

BACK TO SCHOOL

Police Chief Ralph Petrone will return to school Jan. 8 to hone up on modern police tactics. He will attend classes at the State Police Academy at Sea Girt for two weeks. Meanwhile, five policemen—Lt. John Brokaw, Lt. William Conway, Sgts. John Brennen, Albert Bruner, and Louis Newburger—have received their diplomas from the academy.

Letters to the Editor

Where the Money Is

To the Editor:

It appeared for a short while that Tony Daly had made his contribution toward proving the adage, old watchdogs never fade away, they just fly the coop. However, Tony failed to make good his attempt to so contribute; his announced flight to the state of retirement in a warmer clime has proven to be nothing more than a short sojourn to the state of Texas.

Welcome back to the coop, Tony. In his most recent letter to the editor, Tony questioned the disposition of the \$51,112 paid to the Housing Authority by the city of New Brunswick for the purchase of plaza project land used in the construction of the New Street overpass.

In accord with a directive received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the \$51,112 was deposited in a special account in a local bank, and is to remain in such account until a determination respecting its final disposition is received from the department.

It is to be noted that funds in the subject account are invested in interest bearing U.S. Treasury bills. The Housing Authority would have no objection to Tony's visiting its offices or attending its public meetings (held on the fourth Tuesday of every month) for the purpose of receiving answers to his numerous other questions.

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New Brunswick.



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SHAKY BEGINNERS—With the Buccleuch Park ice skating rink opening for the season last night both the beginning and more experienced skater alike took some time to steady these first shaky steps. Three Ward sisters, left, Margaret, 7; Mary, 12; and Regina, 10, of 20 Huntington St. hold hands to keep their balance after the first few spills while Peggy Lendenmann, right, finds practice hard on the rough ice.

Rights Problem Hunt Sunday

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The New Brunswick Human Rights Commission, faced with a lack of interest from the man on the street, will go directly to the people in low-income areas Sunday. The city agency was formed in September and since then few residents have attended the commission's public meetings or sent complaints to the commission.

This has led to the decision to send representatives to four neighborhoods Sunday in an attempt to explain the purpose of the commission and to seek out problems that have not been presented.

The four locations to be visited are the community room in New Brunswick Homes, the community room serving Robeson Village and Schwartz Homes at Van Dyke Avenue, the Multi Service Centers at 1 High St. and at 148 Neilson St.

Representatives of the commission's subcommittees on housing, employment, welfare, education and police-community relations will be at each of the four locations from 3 to 5 p.m.

The commission has said the primary purpose of the visits is to establish confidence in the commission.

The commission will hold its next public meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. in City Hall. At that time it is expected the commission will discuss the neighborhood visits.

FRAMING A FUN-NIGHT

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Backed by a picture of the guest of honor, committee members check the guest-list for the victory dinner planned by North Brunswick Democrats in honor of Jack Pincus, who has just started second term as minority member of the Township Committee. The dinner is scheduled for Jan. 19, at the Greenbrier. Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan of New Brunswick and State Sen. J. Edward Crabel of Milltown will speak, with Joseph H. Burns, president of the North Brunswick Democratic Club as master of ceremonies. Bobby Shields, TV and night club gagster, will entertain.

Wolfson Heads City Parking Authority

Louis Wolfson, vice chairman of the New Brunswick Parking Authority for 10 years, yesterday was elected chairman of that agency.

He succeeded Charles O'Rourke, who resigned from the authority last month.

Eugene Szeles was elected vice chairman, while A. J. Hendricks was elected secretary.

Conference Set

It was announced at yesterday's organizational meeting that the authority will confer with the City Commission Tuesday night, primarily to discuss what if any financial assets the authority is to have in the future.

This may be the first of several conferences leading to a decision on whether the authority will be given the financial assets to act as an independent or fully autonomous authority.

Since most parking facilities are now deeded to the city and the city administration is in the driver's seat in floating bonds for parking improvements, the authority can only act as an advisory agency for suggested capital improvements. Thus, the present authority has the legal powers to act as an autonomous authority, but not the assets to function as one.

The Downtown Merchants Council of the Raritan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce has called for the creation of an autonomous parking authority, which would have the powers to float bonds and condemn properties.

Study Independent Role

Mayor Patricia Sheehan said Tuesday that the administration is studying the possibility of having such an autonomous authority.

This change would increase the city's borrowing capacity. Bonded indebtedness for construction of parking facilities would be passed from the city to the authority, allowing the city to borrow more for other



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capital improvement projects.

The authority yesterday reaffirmed that it will begin holding public night meetings on a trial basis. The date of the first public night session has not as yet been determined.

Wolfson, 52, of 257 Livingston Ave., is the senior member of the authority, having served on that agency for the past 11 years. He is an account executive with the investment firm of Walston and Co. of 40 Livingston Ave.

Szeles, 49, of 123 French St., is the owner of Hub Liquors, also at 123 French St. He was appointed to the authority two years ago.

Hendricks, 65, of 87 Louis St. has been a member of the authority for the past eight years. Prior to that, he served for three years on the New

Brunswick Traffic Authority.

He is manager of T. P. Lyons Son, of 342 George St., a mens clothing store.

The other members of the

authority are Jack Gushin and Nathan Hindes. They were appointed by the new administration.

Gushin attended his first meeting yesterday.

Police 'Hot Line' In Use

The phone number is 545-1919.

Its new confidential "hot line" at New Brunswick police headquarters.

It was opened by City Commissioner Carl T. Valenti, public safety director, for his confidential squad, headed by Detective Lt. Joseph A. Malanaphy.

The squad has been specializing in anti-gambling investigations since its formation by the new city administration about five months ago.

Within that short time the squad made 12 gambling raids, a record in the long history of the city's police department.

Valenti wants the public to be assured that their

calls will be held in strict confidence.

The caller need not identify himself or herself. Information is what the squad seeks, nothing else.

Valenti stressed: "I don't want it to be a substitute for regular calls to police headquarters. (That number is 545-6600).

"The squad is interested in information which might smack of gambling, numbers, narcotics or organized crime."

The commissioner explained that the "hot line" number is not monitored on tape, as is the regular headquarters line.

Valenti and confidential squad members have received unsigned letters offering information on gam-

bling and numbers operations.

"People are reluctant to identify themselves and the new phone number was installed to aid them," the commissioner added.

Valenti said the letters indicate to him that there is favorable interest among certain residents of New Brunswick on the work the squad is doing.

One woman wrote, the commissioner said, that her husband's paycheck is spent playing the numbers and betting on horse races through bookies.

Squad members are bracing themselves for the expected flood of crank calls, but feel the information they gain on some calls will eventually reward their patience listening to crack-pots.



HOT LINE — Detective Lt. Joseph A. Malanaphy, head of New Brunswick's police confidential squad, takes call on new phone line installed in his office.

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City Launches Sweeping Survey of Police Dept.

By HARVEY FISHER

A survey expected to lead to the first evaluation of the police department since its creation in the 1830's is under way, The Home News has learned.

A survey team of four professors—all heavy with law enforcement experience—met with police brass for four hours Thursday in an "initial get-acquainted session," Commissioner Carl T. Valenti confirmed yesterday.

At the same time, Valenti, director of public safety, revealed, "We are looking into the possibility of conducting a similar survey into the fire department."

To Study Manpower

The survey team probably will determine if problems exist in police manpower, deployment of personnel, morale, finances, equipment, community relations, communications and other areas related to the city force.

Valenti said the purpose of the survey is to make the police department "more efficient and more effective."

He noted, "Perhaps the survey will show that clerical help should be hired so that patrolmen spend more time on police work and less time on clerical work."

A proposal in that vein by Mayor John V. Lindsay in New York has come under fire from the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association in that city.

In July—two months after the present administration captured the reins of the city—Valenti in a Home News interview said that an evaluation of the police department by a professional evaluating team would be made.

At that time there was speculation that the authority of Police Chief Ralph Petrone would be undermined by the creation of a police director's post. This would have relegated Petrone to second in command.

Valenti yesterday said he could "not rule out" the possibility that this eventually could be one of the recommendations made by the survey team. But he quickly emphasized, "We have no plans to put somebody over the police chief."

May Appoint

Prior to their May election, the commissioners had said in campaign statements that crime on the streets was rampant and that the police force was understaffed and lacked proper law enforcement equipment.

New Brunswick is in the midst of what is believed to be one of the city's worst crime waves. This led to an announcement yesterday by Petrone that a special fourth police squad would be

established to bulwark present patrols of the city from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Jack A. Mark, a former New York City police lieutenant and now a professor and director of police science at the University College of Rutgers University, will be in charge of the survey team. He was on the New York force for 25 years.

Mark and the three other members of the survey team all are retired members of the Gotham police department. The law enforcement experience of the survey team totals 96 years.

Other members of the team are George Bincarowsky, an assistant professor of police science at Rutgers; Johannes F. Spreen a member of the staff at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the City University of New York; and Frank X. Zullo, a professor of police science at the State University of New York. Bincarowsky retired from the New York force as a lieutenant.

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Spreen as an inspector, and Zullo as a captain.

Impressed with Team

Mark said each member of the team is thoroughly versed in police matters. "Each one of us has had to cope with the problems of patrolling the street and supervising men," he said.

Valenti told The Home News: "I'm very much impressed with the survey team. These fellows really know police work. They have had a wealth of practical experience. These men have the practical approach of what can be done."

During the May election, the present administration issued a platform statement which said, in part, "The needs of the police department will receive utmost priority as will the question of departmental leadership, internal organization and how the morale of the department can be improved."

Morale in the police department dropped during the election campaign, with members of the force dividing in their allegiance to the former administration and the present City Commission.

In some sections of the department morale is still low, with some policemen continuing to hold allegiance to the former administration and some supporters of the "New Five" administration claiming the New Five has not moved fast enough in making im-

provements in the department—particularly in regards to administrative changes.

The New Five during the May election hammered away at with the statement charging a lack of leadership in the police department.

The only administrative change in the department has been the creation of the post of assistant police chief, and the accompanying appointment of John Egan to the post.

But even this appointment resulted in grumbling from some policemen, who privately complained that the New Five had reneged on its promise to make promotions primarily on the basis of competitive examinations. There were no tests given for the assistant chief's slot.

Identify Problems

The survey of the police department will be conducted in phases. The initial phase will concentrate on identifying problems within the police department and establishing an order of priorities in which these problems should be studied.

Under a memorandum of agreement between Mark and Valenti, no commitment has been made for the survey team to undertake the second phase of the study. This would include delving into the problems and the submission of recommendations by the survey team on how to cope with these problems.

Valenti, however, said he wants the survey completed in all its phases and the survey team to help the city implement whatever recommendations are accepted by the city.

"We would want all phases (of the survey) to be completed as soon as possible, as soon as practical," Valenti said.

He said the first phase of the survey is tentatively scheduled to be completed April 15.

The survey team will interview about a third of the patrolmen "to get a cross-section of thought and ideas on what they think the problems are."

In addition, the team will work with a seven-man liaison team of members of the force—patrolmen and superior officers.

Mark and Valenti stressed that the survey team would work "very closely" with the police department personnel. "This is the only way you can have an effective survey," Mark said.

Valenti said, "This survey is probably unique. It will have no fixed formula type of approach. The end product will be the combined effort of the survey team and the police department."

Mark has suggested that when the problems in the police department are identified, the decision on which problems have greater priorities be determined through a "consensus" of the administration, representatives of the police department and the survey team.

The estimated cost of the initial phase of the survey has not been determined, Mark said. But he emphasized it would be "very modest."

In a memorandum to Valenti Dec. 12, Mark wrote: "Because the relationship between the survey team and the New Brunswick Police Department is born under the general extension effort of the university (Rutgers) to make its resources available to the municipalities and is not primarily created under a consultant contractual relationship, all parties concur that there is an overriding obligation to keep—consonant with effective survey procedures—all consultant fees modest and expenses to a minimum."

Valenti disclosed that the city is trying to get the state Department of Community Affairs to absorb some of the cost for the second phase of the survey.

Room for Improvement

Valenti said about the survey, "As in any large organization there is always room for improvement and this should be a continuous thing. We want to keep moving with the times. We want to increase the efficiency of the police department, to make it closer to the people."

Mark said, "The most important thing for effective police work is for the community to feel an identification with the police, and the police to feel an identification with the community."

New Team Meets the Public

The New Brunswick Human Rights Commission meets with residents of four low-income neighborhoods today.

Representatives of the commission's standing subcommittee on education, housing, business and employment, welfare, and police-community relations will be at each of the four locations from 3 to 5 p.m.

At the community room of New Brunswick Homes will be Mrs. Howard Heller, education; Scott Shepperd, housing; Mrs. Virginia Buntaine, business and

employment; Donald Braxton, welfare; and Miss Marjorie Traves, police-community relations.

The team at the community room serving Robeson Village and Schwartz Homes will include Miss Jane Mulligan, education, Mrs. Cora Bailey and Oliver Haggins, housing; George Kramer, business and employment; Julius Beiso, welfare; and Julius Scott, police community relations.

At the Multi-Service Center at

148 Neilson St. will be Michael Seawright, education; The Rev. Elwyn Gibbs, housing; The Rev. Francis Crupi, police-community relations; Jack Ward, business and employment; and Herman Goldfine, welfare.

Those at the Multi-Service Center at 1 High St. will be Joseph Marino, education; George Rodriguez, housing; Mrs. Samuel Marsh, police-community relations; William Adams, business and employment; and Mrs. William Rieman III, welfare.

Mass Child Vaccine Clinic Jan. 21

A mass clinic, aimed at all school and pre-school youngsters who have not been immunized against smallpox, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and poliomyelitis, or who are in need of boosters will be held Jan. 21 in the Lord Stirling School on Carmen Street, New Brunswick Health Officer John Hanson announced yesterday.

Hanson said the program also calls for vaccinations for children, one to nine years old, who have not had measles, or who have not been previously vaccinated against that disease.

The clinic, Hanson continued, the first of its kind ever held by the city, is the result of a disclosure, when schools reopened in September, that a number of children had not been immunized. Hanson said students in all public and parochial schools and schools in the sending districts to this city's school system are eligible to participate.

The New Brunswick Board of Education has given its approval and pledged its cooperation, Hanson reported. Working with him in making plans, which could mean that as many as 5,000 children will show up at the clinic, which will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., are Dr. Geoffrey W. Esty, chief medical consultant to the Title 3 Project (Elementary and Secondary Education Act); Mrs. Mary Ruckstuhl, supervisor of nurses in the public school system and Mrs. Anna Kelly, coordinator of the Title 3 program. Mrs. Kelly is a former principal of the Livingston School.

Dr. Marshall Smith Jr., who is city's physician, is coordinating arrangements to have at least six doctors handle the many youngsters expected to attend the clinic.

Hanson said that starting Jan. 15, thousands of parents will

receive, through the mail, two forms. One will remind them that their child requires either to be vaccinated or inoculated against the condition which will be checkmarked, or that the student requires a re-vaccination, or a booster.

The other form, which announces the immunization program, will spell out the specifics, such as the time, place, etc., and will contain portion which the parent or guardian must sign for immunization. "It is most important that the approval be brought to Lord Stirling school on the day the project is held," Hanson said.

Hanson also said that children under 12 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Because of the large number of Puerto Ricans here, Alberto Jimenez, who is the Board of Education's liaison man between the schools and Spanish-speaking residents has been assigned temporarily to the Health Department to get the immunization clinic message to the Puerto Rican community.

Hanson said that the above-listed forms will be printed in Spanish for mailing to Spanish speaking families.

"I cannot stress too strongly the importance of having those children who have not been immunized, who are in need of boosters or who have not been vaccinated to take advantage of this program," Hanson declared.

He noted that children presently receiving regular immunizations from their private physician are being encouraged to continue them from that source.

"But what we want to do is to reach those who, for some reason or another, do not have this vitally needed protection," Hanson added.

Parking

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An autonomous parking authority generally would have the power of condemnation of property as well as bonding powers. It would be operated independently of the city government, although appointments to the authority probably would be made by the city administration.

Last month the present parking authority complied with a request from Mayor Sheehan that the authority turn over a \$63,000 surplus to the city.

At this morning's city commission meeting former Commissioner William Dalley said he was opposed to the suggestion that an autonomous parking authority be created. "I suggest that you will never get a more autonomous parking authority than you have today," he declared.

The Citizens Advisory Committee on Recreation last month "exonerated" three former advisors to the Youth Council on "charges and allegations" relating to that group's finances.

The City Commission concurred with that finding.

Earlier the advisory committee had refused to make public a report by its subcommittee questioning the financial policy of the Youth Council and other recreation programs here. Mackaronis and Robert Fisher, the two members of the subcommittee, subsequently resigned from the advisory committee because of the suppression of their report, parts of which were published in The Home News.

An investigation by The Home News then revealed that Youth Council financial records had disappeared from City Hall.

No Answers

Today Mackaronis tried unsuccessfully to get the commission to explain what the advisory committee meant when it said there were inaccuracies in the report prepared by Fisher and Mackaronis.

Mackaronis asked Commissioner Aldredge B. Cooper Jr. but received no answer, a question about the present whereabouts of all records dealing with Youth Council expenditures.

Mayor Sheehan suggested that he contact the advisory committee about this.

Mackaronis replied, "The committee told me to see you."

He then charged, "I think you are misleading the public and you are certainly creating some doubt on my honesty and integrity."

Mackaronis said he had never made any charges of mishandling of Youth Council funds.

Cooper said he didn't want to get involved in any further discussion about the suppressed report or the Youth Council because, "We have a recreation program to run and we are not going to get bogged down with explanations of what is inaccurate or what is accurate."

Mackaronis, appointed to the advisory committee by the present administration, declared "We are not getting any answers here. I accused the other people (former administration) of being a do-nothing board. Well, you are a do-nothing and a say-nothing board."



PATRICIA SHEEHAN

Democrats Plan Victory Dinner

NORTH BRUNSWICK—The North Brunswick Democratic Club will hold a dinner-dance on Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Greenbrier Restaurant to honor Jack Pincus, who was re-elected in November to his second term on the Township Committee.

State Sen. Edward J. Crabel and New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Sheehan will speak. Other county and local officials will be on hand.

Veteran TV performer Bobby Shields, a comedian, will provide the entertainment.

Joseph H. Burns, Democratic Club president, will be the master of ceremonies.

Vito F. Puleio, Democratic municipal chairman, is in charge of arrangements for the affair. Tickets are available from members of the Municipal Committee.

Open Housing, Rent Subsidies to Be Discussed

Open housing and rent subsidies will be two of the topics discussed by the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission at a meeting Jan. 23. The meeting will be closed to the public.

In addition to rent subsidies and open housing, the commission's housing committee last night suggested that the commission also discuss a housing code here, and the strict enforcement of building codes through the hiring of more personnel to serve as enforcement workers.

These four points were raised by Mrs. Cora Bailey, chairman of the commission's housing committee. She would not amplify on any of them when questioned by a reporter.

Mrs. Bailey told the commission, "If we can accomplish some of these points, I'm quite sure the whole public will be aware of the commission."

She was referring to attract

any large number of residents Sunday during scheduled visits to four low-income neighborhoods.

During last night's public meeting, which attracted one spectator and 13 of the 23 commission members, the commission primarily discussed ways in which it could obtain the public's confidence and interest.

Only two residents took the opportunity to meet with representatives of the commission at the four designated locations Sunday. The commission had been hoping for a large turnout.

Since its inception in September, relatively few people have attended commission meetings or filed complaints with the group.

Julius Scott, Chairman of the commission, said, "We are not reaching the people. For what particular reason I don't know... As far as reaching the people, we are just going to have to keep

trying. We can't give up."

It was suggested that perhaps the commission should go "door-to-door" to meet people and find out if they had any problems. Several members of

the commission said they favored this action.

Eric Chandler of the state Division of Civil Rights said, "You are going to have to do something of that sort—going

door-to-door." Chandler is the state's liaison to the commission.

Oliver Haggins, a commission member said, "We ought to come up with some recommendations to do something for the poor people."

"People believe that you're not going to do anything for them, so why should they go to you. I think we have to make a decision right now to do something. We have to show the people that we really are doing something," Haggins is a member of the commission's housing committee.

The commission last night also said it would try to find employment for a city welfare recipient, who was disabled seven years ago while working in Perth Amboy.

That man, who appeared before the commission last night, said he does not receive ample funds from welfare and that he would prefer to find a job.

Spur to Business

City Promises More Off-Street Parking

By ALVIN KING

There will be additional off-street parking in New Brunswick this year.

This welcome news for harried motorists and merchants was contained in a statement jointly issued by the City Commission and the Parking Authority after their first meeting since the New Five was elected last May.

Signed by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and Louis Wolfson, newly elected authority chairman, the statement said a "new relationship" has been established between the administration and the authority.

Most of the meeting was devoted to reviewing a variety of plans and proposals that have been made from time to time, and discussing several sites the commissioners and authority would like to acquire for off-street parking.

"In particular, we explored possibilities for the Church Street parking deck, in conjunction with the possible expansion of parking by Middlesex County officials," Mayor Sheehan and Wolfson noted. The statement said they had agreed upon a number of alternatives to be explored with the county soon.

The commissioners have a conference scheduled with the freeholders Tuesday and one of the topics that will be discussed is parking. Another is a plan the city has for improving the traffic pattern near the Pennsylvania Railroad station. Because county roads are involved, the commissioners are looking to the

freeholders for help in effecting it.

Mayor Sheehan said "The administration is extremely pleased with the results of this effort to coordinate the energies and resources of the authority and city... we are confident that stemming from this close relationship will be improved and enlarged parking facilities."

"We are excited about this new relationship... we are agreed upon a new direction... we are now embarking upon a new program," the mayor continued.

The commissioners and authority are in agreement that there is a great need for more parking spaces in the business area and they further agree that adequate parking facilities is the key to a "successful future for the downtown area... business in the heart of New Brunswick and adequate parking facilities go hand in hand," the statement went on.

Wolfson also announced that the authority will hold its regular sessions at night. "We are aware of the public concern over this (parking) problem and want to make it as easy as possible for citizens who have constructive ideas to come to our meetings," he said.

The authority's next meeting will be held Jan. 30 at 8 p.m. in City Hall.

In the past, the authority met the first Thursday of every month at 11 a.m. The agency will decide whether to meet the first or fourth Tuesday of the month.

Housing Authority Is Shaping 'Inner City' Scout, Cub Units

A Boy Scout troop and a Cub Scout pack sponsored by the New Brunswick Housing Authority, were established recently as part of the Middlesex Boy Scout Council's attempt to involve residents of the "inner city" in scouting activities.

According to Robert Conn, assistant Central District executive of the Middlesex Council, money has been made available to pay for all equipment and uniforms for the two troops. Lack of funds for such purposes has been one of the major obstacles to the formation of the troops.

The Cub Scout unit, McKinley School Pack 91, consists of residents of the Schwartz-Robeson Homes development and has about 20 boys enrolled at present. Ronald Berry is the packmaster.

The Boy Scout unit, Memorial Homes Troop 46, was formed last week under its scoutmaster, John Grier. The unit has enrolled 14 boys.

Richard Keefe, chairman of the authority, said that future plans call for the addition of a Boy Scout troop at McKinley School.

The major thrust during the

next few months, he said, will be the promotion of the new units among residents of the housing development.

"We're willing to give whatever possible help we can to these units," Keefe said, "if it means that it will give these kids more advantages than they had before."



FIRST CUSTOMER — Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan buys the first box of Girl Scout cookies from Joanne Enana, 9, of Brownie Troop 304, New Brunswick, as the annual sale gets under way.

What Good The Thunder?

We were pleased as punch to see that our city police department has installed a confidential "hot phone line," special number (545-1919), and all, at headquarters to go with its stepped-up war on gambling, numbers and narcotics.

We noted with pleasure in December, and proudly trumpet it again here, bringing the score up to date, that our relatively new confidential squad, specializing in anti-gambling investigations under the direction of Detective Lt. Joseph A. Malanaphy, has made 12 raids and come up with 13 arrests in less than six months, an unbelievable record for New Brunswick.

But, alas, we were just as sorry to see a front page headline the other day that read: "Judge Talks Tough, Hands Gamblers Light Sentences." Sorry enough to read the story over, carefully, word for word, at least three times. And still it's hard to believe.

What good is a hard-working confidential squad, hot line and all? What good is a good case ably presented by a conscientious prosecuting attorney? What good is a conviction by a county criminal court jury? What good, if the judge thunders all over the lot, and then slaps the culprits on the wrist?

Our own veteran courthouse reporter, who has been covering this same kind of thing day in and out for seven long years now, wrote in his story, "Court-house observers expressed surprise at the relatively light sentences handed down . . . Defense attorneys, who represented the four gamblers, also appeared surprised."

We want to compliment Commissioner Carl T. Valenti for vowing to keep the confidential squad up to snuff, specifically for making sure it didn't lose the valuable experience and know-how of Patrolmen George Saloom, Leonard J. Giglio Jr. and John J. Feaster Jr. He and the rest of the City Commissioners are right in their insistence on "full speed ahead" with the gambling crackdown.

We know and you know that, more often than not, gambling offers a financial base for other criminal activities, and eventually a lucrative field for the big-time operators of organized crime. And gambling is often a source of corruption of law officers and other public officials.

For the sake of the community, then, it is important that gambling be eradicated. And you don't eradicate it with small bananas fines and soft sentences.

We know it and you know it. And deep down, the police and the prosecutors who are trying to do the job know it. But what beats us is that a judge who could say, "There was absolutely no question that the defendants were guilty," and who could describe the state's testimony as "overwhelming," and who could tell one of the convicted gamblers that it would have been a miscarriage of justice had he been acquitted, could not know it, too.

Again, we urge the police department involved in this particular case (Highland Park), our own department, and the prosecutor's office to keep up the good work.

But we would like to stress, and it can't be too strong a warning, that there is a dangerous feeling afoot across the land, not only among the policemen in the front line, but also in the mind of the man in the street, and all the way up to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

And that feeling is that by turning these gamblers, crooks, thugs, racketeers and what have you loose again and again to prey on society, the courts are playing footloose and fancy free with decent people's rights, their property, and even their lives.

'Room' for gals in politics



Mayor Patricia Sheehan with trophy presented to her by Robert E. Cole

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan of New Brunswick told a group in Newark last night attending the annual meeting of the Newark Commission for Neighborhood Conservation and Rehabilitation, that more women should become involved in politics. The meeting was held in the Public Service auditorium at 80 Park Place.

Mayor Sheehan was the first woman elected to a top municipal office in the state. Deputy Mayor Paul Reilly also presented a key to the city to the mayor.

Mayor Sheehan said "there is adequate room for women to take an active role in politics." She also said that women don't become involved themselves and often discourage their children from entering the political arena.

She also noted that one of her most exciting experiences as mayor was the dedication of the National Guard armory in New Brunswick by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. The armory is be-

ing used as a community center.

Richard Cross, NCNCR chairman for 1968, said new plans call for a youth council, rehabilitation of a multi-family dwelling by the Prudential Insurance Company and a clean up campaign in an area of the Weequahic section of Newark.

Cross, who is director of advertising for Public Service Gas and Electric Company,

succeeds Robert E. Cole as chairman.

James F. King, director of NCNCR noted that 1967 was a year of "tremendous progress and successful program planning."

"The campaign against litter in the city in which we had the full support of Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio was a success and we plan to continue it in 1968," he said.

Victory Party Hails Pincus' Election

By JOHN MOORE

NORTH BRUNSWICK—Jack's election was the most unusual thing that happened to us in the November balloting," Freeholder Director George Otowski declared at a victory dinner last night honoring township committeeman Jack Pincus. "He was one of the few victorious Democratic candidates fielded last fall."

Otowski spoke briefly at Greenbriers on Route 1 before a packed hall of party members containing national, state, county and municipal Democratic leaders who shared his feelings about their party's worst election in years.

"This was a Republican year," agreed New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Sheehan, "and this was supposed to be a Republican town, but Jack Pincus was returned to office."

Pincus, who forms a minority-of-one on the GOP-dominated Committee, when first elected to the governing body three years ago, was the first successful Democratic township candidate in 22 years.

His victory then was due "perhaps to LBJ," said State Senator Edward Crabiel, former Milltown mayor, continuing, "The election this year was won by Jack Pincus and the people of North Brunswick."

"George Shamy," said Mayor Sheehan, "is in Nevada. On his behalf, I extend congratulations." She added that Pincus' November success perked up an otherwise "gloomy" election night.

Congressman Edward Patten did not speak but he sat at the head table.

No Personal Credit

"I don't like to take personal credit for this because it wasn't a personal achievement," Pincus said in all humility, when after-dinner speakers concluded praising him.

He said responsibility for the successful campaign lay with rank and file party members whom he asked to "persevere" in forthcoming campaigns.

He was given a standing ovation when introduced by master-of-ceremonies Joseph Burns who said Pincus and previous Democratic candidates, of whom a number were present, paid in "blood" for competing against GOP Committee-candidates who formed a "brick wall" at election time.

Pincus' wife, Esther, expressed appreciation for support given her husband. Supporters included "friends who had their mailbox torn down because it had Jack's poster on it," and campaign workers who "ruined many a good supper with telephone calls." Congratulatory telegrams from Gov. Richard Hughes and Warren Wilentz also were read.

A plaque was presented to Democratic Municipal Chairman Vito Puleio for his effort in the campaign, upon receipt of which he "thanked all my friends regardless of what party you belong to."

A gift also was presented to Greenbrier proprietor Benny Rubin who quipped, "You'll have to win more of these affairs."

Television and nightclub comic Bobby Shields, last of the evening's speakers, delighted his audience as he accused Mayor Sheehan of trying to absorb North, South and East Brunswick into New Brunswick where she is head of government.

Shields also claimed that he and Pincus, both Jews, could reward Puleio, a gentile, by making him an honorary Jew "just for tonight." Puleio would then be entitled to "2,000 years of persecution, retroactive," the comic concluded.

Mrs. Stanley Teich of Otis Road, Edison, was door-prize winner, her booty being a four-day all-expense-paid Florida trip for two.

Other dignitaries attending were State Senator Norman Tanzman, County Surrogate Guido Brianni, New Brunswick Commissioners Aldrage Cooper, Carl Valenti and John Smith, Pincus' unsuccessful running mate, Mrs. Frances Shorr who sought the township tax assessorship, and Freeholder John Hoagland.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Pasquale Mugnano offered invocation and benediction.



HAIL, HAIL—North Brunswick Committeeman Jack Pincus, D, finds himself surrounded by, left, Vito Puleio, township Democratic municipal chairman, New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Sheehan, Congressman Edward Patten and State Senator Edward Crabiel at a dinner-dance victory celebration last night because his successful November candidacy for re-election cheered what Mrs. Sheehan called an otherwise "gloomy" election night as GOP candidates won most contests.

Police Set Dedication of Home on the Range

By JOHN PRIBISH

New Brunswick police have a home on the range.

At a nominal cost under a novel cooperative effort with city administrators, the policemen have their first indoor pistol range in the department's long history.

It's located in the basement of the New Brunswick Community Center, Joyce Kilmer Avenue and Handy Street, site of the former armory.

Meanwhile, a small group of policemen is putting the finishing touches to the range in preparation for Monday's brief dedication ceremony.

Mayor Patricia Sheehan will head the municipal family and policemen to participate in the dedication, scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m.

The basement range had been used by Army personnel trained at the armory before it was leased by the federal government to the city for one dollar a year.

The city can own the building outright when it comes up with the \$40,000 price tag put on it by the federal government.

The building has been used by city since September.

The idea to remodel the range for police use was promoted by Assistant Police Chief John A. Egan and approved by City Commissioner Carl T. Valenti, public safety director. Valenti said he received full cooperation for use of the basement range by police from City Commissioner Aldrage Cooper, head of the department of parks and public buildings.

Cost Shared

Under the cost-sharing arrangement, the city and New Brunswick Patrolmen's Benevolent As-

sociation, Local 23, will split the bill, estimated to be \$200.

Work on the range included installing a new insulated ceiling, a double-plywood wall, construction of four firing stalls, placement of lighting fixtures and painting of walls and floor.

At the rear of the four-target range is a long strip of steel three-quarters of an inch thick which was left behind by Army personnel.

Egan said the range is strictly for police use and only .38 caliber service pistols will be fired at targets.

Competition Planned

The assistant chief, who is in charge of police personnel, proposes to conduct shootouts among city policemen for intra-department competition into six equally matched teams.

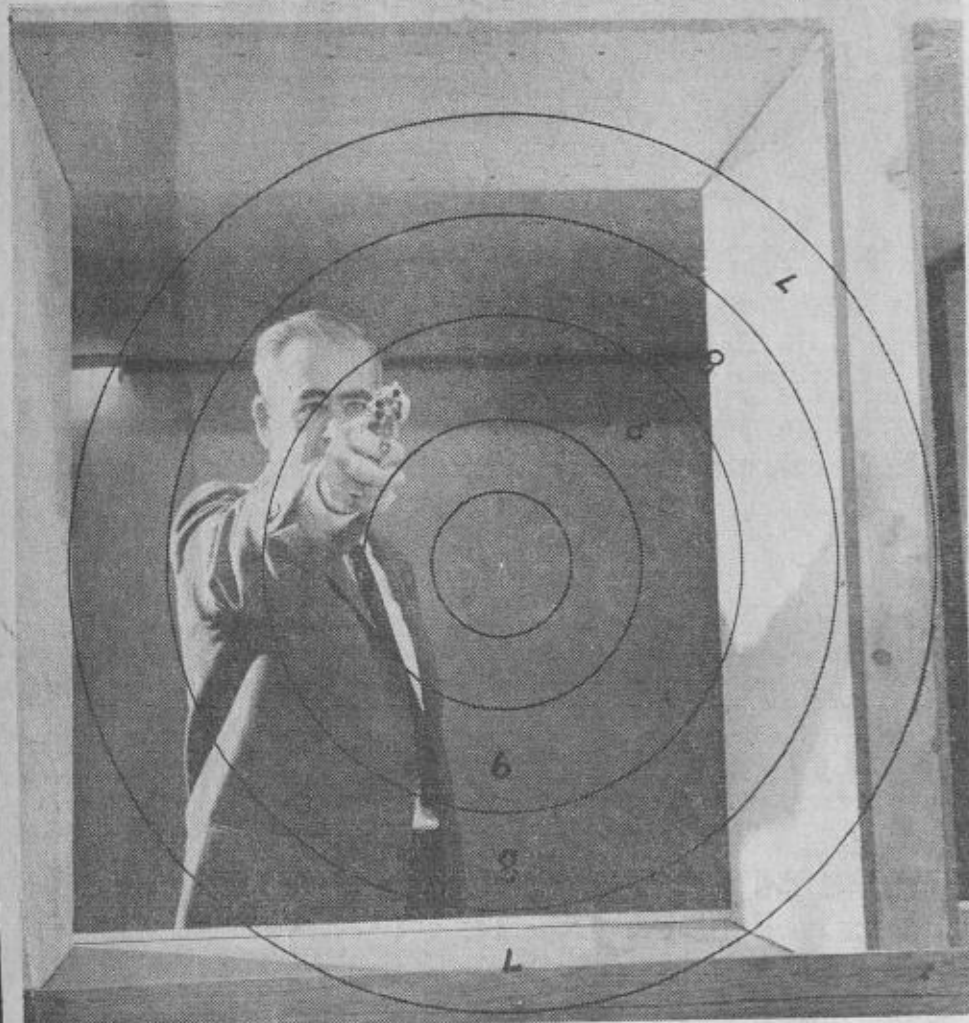
The indoor range, Egan said, gives the policemen the chance to continue practicing when inclement weather makes impossible to use the PBA's outdoor range on the Irvington Steel and Iron Works property off outer Somerset Street.

The first intra-department police practical course was held last summer on the South Brunswick police department's range.

Pitching in during their spare time to make the indoor range shipshape were Egan, Detective Capt. Felix Sica, Patrolmen Eugene Daino, George Saloom and Joseph Patterson, and George Abode and William Brinker. Abode is the city's electrical inspector and Brinker, a New York Avenue resident, is a friend of the police department.

The only other indoor firing range in New Brunswick is in the basement at the Rutgers Gym. It had been used, from time to time, by city policemen.

But now they have a range of their own.



BULLSEYE — Assistant Police Chief John A. Egan simulates firing stance at superimposed target yesterday at remodeled range in basement of New Brunswick Community Center. Use of range for police was Egan's idea.



ON TARGET — Checking target at new police pistol range is plainclothes Patrolman George Saloom, one of several policemen who helped put the range in shape.

'Mr. Candidate' Urges City Official Recall

A perennial City Commission candidate today called for the recall of the incumbent mayor and commissioners at either a special election or the November general election.

J. Robert Carlucci, of 17 Hale St., issued the call after he blasted Mayor Patricia Sheehan and her commission colleagues for "even suggesting

the sale of the City Hall for a county parking lot site."

Since the May election, Carlucci at several City Commission meetings has asked the commissioners to resign. This commission has evoked a verbal outburst against him from spectators attending those meetings.

"I have often heard of con-

men selling Brooklyn Bridge to unsuspecting persons, but never have I heard of a municipal body selling a city hall," Carlucci said.

"The voters turned out a do-nothing administration at the May election," Carlucci said. "The voters installed an administration surrounded with theorists from the Rutgers Uni-

versity and task forces from the State who are having a lot of dreams that may cost the taxpayers a lot of money."

Carlucci suggested the City Commission should forget about a charter study at this time. "The commissioners should go before the voters for a confidence vote through a recall."

"The suggested sale of City

Hall is the most ridiculous piece of public business that I have ever heard," Carlucci said. "It is one of the finest if not the finest municipal buildings in Middlesex County."

Carlucci recalled it was built in 1926 when the late Mayor John J. Morrison, Commissioners Frank A. Connolly, Jeremiah Donovan, Joseph J. Feaster and William C. Jaques were in office.

"It is a matter of public record that the late architects Alexander Merchant, William H. Boylan and Harry Bach to serve the city requirements for 40 or 50 years," Carlucci said.

He asserted the architects had announced, when the plans were accepted, that provision had been made for an addition to be built to the rear of the building. "It is obvious our mayor and commissioners have other phony ideas about a new building," Carlucci said.

It was announced Thursday that the commissioners also are considering building a \$200,000 addition to City Hall. Plans for such an addition already have been filed with the administration. The former administration had initiated such plans.

Pointing out that "some seven years ago, former Commissioner James A. McGarry received an estimate of \$10,000 to air-condition the building," Carlucci said: "It probably would cost more today but it can be done. An air-conditioned annex plus air-conditioning of the present building would cost far less than a new City Hall."

He also said municipal officials should stop looking to Washington and Trenton for money for jobs that local taxpayers should pay.

Doctors Order City Comptroller To Take a Rest

John E. Ferren, of 69 Bishop St., city comptroller since Feb. 1, 1948, has taken a leave of absence from his job to undergo treatment for physical exhaustion at his doctors' orders.

The veteran city official has left a big gap in the city administration to be filled by Revenue Director John Smith. He may be away from his office for a month or more.

Ferren, who was appointed comptroller to succeed the late William Fox, has been busy in recent weeks preparing the first tax budget for the administration of Mayor Patricia Sheehan.

Smith said today he regretted the loss of Ferren's services particularly at this time when "we are working day and night on the 1968 fiscal budget."

He indicated the commissioners were leaning heavily on Ferren for technical advice.

Smith said he would confer with Arnold B. Rosenthal, city auditor, on the appointment of a temporary comptroller. "It is a key office and must be filled immediately," Smith said.

Democratic Women Plan Work Boost

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Trenton Bureau.

TRENTON — The newly appointed women's division task force of the Democratic State Committee meets for the first time this week to implement plans for enlargement of women's participation — not only in the Democratic party — but in the Legislature and other areas of government.

The Democratic women will undertake an extensive program of registration, especially in the suburbs. Surveys show that 50 per cent of all blue-collar and white-collar workers now live in the suburbs and

seven out of 10 of these "suburbanites" are Democrats. The women intend to remind these people of their Democratic past and get them working for a better Democratic future.

The women also are pledged to revitalize the "schools for Democrats." These schools are a continuing program of the Democratic party and seek to give the electorate a wider view of their responsibilities to their party and in their communities. Schools for Democrats will be scheduled in every county of the state.

Members of the task force are: Mrs. Irene Smith, Belvidere; Mrs. Dorothy Sullivan, East Brunswick; Mrs. Jemie Lemon, Newark; Mrs. Cecile Norton, Sea Bright; Mrs. Betty Kordja, Paterson; Mrs. Patricia Sheehan, mayor of New Brunswick; Miss Susan Lejambre, Bordentown.

Mrs. Thelma Sharp, national committeewoman, and Mrs. Alice Dolan, vice chairman of the Democratic State Committee head the committee.

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Housing Unit Sets Renewal Study

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The City Commissioners would like to see a preponderance of commercial structures rather than housing in the proposed George Street redevelopment project, it became known at yesterday's Housing and Redevelopment Authority meeting.

Richard V. Mulligan, the authority chairman, revealed that the city commissioners had, in a recent conference, expressed interest in having the area, considered to be sub-standard, developed for commercial use rather than housing.

"I don't think this will be possible," said Mulligan. He said that he personally would go along with the commissioners' proposal but added: "It's my opinion that HUD (U.S. Housing and Urban Development) won't."

James McDaniel, HUD coordinator of the South Jersey Area which includes Middlesex County, recommended the authority consider studies to determine whether the land is best suited for low to moderate income housing and that the market for middle income housing be properly tested.

This should be done, McDaniel's letter said, by submitting a formal request to HUD for a new land utilization and marketability study for the project area. The authority approved the study.

The George Street project, in its original plan, includes 500 housing units, stores, parks and playgrounds. It covers an area below George Street, between Commercial Avenue and Oliver Street, Neilson Street and Memorial Parkway.

The commissioners and housing authority entered into an agreement to redevelop the area in December.

The authority yesterday adopted a revised plan for selecting applicants for its low-income projects. One phase provides for eligible applicants to accept a vacancy offered or be moved to the end of the list unless he can prove a moving problem. Another permits unwed mothers to be accepted as tenants. The authority had adopted that policy unofficially after a "sit in" several months ago.

A resolution adopted calls for a study of the possibility of applying the leased housing program for low-income families here. Under a 1965 law, the program enables and encourages private real estate interests to lease homes to low-income families, with the Federal Government paying part of the rent.

The Lawyers Title Insurance Corp. of Newark was hired to conduct a title search of the George Street Redevelopment area. The firm will receive \$100 for each property. There are 161 separate properties in the development.

Calm, Cool Mayor Hits The Ceiling

By JOHN PRISIBH

New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan hit the ceiling yesterday.

No, the usually calm, cool and collected mayor didn't have her dander up during a session at City Hall.

For that matter, the incident had nothing to do with politics.

It happened during the dedication ceremony for the police department's indoor pistol range in the basement of the New Brunswick Community Center.

Instead of cutting a ribbon to mark the occasion, Mayor Sheehan was induced to try her hand on the firing line.

At first, the mayor was hesitant, but she obliged to friendly persuasion and persistent pleas from Assistant Police Chief John Egan.

Others in the cheering section included City Commissioners Carl T. Valenti, Aldrage Cooper and John Smith, and Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone.

About 20 other policemen were on hand.

Egan, who promoted the indoor range, gave his snub-nose, .38 caliber service pistol to the mayor.

After a brief conference on the fine art of shooting, Mayor Sheehan stepped to the firing line.

Points and Fires

She pointed the weapon at the target—25 yards away—and fired.

The bullet missed and ricocheted into the ceiling above the target.

But the policemen played their gentlemanly role to the hilt. None jumped for foxholes.

Cooper, who is 6 feet 8 inches tall, had little trouble finding the bullet hole.

He tongue-in-cheeked this inscription: "Placed here by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, Jan. 22, 1968."

Mayor Sheehan fired several other shots. They missed, too.



ON THE FIRING LINE — Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan gets moral support from City Commissioners Carl T. Valenti, John Smith and Aldrage Cooper before firing pistol at dedication ceremony yesterday for police department's indoor practice range.

However, the mayor did not walk away empty handed or unrecognized.

She received the unofficial award of the day as the highest shooter.

Egan thanked the mayor and commissioners for their cooperation in making possible remodeling of the indoor range at the former armory, Joyce Kilmer Avenue and Handy Street.

The costs, not expected to exceed a total of \$200, will be equally shared by the city and the New Brunswick PBA, Local 23.

The assistant chief singled

out Patrolman Eugene Daino, range director, for his work in remodeling the indoor pistol practice facility. Daino, a fire arms instructor, did the bulk of the work.

A friendly shootout followed, matching Cooper and Patrolman John Kane against Valenti and plainclothes Patrolman George Saloom.

The Cooper-Kane combo won in a close match. Kane is the department's best shot. He won the intra-department pistol competition last summer. Saloom ranked fourth.

Kane displayed his talent for hitting the bullseye yesterday

afternoon when qualifying rounds began for six equally matched teams to compete later this year on the range.

Kane's first score was 297.

His second try was 299. He then shot a perfect 300 score on his third effort. This means he put 30 consecutive shots in the bullseye.

The veteran policeman, who has shot with the best of them in competition throughout the East, said he would gladly give Mayor Sheehan private lessons.

But Mrs. Sheehan would be more at home at the range in her kitchen than on the firing line.

City Withdraws Petition; Schick Hearing Delayed

By HARVEY FISHER

New Brunswick's case against ousted—but working—Tax Assessor Louis Schick took another bizarre turn yesterday as charges against him were withdrawn with the intention of re-filing them at a later date.

Meanwhile, Schick remains off the city payroll.

Although he has remained on the job, the tax assessor has not received a paycheck since being fired by Commissioner John Smith, director of finance and revenue, Dec. 5. Since then, the city has made no move for an injunction to stop him from functioning as assessor.

After yesterday's hearing before the Middlesex County Board of Taxation, Schick shook his head and made several statements indicating that he is being put in a financial squeeze. "I don't like the way this is going," he said.

Unusual Development

The unusual development of the city withdrawing its petition to have the county tax board forward the complaint to the state Board of Taxation occurred after special city counsel Peter Selesky requested a one-month adjournment in the preliminary hearing before the county board.

The county board refused to grant a postponement and Selesky countered by declaring, "In that light I will withdraw it (petition) and refile it at another time."

The county board granted without prejudice the withdrawal of the petition. That petition, through inference, contends Schick placed a low assessment on the property of Industries Inc., because he has received insurance business from that corporation. Schick has his own insurance firm at 45 Paterson St.

Conflict of Interest

The city has claimed that Schick has perpetuated a conflict of interest by selling insurance to people whose property he assesses.

The hearing before the county board was to determine if there was probable cause or prima facie evidence to forward the conflict of interest charges against Schick to the state tax board.

William Harding, president of the county board, refused to grant Selesky's request for an adjournment, stating the board was "prepared" to hear the case against Schick and that since Selesky filed a petition indicating he did have prima facie evidence, then the case should be heard.

Selesky said he was requesting the postponement because he needed "more time" to check out the merits of "other charges the city may bring against Schick. He said these new charges were brought to his attention after he filed his original petition for a hearing before the county board, and

that he now needed more time to check into the accuracy of the new charges.

He would not state what the new charges were, pointing out to do this without first having checked into validity of these allegations would be unfair to Schick. Selesky said he has informed Schick's attorney, Ralph Mayo, about the nature of the new charges under consideration.

Delay Unfair

Mayo said he was willing to accept a 10-day postponement, but not a 30-day delay. He said Schick was working without pay and because of this any lengthy delay in adjudicating the charges against the tax assessor would be unfair.

Schick was appointed to his \$10,000 a year post in May, 1966 by the former administration. He and the present city commissioners clashed during the May City Commission election.

As it now stands all legal actions involving Schick are in a state of suspension.

A hearing into a civil suit initiated by the city to stop Schick from selling insurance to city residents was postponed last week at the request of Mayo. That hearing in the Chancery Division of Superior Court will not be held until Feb. 23.

And no hearing date has been set for the Superior Court suit Schick filed to force the city to give him his back pay and keep him on the payroll until the charges against him have been resolved. In all probability that hearing will not be held until the end of next month at the earliest.

When announcing earlier this month his decision to file that Superior Court suit, Schick

said, "Since I have a wife and two children to support, it can easily be seen that the continuance of my salary is important to me."

His most pressing problem now appears to be whether he

can ride the tide financially during the legal tangles.

He was asked by the Home News yesterday how long he believed he could hold out.

"Not very long," he replied, dejectedly.

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Railroad Plaza Snarl Gets Help From Everyone

By ALVIN KING

City, county and state officials are joining forces to try to solve the perennial traffic nightmare in front of the Pennsylvania Railroad station, where French Street and Easton Avenue meet and where motorists' tempers flare, every minute and on the minute.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said yesterday that she was greatly encouraged at the result of a three-hour conference Friday afternoon at which the city commissioners, the state Department of Transportation and the county Planning Board were represented.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the recently-completed report on preliminary engineering, functional plans and cost estimate for a proposed traffic plan made by Wilbur Smith and Associates, consulting engineers, of New Haven, Conn.

- Some of the project's highlights are:
- Extend Wall Street from Easton Avenue to French Street, to face Joyce Kilmer Avenue.
 - Eliminate the existing traffic circle.
 - Extend Kirkpatrick Street, from Paterson Street to French Street.
 - Widen Spring Street, from Church to Albany streets.
 - Make Easton Avenue a one-way thoroughfare, from Albany to Wall streets.
 - Have a one-way street operation, from Brown Street north, from French to Albany streets.

Because the program, planned in stages, will cost well over a million dollars, the city is looking for financial help. That was one of the topics discussed at the conference, which was attended by the mayor, Commissioners William J. Cahill, John A.

Smith, Carl T. Valenti and Aldrage B. Cooper Jr., City Planning and Traffic Director Vincent I. Cassera, County Planning Director Douglas Powell and George Berberides of his staff, and William Kerwin, James Hamilton and A. Faxon of the N.J. Department of Transportation.

The group discussed the availability of state and federal funds for the project, providing it meets basic requirements. Mayor Sheehan reported the administration has a number of "musts" in its long-range plans, and traffic movement at the railroad station, which she described as a serious problem, ranks tops on the list.

"Naturally, no commitments were made by any of the county or state representatives...we simply made it known that we are greatly concerned with this constant bottleneck and want to

resolve the problem as quickly as we possibly can," the mayor said.

The preliminary study by the Smith firm, which is nationally known and has offices in several major cities, was financed by a federal grant.

If the program is ultimately approved, there is little likelihood that it could be started this year. The first step would call for drawing plans. Land acquisition and relocating persons who would be displaced is another time-consuming phase.

But the commissioners are anxious to get it started, and if all goes well, 1969, hopefully, could be the year motorists and pedestrians alike can start to hope for relief from traffic jams and more traffic jams.

Meanwhile, the city's new deputy administrator, Neil Peterson, will coordinate all future activities on the program.

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Postal Annex--'A Very Fine Ratable'--Dedicated

By RICHARD GORMAN

The New Brunswick Postal Annex, part of a growing chain of major facilities designed to handle the large volume of mail from post offices bearing the 088 zip code, was formally dedicated yesterday at its location on Home News Row.

The large glass and brick building receives and distributes mail on a 24-hour basis and serves as a center distribution point for mail coming from as far away as Phillipsburg. Mail entering the 088 zip code area is shipped directly to New Brunswick for distribution.

Located in the industrial park off Jersey Avenue, the 40,000-square-foot structure was built at a cost of \$496,921. It was termed "a very fine ratable" by Postmaster Vincent R. Loftus, who traced the development of postal service here at yesterday's dedication.

In 1680, he said, the first post office here was known as Brunswick. The name was changed to Inian's Ferry by John Inian in 1686, but then, under a royal charter of King George II of England in 1730,

the city was designated as New Brunswick.

New Brunswick's post office was located on Albany Street in 1810 and was moved to the corner of George and Albany streets in 1910.

Loftus explained that mail in those early days depended on

road conditions. If roads were muddy and impassable, then residents of New Brunswick and environs had to wait.

Rural Free Delivery was instituted in New Brunswick on Dec. 15, 1900. Loftus said, with five routes serving the surrounding area. Today, the

routes have been combined into one covering about 34 miles and served by one man.

New Brunswick became a first class post office in 1901, and now employs 564 workers.

In his greeting to about 300 people, Loftus called location of the central mail annex a

"good move on the part of the government." He expressed his appreciation to Rep. Edward J. Patten, D-N.J., "without whose cooperation this building would not be here today."

Mayor George W. Luke of North Brunswick told the crowd he was "very happy to hear that the government is going to pay some taxes to a municipality." He cited Loftus as "a fine postmaster" and said progress is continuing in "the greater New Brunswick-North Brunswick area." The government is proving that by placing this building here, he added.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan of New Brunswick introduced City Commissioners Aldrage B. Cooper Jr., William Cahill and Carl Valenti.

She said the city welcomes any taxes it can receive from "the very, very limited land area in New Brunswick."

Mrs. Sheehan termed the facility "impressive" and said "it gives us all a moment to be somewhat impressed at what goes on behind the scenes."

James J. Delaney, assistant to the regional director of the Philadelphia post office, conveyed the greetings of President Lyndon B. Johnson and Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien.

Patten addressed the gathering, then presented a flag that flew over the capitol to Loftus. The flag will be flown outside the annex building.



DEDICATING POSTAL ANNEX—Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan speaks at the dedication ceremony for the New Brunswick Postal Annex located on Home News Row off Jersey Avenue. Listening to her are, from left, Rep. Edward J. Patten, D-N.J., James J. Delaney, assistant to the regional postal director in Philadelphia; New Brunswick post master Vincent R. Loftus, and assistant post master John Gamache.



BRICK AND GLASS—The New Brunswick Postal Annex stands in the sunlight after it was formally dedicated yesterday afternoon at its location on Home News Row. Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan of New Brunswick termed the structure "impressive." It will operate on a 24-hour basis.



HIGH HOOK — Carmen DePalma of Milltown, left, accepts Angler Achievement Award from Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan during ceremonies at Brunswick Surf Club dinner. Robert E. Smith, retiring club president, looks on at right. DePalma caught record-breaking 63-pound striped bass during the 1967 fishing season.

BRUNSWICK SURF CLUB DINNER

Mayor Stresses Importance Of Conservation; Awards Made

The importance of conservation in all phases of outdoor sports, particularly fishing, was pointed up by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, of New Brunswick, speaker Saturday night at the ninth annual dinner of the Brunswick Surf Club, at the Greenbrier Restaurant in North Brunswick.

"The conservation of any natural resource is as important as the enjoyment you derive from fishing and hunting. The members of this club have often expressed their interests in the many phases of resources conservation. This is good and indicates you are all aware of the responsibilities we face for the future in the preservation of our heritage," the mayor said.

The annual dinner was a combination of the annual installation of officers and an awards night for club fishermen making the best catches during 1967.

Carmen DePalma, of 215 Washington Ave., Milltown, was singularly honored at the dinner. DePalma caught a 63-pound striped bass during 1967 to break the New Jersey record for a striper caught in the surf. The catch was made at Sandy Hook State Park.

The Brunswick Surf Club established a special award last year to honor any area fisherman who makes an outstanding striped bass catch along the New Jersey shore. The award is a plaque for angling achievement.

In a brief ceremony Mayor Sheehan presented the first plaque to DePalma. He was also awarded a plaque from the F. and M. Schaefer Brewing Company for the catch and received a gold pin admitting him as a member of the company's 60-Pounder Club.

The 63-pound striped bass, which has been mounted,

was on display at the dinner.

Joseph Szaloczi of New Brunswick was inducted as the club's new president for 1968. He succeeds Robert E. Smith of Jamesburg. Induction ceremonies were conducted by John Orovits, chairman of the elections committee.

Other officers inducted were George Maxwell II, vice-president; Mrs. Walter Frank, secretary; Robert Corso, treasurer; Louis Balcerski, sergeant-at-arms and Lewis Catalucci, re-named chaplain.

Following the installation ceremonies and the exchange of the gavel, Szaloczi presented Smith with a past president's plaque.

Schaefer pins, awards of merit for exceptional service to the club during the past year, were awarded to Ernest Opitz, gold; George Maxwell II, silver and Albert Bohar, bronze.

Fish Awards

George Miller of Highland Park won the best fish award for his catch of a 50-pound striped bass; second place went to Joe Fircha, 23 pounds, eight ounces and third place to Bill Leidy, 22 pounds, eight ounces.

Miller also took the best fisherman award with most points scored during 1967. The first striped bass plaque was won by

John Sinko, who registered the first fish in April, 1967. Fircha won the bluefish trophy with a four-pound, two ounce catch. Dave Daperski won the kingfish trophy and Bill Kozlicek the fluke trophy.

Among the guests at the dinner were, Mayor David J. P. Bentz of Seaside Heights, Mrs. Bentz and City Commissioner and Mrs. William T. Cahill.

The fishing awards were presented by Douglas Foley, chairman of the club contest committee. Russell Maxwell presented the Schaefer pins as chairman of that committee.

Victor P. Galgano of Milltown was master of ceremonies for the program following dinner. He was assisted by Robert Corso in the distribution of other "special awards" to members, including a fishing outfit to Mayor Sheehan and a "money bucket" to Mayor Bentz.

The program opened with an address of welcome by Mrs. Frank. Smith delivered the invocation in the absence of Catalucci, club chaplain, who was unable to attend.

Assisting Mrs. Frank on the dinner committee were Mrs. Walter Sereby, co-chairman; Corso, Al Bohar, Ernest Opitz, Ernest Corso and Galgano.

Meetings Planned By Adjustment, Planning Panels

The Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board plan a meeting to discuss problems of mutual interest, Charles S. Bruno, zoning board secretary, announced yesterday.

Bruno said that in keeping with Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan's suggestion that there be greater cohesion among municipal groups, adjustment board chairman, Dr. Edward Wilkens, and Morris Goodkind, chairman of the planning board, agreed to meet.

Amendments to the zoning code, discussions on cases requiring sub-division and zoning board approval and the possible establishment of an aesthetic code are among the items on the agenda.

Board of adjustment attorney, Mark Landis, announced a new procedure for requesting hearings when an application has been rejected by the building inspector's office for any reason.

Landis said that applicants now must obtain standard application forms for service to adjacent property owners and for legal newspaper notices which, when completed, will be returned to Bruno for screening.

If everything is in order, Landis said, a hearing date will be set.

The procedure, Landis reported, will save time for the applicant and the board, since there have been past experiences where meetings had to be postponed when errors were found.

Lady Mayors

'Home' Rule Key to Job

By JOHN L. CAVNAR

The accent is on domestic policy for four heads of government in New Jersey—the only lady mayors in the state.

"If you run an orderly home, you run a good town," avows petite Mrs. Helen Conkling, who, in her fifth term as mayor of tiny Glen Gardner in Hunterdon County, believes she holds the distaff mayoralty record in New Jersey.

"Yes, in many ways you have the same problems running a municipality as you do running a home," concurs Mrs. Mary Kerr, newly elected chief executive in Sayreville, a rapidly expanding Middlesex community.

"You have to establish areas of authority and then maintain discipline," Mrs. Kerr says, adding, "at home you don't have to worry about capital improvements for new roads and drains, but you do have the same problems in purchasing, supplies, and comparison shopping."

"In all instances you must approach these problems with common sense and then attack the most serious first."

Watching the Budget

Mayor Ruth Mitchell of Lincoln Park in Morris County, and Mayor Patricia Sheehan of the Middlesex County seat, New Brunswick, agree there is a similarity in keeping an even keel at home and steering a straight municipal course. "There are many related tech-

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niques at least," claims Mrs. Sheehan, "like equipment purchases and budgets." And Mrs. Mitchell adds, "There are many similar problems and solutions in running a town and your own home."

Increasing taxes, mounting municipal complexities, growing populations and longer work hours on the job are some of the negative facets the ladies agree on. But they feel the challenge of accomplishment and the sense of responsibility more than offset those frustrating nemeses.

"I love it," laughs Mrs. Conkling. "I wouldn't have run for re-election all these times if I didn't. I like working with people. That's the answer."

You Do Your Best

Mrs. Conkling's little borough of 840 people in 1 1/2 square miles of rolling rural countryside does have the same complexities as bustling New Brunswick, only in microcosm. It's taxes, planning, zoning, manpower, salaries and all the other myriad items that now take up to 25 hours a week of Mrs. Conkling's time.

"You can't appease or please everybody. You do your best for the town and your constituents, weigh each problem and then take the course most advantageous for the people and the town, always keeping in mind the taxpayer," said Mrs. Conkling.

The same time and energy-consuming puzzles face Mayor Sheehan, in office since last May, in her city of 43,000 population. "The tax base is shrinking, there's a need for more services, and there has been no program of replacement carried on over the years. Everything was let go so there are critical needs in every area—equipment, manpower and services."

Expanding Needs

Mrs. Kerr has been in office only since Jan. 1, and finds her biggest job at hand is preparing the new budget. "It was nearly

\$3 million last year," she said, "and we've opened another junior high and the voters have approved a new school. Everything is expanding, and we're working on increasing manpower in our various departments."

Mrs. Kerr is a part-time legal secretary, and spends part of nearly every day at the Borough Hall straightening out the questions that arise in a population of 30,000 spread over 16 square miles.

Mrs. Kerr, who finds the job a wonderful experience and an education, never considered the post until about a year ago. She had been involved in community affairs for four years and finally decided she wasn't getting anywhere in her citizens' groups.

"The only way you can accomplish what you want is to



MAYOR KERR Need Common Sense



MAYOR SHEEHAN Holding a Heritage



MAYOR MITCHELL All-Encompassing Job



MAYOR CONKLING "You Do Your Best"

run," she said to herself. So she did.

Mrs. Sheehan, a compensation analyst at Johnson & Johnson, arrives at her mayor's office four afternoons a week after work, spends all day Tuesday there, and then is occupied by city business two or three nights a week.

Mrs. Mitchell spends about 20 to 30 hours a week on Lincoln Park's official business, and that business has "grown in the last few years to be an all-encompassing job. When you

pick up the phone you never

know what you'll be involved in next," she says. Heads Above Water The greatest problem in her seven square mile borough of 8,500 population is "the great demand of services and the need to attract good industrial ratables. We have gotten some good ratables and I'm quite proud of that. We're able to support our expanding school system and keep our heads above water," Mrs. Mitchell added.

Mrs. Conkling, before begin-

ning her long career as mayor, was a borough councilman for five years. Her husband, George, a bookkeeper by profession and a former borough councilman, is now acting borough clerk. "My husband has no objection to my being mayor," she says, "because he knows how much I like it."

The other lady mayors also

have the full cooperation and encouragement of their families. Daniel Kerr, for instance, told his wife that if she felt she could do a good job she should be given the chance. "And he's doing his part by sharing jobs

at home. His cooperation is

widow for seven years, and her three children, Elizabeth, 9; Daniel, 8, and Michael, 7, "aren't too concerned about the mayoralty. It doesn't make much difference to them," the mayor said. "I make an effort to have time at home for them and we keep weekends free for outings. Her husband, Daniel, was a city commissioner for a short time when he died in 1961. "I wanted to carry on the heritage for their father that he had hoped for," Mrs. Sheehan said.

The Mitchells have seven chil-

dren, two of them still a home: Steven, 14, and Cheryl, 13. They are interested in government, Mrs. Mitchell said "but I'm gone so many evenings, they would really like me home."

A Woman's Place?

Someone asked her husband William, a research chemist, six years ago when she first was elected mayor: "Don't you think a woman's place is in the home?" His answer, Mrs. Mitchell said, was "a woman's place is where she thinks it should be."

Housing Problem Cited

To the Editor:

The confusion existing at City Hall becomes more and more evident every day.

During the May election the "New Five" pledged, among many other things, a solution to the housing problem. They were going to cure all the ills.

"Why didn't the 'Old Five' do something to help the poor housing conditions in the First Ward?" they cried. "The proposed George Street redevelopment project, considered to be substandard, should be finalized immediately," they said, "so those unfortunates could have a decent home instead of living in overcrowded quarters."

So what happened? Instead of improving the situation the city commissioners said they would like to see the houses torn down and commercial structures built in their places. Where are these poor people going to live? In the Denmark House?

To make matters worse, a title insurance company was hired at a cost of \$161,000 to conduct searches on those properties, despite the fact that nobody knows what will happen there or when it will happen.

Something smells fishy in Denmark.

FRANCIS A. CONNOLLY, New Brunswick.

SALTZ KEEPS BOARD POST

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan announced today that she has reappointed Eli L. Saltz of 11 Llewellyn Place to the Board of Education for three years.

Saltz, named to the board by former Mayor Chester W. Paulus completed a similar term today. He was named vice-president last June to succeed Aldrage B. Cooper Jr. who resigned after his election to the City Commission.

Saltz is vice-president of the Symphonic Radio and Phonograph Corp. and its research arm, Philharmonic Radio and TV Corp. of Jersey Avenue.



JOHN A. SMITH

City Pay Raise Cost \$100,000

By ALVIN KING

With a "fair's day pay for a fair day's work" as a theme, the City Commissioners today made known what pay increases are in store for municipal employees this year.

Scrapping their predecessors policy of straight \$500 boosts for department heads and \$300 to all other workers, the commissioners, through Acting Mayor John A. Smith, said the total package will come to \$100,000.

Not All Covered

Smith said this sum does not cover 92 policemen and 83 firemen who settled for a \$120,000 salary package (\$640 per member) and teachers, who received some \$700,000 in pay raises last September.

Because the Board of Education and the city's fiscal years do not coincide, some of that \$700,000 must be included in the 1968 municipal budget.

Deputy Administrator Neil Peterson, who spent yesterday conferring with department heads to advise them of the new system and urged them to pass the information on to their employees, released a general breakdown of the \$100,000 expenditure:

Department heads and those in supervisory positions will receive raises that average \$372.50. They range from \$200 to \$1,000, but only one will benefit.

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Magna Charta For Employees Goal of City

Acting Mayor John A. Smith announced today the administration plans to introduce a personnel ordinance which will have as one of its basic purposes "the insulation of municipal employees from arbitrary and capricious political action."

It will spell out, Smith said, the nature of each position, minimum salaries, pay raise schedule, vacations, sick leave, etc.

"Municipal government is too complex today to permit a luxury of discharging people strictly on the basis of political consideration," Smith, commissioner of revenue and finance added.

"A modern personnel ordinance should provide employment on the basis of merit and fitness, free of personal and political conditions, just and equitable incentives and conditions of employment, appointments and promotions based on merit," he added.

Smith added: "With this in mind, the commissioners plan this action in the near future so that the citizen and the municipal employe know quickly and accurately what constitutes a consistent personnel policy."

fit from the latter sum. Six professionals, who provide what is described as collateral services on a part-time basis, get nothing. While Smith declined to name names, those in that category would include the city attorney, his assistant, the Municipal Court judge, the Board of Adjustment's attorney, the municipal prosecutor, etc.

Secretarial and clerical employees will receive raises ranging from \$100 to \$600, with an average of \$257 for 42 clerical workers.

Foremen are receiving approximately \$300 more with all others averaging \$225. Less than 10 will not receive increases, but Smith explained they had not been in the city's employ long enough. After six months, they will get \$200 apiece.

Smith, who is head of the revenue and finance department, speaking for Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and the other commissioners said it was obvious from the outset all wrongs in the salary system could not be corrected in one year.

He said the administration, faced with tremendous, immediate needs for funds for capital improvements and equipment, decided to put most of its energies with respect to salaries in correcting past inequities. "Simply stated, we wanted to make an honest attempt to follow our guideline of a fair day's pay for a fair day's work."

Conceding raises are generally lower than those given in 1967, and that many on the city payroll will be unhappy, Smith said. "We nevertheless believe this approach to be the most meaningful in terms of a more equitable pay plan."

Less of Burden

It allows, he added, less of a burden on the taxpayer.

"We had to make some tough decisions," Smith continued.

Smith said the commissioners had decided against raises for themselves. He said that in bypassing increases for those with professional standing on part-time duty, members concluded that "our first efforts should be made to full-time employees."

Smith announced that from now on, the basic starting salary for a full-time worker will be \$3,600, in contrast to \$3,300 formerly paid clerks and secretaries.

He also said that no one will receive a pay boost before six months of service.

Peterson, following his meeting with top personnel, noted that 5 0 per cent of most municipal spending goes for salaries and wages. "In New Brunswick, we spend over that for staff salaries," he reported.

Peterson said the commissioners felt it important to set up a good personnel administration.

In that respect, Peterson continued, the advice of such groups as Public Personnel Administration of Chicago, the International City Managers Association of Washington and the N. J. League of Municipalities was sought.

A Teacher of Politics

By RALPH SODA

"I know politics," Robert Wood Johnson once told an interviewer. . . I'm a student of politics."

It was an interest he maintained throughout his life and long before his death the "student" became the "teacher."

It was Johnson who first articulated the need for industry and major corporations to participate actively in public service, through government.

It was a sense of responsibility he gave shape to early in his life and is perhaps most graphically illustrated by the famous "garbage incident" back in 1920 when he was the youngest mayor ever elected in Highland Park.

Then, while presiding one night at a formal dinner party in his home, he received a call from an irate resident who complained her garbage had not been picked up.

Undaunted, Johnson put down his martini and,

still in evening dress, drove in his station wagon to the woman's house, picked up her garbage and disposed of it in the borough dump.

Though a Republican, Johnson really could not be typed by any political label.

He was the only man in the state of New Jersey ever to be offered the senatorial nomination of both political parties.

He saw political parties and political ideologies as the most effective vehicles in contributing to the public welfare, and resented any restrictions they put on action.

He was the first man in the state to foresee the need for the New Jersey Turnpike and one of the principals responsible for its construction.

In the heyday of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's

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Leaders Pay Tribute

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"New Deal" administration, it was Johnson who appeared before Congress to plead for a 75-cent-an-hour minimum wage, because he thought the 65-cent-an-hour minimum sought by the administration was "too low."

Yet he was quick to turn his scorn on government when he felt it was becoming too regulatory. "Government," he once wrote, "is the scourge of the world. Whatever government touches, it is crippled or destroyed in the vast majority of cases."

In 1948, he praised the administration of then New Jersey Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll, hailing the new constitution as "a major achievement."

But within the same month, he was writing to Harpers Magazine, denouncing universal military training and the draft and saying he favored a UN Defense Force. . . "although it seems impossible."

Yet when he saw the need for coordinated attack on pollution and organized program of conservation, he resorted to government to get the job done.

He was one of the prime movers behind the strengthening of the state's Department of Conservation and Economic Development.

And released one of his firm's top executives, H. Mat Adams of Edison, to serve as Commissioner of that department. On the local level, he pioneered the formation of the Middlesex County Sewerage Authority in his war on water pollution and George Smith, former chairman of the board of Johnson & Johnson, became its first chairman.

Later, when the commissioners on the authority were considering voting themselves a salary, Johnson denounced the action, claiming their opportunity to perform a needed public service should be compensation enough.

Today, with Adams now chairman of the authority, its commissioners are still unsalaried.

Concept of Capitalism

He applied his concept of management which catapulted his firm into one of the world's mightiest industrial empires, to government, viewing this country's government as "service capitalism."

"Service capitalism," he told a college audience, "is a concept that sets out to serve society first, especially its customers as segments of that society; then its own employees; its valuable management and ultimately its owners. This is the kind of capitalism which Russia cannot envision and one she cannot defeat."

His ability as a politician extraordinary, is

best illustrated by the expressions of respect other "students of politics" had for him in life and their sadness at his death.

Perhaps the most graphic testimony of this respect is the appraisal of Johnson by Democratic National Committeeman David T. Wilentz.

"General Johnson," Wilentz said this morning, "was one of the truly great men of the world. His accomplishments and achievements were not limited to industry."

"He advanced more constructive ideas for the welfare of the people than any other man I know, in and out of public office. His contributions in every field of public concern were unequalled by any man in the State of New Jersey."

Driscoll Pays Tribute

"A unique public figure," was the way former Governor Driscoll referred to the general.

"In the death of Gen. Robert Wood Johnson," he said, "New Jersey has lost one of its greatest citizens. History will record one of the many contributions he made to all levels of government in the United States."

"Unselfish, with a clarity of vision, and with a keen regard for his fellow citizens from all walks of life, he was a unique public figure. . . . Sen. Clifford P. Case, R-N.J., who Johnson first supported but later broke with in a falling out over policy, said Johnson will be "greatly missed."

"He was a man of great energy and wide-ranging interests manifested in countless benefactions to his community and to his state. He will be greatly missed," the senator said.

New Jersey's Loss

Gov. Richard J. Hughes said, "We will all miss this great Jerseyman and his influence for good and for progress. I am saddened by news of the death of Brig. Gen. Robert Wood Johnson. New Jersey has lost one of her great citizens and America one of her most distinguished industrialists. He expended great effort to inform his fellow citizens about the problems and the future of our congested state."

New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Sheehan, contacted on a trip to Texas, expressed shock and sadness at the death of Johnson.

"I join with all the citizens of New Brunswick in grieving over the loss, with the recognition of his continual service and contribution to mankind, and, particularly to New Brunswick. His death represents the passing of an era," Mrs. Sheehan told The Home News this morning.



ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON

Rutgers Ready to Help Build It

Gross Sees 'Dream City'

By HARVEY FISHER

Rutgers University stands ready to help create a center city in New Brunswick, provided others are willing to make the investments that will convert the city into a little Manhattan, Dr. Mason Gross, president of the university said yesterday.

He said this city was a natural as a center of business, educational and cultural activities in this state.

Speaking before 30 people attending the third university seminar on "The future of New Brunswick," Gross shed considerable light on the role the university may play in the future development of a center city here.

But Gross made it clear that the university is not about to "stick its neck out alone," that a center city here would be created by the willingness of individuals, corporations, the city administration and the state to invest in facilities and activities to attract people from miles around.

Cultural Center

Gross spoke in The Home News seminar room about the prospects of the university building its proposed cultural center here. This is considered by many as one of the facilities which would get the center city ball rolling.

Gross said the best location for a cultural center would be between George Street and the Raritan River and that the estimated cost for building a 3,000 seat concert hall and 1,000-seat theater is \$12 million.

The university president pointed out that a great deal of parking space would be needed for the cultural center, and that parking in New Brunswick was a "problem" that belonged to the city administration.

Throughout his talk, Gross emphasized the inadequate parking here.

Gross was asked if his references to the "improved political climate" here meant that the city administration had indicated a willingness to give up present ratables in return for possibly greater future dividends from those properties.

He passed that question along to George Shamy, Democratic municipal chairman, who attended the seminar.

Shamy said the administration has held several "informal meetings" with Gross about the

cultural center. "Certainly, the administration is very much interested in cooperating completely," he declared. "You can have all the dreams in the world, but if you don't have the conditions to go forward, the dreams are nothing. I see no reason why we can not pull off a center city in New Brunswick...We've got to produce large, large areas of parking. We plan to do this.

For instance, the cultural center would be surrounded by parking, underground parking...The city administration will take the initiative along these lines."

Earlier, Gross said that unless many people were willing to provide the finances and efforts to create a center city here, building a cultural center

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SEMINAR WITH GROSS—Dr. Mason W. Gross, president of Rutgers, said at a seminar yesterday that the university is ready to do its part to create a center city in New Brunswick.

Rutgers Is Ready to Help Build 'Dream' Center City

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in New Brunswick was unlikely, that from the university-student point of view Camp Kilmer could be a better location.

But he was quick to point out that a cultural center "in downtown New Brunswick would have the maximum impact on the entire area."

He said the major obstacle is money. The state, faced with rising costs for direct education, probably would not give much priority to a cultural center.

Therefore, Gross said, for the cultural center to become a reality, a "major contribution must come from individuals, perhaps with industrial and corporate support." And he added, "If you get a major contribution, you probably could get matching funds from the state."

In addition, the city could receive federal financial credits of up to 25 per cent of its costs for a cultural center. The parking to be provided in conjunction with the center could be used for general purposes most times.

Gross stressed that a cultural center would not by itself make New Brunswick a center city. He said more business offices were needed here, as well as "some really high grade stores." He termed the proposal to build an airport for short take off and landing planes that operate like helicopters a "fascinating idea." He said there was no need to be alarmed that New Brunswick was not included as a stop on the federal government's high-speed rail demonstration project since "we have plenty of trains" now.

Gross said that the university in the future would build an administrative office complex and this complex would probably be located in Camp Kilmer, which has ample space for parking and is the location

for the major growth of the university. He gave little weight to the contention that the location of the university's administrative office in New Brunswick would be a vital aspect of a center city. In that vein, he pointed out that Camp Kilmer in Piscataway was "only a few miles away." However, the same could be said for building a cultural center in Camp Kilmer.

Asked if the university would build its administrative complex here provided the city administration took care of the parking, Gross smiled and declared, "I'm open to suggestions."

But his major theme was that "New Brunswick should think of itself as the center of New Jersey; this is the logical place and it can be done here."

The Middlesex County Planning Board is seeking federal funds for a study to determine the best location for a center city in Middlesex County.

Marshall Stalley, assistant director of the Rutgers Urban Studies Center, which has sponsored the seminar series in cooperation with the university's city and regional planning department, yesterday said seminars in the future may include walking tours of the city.



SOLUTION-SEEKER — As new chairman of the New Brunswick Parking Authority, Louis Wolfson has an awareness of the city's parking problems first gained as a business and community leader and supplemented during a decade as a member of the parking group.

Personality in the News

Parking Chief A Man on Go

By WALTER L. SHEPARD

To many people concerned with parking and its importance to New Brunswick it's reassuring to have Louis Wolfson, 52-year old former business man of personality and persuasiveness as chairman of the city's parking Authority.

A life resident of the city, Wolfson long has been aware of the importance of parking to the city's economy—even before he was named to the authority a decade ago. And, as a member and former vice-chairman of the authority he has known the frustration of having it serve as an advisory group—without the autonomy it has needed to achieve its goals.

As chairman since the first of the year, Wolfson already is hopeful the needed autonomy soon will be achieved. This has been indicated in exploratory discussion with the New Five, he explains.

In general, the mayor and four commissioners agree adequate parking is most important to the city, Wolfson says. But it doesn't help that the picture of what is needed and what is available is confused by needs of the county administration.

Praises Night Meetings

As a result, Wolfson cannot promise an immediate cure for parking ills. But he feels, as do many others, that the new policy of the Parking Authority to meet at night—on the fourth Tuesday of each month—may give both the authority and those interested in parking more of an opportunity to study the subject, gain ideas and—in the long run—come up with some practical programs. "Meeting at night, we'll have time to study the problems, to hear suggestions or opinions that may be helpful," Wolfson explains.

In other words he realizes that other authority members of interested business men, townspeople or city officials usually are as busy during the day as he is in his position as account executive with Walston and Co., investment firm. So the night meetings make sense and hold promise for some positive action.

On the other hand, action has been pretty much of a characteristic of the well-knit, blue-eyed Wolfson — a friendly fellow with a lot of persuasion and charm well blended with awareness and understanding. So his chairmanship of the Parking Authority holds hope for some gains in the not-too-distant future.

He was born in New Brunswick on June 3, 1915, the son of the late Louis and Agnes Brower Wolfson.

Rutgers Graduate

He attended Rutgers Preparatory School, then studied at Rutgers University from which he was graduated in 1938. A member of Chi Phi fraternity, he played some sports but claims no distinctive performances. Diploma in hand, he entered the family business—the old and respected A. Wolfson & Sons clothing store started by his grandfather in which his father and uncle, Elmer Brower, were also active.

But with plenty of family representation in the firm, plus the fact he didn't particularly care for retailing, in 1941 Wolfson joined the New Jersey State Police and, after graduating from the State Police Training Academy, served as a trooper for a time until entering the Army in 1942.

Entering the service as a private, he came out four years later as a lieutenant after having served in Africa and France. With his background in the state police he was assigned to the military police and, in Africa, was engaged in prisoner of war supervision.

Returning to civilian life, he joined his uncle in the operation of Wolfson's until it was sold in 1959 to the present owners. Despite his earlier disinterest in the retailing business, he had a thorough experience in all phases of the firm's operations and, at the same time, gained an increasing awareness of the importance of parking to the business community.

Named to Authority

It was while still an executive of the firm that he was first named to the Parking Authority, continuing with that group after entering the securities business.

He had many other activities, too, including with the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce, which he at one time headed. He also has been active with the New Brunswick Exchange Club of which he is a past president, as well as with alumni groups at Rutgers and at his fraternity, Chi Phi. He also long has been active in the affairs of The Baptist Church of New Brunswick.

As for hobbies, golf is a favorite. He has a 13 handicap but enough interest in the game and in Metuchen Country Club, where he plays, that he was its president for two years.

Otherwise his interests center about his family: wife, the former Ruth Akerstrom, and their two children, Bob, 16, and Wendy, 13, who are students in city schools, and the family residence at 257 Livingston Ave.

As a result, this variety of activities and achievements augurs well for the future of the Parking Authority under its new chairman, particularly if he succeeds in his goal of gaining for the authority the autonomy which is essential if it is to do the job it can do and should do to keep New Brunswick as the Hub City.

New Day at City Hall

Last week the City Commission announced pay raises for municipal employees and at the same time outlined the form of a personnel ordinance designed to insulate "municipal employees from arbitrary and capricious political action."

The pay raises, which will cost \$100,000 a year, are in addition to sizable pay raises already given police and firemen and teachers.

The commissioners apparently have made every effort to economize on the raises. The commissioners themselves are taking no raises. They are giving no raises to employees with less than six months' service, and these people will get raises only after they have been on the job six months. No raises are being given employees who give part-time professional services, employees like the city attorney.

The general level of the raises announced is lower than those given last year, and some employees are expected to be unhappy.

But employees taking the long look into the future should be happy that the personnel ordinance is to be introduced, for it gives promise of decreasing the political factor at City Hall and magnifying the merit and performance factor.

Acting Mayor John A. Smith says that the personnel ordinance will spell out job specifications, the nature of each position, its minimum salary, pay raise, vacation duration, sick leave allotment, etc.

Smith says of the ordinance, "A modern personnel ordinance should provide employment on the basis of merit and fitness, free of personal and political conditions, just and equitable incentives and conditions of employment, appointments and promotions based on merit."

This is where good government begins.

This is where the new commissioners really get at the base of reforming municipal government in New Brunswick, of improving the processes of government, of achieving both economy and efficiency, of giving the taxpayer a dollar's worth of government for his tax-dollar.

We have had nothing like the promise of this ordinance before in City Hall. Nor in our police department. Nor in our fire department.

The proposed ordinance is full of rich promise. If the commissioners' performance under the new ordinance is as good as the promise, a new day is truly dawning for the city of New Brunswick.



FIRST-HAND INSPECTION—The Citizen Advisory Committee on Community Improvement, at an abandoned building in the George Street redevelopment area. The committee toured the city yesterday to gain first-hand information on problems of neighborhood deterioration.

Pride, Money Could Rid City of Slums

By GEORGE B. DAWSON

Mayor Patricia Sheehan's Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Improvement poked through the back areas of the city yesterday, in hopes of finding their own clues to the reasons for neighborhood deterioration.

The committee took a bus and walking tour of sections of the city identified by municipal officials as areas in need for public action for improvement.

"The officials argued with near unanimity that an important first step for the arrest of neighborhood decay was the provision of more money.

"The city, if it wants to do a job on housing, has got to have a staff," Thomas Karvelas, the city sanitarian and housing inspector, who was one of the guides on the tour, said at one point. "If we make a concentrated effort on the problem, we should get the city in shape in the next 10 years."

The committee, which is a prerequisite for federal aid in a variety of housing and neighborhood improvement programs, was named by Mayor Sheehan in October, in place of the group named by former mayor Chester Paulus, which had become relatively inactive.

The committee has the job of remaining informed on community wants in sections which could be helped with federal aid, and making recommendations on how federal aid could be best used. Its chairman is Jack Gushin, a builder, of 16 Llewellyn Place.

The committee has had three meetings to date, Gushin said at the start of the tour yesterday that the committee members should make notes on what they see, and be prepared to discuss them at their next meeting Feb. 29.

The committee made stops yesterday at the George Street redevelopment project area, the Lambert housing project on Lee Street, and Robeson Village housing project, and took rides through much of the Feaster Park residential area and the Jersey Avenue and lower Albany Street industrial areas.

Richard Keefe, executive director of the city Housing and Redevelopment Authority; city planner Vincent I. Cassera; fire chief Angelo Torrisi; and Lt. William Conway of the police department, also went along as guides.

Karvelas argued that much residents were persuaded to keep up their own areas.

He took the committee to a backyard of a vacant building in the George Street redevelopment area, which he said had been cleaned by city crews last summer. The yard was littered with glass and other debris.

Conway said the building, which had been vacant for some time, was a refuge of the "bottle gang", poor people without homes, who periodically broke into the building to escape the elements and to drink, and posed a fire and health problem. He made no recommendation for a solution.

Karvelas said the city was not willing to undertake a complete code enforcement program in the area, because of the knowledge that the buildings were soon to be demolished for an urban renewal project. "It's not fair to the owners," he said.

The George Street redevelopment area, which extends from New Street to Commercial Avenue on the river side of George Street, was declared blighted in 1961. The federal government approved an urban renewal grant last year, but demolition has not begun.

Keefe said that maintenance

had been a problem for the Lambert Homes project at Lee and Comstock streets, one of three in the city built with private money provided by Gerald Lambert, the industrialist, because the rents were insufficient to pay for repairs.

He said the housing authority had no federal subsidy available to it for maintenance because it was privately financed.

The authority, which had operated the three projects since their construction in 1939, recently conveyed the property to the city because of redemption of the mortgage. Keefe said yesterday that the city intended to act this week to contract with the authority to manage the units, until a buyer is obtained. He said there had been no change in the financial requirements for operating the project since the time the authority previously had charge of them, but there were several new approaches which could be studied.

Conway said there were police needs in all the sections visited which could not be met because of the lack of adequate patrolmen. "Chief Petrone has asked for 15 more men," he said. "He is not talking out of his hat."

He identified the Feaster Park neighborhood and the Neilson-Washington street business neighborhood, behind the Rivoli Theater, as particular "high-crime" areas which lack sufficient police attention.

He said residents of the Kilmner Jobs Corp camp, which come to New Brunswick for social activities, had caused "many problems" in particular for police in the Neilson-Washington street area. He said that copsmen come to the section to visit the bars there and had frequently been arrested on charges ranging from being disorderly to stealing a car.

Karvelas also said an abandoned building in that section, on Washington Street, had frequently been broken into by alcoholics and drug addicts seeking a place to stay. "It's a constant police problem," he said.

He in turn praised the owner of the building at the corner of Washington and Georges streets, which contains several apartments and the Pub tavern, for being able to keep it looking attractive, in spite of the deterioration of neighboring structures.

"He's really gone all out," he said.

Good News! City Hall Is Expecting an Addition

Unless City Hall is razed to make way for a parking deck for Middlesex County employees—a suggestion that is expected to get as far as the waste paper basket—plans are under way for the construction of a handsome, functional addition to the present structure to relieve overcrowding.

Vincent I. Cassera, city traffic and planning director, said yesterday that preliminary blueprints, prepared by the architectural firm of Merchant, Seidel, Voorhees and Rose of this city on an \$8,244 federal grant, will be filed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by a resolution to be adopted by the City Commission at Tuesday's meeting.

Prepared in consultation with the Department of City Planning and Traffic Engineering, the addition, Cassera said, will:

- Provide space for all municipal departments under a single roof and allow for their future expansion.
- Locate each individual office to provide maximum accessibility and service to the general public.
- Permit increased communication and operational efficiency among the various offices, particularly those whose functions are interdependent.

Cassera reports the proposed addition will cost about \$500,000 and a similar amount will be needed to renovate the present City Hall. In effect, the program, if adopted will double the hall's capacity and introduce air conditioning and elevator service for the new and old buildings.

City Hall has about 20,000 square feet of floor space, comprising a basement and two above-ground floors.

The new wing would be erected immediately to the rear and joined to the old structure by means of a 34-foot lobby at each level.

Here's how Cassera describes the plans:

The ground floor lobby will contain two street-level entrances for public use. The lobby will communicate at all floors with an elevator and stairway system connecting all levels of the new and old wings.

Features of the renovated City Hall will include expanded facilities for health, welfare, and water departments on the basement floor. On the corresponding level of the new annex, a communications center will be built to coordinate activities during all types of emergencies. The facilities of this center will be available to personnel in Civil Defense, snow removal, traffic control. The room itself has been designed to double as a meeting room, and is augmented by a spacious public lobby.

Offices most frequently visited by the public will be on the first floor of the combined City Hall structure. In the eastern half of the old wing, a suite of adjacent communicating offices has been designed for the tax assessor and tax department. In the western section adjacent offices have also been planned for the city clerk, purchasing department and comptroller.

In the new annex, at the first floor level, a suite of offices for all of the various inspectors has been designed. They will be grouped around a large centralized working area for secretaries, which will incorporate records and waiting-room facilities. The engineering Department will be located directly across the hall from this complex, in order to provide best possible service to clients who may require additional records, permits or consultation.

On the present building's second floor, offices have been planned for the mayor and commissioners. A complex of four offices for the commissioners is located on the eastern half of the floor, with each office opening on to a large centralized

working area for secretaries. Records and waiting-room facilities are included in this room.

In the western portion of the second floor, there will be a suite of offices for the mayor, including a large secretary-waiting room, directly opposite that of the commissioners' secretaries. The city attorney's office will also be located at this end of the hall. A fully-equipped conference room will be constructed in the central portion, directly opposite the stairs and elevator. This room will have access to the mayor's office and will be accessible via an ante-room from the commissioners' suite.

In the new wing, at the second-floor level, there will be a new chambers nearly twice the size of the present one, designated to meet the needs of public hearings. It will contain a speaker's platform, display facilities and adequate seating. A spacious public foyer, an additional meeting room and a library will be located directly across the hall.

The third floor of the annex will contain rooms and facilities for the Housing and Redevelopment Agency, and the Department of Planning and Transportation. There will also be a large drafting room, designed to make maximum use of natural sunlight.

The exterior design of the annex structure has been planned to complement that of the existing building and retain its architectural character. In addition, the site plan of the City Hall has been revised, in order to include new landscaping, and to retain as many parking spaces as possible. There will be 51 parking stalls when the new wing has been completed, compared to 62 spaces at present. Finally, the entrances to the lobby joining both wings will be terraced, and lined with plants and shrubbery.

Now, if City Hall isn't sold, . . .

Curb on Poolrooms Runs Into a Miscue

By ALVIN KING

The City Commission today postponed final action on an ordinance which would restrict poolroom hours, after bitter opposition was voiced by several speakers, led by David J. Harris, president of the Urban League of Great New Brunswick.

During the hour-long discussion on the measure which would close the existing three poolrooms at 9 p.m. instead of 1 a.m., Harris accused city police of being "slow to move in on the bigger fish . . . picking up the nickel and dime dope pushers but never the big boys."

Commissioner Carl T. Valenti had explained that the curb was designed to stop providing users of narcotics with the "convenience of a gathering place for users and sellers." Further, Valenti noted, the poolrooms were a haven for undesirables.

Harris said that since Negro teen-agers constitute about 75 per cent of customers in poolrooms, "I am distressed by the use of the word undesirable." He said he occasionally played pool in some of the poolrooms and by no means considered himself an undesirable.

Harris further charged that there's an organized "crime power" in Middlesex County which is responsible for the influx of narcotics.

"Do you have evidence to that effect?" asked Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan. Harris replied that the President's Commission on Crime and reports from the state attorney general's office indicated that "narcotics and organized crime go hand in hand."

Harris called upon Valenti to name a director of police, preferably a non-resident, to "serve between you and the chief (Ralph C. Petrone).

The fact that Valenti's anti-gambling squad has made a series of arrests in recent weeks proves, Harris went on, that the gamblers were not molested and were allowed to carry on under the old regime.

this would indicate, he continued, that the "leadership in the police department is ineffective."

'Wrong Targets'

Harris charged that the police are "hitting the wrong targets."

Valenti said the ordinance change was not a blanket indictment of all poolroom customers but rather a move to make it less easy for drug pushers to sell their wares. He denied that an organized dope ring exists, declaring that the proximity of New York to this area makes it easy for local men to "hop a bus, make a buy and come back and sell for a profit."

Harris agreed to this view, but he reiterated that only the small fry had been picked up

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and that no major supplier had been arrested.

He insisted that an earlier closing of poolrooms, was not the answer. "What kid goes home at 9?" he asked to which Mayor Sheehan shot back: "I don't know of any child who should be allowed to be out at 2 a.m."

Others who protested include William F. McCloskey, an attorney representing Rostislav Pawcinski, owner of the Family Recreation Hall at 98-100 Albany St. McCloskey said Pawcinski has invested \$150,000 in the business, that he has never had problems with the police and that he insists on teen-agers leaving at 10 p.m. Adults, McCloskey added, constitute most of the customers after that hour.

Edward J. McGlynn, a Rutgers Village resident, declared there is a "void for youngsters and those of the pre-drinking age." The ordinance, he added, does not set a curfew. "It doesn't tell them they have to go home, so where do they go?" he asked. McGlynn suggested that the closing hour be negotiated.

Gregory (Zip) Mackaronis called the ordinance ridiculous, and one that if tested in the courts, would be thrown out.

On the motion of Commissioner Aldrage B. Cooper Jr., the commission voted to postpone action to further discuss the measure.

Negro Groups Rap Project Action

Five largely Negro organizations, including several which previously had been at odds with each other, joined forces today to denounce a United Community Service program aimed at establishing job placement centers.

Disdain for Project Action as established by United Community Services (UCS) in November was voiced by the Somerset County Congress of Racial Equality, the New Brunswick NAACP, the Urban League of Greater New Brunswick, the New Brunswick Negro Unity Organization and the newly-formed Central Jersey Business Association.

A joint statement released by the five organizations charac-

terized Project Action as a "public relations" program. "We don't need any public relations. We need human relations," a member of one of the organizations, who asked that he not be identified, told The Home News today.

"United Community Services' whole approach toward the problems of black people is paternalistic," he said. "If it hopes to accomplish anything, it is going to have to meet with the people who have some entrance to the groups that are throwing rocks."

He added that he believed Project Action was just another showcase or "public relations" program instituted to pacify Negroes after last summer's racial disturbances, and that such pro-

grams are not going to stop "rock throwing" in the future. Project Action has a goal of raising \$273,000 to establish job placement centers in and around New Brunswick by May. The program has the support of Rutgers University, Johnson & Johnson, and the state Department of Community Affairs.

The program was developed as a direct result of the July racial disorders in this city.

John J. Heldrich, president of UCS, today said he would have to study the statement from the five organizations before commenting on its content.

Want Policy Role

"We believe that if this project were more than a public relations effort, UCS would take immediate steps to involve community people in policy-making positions on the UCS policy-making board," the statement from the five organizations said.

"Black people hold the key to the success or failure of Project Action. We will have a hand in the settlement of the question or it will not be settled," the statement warned.

It charged that UCS has been trying to play one Negro organization off against another and that such activity will not be condoned.

The statement criticized UCS for excluding Negroes from its policy making board, for holding closed door afternoon meetings, and for being unqualified at present to formulate a Pro-

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ject Action program. The five organizations said that if UCS "desires to act in good faith" it will "arrange for an immediate public meeting so that the above legitimate demands can be discussed. Any daytime meeting is unacceptable."

Demands Listed

The statement listed 10 demands, highlighted by the insistence that any board drawing up a program for Project Action contain 75 per cent Negro members.

The statement was signed by Vernon LaMar, president of the NAACP here; Dennis A. Garrison, a member of the board of trustees of Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corp.; David J. Harris, president of the Urban League; Joseph H. Wyke, executive director of the Urban League; C. Roy Epps, assistant executive director of the Urban League; Kenneth R. Kelton, executive director of the Negro Unity Organization; Edward Whiteurs, chairman of Somerset County Congress of Racial Equality; and Arthur Riddick, president of Central Jersey Business Association.

The statement said, "We are deeply distressed" that Project Action has failed to involve the people whom the program claims to help. Before establishing a job training program they UCS officials, should have surveyed the needs of the black people. . . . We challenge any black ghetto designed program which has been written without the use of the expertise of the black community."

The statement listed the following demands:

- "We demand that UCS take names of people to form a personnel committee. These names should be taken from a list recommended by the undersigned."

- "We demand UCS should abandon their policy of closed afternoon meetings and announce a series of regular public evening meetings."

Record Not a Bar

- "UCS should demand that the participating companies make their employment standards more realistic. Those companies that require a high school diploma should not be allowed to participate. Also, job applicants should not be denied a job because they have a criminal record."

- "UCS should require participating companies to waive all testing. One's right to work shouldn't be based upon his I.Q. The only factor should be need."

- "We demand that UCS board examine their qualifications to write this program. How can they understand the needs of the black community when no poor black people sit on the UCS board?"

- "We demand that a separate board be composed to run Project Action. In order to guarantee self help, we recommend that 75 per cent of this new board be composed of people from the black ghetto community."

- "We demand that each participant get a living wage while he is being trained. Too many job training programs exclude family men because the stipend while training is too low."

- "We demand that meaningful upgrading standards be built into the program."

- "We demand that job openings include positions from the top of the wage scale to the bottom."

- "We demand that UCS immediately stop their practice of playing one community group against the other. None of the undersigned will participate in that kind of activity because we see it as harmful to the cause of black people."

Plaza Building A Step Nearer

With the Chicopee Manufacturing Co. signing a 15-year lease for 26,000 square feet, or slightly more than 25 per cent of the space in the \$2.6 million office building projected for the downtown plaza redevelopment, the swift construction of the building seems assured.

Chicopee, a Johnson & Johnson company, is a solid and highly esteemed member of the industrial community here. Its decision to occupy such a large part of the new office building downtown will be a prime attraction in obtaining other tenants to fill the building.

The plaza developers, New Brunswick Plaza, Inc., report that they have letters of intent from a number of prospective tenants, and the Chicopee signing should have these tenants placing their names on the dotted line soon.

At long last, we are close to full assurance that the plaza site will be developed, for the greater good of the city and its people. All concerned with successfully obtaining the lease between Chicopee and the developer deserve the praise of the people of the city for a job well done.



CAPITOL BIZ—Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and Sen. Harrison A. Williams, D-N.J., were among those meeting with Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey in Washington yesterday to discuss Project Action, United Community Services' job training and placement program for poverty groups. (AP Wirephoto)

Project Action Hopes Funds Will Follow Veep's Praise

The interest Vice president Hubert H. Humphrey showed yesterday for a United Community Service (UCS) job training and placement program for poverty groups has made UCS "hopeful" that federal funds will be provided for the program, Project Action.

John J. Heldrich, president of UCS, said today that based on Humphrey's reaction to yesterday's presentation on Project Action and the recent interest of the Johnson administration in urging industrial involvement in programs to provide jobs for the hard core unemployed, "we are hopeful that we will be able to obtain federal funds."

Project Action, which would establish employment centers in and near New Brunswick, is based primarily on industrial involvement. In preparing the program, UCS has been working with about 40 industries.

Ready by May
Project Action will be "fully implemented" by May, Heldrich said. There is a \$275,000 fund-raising goal for the program's two-year operation. About \$140,000 has been raised so far.

Heldrich, who led a delegation of area officials at the Washington meeting with Humphrey, said the program is "absolutely marvelous and you're going to save some lives with this program," he said.

He said Project Action shows more planning and social research than most programs presented to him. Heldrich said UCS would now pursue its quest for federal funds in meetings with other federal officials, including Howard Samuels, under secretary of commerce.

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The meeting with Humphrey lasted 45 minutes. In addition to Heldrich and Mayor Sheehan, those attending the 45-minute meeting with Humphrey were U.S. Sen. Harrison A. Williams, D-N.J., Rep. Edward J. Patten, D-N.J., City Commissioner Aldrage B. Cooper Jr.; East Brunswick Mayor Aleck Borman, Donald Braxton of the New Brunswick Recreation Department and Human Rights Commission, and H. Matt Adams and John Miraglia of Johnson & Johnson.

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phrey, said the project will proceed with or without federal funds.

He pointed out, however, more money would allow the scope of the program to increase.

Target Areas First

He said in all probability the chances of UCS getting a federal grant would depend on the priorities the federal government establishes in selecting localities for grants. Several areas in which racial tensions erupted last year already have been designated as target areas for reducing unemployment of minority groups, and these areas will receive federal funds.

Mayor Patricia Sheehan, who attended yesterday's meeting with Humphrey, asked UCS after the July riots here to coordinate activities to ease racial tensions. This led to the creation of Project Action.

'Absolutely Marvelous'

Humphrey yesterday told the UCS delegation that the federal government would be willing to help "within the limitation of our resources" with Project Action.

He said the program offered by UCS was the type that is the least costly and most effective in providing jobs for youngsters.

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PROJECT ACTION—After meeting with a United Community Services (UCS) delegation and others from this area yesterday, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey said the federal government was prepared to help with Project Action, the UCS job training and placement program for the hard core unemployed. The group includes, left to right, Humphrey, City Commissioner Aldrage B. Cooper Jr., Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, Rep. Edward J. Patten, D-N.J., John J. Heldrich, president of UCS, and Donald Braxton of the New Brunswick Recreation Department and Human Rights Commission.

Mayors Back Tax Law Municipalities to Get Share of State

By JAMES CONNERTON

DUNELLEN—The proposed amendment to the business personal property tax introduced in the state legislature got support from mayors and representatives from several Twin-County area municipalities at a special meeting last night in Borough Hall.

The amendment, sponsored by Republican Assemblymen Peter Garibaldi and Richard Olsen of Dist. 7-A and Sen. Wayne Dumont R-Sussex-Warren-Hunterdon, would allow municipalities to receive funds from the state equal to the personal property taxes they collected in 1967.

The present law, passed two years ago, gives the state the right to collect the tax, previously collected by local governments. It permits municipalities to claim from the state the highest total collected in 1964, 1965, or 1966. Sponsors of the amendment hold that the law is unfair to municipalities which experienced great industrial growth in 1967, in Garibaldi's words, "taking away from them all their work to bring industry in."

Garibaldi and Republican Assemblymen Francis Coury and Robert Haelig Jr., Dist. 7-B, spoke at the meeting, organized by Dunellen Mayor Lawrence Anzovino.

Among those speaking in favor of the proposed amendment because of the revenue increases it would bring to their municipalities were Mayor George W. Luke of North Brunswick, Councilman G. Paul Beck of Highland Park, and Mayor Frank Dittman of Bridgewater.

The only opposition was voiced by Neil Peterson, deputy administrator of New Brunswick, who said it "would surely do the city no good," adding, "It could hurt us."

Dr. Luke said that North Brunswick will lose \$118,452 unless the amendment goes through, since it collected only \$718,000 in 1966 through the business personal property tax, and in 1967 the state collected \$881,690 in North Brunswick.

Haelig pointed out that the amendment, which would permit North Brunswick to claim 1967 as a base period, "would have a beneficial effect throughout the state, bringing about a more equitable return on taxes taken away by the state."

Although only a dozen of the 51 municipalities invited by Anzovino were represented, several others reported previously that they were adversely affected by the present law and would favor the amendment. Anzovino said Dunellen will gain back over \$50,000 if the amendment passes. Bridgewater would gain over \$300,000; Highland Park, \$26,000.

Others reported to be favored by the amendment are Elizabeth, Middlesex, Manville, and Milltown.

Ratables Lost

Peterson, representing Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, said that New Brunswick, since it lost, rather than gained ratables under the personal property tax in 1967, would not benefit by being allowed to claim the past year as a base for returns.

This alone, he added, would not be a reason for the city to oppose the amendment. He said, however, that New Brunswick did stand to lose if higher returns were paid to other municipalities, cutting into the \$5.5 million the state would otherwise clear from the tax.

Peterson argued that a depletion of the state treasury would cut down on the funds New Brunswick and other large, slowly growing cities would receive to undertake desperately needed programs.

Garibaldi, while recognizing the "vast problems" of the cities, said that the needs of the rapidly-developing communities were also great, and that "five million dollars won't help the cities now, but will help the smaller communities greatly."

Luke concurred, adding that if the state wanted to undertake aid programs to aid the cities, it should seek "new revenue sources," he said that while the smaller municipalities recognized the needs of

Peterson then said that he did not intend to overlook problems of younger, developing areas, and that he was only reporting the effects the amendment would have on New Brunswick.

Good Chances of Passing

Garibaldi and Coury both indicated that the amendment has good chances of passing the legislature, but said it must pass by March 31 for the local governments to receive the higher returns in time to aid their 1968 budgets.

Anzovino said Dumont had told him "some legislators are reluctant to approve the amendment" because of the \$5.5 million it would cost the state, but Coury felt "the chances are good—that's the initial impression I got." He added, however, that the amendment must get support in other districts as it did from the Middlesex and Somerset county representatives last night if it is to pass.

Garibaldi said the state guaranteed two years ago when it took over collection of the business personal property tax that no local government would lose revenue because of the shift from state to local collection.

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time funds for those departments, and \$187,000 for increases in miscellaneous expense.

There will also be an \$148,000 increase in capital improvement, including new fire and snow removal equipment, additional traffic lights and more parking facilities in the downtown area, and an \$85,000 increase in various statutory expenditures.

A date for a public hearing on the budget was to be determined by the commission this afternoon. A meeting will be held at night, probably in the middle of next month.

The Commissioners, prior to today's meeting, issued the following statement:

"This 1968 budget represents a great deal of painstaking decisions, lengthy discussions, and much hard work on the part of many people. The cold, hard fact of the matter is that to meet New Brunswick's needs, it is going to cost money, nay.

Depressing Picture

"The picture of this city today is a depressing one. We have outmoded equipment which must be replaced. We need modern and sturdy trucks in order to provide fast and effective snow removal. We need and deserve better police protection.

"Our fire equipment must be of high quality in order to provide the service we, as citizens, demand. We must provide adequate parking to accommodate and encourage the many shoppers in downtown New Brunswick. We must continue to develop a recreation and parks program that will provide enjoyment and relaxation for our young and old alike.

"These needs must be met. These needs, which have accumulated over a period of years, will cost money. In order to move New Brunswick forward, we can no longer afford to ignore these pressing capital needs.

"With this budget goes the assurance that the taxpayer and citizen of this city will get a dollar in service for every dollar of cost."

City's 'Pressing Needs' Call for 118 Point Tax Hike

By HARVEY FISHER

A 1968 municipal budget requiring an estimated tax rate increase of 118 points or \$1.18 for every \$100 of assessed property was scheduled to be introduced at this afternoon's City Commission meeting.

The tax rate hike means that a resident who owns a home and land assessed at \$10,000 will pay an additional \$118 in taxes this year. A person with property assessed at \$20,000 will pay an additional \$236 in taxes this year.

\$7.43 Rate Forecast

In a statement issued prior to today's meeting, the City Commission said the city can "no longer afford to ignore... pressing capital needs," and

that "to meet New Brunswick's needs it is going to cost money."

The estimated new tax rate would be \$7.43, an increase of \$1.18 over the present rate of \$6.25 for every \$100 of assessed property.

The tax hike comes in the face of a rise in real estate ratables and a corresponding decrease in the amount of money the city will realize from business personal property taxes. Under a new policy, business personal property taxes will be collected by the state rather than the city.

The amount in the budget to be balanced by taxes is \$3,196,010, as compared to \$7,292,100 last year. This is al-

most an \$994,000 increase.

The actual budget for general appropriations will total \$6,398,757. The budget last year was \$5,716,492.

A tax rate increase had been anticipated by City Hall observers. Details of the budget specific line items were not available at press time.

The estimated tax rate increase, which could fluctuate slightly depending on the county budget, is one of the largest here in recent years.

But by the same token, there were indications today that the budget would cover a huge number of improvements to the city.

Almost half of the general

tax rate increase is a result of increased anticipated expenditures for schools.

As broken down the \$7.43 tax rate includes \$3.44 for schools, \$1.20 for the county, \$2.65 for municipal purposes and 14 cents for tax exemptions. There is a 54 cent increase for schools, 20 cent increase for the county, a 43 cent increase for municipal purposes and a one cent increase for tax exemptions.

According to the administration, the new system by which the state collects business personal property taxes will result in more than a \$100,000 loss in revenues, which must be made up through general taxation. This, it has been estimated, will account for 11 cents of the \$1.18 tax rate hike.

Salaries a Factor

The school budget increased by \$739,000 of which \$600,000 must be picked up by the city. The major part of the school increase was for teacher salary raises. In addition, the administration pointed out the additional expenses for the schools includes \$271,542 for school debt service as initial payments for the high school become due this year.

The increase in taxes for municipal purposes largely is the result of \$120,000 in salary hikes for police and firemen, \$100,000 increases for City Hall employees, \$80,000 for new policemen and firemen or over-

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First Budget For the New Five: A Bold Move

By HARVEY FISHER

The 19 per cent or 118 point tax rate increase announced yesterday could be followed by another substantial tax increase in 1969, members of the administration acknowledged yesterday. It probably will take this, if not more, to inject some life and modernization into the city, observers believe.

And the city administration, in perhaps its most daring move—a tax rate hike of \$1.18 for every \$100 of assessed property—apparently is thinking along those lines.

In all likelihood the increase—a resident with a house and land assessed at \$10,000 will pay \$118 more in taxes this year—will not grate the administration

with most taxpayers. But the heat expected to come from taxpayers may not be as insurmountable as the financial straits that would badger the administration if the city continued

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to amble along, showing relatively little progress in offering the services today's Joe Citizen demands but is reluctant to pay for.

"We didn't have much choice," Commissioner John Smith, director of finance and revenue, said yesterday. "We have to move ahead."

A cursory analysis of the record \$5,371,048 budget indicates that there may be much moving ahead. Until the commissioners' budget working papers are made public—probably within the next few weeks—a full analysis of the extent the administration plans to shoo; some adrenalin into New Brunswick cannot be offered.

But the administration's decision to take on hefty capital improvements in the face of huge municipal operations increases and booming school expenses may be the tipoff that the administration is ready to tackle its campaign promises for a better New Brunswick.

In that regard, housing, parking, traffic and snow removal problems face serious money-on-

the-line combat.

Capital Improvements
The total appropriated for capital improvements in the proposed budget is \$369,052, about \$148,000 more than the former administration allocated in 1967. But the most significant aspect of that new total is that it includes \$200,000 under the budgetary item designated "Capital Improvement Fund." Money in that account can be used for five per cent down payments on numerous projects or studies that eventually will be financed through bonding.

The former administration of Mayor Chester Paulus allocated \$10,000 in the Capital Improvement Fund last year, nothing in 1966, and \$10,000 in 1965, and

\$5,000 in 1964.

Could Get Ball Rolling
The \$200,000 in the fund this year could get the ball rolling on additions to the Church-Paterson Street parking deck, a revamping of the Railroad Plaza traffic circle bottleneck, an addition to or building of a New City Hall, a Rutgers-New Brunswick cultural center and a myriad of other long neglected capital improvements.

It should be noted that previously whenever these projects were viewed together, the immediate response was a "Oh-year-where-is-the-money-coming-from." The five per cent in the Capital Improvements Fund are the door openers. The city can borrow more than \$4

million before reaching its statutory debt limit.

The \$369,052 for capital improvements in the proposed 1968 budget is only \$33,000 less than the combined total of the former administration allocated for capital improvements in 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967.

Back-to-Wall Position
That fact alone demonstrates the back-to-the-wall position the administration found itself in this year while preparing the 1968 budget. Ideally, tax rates should show little fluctuation, perhaps, rising steadily, but never taking any rocket-to-the-moon launches. But when tax rate increases have not kept up

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Record \$5,371,048 City School Budget Is Approved

By HARVEY FISHER

A record \$5,371,048 school budget, requiring a 54 per cent school tax rate increase, was adopted yesterday by the Board of School Estimates.

No one from the general public attended the public hearing.

The hearing probably was academic in more ways than one since the city administration introducing the overall city budget Friday had incorporated appropriations to cover the city's share of the \$5,371,048 budget adopted by the school board Feb. 6.

However, it has been learned that in meetings with the school board prior to Feb. 6, the administration cut the initial school request by more than \$100,000.

Still, the new budget for the 1968-69 school year represents a \$738,797 or almost 16 per cent increase over the present 1967-68 budget of \$4,632,250.

An anticipated \$130,000 in increased revenues other than from the city kept the overall school budget hike from soaring even higher.

There is no public vote taken on the school budget here. Of

the 21 school budgets presented to voters in Middlesex County yesterday, 13 were defeated.

The cost for education here has increased by 48 per cent in the past five years. The school budget in 1964-65 totaled \$3,630,086 or almost \$1,741,000 less than the new appropriation for education.

The largest part of the \$738,797 increase in the school budget over last year is for salaries of regular teachers, up \$331,000 over last year. This does not include hikes for administrators, principals, supervisors and other personnel in instructional capacities.

To balance the budget, the city's share or amount that will have to be made up through taxation is \$3,860,878 or \$600,000 more than the city's share this year. This is an 18 per cent increase. Since the school budget year runs from July to June and the city's fiscal year is from January to December, the total city budget will reflect half of the \$600,000 increase and half of the 1967-68 \$198,278 increase in the city's share for the cost of education.

Thus, it appears virtually

certain that the city's share will be even greater next year.

Speaking briefly about the budget, Mayor Patricia Sheehan pointed out members of the Board of Education and the City Commission met and discussed "various problems" before the budget was introduced.

She made no mention of the more than \$100,000 axing the commissioners applied to the school board's unofficial initial request.

Several key city officials privately expressed annoyance with the Board of Education last year, asserting they had no advance notice of the board's plans in December to grant teachers a substantial raise for the 1968-69 school year.

However, there was no semblance of disharmony at yesterday's Board of School Estimate meeting.

At last year's public school budget hearing there also was no one from the public. However, it snowed heavily that day.

The 1967 school tax rate was \$2.90 for every \$100 of assessed property. This was a 26 per cent increase over the previous year. The new school tax rate

will be \$3.44. This will be included in the overall estimated 1968 city tax rate of \$7.43, up \$1.18 over 1967.

To support the school system, a resident here with a house and land assessed at \$10,000 (actual or true value of \$20,000) will pay \$344 in taxes this year. That same person will pay an estimated addition-

al \$89 or a total of \$743 in taxes to the city.

Teachers with bachelor degrees this school year were scheduled to be paid a salary range of \$5,500 to \$9,100. Before schools opened in September, however, the Board of Education ripped up that contract and changed the range to \$5,650 to \$9,500.

New Five Makes Bold Move With Budget

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with the times, time wins out, a surge is needed to catch up with what should have been done yesterday.

In New Brunswick it appears that surge must be taken this year and probably to a lesser extent next year.

The budget proposed by the

city commissioners includes what may be the most extensive re-vamping of financial procedures and city departments this city has seen in a long time.

One of the most intriguing changes is the creation of a Division of Conservation and Neighborhood Development under the Department of Public Affairs. The creation of that division is the signal that the city is ready to drop its policy of enforcing codes strictly on a complaint basis.

This is particularly significant because the city is moving without waiting for a decision on its requested federal grant for a code enforcement program.

Many of the previous "fat" or "cushion" accounts containing more funds than needed have been reduced or eliminated in the proposed budget. These include the budgetary line items for foreclosure costs, dance hall, removal of abandoned vehicles, real estate management and

maintenance, and non-salary expenditures for the Municipal Court prosecutor's office, elections, parking meters and traffic control, among others.

Insurance Gets Increase
The proposed budget reflects almost a \$40,000 increase in insurance coverage, with the city moving to provide more comprehensive coverage while centralizing its policies. In addition, the city will spend \$20,000 more to provide increased medical insurance for municipal employees.

The proposed budget also reflects what must be a major disappointment for the administration: that the state will not provide any more than the \$110,000 the city has been receiving from Rutgers in lieu of taxes. The city last year made a pitch to get that increased. This apparently will not happen in 1968.

The increase in the tax rate from \$5.25 for every \$100 of assessed property to an estimated \$7.43 largely results from a huge hike in school expenditures, pay

increases for policemen, firemen and municipal workers, and a decrease in the amount of taxes the city previously received for business personal property. Even if the administration had not introduced a hefty capital improvements program, residents still faced a substantial tax increase.

During its first eight months in office, the administration repeatedly pointed out its hands were tied to a budget prepared by a previous administration.

Now it appears likely the administration will come under fire for its proposed \$1.18 tax rate hike when the public budget hearing is held March 12 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.

The administration probably will be told such an increase will force an exodus from the city. Yet, if the administration, disregarding its voter mandate, had continued to cling to the status quo vine strangling New Brunswick in recent years, what future would the city have?

City Police Survey Team Begins Closed Interviews

By JOHN PRIBISH

The special four-man survey team studying the New Brunswick police department gave its approach the personal touch yesterday.

Heart-to-heart confidential interviews were begun by the study team members, all retired New York City police officers now on college staffs.

The interviews are part of the study's first phase, which is expected to be completed by mid-April.

Interviews Begun

The study team, well versed on the ins and outs of a police department, began the interviews at 10 a.m. and concluded at 4:30 p.m.

Interviewed yesterday were two captains, four lieutenants, two sergeants and six patrolmen representing the uniformed, traffic and detective details.

Survey team members are Jack A. Mark, George Bincarovsky, Johannes F. Spreen and Frank X. Zullo.

They were selected by City Commissioner Carl T. Valenti, public safety director, and the study is part of a campaign promise by the successful new administration during last year's election when the incumbents were swept out of office.

The study may lead to an evaluation of the police department which is currently scheduled for Phase 2 providing the administration approves. Valenti has gone on record for an evaluation, which will include recommendations by the study team.

Phase I got under way early last month with study team members getting together with the police brass.

The interviews are important to the first phase in that the policemen can give their views in full confidence.

Picked from List
Those to be interviewed were selected from a list submitted by Assistant Police Chief John Egan.

The study team chose to interview 46, nearly half of the department's force of 91.

Interviewed yesterday were Detective Capt. Felix Sica, head of the Detective Bureau; Police Capt. Frank Feaster, Lt. John Redmond, traffic; Lt.

Thomas Lea, uniformed; Lt. head of the Traffic Bureau; John Brokaw, second in command of the Juvenile Aid Bureau; Lt. William T. Conway, uniformed; Police Sgts. John C. Brannen and John Buyachek; and Patrolmen Ronald Weber, Kenneth Erath, Peter Liapes, David Sabo, Edward Selby and James V. Gassaro Jr.

Selby is assigned to the Juvenile Aid Bureau and Gassaro is on plainclothes detail. The remainder of the patrolmen are in the uniformed ranks.

Scheduled for interviews Monday are Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone; Egan, who is in charge of personnel; Capt. Claude V. Colligan, Juvenile Aid Bureau head; Police Lt. John O'Connell, the chief's administrative aide; Detective Lt. George Seamon, head of the Identification Bureau; Police Lis. Philip Cahill and John H. Carman; Detective Lt. Joseph A. Malanaphy, head of the confidential squad.

Detective Sgt. Theodore Mustakas, Police Sgts. Andrew Small, Louis Newberger and Frank Cosgrove, and Patrolmen Raymond Curry, Joseph DeBonis, David Bishop, Charles Stankovits, Alfonso Appicelli, William Colon, Joseph Szark Jr., Holland Kelton and Kenneth Delaney. All the patrolmen but Delaney are assigned

to uniformed patrols. He is with the plainclothes detail.

The third group of policemen will be interviewed at a time to be announced. They include Police Lt. Steve Lawrence, Police Sgts. William Burns, Anthony Cipolla and James McCourt, and Patrolmen John Payton, Everett James, Robert Velloso, James B. Gray, Herbert Middleton, Anthony Puglisi and Richard Wasyluk. James has been working with the plainclothes detail, while the other patrolmen are on uniformed duty.

Service Categories
While most of the brass, from the chief to sergeant, are to be interviewed, patrolmen were selected from various years-of-service categories as 1-6, 6-10, 10-15 and 15-20.

As part of Phase I, the study team will accompany the policemen during part of their tours of duty.

Marks is professor and director of police science at the University College of Rutgers University. A retired lieutenant, he heads the survey team. Bincarovsky is a retired lieutenant and an assistant professor of police science at Rutgers.

A professor of police science at New York University, Zullo is a retired captain. Spreen is a retired inspector and is on the staff of City University of New York.

Help Wanted: One Development Expert

By ALVIN KING

New Brunswick today received a \$13,700 grant from the N.J. Department of Community Affairs to hire a community development specialist.

The city is the first in New Jersey to receive a grant for this program which is designed to bring to bear all aspects of civic, community and private interests on one area to be selected, with the specific view of improving that sector of the city.

In a joint announcement by Commissioner Paul N. Ylvisak-

er of the Department of Community Affairs, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and the City Commissioners, it was noted that the person selected to fill the position will be responsible for filing an application with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in an effort to have New Brunswick join the model cities program, a federal project, and to seek whatever funds are available at state and federal levels for communities.

The announcement said that

the application must be filed by April 15. For that reason, the commissioners hope to fill the position as quickly as possible. Available to the city immediately under the grant announced today is \$8,000, with the balance due by July 1.

Qualifications for the post, the announcement said, include community development and planning experience and administrative background.

The decision to award the grant to New Brunswick—another community also is scheduled to receive the funds—was

based, the announcement said, on New Brunswick's great potential for development.

Initially, this city was one of nine New Jersey communities which applied for the Model Cities program. Hoboken, Trenton and Newark were chosen.

Neil Peterson, the city's deputy administrator, said that anyone in this area who feels he or she has the qualifications for the position, should communicate with him at once at City Hall, since the commissioners are anxious to start the program.

Many communities across the nation have created these positions, with the view of obtaining whatever funds are available to them.

NEWEST CHALLENGE

The challenge that Woodbridge offers was the paramount factor in bringing newly-appointed business administrator George Meholic to the township, he says.

Meholic started work yesterday as successor to James Alloway, who resigned to assume the post of director of finance for New Jersey's Department of Community Affairs, to which he had been appointed last December.

Meholic, 41, is a native of Pennsylvania and the most recent challenge he faced was in West Orange where he served for six years as town administrator.

Previous challenges he faced were in Portsmouth, Ohio; and in Marquette, Negaunee and Wakefield, Mich., before moving back east in 1962.

Meholic, like Alloway, is a "new breed" administrator, whose concept of government administration bears strongly on revolutionary principles introduced by Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara.

Alloway, meanwhile, is well on his way to overcoming the biggest challenge he has ever faced—as director of state finance and consultant to municipalities updating administrative procedures. He recently completed such service for the City of New Brunswick and the New Five commissioners.

Alloway, 38, is a veteran of 14 years service to four communities in the state, moving up from comptroller of Fairlawn to become Edison's first administrator in 1958. After three years he moved to Elizabeth and in 1961 took on the Woodbridge assignment.



CAPITOL BIZ—Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and Sen. Harrison A. Williams, D-N.J., were among those meeting with Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey in Washington yesterday to discuss Project Action, United Community Services' job training and placement program for poverty groups. (AP Wirephoto)

Project Action Hopes Funds Will Follow Veep's Praise

The interest Vice president "hopeful" that federal funds will be provided for the program, Project Action.

John J. Heldrich, president of UCS, said today that based on Humphrey's reaction to yesterday's presentation on Project Action and the recent interest of the Johnson administration in urging industrial involvement in programs to provide jobs for the hard core unemployed, "we are hopeful that we will be able to obtain federal funds."

Project Action, which would establish employment centers in and near New Brunswick, is based primarily on industrial involvement. In preparing the program, UCS has been working with about 40 industries.

Ready by May

Project Action will be "fully implemented" by May, Heldrich said. There is a \$275,000 fund-raising goal for the program's two-year operation. About \$140,000 has been raised so far.

Heldrich, who led a delegation of area officials at the Washington meeting with Hum-

phrey, said the project will proceed with or without federal funds.

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phrey, said the project will proceed with or without federal funds.

He pointed out, however, more money would allow the scope of the program to increase.

Target Areas First

He said in all probability the chances of UCS getting a federal grant would depend on the priorities the federal government establishes in selecting localities for grants. Several areas in which racial tensions erupted last year already have been designated as target areas for reducing unemployment of minority groups, and these areas will receive federal funds.

Mayor Patricia Sheehan, who attended yesterday's meeting with Humphrey, asked UCS after the July riots here to coordinate activities to ease racial tensions. This led to the creation of Project Action.

'Absolutely Marvelous'

Humphrey yesterday told the UCS delegation that the federal government would be willing to help "within the limitation of our resources" with Project Action.

He said the program offered by UCS was the type that is the least costly and most effective in providing jobs for youngsters.

"Your approach is absolutely marvelous and you're going to save some lives with this program," he said.

He said Project Action shows more planning and social research than most programs presented to him.

Heldrich said UCS would now pursue its quest for federal funds in meetings with other federal officials, including Howard Samuels, under secretary of commerce.

The meeting with Humphrey may be a door-opener to meetings with other federal officials.

"It was a wonderful experience. We were very graciously received. I was impressed with the vice president's obvious interest," Heldrich said.

45-Minute Session

The meeting with Humphrey lasted 45 minutes. In addition to Heldrich and Mayor Sheehan, those attending the 45-minute meeting with Humphrey were U.S. Sen. Harrison A. Williams, D-N.J., Rep. Edward J. Patten, D-N.J., City Commissioner Aldredge B. Cooper Jr., East Brunswick Mayor Aleck Borman, Donald Braxton of the New Brunswick Recreation Department and Human Rights Commission, and H. Matt Adams and John Miraglia of Johnson & Johnson.

Also Joel Sterns, assistant director of the state Department of Community Affairs; Ernest Johnson, vice president of E. R. Squibb & Sons; Charles Morris, director of the state Office of Economic Opportunities; Jack Landau of the state Department of Community Affairs, and Arthur Potts, of Diebold Associates, consultants to Project Action.



PROJECT ACTION—After meeting with a United Community Services (UCS) delegation and others from this area yesterday, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey said the federal government was prepared to help with Project Action, the UCS job training and placement program for the hard core unemployed. The group includes, left to right, Humphrey, City Commissioner Aldredge B. Cooper Jr., Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, Rep. Edward J. Patten, D-N.J., John J. Heldrich, president of UCS, and Donald Braxton of the New Brunswick Recreation Department and Human Rights Commission.

Mayors Back Tax Law Municipalities to Get Share of State

By JAMES CONNERTON

DUNELLEN—The proposed amendment to the business personal property tax introduced in the state legislature got support from mayors and representatives from several Twin-County area municipalities at a special meeting last night in Borough Hall.

The amendment, sponsored by Republican Assemblymen Peter Garibaldi and Richard Olsen of Dist. 7-A and Sen. Wayne Dumont R-Sussex-Warren-Hunterdon, would allow municipalities to receive funds from the state equal to the personal property taxes they collected in 1967.

The present law, passed two years ago, gives the state the right to collect the tax, previously collected by local governments. It permits municipalities to claim from the state the highest total collected in 1964, 1965, or 1966. Sponsors of the amendment hold that the law is unfair to municipalities which experienced great industrial growth in 1967, in Garibaldi's words, "taking away from them all their work to bring industry in."

Garibaldi and Republican Assemblymen Francis Coury and Robert Haelig Jr., Dist. 7-B, spoke at the meeting, organized by Dunellen Mayor Law-

rence Anzovino.

Among those speaking in favor of the proposed amendment because of the revenue increases it would bring to their municipalities were Mayor George W. Luke of North Brunswick, Councilman G. Paul Beck of Highland Park, and Mayor Frank Dittman of Bridgewater.

The only opposition was voiced by Neil Peterson, deputy administrator of New Brunswick, who said it "would surely do the city no good," adding, "It could hurt us."

Dr. Luke said that North Brunswick will lose \$118,452 unless the amendment goes through, since it collected only \$718,000 in 1966 through the business personal property tax, and in 1967 the state collected \$881,690 in North Brunswick.

Haelig pointed out that the amendment, which would permit North Brunswick to claim 1967 as a base period, "would have a beneficial effect throughout the state, bringing about a more equitable return on taxes taken away by the state."

Although only a dozen of the 51 municipalities invited by Anzovino were represented, several others reported previously that they were adversely affected by the present law and would favor the amendment. Anzovino said Dunellen will gain back over \$50,000 if the amendment passes. Bridgewater would gain over \$300,000; Highland Park, \$26,000.

Others reported to be favored by the amendment are Elizabeth, Middlesex, Manville, and Milltown.

Ratables Lost

Peterson, representing Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, said that New Brunswick, since it lost, rather than gained ratables under the personal property tax in 1967, would not benefit by being allowed to claim the past year as a base for returns.

This alone, he added, would not be a reason for the city to oppose the amendment. He said, however, that New Brunswick did stand to lose if higher returns were paid to other municipalities, cutting into the \$5.5 million the state would otherwise clear from the tax.

Peterson argued that a depletion of the state treasury would cut down on the funds New Brunswick and other large, slowly growing cities would receive to undertake desperately needed programs.

Garibaldi, while recognizing the "vast problems" of the cities, said that the needs of the rapidly-developing communities were also great, and that "five million dollars won't help the cities now, but will help the smaller communities greatly."

Luke concurred, adding that if the state wanted to undertake aid programs to aid the cities, it should seek "new revenue sources," he said that while the smaller municipalities recognized the needs of

Peterson then said that he did not intend to overlook problems of younger, developing areas, and that he was only reporting the effects the amendment would have on New Brunswick.

Good Chances of Passing

Garibaldi and Coury both indicated that the amendment has good chances of passing the legislature, but said it must pass by March 31 for the local governments to receive the higher returns in time to aid their 1968 budgets.

Anzovino said Dumont had told him "some legislators are reluctant to approve the amendment" because of the \$5.5 million it would cost the state, but Coury felt "the chances are good—that's the initial impression I got." He added, however, that the amendment must get support in other districts as it did from the Middlesex and Somerset county representatives last night if it is to pass.

Garibaldi said the state guaranteed two years ago when it took over collection of the business personal property tax that no local government would lose revenue because of the shift from state to local collection.

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time funds for those departments, and \$167,000 for increases in miscellaneous expense.

There will also be an \$148,000 increase in capital improvement, including new fire and snow removal equipment, additional traffic lights and more parking facilities in the downtown area, and an \$85,000 increase in various statutory expenditures.

A date for a public hearing on the budget was to be determined by the commission this afternoon. A meeting will be held at night, probably in the middle of next month.

The Commissioners, prior to today's meeting, issued the following statement:

"This 1968 budget represents a great deal of painstaking decisions, lengthy discussions, and much hard work on the part of many people. The cold, hard fact of the matter is that to meet New Brunswick's needs, it is going to cost money."

Depressing Picture

"The picture of this city today is a depressing one. We have outmoded equipment which must be replaced. We need modern and sturdy trucks in order to provide fast and effective snow removal. We need and deserve better police protection.

"Our fire equipment must be of high quality in order to provide the service we, as citizens, demand. We must provide adequate parking to accommodate and encourage the many shoppers in downtown New Brunswick. We must continue to develop a recreation and parks program that will provide enjoyment and relaxation for our young and old alike.

"These needs must be met. These needs, which have accumulated over a period of years, will cost money. In order to move New Brunswick forward, we can no longer afford to ignore these pressing capital needs.

"With this budget goes the assurance that the taxpayer and citizen of this city will get a dollar in service for every dollar of cost."

City's 'Pressing Needs' Call for 118 Point Tax Hike

By HARVEY FISHER

A 1968 municipal budget requiring an estimated tax rate increase of 118 points or \$1.18 for every \$100 of assessed property was scheduled to be introduced at this afternoon's City Commission meeting.

The tax rate hike means that a resident who owns a home and land assessed at \$10,000 will pay an additional \$118 in taxes this year. A person with property assessed at \$20,000 will pay an additional \$236 in taxes this year.

\$7.43 Rate Forecast
In a statement issued prior to today's meeting, the City Commission said the city can "no longer afford to ignore... pressing capital needs," and

that "to meet New Brunswick's needs it is going to cost money."

The estimated new tax rate would be \$7.43, an increase of \$1.18 over the present rate of \$6.25 for every \$100 of assessed property.

The tax hike comes in the face of a rise in real estate ratables and a corresponding decrease in the amount of money the city will realize from business personal property taxes. Under a new policy, business personal property taxes will be collected by the state rather than the city.

The amount in the budget to be balanced by taxes is \$8,186,010, as compared to \$7,292,100 last year. This is al-

most an \$894,000 increase.

The actual budget for general appropriations will total \$6,398,757. The budget last year was \$5,716,482.

A tax rate increase had been anticipated by City Hall observers.

Details of the budget specific line items were not available at press time.

The estimated tax rate increase, which could fluctuate slightly depending on the county budget, is one of the largest here in recent years.

But by the same token, there were indications today that the budget would cover a huge number of improvements to the city.

Almost half of the general

tax rate increase is a result of increased anticipated expenditures for schools.

As broken down the \$7.43 tax rate includes \$3.44 for schools, \$1.20 for the county, \$2.65 for municipal purposes and 14 cents for tax exemptions. There is a 54 cent increase for schools, 20 cent increase for the county, a 43 cent increase for municipal purposes and a one cent increase for tax exemptions.

According to the administration, the new system by which the state collects business personal property taxes will result in more than a \$100,000 loss in revenues, which must be made up through general taxation. This, it has been estimated, will account for 11 cents of the \$1.18 tax rate hike.

Salaries a Factor

The school budget increased by \$739,000 of which \$600,000 must be picked up by the city. The major part of the school increase was for teacher salary raises. In addition, the administration pointed out the additional expenses for the schools includes \$271,542 for school debt service as initial payments for the high school become due this year.

The increase in taxes for municipal purposes largely is the result of \$120,000 in salary hikes for police and firemen, \$100,000 increases for City Hall employees, \$80,000 for new policemen and firemen or over-

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City Sets Sights on '69 End For Big Daddy of Bottlenecks

The often-discussed enlargement of the Pennsylvania Railroad traffic circle — kingpin of bottlenecks here — may become a reality next year, Mayor Patricia Sheehan told the Planning Board last night.

Proposals for the enlargement of the circle have been made since the late '50s and plans for the enlargement were incorporated in the city's master plan adopted in 1963.

The actual elimination of the present circle, which Mayor Sheehan last night said gives motorists the impression of a "dog chasing his tail" probably would be the most dramatic physical change in the city since the administration took office in May. It seemingly would outrank the administration's other major attack on traffic congestion — the permanent parking ban in the downtown section of George Street.

Mayor Sheehan, who is a member of the Planning Board, said that city and county officials met with representatives of the state Department of Transportation late last month and the state representatives appeared "receptive" to the request that the state pick up 50 per cent of the \$650,000 cost for the circle's enlargement. The city and county would split the remaining 50 per cent.

No Guarantee of Aid

Mayor Sheehan pointed out there is no guarantee the state will go along with the joint city and county request.

A Home News story Jan. 28 had quoted the mayor about her meeting with the Department of Transportation representatives. Her remarks last night, however, were more optimistic.

"It is almost a milestone that the county and state would attempt to share this problem with the city," she said.

The meeting with the state representatives was held six days prior to the Feb. 1 deadline for requests for funds to

be included in the state's 1969 capital improvements budget. If the grant request is approved by the state, it will be incorporated in that budget.

Acting under the assumption this year will add finishing touches to preliminary plans for the traffic circle's enlargement.

Most of the \$650,000 price tag would be for the acquisition of properties, of which there may be more than 25 in the line of the proposed new road that will make the larger circle possible.

That road would run from Easton Avenue to French Street.

The county is involved because roads under its jurisdiction will be part of the enlarged circle.

The actual properties to be acquired will not be known until detailed construction plans have been made, Vincent Cassera, city planner, said. Mayor Sheehan said "ample notice" would be given to property owners.

Meanwhile, the Planning Board agreed last night to hold a joint meeting soon with the Board of Adjustment primarily to discuss a proposal to reduce the front footage or area requirement for Residential A zone properties. At the beginning of last year a new zoning ordinance was adopted establishing a minimum 100-foot front requirement for Residential A properties.

Unrealistic Requirement
Mayor Sheehan, joined by Cassera, city planner, and Robert Kane, city engineer, said such a requirement is "unrealistic" in view of the size of the city and the few remaining lots here that could meet that requirement when sold or subdivided.

She said that many lots in the city do not meet the current 50 and 100 front feet requirements in Residential B and A zones — and this "became a great question on the part of many residents" when

last year's proposed reevaluation was based on such requirements. The reevaluation was tabled.

Com. Carl Valenti, who is also a member of the Planning Board, suggested that a survey be conducted to determine how many potential lots there are in the four areas of the city presently zoned Residential A.

Underlying the move to reduce the 100-foot requirement is the hope that this would pave the way for the construction of homes amounting to \$300,000 or more in ratables for the city.

The planning board also agreed to meet in the future with the City Commission to discuss the board's authority and responsibilities.

The board last night gave final subdivision approval to a section of property owned by Industries Inc. in the industrial park off Jersey Avenue and How Lane.

That section covers six lots, each about an acre. Industries Inc. owns about another 20 acres in the industrial park, including the U.S. Post Office annex, which opened in November.

There are industrial buildings already on two of the lots in the subdivision approved last night. The entire Industrial Inc. parcel previously had been given preliminary subdivision approval. Final approval will be required on other sections of the tract, originally purchased from the city.

Marvin Klein, president of Industries Inc. said he plans to erect another building on the six-lot subdivision. He said the building would be constructed purely on "speculation," and that he was not negotiating with any specific industry at this time.

In granting the final subdivision approval, the Planning Board required that Klein post an \$11,000 performance bond to cover whatever site improvements have not been completed in the six-lot subdivision.

University Students Tutor Disadvantaged Youngsters

There are 35 students at Rutgers University and Douglass College who care by giving.

The members of the younger generation sacrifice a morning or an afternoon each week to tutor disadvantaged youngsters of the next generation. The students volunteer their time under a project promoted at Lord Stirling School by its principal, Henry Daniels.

The program is unique in that no funds are involved. The only compensation the students receive is the satisfaction that they can help the youngsters at the 540-pupil elementary school, kindergarten through the fifth grade.

Daniels instituted the tutorial project at the school in November and the Rutgers students volunteered as aides to the regular teaching staff. The Douglass students have been assisting since late last month. Daniels is pleased with the

response from the students and the pupils they assist.

The principal will speak to the students tonight at 7 at Leupp Hall on the Rutgers campus. Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan is expected to appear to thank the students for their efforts and to offer encouragement for the project's continued success.

Daniels said he normally assigns three or four volunteer students to a classroom. The students assist the pupils with their problems, either in mathematics, reading, sentence structure, social studies or other study areas. The principal interviews each student before assigning him or her to a classroom teacher.

Before assuming his duties here last fall, Daniels was director of Operation Head Start in Orange, and prior to that was vice principal of an elementary school in Montclair.



LENDING A HAND—A Rutgers and Douglass student who participate in a volunteer program for helping disadvantaged students at New Brunswick's Lord Stirling School talk with Mayor Patricia Sheehan, Commissioner William Cahill, and Principal Henry Daniels last night at Rutgers' Leupp Hall. Daniels, who organized the program, thanked students for their help and encouraged them to continue. The students are Mark Jacobs, president of the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity, who has provided all the male volunteers, and Ann Goldstein of Douglass.



SENIORS CELEBRATE

—Mrs. Alice Galligan and Mrs. Marion O'Donnell, seated, who attended the social sponsored by New Brunswick firemen for senior citizens last night at the Hoffman Pavilion Community Room, are greeted by Commissioner Carl Valenti, standing left, Mayor Patricia Sheehan and Commissioner William Cahill. The mayor presented a valentine cake to Mrs. O'Donnell, prize winner.

City Government Grows

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan today announced the creation of a new branch of the city government—the Division of Conservation and Neighborhood Improvement. The new division is under the Department of Public Affairs, which Mayor Sheehan heads.

Named to direct the unit was Thomas A. Karvelas of 292 Lee Ave., a licensed sanitarian in the health department. His salary was set at \$9,000, \$1000 more than he had been paid for his former duties. Karvelas' position will be on a par with other department heads such as city clerk and tax collector, the mayor said.

Working with Karvelas will be Stephen Stankevits, also a licensed sanitarian in the health department. A second aide also will be hired at about \$6,000 a year. Mayor Sheehan stressed that the two men will not be housing inspectors but will have the title of field representatives.

Mayor Sheehan said Karvelas will be respon-

sible for changing the approach to housing problems from a "complaint basis to a more equitable, more comprehensive, planned basis."

"It is the commissioners' feeling that this move indicates a commitment the city has to improve housing conditions. It is our hope that with increased effort, all neighborhoods will be upgraded through code enforcement, new street lighting, beautification, paint-fix-up programs, and sidewalk and curb repairs," the mayor said.

This does not mean, Mayor Sheehan continued, that there will be "radical overnight changes." It is "an important first step," she added.

The mayor also revealed that the administration is studying the feasibility of drawing up a property maintenance code to cover non-resi-

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dential segments of the city. The present housing code deals only with residences.

It is the commissioners' aim, she said, "to provide more pleasant living for our citizens." In that respect, she noted, Karvelas will work closely with the building, plumbing and electrical inspectors.

Karvelas, 50, is a graduate of New Brunswick High School and took several courses at Rutgers and Columbia universities. In 1948, two years after his release from the Army, where he served 4½ years, he joined the city health department as chief sanitarian. He belongs to several professional organizations. He is married and has three children.

Supporting the Police

To the Editor:

My congratulations to The Home news for your article on the assaults on the police officers.

I for one can see how serious this type of offense can be. The editorial said and I quote: "It is an offense which has to be stamped out." We all know it should be stopped.

It seems that you have more power than most citizens, you have used the power of the press so effectively when you thought it was necessary. Now is the time when you can help most. I think you have the influence that it would take to start the ball rolling.

When a criminal is arrested you might give the police the same type of article as when the crime was committed, instead of a small article on the obituary page. Next, you might use your influence with some of the lawmakers since most of the laws today protect the guilty and not the innocent people. Then you could use some more influence with the governing bodies in your city. Convince them to let the police department do its job without interference from the city commission. Remember, politics do not belong in our police department.

Even now as I am writing this letter, I am told that a police officer was assaulted in the downtown area at about 5 p.m. with a crowd of people standing around without an attempt to help the man.

When will our mayor do something about all this? Will a policeman have to be killed first or does it have to strike a little closer to the home of our mayor or one of our commissioners?

MATTY DALEY,
New Brunswick.

VETS ALLIANCE TO SEAT SLATE

Louis Spitz will be installed as commander of the Veterans Alliance of New Brunswick and Highland Park tomorrow at 7 p.m. in Patti's Restaurant, 37 Bartlett St.

Spitz, of Jewish War Veterans Post 133 of New Brunswick, will succeed Jerome Baller of American Legion Post 88 of Highland Park.

Others assuming posts are William Kaye, vice commander, and Otto Felger, quartermaster-adjutant.

Kaye is from Joyce Kilmer American Legion Post 25 of New Brunswick, while Felger belongs to St. Sebastian Catholic War Veterans Post 405 of New Brunswick.

Rabbi Haim Kemelman will speak at the installation dinner. J. Robert Cartucci, Benjamin Cicciari and John Brennan are in charge of dinner arrangements.



LOUIS SPITZ

Jewish War Vets' Unit Member Leads New Alliance Slate

Louis Spitz, of Jewish War Veterans Post 133 of New Brunswick last night was installed as commander of the Veterans Alliance of New Brunswick and Highland Park at a dinner in Patti's Restaurant.

Other new officers are William Kaye, Joyce Kilmer American Legion Post 25, vice commander, and Otto M. Felger, St. Sebastian Catholic War Veterans Post 405, adjutant-quartermaster.

Among those attending were New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, New Brunswick Commissioner William T. Cahill, and Highland Park Mayor Herbert M. Tanzman, former commander of the Alliance.

Member organizations represented were the United Spanish War Veterans; Sgt. John Nielsen VFW Post 370; Highland Park American Legion Post 88; Charles Henry Post, Disabled American Veterans; John Basione Detachment No. 2, Marine Corps League; St. Sebastian Post; St. Peter's Memorial Post 757, CWV; Veterans of World War I, Barracks 3390; New Brunswick Jewish War Veterans Post 133; and Joyce Kilmer Post.



THOMAS A. KARVELAS



THE SOFT TOUCH—Ruffles on cuffs of blouse soften the tailored lines of the sleeveless suit modeled at the March of Dimes fashion show on Friday. On hand were (from left) New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan; Freeholder Joseph Costa, chairman of the Middlesex County chapter; Mrs. Joseph Gomolka, chairman of the show; and Dr. Thomas H. Paterniti county campaign director for the March of Dimes.

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Thirteen young women were presented at the eighth annual Hungarian Ball Saturday night at the Denmark House, New Brunswick. Charles Sziller of Perth Amboy was ball chairman.

Proceeds went to the scholarship fund of the Hungarian Alumni Association.

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Operation Understanding Results in Understanding

by PATRICIA FERRARA
The massive network of operation, designed to keep the North American continent safe from enemy aerial attack, "is staggering to the imagination," according to Mayor Patricia Sheehan and Mrs. Aldrage Cooper Jr.

The two women were among the 32 New Jersey women who participated in Operation Understanding, a program where persons from areas where NIKE defenses are located, visit the U.S. Army Air Defense Center for a first-hand look at NIKE training and Air Defense operations.

Meeting at Fort Dix, the group, which also included Mrs. Edward J. Patten of Perth Amboy, Mrs. Stanley S. Niemiec of Somerville, Department of New Jersey VFW Auxiliary president; Mrs. Lillian S. Schwartz of Highland Park, secretary-assistant treasurer, N.J. Turnpike Authority, Mrs. Robert F. Goheen and Mrs. Courtland D. Perkins of Princeton; flew to Fort Bliss, Texas, for the first stop on the itinerary.

"The flight, with one stop,

took nearly 11 hours in the Air National Guard plane," Mrs. Sheehan commented. After a "happily" uneventful flight which Judy Cooper enjoyed particularly since it was her first, the group settled in a barrack at Fort Bliss.

At Fort Bliss, site of the Air Defense missile school, the women received a briefing session then were shown a mock-up of the air defense system, which has NIKE sites scattered throughout 18 states, including New Jersey.

"White Sands is the only land missile range in the country or in Western Europe," Mrs. Sheehan explained. Therefore, United Nations teams go there to learn defense techniques. The West German government also runs its own school at White Sands. All other missile ranges fire into the ocean. At White Sands, the missile arriving on target can be studied, as well as it firing," she added.

"I really think New Brunswick is behind times," Mrs. Sheehan declared with a twinkle in her eyes. "For at a reception given by Mayor Judson

Williams of El Paso, I was presented with a key to the city. We don't have any such ceremony here. We'll have to do something about that."

A 40-mile bus trip took the group to the actual site of the missile range, where they saw two missiles the NIKE Ajax and the Hercules. "It was interesting to note that the ones fired are those missiles which have been on alert at NIKE sites throughout the country for some length of time. New ones replace those which are then brought to White Sands for firing. It was also interesting to discover that the men who are responsible for firing missiles at NIKE sites, visit White Sands once a year and do an actual firing there."

"The two missiles we don't see were the Hawk, a low missile, and the Sprint, part of a new system which is not yet operational," the mayor stated.

Most Impressive

"The missile most impressive to me, was the Red Eye, which looks like a bazooka. It's a manned weapon for land-based air defense. The heat of a plane draws the missile to its target," she added.

One of the most enjoyable hours the women spent was a luncheon in the barracks for new recruits, who had been in training for only two weeks. "We ate in the mess with them. It was really impressive. It reinforced my faith in the youth of America, with their willingness to serve, with their sense of responsibility," Mayor Sheehan declared.

A side trip took them to the White Sands National Monument. "It's really a gypsum deposit. It's so vast, I expected to see Lawrence of Arabia come over the top of the hill on a camel," she joked.

After a flight to Peterson Air Force base in Colorado Springs, they spent the day at

the "most fantastic" NORAD (North American Air Defense Command center).

"There are 170,000 people involved in the NORAD system, operated jointly by the United States and Canada. We visited the six buildings under the granite mountain, which make up the system's center. Each building rests on springs, weighing a ton each to cushion it from tremors from nuclear attack or earthquake." There is enough material and supplies on hand for the group inside to last 30 to 45 days, in case of attack," Mrs. Sheehan explained.

"The only word to describe the whole setup is fantastic," she added. "The mountain is studded with bolted plates in order that it doesn't try to reclaim its cavity."

Daughter Here

One of the officers Col. Paige Smith, made a special point to speak to the mayor, stating that his son-in-law and daughter, Maj. and Mrs. Ken Ross, live in Raritan Gardens. "When I got home I called her. She was thrilled to hear about her dad."

"Our briefing there showed how the DEW line would give us a 15 to 20 minute warning of possible enemy attack, enough time for us to retaliate. There are only three rules by which they operate; detect, determine intent and if enemy, destroy."

Afterwards, the group visited the Air Force Academy, where they talked to cadets from New Jersey.

"In essence, we were given the opportunity to see what only generals and those who need to know are aware of," Mrs. Sheehan emphasized, with Mrs. Cooper's concurrence. "We feel certain that the government is adequate to cope with any possible enemy attack."



AT MISSILE RANGE—Maj. Gen. James F. Cantwell, Chief of Staff, Department of Defense, State of New Jersey, escorts members of Operation Understanding at White Sands, N.M., missile range. From left, they are Mrs. Lillian M. Schwartz, secretary-assistant treasurer, N.J. Turnpike Authority; Mrs. Aldrage B. Cooper Jr., wife of the New Brunswick city commissioner; Mayor Patricia Sheehan; Mrs. Florence C. Niemiec of Somerville, president, Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of New Jersey; and Mrs. Edward J. Patten of Perth Amboy, wife of the congressman.



GETS BRIEFING—Lt. John P. Dwyer, at left, briefing officer from the Army Air Defense School, explains the operation of the Hawk missile system to Mayor Patricia Sheehan of New Brunswick and Maj. Gen. James F. Cantwell, chief of staff of the N.J. Army National Guard. Mayor Sheehan was one of 30 women from the state who participated in Operation Understanding at Fort Bliss, Tex.

Sweeping Changes Made in Insurance Plan

Sweeping changes in the extent of the city's insurance coverage and method of purchasing insurance were announced today by Commissioner John A. Smith, head of the revenue and finance department.

The changes, to be initiated this year, will provide far more extensive coverage. In addition, by consolidating insurance policies, insurance rates may be reduced by 20 to 40 per cent, Smith said in behalf of Mayor Patricia Sheehan and the other city commissioners.

The increased coverage, however, will cost the city an estimated \$54,000 more than allocated for insurance last year. This increase was reflected in the 1968 budget introduced by the City Commission Feb. 9.

According to Smith many city buildings have been inadequately insured until now, including City Hall, which is only insured for \$30,000.

He said the changes in insurance procedures and amount of coverage reflects the new administration's determination to bring modern business practices to the city government and are the result of an in-depth study conducted here last year on the operation of city offices and programs.

Shifts Risk Burden

"The new insurance policies will shift the burden of risk from the taxpayers to the insurance company where it belongs," Smith noted. He said

that for the first time the city will be adequately covered for fire, liability and workmen's compensation insurance.

Smith reported that as a result of a recent reappraisal of the value of all city-owned buildings and their contents, fire insurance will be tripled from approximately \$1,500,000 to \$4,500,000. Smith cited as example the policy formerly carried on City Hall. "If the building had been razed, the policy would have paid only \$30,000. The half-million dollars or so that it would have taken to replace it would have resulted in a large tax increase for our citizens," Smith said.

Under the new policy, City Hall is insured up to \$443,000, a more realistic estimate of its true value, Smith reported.

Smith cited another example—a \$10,000 policy on fire headquarters on Joyce Kilmer Avenue. The new insurance, he said, will pay up to \$158,500 for damage caused by fire or other catastrophes.

The city, Smith went on, has applied for a special fire insurance rate available to all public and institutional properties which will reduce insurance premiums for fire insurance by approximately 20 per cent. Because the city is buying all its fire insurance under a "blanket" or "package" policy, instead of several separate policies, an additional 20 per cent savings in rates will be possible, he added.

Reduction in Rates

Rates for New Brunswick's liability insurance will also be reduced up to 20 per cent through the new blanket liability policy Smith said. He added: "We are presently investigating the possibility of substantially increasing our coverage under general liability insurance to provide the city with adequate protection from

lawsuits."

Smith reported that all city-owned vehicles will be insured under one blanket liability and collision policy instead of separate ones for each car, resulting in a substantial savings to taxpayers.

This year, he continued, the city is buying workmen's compensation insurance which will pay up to \$80 a week to those injured on the job. The company will also defend the city in any law suit resulting from on-the-job injuries and will pay any judgment against the city within its legal liability, Smith noted.

Previously, Smith said, the city for the most part was "self-insured." If an employee was hurt, the city would pick up the doctor's bill and medical expenses and, at the same time, would continue the employee's salary, in some instances the full amount, during his absence, he said.

In addition, a "sinking fund" was replenished each year through tax funds to cover costs of legal judgments brought against the city in Compensation Court. This policy will no longer be necessary.

Actually, the city last year allocated and spent \$18,055 for workmen's compensation. But this was for a policy, Smith said, that only provided "excess coverage" in cases of extreme costs. Such policies are similar to those which have huge initial deductibles that must be paid by the insured rather than the insurance company.

Smith said that, while the amount to be allocated for workmen's compensation this

year will increase by \$41,000, it is impossible at this time to assess what the actual cost for that insurance will be.

No Sinking Fund

The important fact, Smith said, is that from now on, a "sinking fund" will be unnecessary. Doctors and medical bills, and salaries of all employees unable to report for duty because of on-the-job injuries will be paid by the insurance policy—not from the city treasury.

In addition to the \$18,055 for

workmen's compensation last year, the city allocated and spent \$14,600 for blanket liability. This year \$59,000 is appropriated for workmen's compensation and \$24,375 for blanket liability. Also, \$11,378 will be allocated for other insurance as compared to \$3,100 last year.

The proposed 1968 city budget would require an estimated \$1.18 tax rate increase. A public hearing on the budget will be held March 12 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.



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Panel to Discuss Capital Punishment

BOUND BROOK—Somerset County Prosecutor Michael Imbriani will join three com-

Ferren Real Pro In City Employ

John E. Ferren, who at 72 has announced his intention to retire after 20 years as city comptroller, has been one of the most dedicated and hard working of city employes.

Ferren came to the post of comptroller here after a long and distinguished career in accountancy and business management.

Both as comptroller and wearing his other hat as executive secretary of the Parking Authority, Ferren brought professional management to the job. Working in a government where the atmosphere was almost entirely political, Ferren's judgment and acumen created and maintained a professional nonpartisan attitude in the performance of his duties.

We agree with Mayor Patricia Sheehan that Ferren's retirement is well earned, and we join her in rejoicing that in his retirement he will make himself available to the city for consultation.

City Reforms Insurance Plans

City Commissioner John A. Smith's description of the remodeling job he's doing on the city's insurance program reveals a shocking lack of business acumen in City Hall before the New Five moved in.

Smith plans to increase the city's insurance coverage at an estimated additional cost of \$54,000 annually; but the coverage itself will go up from \$1,500,000 to \$4,500,000.

Some of the disclosures Smith makes about past practices are astounding. City Hall is insured for only \$30,000. This coverage goes up, very properly, to \$443,000. Fire headquarters has had \$10,000 fire coverage. That goes up to \$153,500.

City-owned vehicles have been insured under individual policies. They will now be insured under a blanket fleet-type policy. And so it goes.

This is the type of reform at City Hall which makes us glad we supported the New Five in the election last May.

observation today would be a "quite spiritual" commemoration of the role black persons

the Rev. Albert B. Cleage Jr., head of the sponsoring federation.

Political Row Rocks Board

Continued from Page One

a Home News reporter after last night's City Commission meeting. Earlier at that meeting, by publicly urging the commission to retain Bruno for at least another year, he revealed there may be far more than health reasons behind Bruno's resignation.

Asked later by The Home News why Bruno was resigning, Wilkens said, "He hasn't been asked to stay on."

The Rutgers professor then said what he, Bates and Gay had told the commission in the earlier meeting behind closed doors that they would resign if Bruno was let go.

Mayor Sheehan last night told The Home News that the City Commission would "consider" Wilken's public request that Bruno be retained for at least another year while the adjustment board works on what Wilkens termed "the correction of at least several major flaws in the city's new zoning ordinance." That ordinance went into effect at the beginning of last year.

In making that request, Wilkens said Bruno has "carried a tremendous burden of adjustment board work over the years" and "I trust that Mr. Bruno can be urged to accept this additional responsibility."

Wilkens, Bates, and Gay reportedly first heard about Bruno's decision to bow out graciously yesterday afternoon and they immediately reacted angrily.

Reached late last night, Bruno acknowledged that he has never been asked by the City Commission to continue to serve on the adjustment board—a political move generally tantamount to asking for a resignation.

Asked if he wished to continue as a member and secretary of the adjustment board, Bruno responded, "I would stay on if asked. It's something I probably shouldn't do, but I'd stay on. It's (the adjustment board) part of me."

He added, "If I thought the commission wanted me I'd stay. But if I'm not welcome, that's it!"

Asked why he cited health reasons in his formal request to resign when this was not the real motivation for the resignation, Bruno responded, "Why did I use that excuse? I didn't want to put anybody on the spot."

His letter of resignation said, "I appreciate the opportunity I had to serve my city as the secretary of the (adjustment) board. However, since my heart attack of last year, I have been curtailing my activities, but remained on the board to complete 20 years. Now that this is accomplished, I'm ready for retirement."

If Bruno's resignation is accepted and Wilkens, Bates and Gay follow through with their threat to resign that would leave the adjustment board with only one other member, George Bahash, a supporter of the present New Five administration.

He was appointed by the administration to fill the unexpired term of Adam Zielinski, who died in July. Although appointed by the former administration, Zielinski had been the only member of the New Brunswick adjustment board to come out publicly for the New Five.

Bates' term on the adjustment board expires next January, while the terms of Gay and Wilkens conclude in 1971 and 1972, respectively.

The administration appointed Ferrara as an alternate to the adjustment board in September.

Three Shot as Students Battle Mississippi Police

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Record Crowd Predicted for Budget Hearing

The city administration was urged last night to hold the 1968 budget hearing scheduled March 12 at 7:30 p.m., into a public facility larger than City Hall.

Gregory 'Zip' Mackronis, a defeated City Commission candidate in the May election, urged the commissioners to hold the budget hearing in the high school or "some other place large enough to hold what I think will be a record crowd."

Mackronis prefaced his remarks by declaring, "I hope you don't railroad this budget through."

The commissioners had no

comment about Mackronis' request.

The proposed 1968 budget would require an estimated \$1.18 tax rate increase, according to the administration. However, it appears the final tax rate probably will be about 10 cents lower since there are indications the city may have overestimated what its share of the increase in the county budget will be.

Meanwhile, Mackronis, last night, continued his beef with the commission over the New Brunswick Youth Council expenditures from Oct. 1966 and to May 1967 and the availability of all records concerning those expenditures.

Records Missing
A series of articles in The Home News last year revealed that youth council records were missing from City Hall, and that the Youth Council had been involved in certain questionable bookkeeping and financial practices.

The articles stemmed from a report on past city recreation expenditures. That report was prepared by Mackronis and

Robert Fisher, then members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Recreation. After the advisory committee refused to make that report public, Mackronis and Fisher resigned.

Subsequently, the advisory committee met with former adult advisers to the Youth Council and the committee said that based on records presented by the advisers, there was no basis for the controversy over the Youth Council finances.

Mackronis and Fisher have continued to question that finding, claiming that full financial records of the Youth Council still are not in City Hall.

Closed Matter
Commissioner Aldredge B. Cooper Jr., director of recreation and public properties, has stated publicly that he considers the Youth Council controversy a closed matter.

Mackronis last night asked Mayor Patricia Sheehan if she concurred with Cooper on this.

She responded, "I have great faith in the citizens advisory committee. Unless there is something brought to my attention that would cause me to do otherwise, I will respect their wishes and judgment—I have absolutely no reason to act otherwise than to go along with their decision. . . . This matter has been put before the citizens committee and I agree and fully concur with them."

Stressing that he was not in office during the period in which Youth Council financial practices have been questioned, Cooper last night said, "I am not accountable for what happened prior to my taking office."

But Mackronis, contending that "too many questions have been raised and gone unanswered too long," said he still was unsatisfied with the handling of the Youth Council question and the reasons given

for the suppression of the report written by him and Fisher.

New Telephone Contract
In other business, the commissioners passed a resolution terminating a present contract with New Jersey Bell Telephone. This is in anticipation of a new contract that will be signed calling for a new telephone system in City Hall. Mayor Sheehan said the new system will provide improved service and at the same time reduce the number of private phones in City Hall.

A total of \$4,085 in transfers

involving surplus funds in last year's budget was approved.

A resolution designated various streets as stop through streets also was approved. In addition several streets also were designated for stop signs.

Attending last night's meeting were about 35 people, half of whom were members of the Business and Professional Women's Club of New Brunswick. Members of that Club said they attended the meeting to see their city government "in action."

CHECK BATTERY, WARNS AABM

Motorists, don't forget to check your car's battery during February and March warns the Association of American Battery Manufacturers. Just because a car's battery was checked in October or November and found to be in healthy shape, that is no proof that it will last all winter.

The heavy job a battery has to do during the winter, combined with cold weather's energy draining persistence, tend to add up to late winter woes if your battery isn't checked periodically.

Actually, the battery of today is far superior to that of yesterday — almost twice as good as the battery made only fifteen years ago. But it is required to do more than twice as much. The typical car of 1955, only 13 years ago, didn't have air conditioning, automatic speed control, stereo hi-fi, tape or record players, or a variety of other conveniences and accessories which are found on today's cars. It had only two headlights to power instead of four; was not burdened with consecutive tail lights, backup lights, safety

lights, and flasher kits; and did not have to contend with today's increased horsepower and fine tuning requirements.

All these items require electric power, and lots of it. Not to mention the increased drain by cars not in top-notch condition. Today's engines require precise adjustment and fine tuning. Everything electric in today's car is faster, bigger, and better than that of only a few short years ago. And when perfect adjustment starts to slip, the burden on the battery becomes just that much greater.

"So, check your car's battery frequently," says AABM. "Give it a booster charge if your service station attendant says it is low. And keep your car's electrical system in good order. If you don't, you may suffer from the 'battery blues' before the winter is out."

The famous silver jewelry made by Navajo Indians is a borrowed art. They learned silversmithing from the Mexicans in the mid-19th century, the National Geographic says.

Librarians Form County Association

Miss Mary Eileen Kennedy, a librarian at Carteret High School, has been elected president of the newly formed Middlesex County Library Association.

Other officers are: Miss Elaine Simpson of the Rutgers Library School, vice president; Mrs. Howard Clark of John F. Kennedy High School, recording secretary; Miss Elaine Kelly of the Free Public Library of Woodbridge, corresponding secretary; Steven J. Herman of the Highland Park Free Public Library, treasurer; and Miss

Madeline Hersche of the Jamesburg High School library, publicity chairman.

Members at large of the executive board are Miss Mary Ester Waters of the Free Public Library of Perth Amboy and Miss Loretta Francis of Teneco Chemicals in Piscataway.

Standing committee members are Bernard Downey, Institute of Labor and Management at Rutgers, college and special libraries; Mrs. Raymond McCarthy, New Brunswick Public Library, public libraries; and

Mrs. Estelle Marks, elementary library supervisor in Woodbridge, school libraries.

The association is open to all librarians, trustees and staff members of the public, school and special libraries of Middlesex County. Its goal is the maintenance of library service, the promotion of reading and the responsibility of defending the freedom to read.

On March 21 at the New Brunswick Public Library the association will hold a workshop on service to children.

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Marine Jets Rip Reds at Hue



STARS AND STRIPES TOPS CITADEL—Raised by Marines, the Stars and Stripes flies over the battered bricks of a wall in Hue's Citadel. The Marines charged under fire to raise the flag while fighting continued in the old imperial fortress. (AP Wirephoto) Details on Page 39.

SAIGON (AP)—U.S. Marine jets returned to the battle for Hue today for the first time in five days as one of the Vietnam war's most savage and sustained campaigns went into its fourth week.

The Marine pilots sent bombs, rockets and napalm at Communist troops dug in among a row of shanties just outside the south wall of the Hue Citadel.

Ammo Dump Hit

AP Correspondent George McArthur reported that the bombs scored a direct hit on a Communist ammunition dump touching off a spectacular flash and a fire that cast a pall of black smoke over the city.

Marines on the south bank of the Perfume River, could see figures running from the bombed area and opened fire with their machine guns. They cut down a dozen small groups.

Earlier the Marines on the south side of the river broadcast warnings across telling all civilians to leave the area and the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong holding out in the former Imperial Palace to surrender or die.

When no white flag went up, the Marines sent artillery barges slamming into the Communist strongpoints and sprayed them with tear gas. This touched off a heavy fire-fight that echoed all over the coastal city 400 miles northeast of Saigon.

Lt. Gen. Robert Cushman Jr., commander of the U.S. Marines in Vietnam, estimated that the Communists had put an entire division into the Hue battle and said they are committed to fight to the last man. The enemy is believed to be moving in fresh

men and supplies through gates they control in the northwest and southwest corners of the Citadel and through tunnels and sewers beneath the east wall.

The Communists still hold all of the Citadel's south wall, much of the west wall, and control sections south, east and west of the Citadel, despite the efforts of 4,000 allied troops to dislodge them.

South Vietnamese Marines reported that in three sharp clashes yesterday they killed 32 Communist troops just outside the Citadel, while U.S. Marines edging along the northeast wall

said they killed another 33 enemy troops.

Sporadic fighting continued in Saigon's western and northeastern suburbs, and U.S. and South Vietnamese forces reported killing 173 Viet Cong there yesterday and today.

On the northwest frontier, North Vietnamese gunners kept up their daily shelling of the U.S. Marine base at Khe Sanh, with one Leatherneck reported killed and 10 wounded by 69 rounds of enemy rocket, artillery and mortar fire yesterday.

Other Air Action

U.S. B52 bombers made four raids yesterday against suspect-

ed positions of the estimated 20,000 North Vietnamese troops threatening the 5,000-man Khe Sanh garrison.

To the east of Khe Sanh about 15 miles below the demilitarized zone, U.S. air cavalrymen reported killing 51 Communist soldiers in a seven-hour fight. Two Americans were killed and seven wounded.

U.S. Air Force F4 Phantoms raiding North Vietnam flew within 29 miles of Red China's border for a radar strike on a siding along the northeast rail line, which carries military supplies down to Hanoi.

The U.S. Command announced that an Air Force F4 Phantom fighter-bomber was downed by enemy ground fire yesterday about 36 miles south of the demilitarized zone, but both crew members were rescued unharmed.

National police arrested the militant Buddhist leader Thich Tri Quang today in Saigon a few hours after arresting two other prominent political opponents of the South Vietnamese government.

U.S. Embassy officials said the arrests were a remarkable case of bad timing since they came shortly before a new anti-

Communist front, "The People's Congress for National Salvation," announced that it had succeeded in uniting political friends and foes of the government. The congress is backed by the government.

The Pentagon apparently intends to maintain the one-year Vietnam duty tour regardless of any other actions to bolster U.S. military manpower in Southeast Asia.

"There is no sentiment in favor of stretching the tour," one high official said. "The one-year tour is awfully useful as a morale builder."



RUSSIAN EMBASSY EXPLOSION—A policeman picks up debris after an explosion outside the Russian Embassy in Washington early today. A shattered Embassy window shows the effects of the explosion. The shattered window was the only visible damage to the building. (AP Wirephoto)

Soviet Embassy Blasted

WASHINGTON (AP)—A pre-dawn blast, apparently caused by an explosive device placed on a window ledge, damaged the Soviet Embassy here today.

President Johnson called the incident a "senseless act."

The White House issued a statement saying a vigorous investigation is under way and "the President has asked that every effort be made to apprehend those responsible."

Press Secretary George Christian said the inquiry was primarily being pressed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Police and Soviet officials said no one was injured by the 5:52 a.m. explosion that shattered windows in the embassy and nearby buildings and scattered debris across a wide area.

Police could not say immediately what type of explosive was used. It apparently was detonated on the concrete ledge of a first-story front window. The ledge was ripped away and an iron grating twisted.

By midmorning, there had been no arrests, officials said.

One Soviet source said, "We believe the bomb was thrown" — rather than placed on a windowsill or otherwise attached to the building.

Investigation was hampered, according to Soviet informants, because no debris from the bomb apparently survived the blast. Informants also said that no message was left.

Despite a State Department apology soon after the blast, the official Soviet news agency Tass said, "This act of provocation could have been committed only with the connivance of the American authorities which, despite warnings, had not taken proper measures to protect the embassy."

"Judging by everything, this crime is a result of the growing anti-Communist hysteria that is being fanned by certain quarters in the United States," it added in a dispatch from Washington to Moscow.

Police Capt. Francis Conley replied, "I don't know," when asked what type of explosive was used. "That's why our lab people are here collecting evidence," he said.

Deputy Police Chief Jerry V. Wilson said the explosion was outside the building and confirmed there was extensive damage inside but would give no other details.

A State Department spokesman said: "It appeared that a bomb was either thrown or planted. There appears to be one witness and possibly two

Johnson Fortune Left to Foundation

TRENTON (AP)—The late Robert W. Johnson left the bulk of his multimillion dollar estate to the Robert Wood Johnson foundation, a philanthropic organization headquartered in New Brunswick, his will showed today.

Johnson, longtime chief executive officer of the Johnson & Johnson pharmaceutical firm, died Jan. 30 at the age of 74.

His will was filed for probate in superior court.

The philanthropic organization deals in a wide range of charitable activities including medical education.

The will showed that he set up several trust funds, including one for his widow and others for four grandchildren.

He bequeathed all personal effects and household property, real property and shares in the Indian Creek Country Club to his widow, Evelyn, with the provision that she could use or dispose of them as she sees fit.

Stock Not Listed

The will did not specify how many shares of stock in the pharmaceutical company Johnson held or bequeathed.

As of Nov. 22, 1967, an investment advisory service, Standard & Poor's, estimated that over 50 per cent of the 18 million shares outstanding were "closely held." In financial circles this is generally interpreted as meaning shares owned by members of the family and executive officers of the company.

In the most recent report to the stockholders on April 11, 1967, Johnson's holdings in the firm were reported as totaling 1,251,523 shares of which 1,155,490 were held directly in his name, 82,543 indirectly and 13,500 by associates.

However since that report the stock was split 3 for 1 last June, meaning that for every share held prior to the split a shareholder received two additional shares.

Provided no stock was dis-

posed of by Johnson since the April report, his holdings in Johnson & Johnson were worth more than \$300 million at today's opening price of \$90.12 a share.

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Adjustment Board Members Threaten to Quit in Political Row

By HARVEY FISHER

Three members of the New Brunswick Board of Adjustment threatened to resign last night if another member, Charles Bruno, is not retained on the board, The Home News has learned.

Bruno has been a member of the board for 20 years—a record. A letter announcing his request to resign from the board for health reasons was read at last night's City Commission meeting. The letter was dated Feb. 1.

However, it has been learned that Bruno, despite his wishes to remain on the board, cited health—a heart attack last year—only to avoid any public controversy.

Also, although his formal letter of resignation was dated Feb. 1, this was purely a pre-dating gimmick. The letter actually was not delivered to the office of Mayor Patricia Sheehan until earlier yesterday.

Bruno reportedly was given the word Monday that he was no longer wanted.

However, he probably saw the writing on the wall long before that since he had never been asked to stay on the board after his term of office expired Jan. 21. He has been a holdover member since then, subject to removal at any time.

According to sources, the administration has been looking to ease Bruno out to pave the way for the appointment of one of its supporters in last May's City Commission election. The same sources told The Home News that the administration had been prepared to accept Bruno's resignation last night and at the same time to announce that Carmine A. Ferrara, an alternate member of the adjustment board, would be appointed as his successor.

But Dr. Edward Wilkens, chairman of the adjustment board, and two other board members, James Bates and Edward Gay, torpedoed those plans at least temporarily, by threatening to resign if Bruno is dropped.

That threat was made in an hour-long private meeting between the three members, all appointees of the former administration, and the city commissioners immediately before last night's City Commission meeting.

Wilkens reiterated that threat during a brief interview with

Diplomats Seek Path to Peace Through Talks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Administration sources express little optimism that U.N. Secretary-General U Thant's talks today with President Johnson on Vietnam will produce any new U.S. peace move.

Meanwhile, a ranking Swedish diplomat who arrived in Seoul today to join the four-nation commission which supervises the Korean armistice may mediate in the Pueblo case, reliable Korean sources said.

Senate Critics

As Thant and Johnson prepared to talk, several Senate critics of U.S. war policy expressed doubts about the South Vietnamese government's stability following a new rupture in its program to rebuild cities shattered in repulsing Viet Cong attacks.

Thant's visit to the White House today is considered, sources said, simply an extension of his recent trips to Europe and Asia in which he sounded out North Vietnamese officials about peace talks.

Observers here noted Thant was represented, following his recent meeting in Paris with a North Vietnamese spokesman, as saying the United States and North Vietnam remain too far apart on peace talk terms to hold out hope for negotiations in the near future.

The resignations of Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky and Maj. Gen. Nguyen Duc Thang from the National Recovery Committee—administering the South Vietnamese rebuilding program—generated expressions of foreboding on Capitol Hill.

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said the resignations have left him with little hope for success of a program he feels essential.

Sen. George D. Aiken, R-Vt., like Mansfield a member of the

Bateman Says New Taxes Won't Pass

TRENTON (AP)—A Republican Senate leader asserted today there is no question that "the legislature will go for bonding, not for more taxes."

Sen. Raymond H. Bateman of Somerset County said deferrals in the billion dollar budget submitted by Democratic Gov. Richard J. Hughes doesn't leave the lawmakers much choice but bond issues.

Hughes proposed deferring \$78 million in capital construction items pending a decision on bond issues by the legislature and the people. He said if bond issues are approved the money could be put back in the budget early next year.

Bateman said the budget message submitted by Hughes "virtually insures that one or more capital bond issue proposals will go on the ballot."

Only a Start

He added, however, that choosing bond issues over increased taxes would only be a start on solving the state's fiscal "dilemma."

Bateman said the legislature had one option of authorizing major bond issues this year on education, state institutions and transportation totaling several hundred million dollars. A second alternative, he said, would be to approve small issues this year and put off decisions on the state's major capital needs for the next government.

A third possibility and the one he favors, Bateman said, would be to place some bond issues on the 1968 ballot and leave some for 1969, a gubernatorial election year in New Jersey.

The senator proposed that bond issues for education and construction of state institutions be placed on the ballot this year and a large transportation issue in 1969.

Car Insurance Rate Increase Turned Down

TRENTON (AP)—State Insurance Commissioner Charles R. Howell turned down today a 20 per cent increase in automobile liability insurance rates sought by insurance companies.

It was believed to be the first time that the department had rejected outright applications for rate increases.

Howell, in a long awaited report, rejected the rate increases on grounds that the insurance firms did not take into account income on investments and investment gains.

He said both of these "varied from year to year and should be considered in determining the acceptability of any rate-level change proposed by a rating organization or an insurer filing rates on an independent basis."

Hearings Held

Hearings on the proposed rate increases started last summer. Isadore Glauberman, a Jersey City attorney who represented the public interest as a public defender, had argued that the National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters are making "reasonable profits" now.

NBCU members, who write about one-third of all automobile liability insurance policies in New Jersey, claimed during five days of hearings that higher rates were needed because they had been losing money on underwriting for 10 years.

These were the first public hearings ever held on an insurance rate request. Prior to this, Howell decreed increases or revisions by administrative order.

Gov. Richard J. Hughes appointed a public defender amidst mounting appeals by disgruntled motorists.

The defender's main argument centered around the contention that the banking and insurance commissioner take into consideration the insurance com-

Family Refrigerator Holds Dead Body Of 'Kidnaped' Girl

LONG BRANCH (AP)—A 2-year-old girl whose mother told police she had been kidnaped by two men was found dead today in the refrigerator in her home, authorities reported.

The body of Vicki Allen was wrapped in a blanket and stuffed in the bottom of the refrigerator. Long Branch detectives said.

No charges were filed immediately, they said.

Mrs. Albert Allen, 33, wife of an Army sergeant stationed at nearby Ft. Monmouth, told police yesterday that two men came into the family's second-floor apartment, walked into the kitchen where she and her daughter were and grabbed the child before she could stop them.

Mrs. Allen said she ran into a neighbor's home and called police. The father was at work at the time, she said.

The child weighed 25 pounds and couldn't speak or walk.

Movies Too Confidential for the Squad

Members of the New Brunswick police department's confidential squad turned movie critics last night and stopped the showing of two spicy films, "Love Robots" and "Obscene Couch," at the Strand Theater, 123 Albany St.

The films, made in Japan and Australia, displayed naked men and women and were described by police as lewd, bawdy, obscene and indecent.

They failed to get five-star ratings from the squad, headed by Detective Lt. Joseph A. Malanaphy, as police arrested the manager, Daniel Burns, on two charges.

Burns, 47, of 158 Somerset St. was arraigned this morning in Municipal Court before Judge Meyer J. Cohn and released without bail for a preliminary hearing March 13.

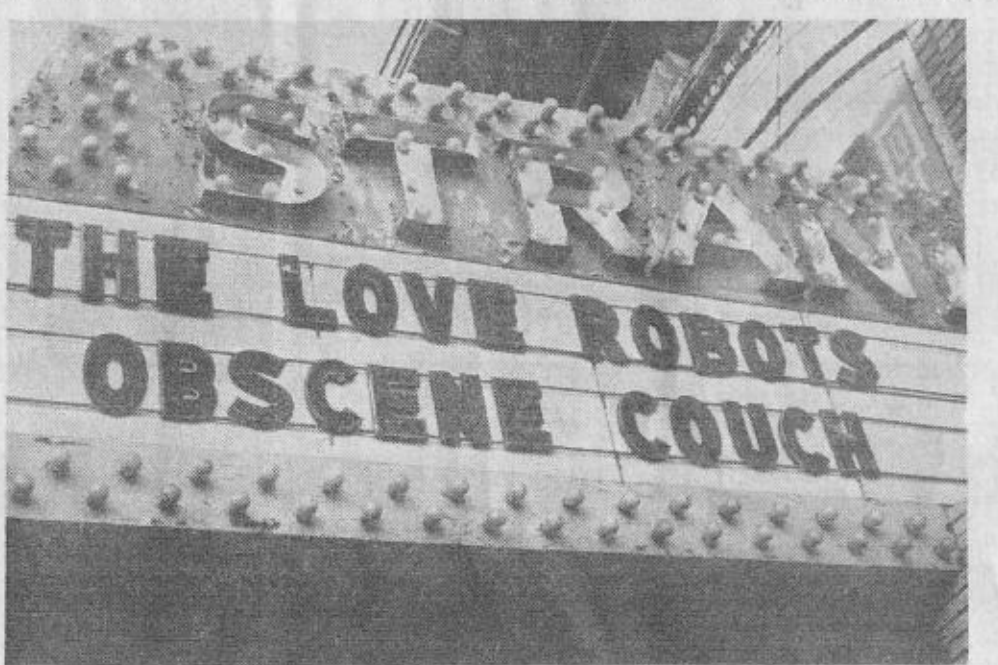
Burns, manager of the theater for four years, said he wanted to get legal counsel.

The theater, police said, is owned by Melvin Warshaw of Fort Lee, who is in Europe.

Malanaphy charged Burns with exhibiting obscene motion picture films and permitting two juvenile boys, both 17, to view them.

The films were confiscated.

The canister for "Obscene Couch" bore this label: Bonded



NOT NOW PLAYING—The double bill featured on the marquee of the Strand Theater, Albany Street, so excited the curiosity of the New Brunswick police confidential squad that it raided the place, confiscated the film and arrested the manager.

It's a Whopper!

Today's issue of 134 pages is the largest weekday paper in the history of The Home News.

It consists of a 76-page main news section, a 40-page second news section and a 36-page tabloid, the equivalent of 18 regular pages.

The previous largest daily issue of The Home News was 112 pages in 1939.

Today's large paper came about as a result of a record demand by merchants for space in which to advertise their Washington's Birthday Sale items.

Officials Err In Insurance On City Hall

A city official acknowledged today the administration made a mistake Wednesday when it announced that City Hall has been insured against fire damage for only \$30,000 until now.

That acknowledgement came from Neil Peterson, deputy city administrator, shortly after Freeholder John Hoagland a member of the former city administration, called The Home News "to set the record straight."

City Hall had been insured for \$450,000 by that administration.

Peterson said one of the city's "departmental heads" had made "an honest mistake" in overlooking the existence of the \$450,000 policy.

That policy, which is on file in the City Clerk's office, began in January 1967 and terminates in January 1970. The cost for premiums is \$225 annually.

In announcing Wednesday the new administration plans to purchase expanded coverage for city properties and to consolidate all insurance policies, City Commissioner John Smith, speaking in behalf of the other commissioners, said City Hall previously had been insured for only \$30,000, while the building's replacement cost would be about \$300,000.

A check for city records today disclosed it was the present administration which four months ago purchased a new three-year \$30,000 fire policy for City Hall.

The \$30,000 policy, at an annual premium of \$36, will expire in November 1970.

Apparently the present ad-

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ministration purchased the \$30,000 policy believing there was no other coverage on City Hall. This would follow the acknowledgement that a mistake had been made in overlooking the \$450,000 policy purchased by the former administration.

What remains unanswered at this time is why the administration purchased only a \$30,000 policy. Smith could not be reached today for comment.

In his statement Wednesday, Smith said, "Under the old insurance policy carried by the city, if City Hall had burned down, the insurance policy would have paid only \$30,000.

The half million dollars or so that it would take to rebuild City Hall would have resulted in a large increase in taxes for our citizens."

Peterson said that while a mistake had been made in reporting the amount of insurance on City Hall, it was his hope that the error would not detract from the overall benefit the city will derive from the announced plans to revamp insurance procedures here.



THE LINEUP—New Brunswick police department's fourth shift gets orders from Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone, third from left, before going out on the prowl last night. Commissioner Carl T. Valenti, left, offered encouragement. Others, left to right, are Sgt. Anthony Cipolla, Sgt. Louis Newberger, and Patrolmen Donald Bowling, Robert Velloso, Robert Fenkel, David Bishop, Lester Gibson, John Reid, Vincent J. DiPane Jr., and Victor Sosa. Another squad member, Patrolman Robert Thomas had the night off. Bishop is shown displaying service pistol for inspection.

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Testimonial Dinner Planned For Julius F. Christian

The Loyal Order of Moose will honor Julius F. Christian, of New Brunswick, tomorrow night with a testimonial dinner in the South River Moose Hall.

Christian, who has held every office in the New Brunswick lodge since joining in 1937, received the order's highest honor when he attained the Pilgrim Degree in 1963.

He served two terms as governor of the New Brunswick lodge, and has served as supreme lodge governor and deputy supreme governor of the South Jersey organization. He was also conservation chairman and a member of the advisory board for the 4th Moose District, and is a member of the 25 Club of the 200th Division.

New Brunswick mayor Patricia Sheehan will be among those who will pay tribute to Christian. Toastmaster will be George W. Aten, state Moose director, and the speaker will be Abe Marcus, past state president of the Moose Association.

About 400 people are expected to attend the dinner, which

will be followed by entertainment and dancing.

Christian and his wife, the former Julia Gulyas, live at 120 Hamilton St., New Brunswick. They have three children, Dolores, Julius Jr. and Frank, and seven grandchildren.



JULIUS CHRISTIAN

High-Flying Cardinals Delight Their Fans With 64-49 Win



St. Peter's Coach Jake Bornheimer screams directions, cheerleaders jump for joy, two nuns applaud and three city commissioners, William Cahill, Carl Valenti and Mayor Patricia Sheehan, hold their breaths.



BROTHERHOOD WEEK DISPLAY — Mrs. David Strumeyer, left, Anti-Defamation League chairman, and Mrs. Joseph Roth, president of B'Nai B'Rith Women of New Brunswick give Mayor Patricia Sheehan a rundown of the material on display in the window of P. J. Young's Department Store in connection with Brotherhood Week.

Book Contributed For Display on Brotherhood Week

The B'Nai B'Rith Women of New Brunswick Anti-Defamation League have donated the Freedom Series Pamphlets, the One National Library with the original first edition of "A Nation of Immigrants," a booklet written by John F. Kennedy when he was a senator, a series of human relations booklets and a book "What We Know About the Human Race" by Prof. Ashley Montague for a display in P. J. Young's Department store window during Brotherhood Week.

These materials are used by churches, schools, libraries, and community organizations to promote the ideals of brotherhood.

Also available through the League is a brotherhood program called "Dolls for Democracy" in which chapter members, called Doll Ladies visit interested groups telling stories about famous men and women who have made vital contributions to the world, using appropriately costumed dolls to represent the personality.