administration began a program of open enrollment, which permits any city high school graduate, whatever his grades, to enter the university. Of the 19,000 students who have been added, some 15 percent receive an average \$30-a-week stipend as well as a free education. The cost of remedial studies has boosted the higher education by \$30 million to \$585.2 million."

Among the most startling facts revealed in the Time article is a chart which shows New York City per capita (per person) costs compared to the other major cities of this nation. In education, New York City spends \$296 per person (in a city nearly 8 million) as compared to \$7 per person in Chicago, \$13 per person in Philadelphia, and \$6 per person in Detroit. If I didn't know better, I'd say those figures were impossible.

Now, with New York City in terrible financial trouble, the cry has gone up once again to stop the tuition-free spending spree of CUNY, and rightfully so. Now that cry has been picked up by none other than State Education Commissioner Ewald Nyquist who just a day after the Special Session ended, presented a plea for a tuition change in the CUNY system. His request was met with not unexpected protests from the New York City Board of Higher Education, and, of course, that's really the trouble with this whole New York City mess. No one there wants to give up anything. Sure, it would be nice to allow their students a tuition-free education, but that's obviously impossible, and furthermore, we in up-state areas are helping to foot that bill.

Nyquist's proposal, which wouldn't even begin until spring of 1976, calls for a yearly tuition

## ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

The ink on the bills passed by the special session of the State Legislature giving New York City another \$3.2 billion isn't even dry and there is already talk of yet another special session next month.

Initial reports were that the \$3.2 billion would last the Big Apple through January.

Just the other day, the State Housing Finance Agency announced that it is spending \$100 million a month and no funds in sight. The governor has been told the agency will need \$80 million by the middle of next month.

Housing authority officials wrote to the governor and asked him to include their problem on the agenda of the recent special session, but understandably, he refused.

New York City seems more and more to resemble a bottomless pit.

Prison guards in the state are now getting bullet proof vests, according to the State Department of Correctional Services, including three for the prison that houses women, Bedford Hills Correctional Facility.

One can only wonder if that action says something about the departments' faith in its ability to keep guns out of the hands of

of \$650 for freshmen and sophomores and \$800 a year for juniors and seniors. This is exactly the same rate charged to all other students in New York State who attend the State University system. The New York City people protesting this suggestion say that it would cause undue strain on students from low income families. Well, without even going into the fact that the same is most assuredly the case for students of low income families who attend SUNY, Nyquist points out that the increased State and Federal aid which would be available to most students if tuition were charged at CUNY would more than offset the additional cost to students from low and middle income families. So that's nothing but a very weak argument. The fact remains that the financial community, both private and public, is looking with a very careful eye to New York City to see if officials there really intend to do something to put in the giveaway purse strings. That may mean the difference between default and no default. The tuition issue at CUNY will play a large part in that decision.

## ASSEMBLYMAN EMERY'S SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25th

Friday, September 26th — will be attending a Dinner at the home of Vice-President and Mrs. Rockefeller.

Saturday, September 27th — Attending the Annual Banquet of the Ontario County Volunteer Firemen's Association — Phelps Hotel in Phelps.

Tuesday, September 30th — 9:00 - 10:00 a. m. — Speaking at Andover Central School.

10:30 - 11:30 a. m. — Speaking at Whitesville Central School.

12:00 p. m. — Speaking to the Wellsville Rotary Club at the First Congregational Church in Wellsville.

Wednesday, October 1st — attending and Participating in the Ontario County Women's Club Annual School of Politics — Phelps Hotel — Phelps.

prisoners.

Persistent reports from informed sources say Jerry Bruno, head of the state's lottery operation, is in trouble. He reportedly earned the ire of the governor when he was unable to get the lottery number picked at the State Fair out to the state's news organizations.

A worker was told to call Albany collect with the number by telephone. When the worker did, a bureaucrat in Albany picked up the telephone, listed to the operator say it was a collect call, then replied that the state doesn't accept collect calls and hung up.

Instead of finding the source of the problem, Bruno had what some called a temper tantrum and fired the first person he looked at. The person has been rehired. If lottery ticket sales don't pick up dramatically soon, Bruno — who has little administrative experience and seems to delight in the heavy-handed approach with his fellow workers — may be out.



## 50 YEARS AGO

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Abraham C. Frisbey died September 22. He was born in Andover, October 21, 1837 and on January 19, 1852 he married Mary Sherwood, who with one daughter, Mrs. Della F. Porter, survive. Burial was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Sunday evening, about 6 P. M., Andover was visited by one of the severest electric storms of the season. Two buildings were struck by lightning and burned. The tenement house on the J. O. Fuller farm west of Andover on the barn belonging to H. E. Robinson Wellsville Road and a small hay on Davis Hill. Besides the loss of the two buildings thousands of dollars of damage was done by the high wind and lightning which started at 4:30 and lasted until 8 P. M.

Andover has a new Principal. Olin H. Simpson who comes to Andover with fifteen years of teaching experience. His last school was Lima High from 1922 to 1925. Miss Doris Stimson, the new First Grade Teacher of Ilion, graduated from Ilion High School in 1921 and from Genesee State Normal in 1925. Mrs. Leola T. Baker is the new English and French Teacher from Rochester. She graduated from the University of Rochester in June.

A sharp frost Wednesday morning put a black blanket on the gardens.

Irving Jones of Alfred drove to New York City the last of the week and took his mother, Mrs. Charlene Jones to Hastings-on-the-Hudson where she will spend some time with her daughter, Miss Sara Jones who is teaching there. Miss Jones was a former member of the Andover High School Faculty.

Kenneth Alvord is assisting at the Sugar Bowl after school hours.

Paul R. Diffin is now living in Warren, Arizona. His brother, Professor J. A. Diffin has accepted a position this year with the high school at Bisbee, Arizona.

Potato prices are now 80 cents a bushel.

A fine display of Northern Lights was observed in the northern sky, Wednesday evening on South Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wheaton of West Greenwood Hill are parents of a son, Clarence Lester, born September 14.

There was no school in Lane District School last Friday as Miss Emma Folsing was attending teachers' conference in Hornell.

Miss Lucille Cole of Elm Valley is spending some time at the home of her uncle, Zebra Cook in Weehauken, New Jersey.

Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Sheppard and family of Helderberg were calling on Andover friends, Monday.

Miss Margaret Dougherty and her sister, Mrs. Harold Griswald of Hornell spent the weekend in Buffalo.

Misses Gertrude Beebe and Anna Lynch went to Genesee Sunday where they will attend Genesee Normal the coming year.

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