



## Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Jack Anderson

### Alcohol fuel bill readied

WASHINGTON — In past columns, we have raised the possibility that alcohol fuels could make up much of the oil deficit and reduce our dangerous dependence upon overseas supplies.

The idea is now catching on in Congress, where Sen. Jacob Javits, R-N.Y., Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., and Rep. David Emery, R-Me., are preparing alcohol fuel legislation.

They may introduce a comprehensive bill, which would require the nation to use alcohol for 10 percent of its automotive fuels needs by 1985. A 10 percent blend of alcohol fuel with gasoline, experts tell us, would require no engine adjustments in most cars.

Only minor alterations would be necessary to convert engines to 100 percent alcohol fuel. Government experts contend alcohol engines would operate more efficiently and produce less pollution.

Alcohol fuels could also be produced in the United States, thus saving billions that we now pay to the oil potentates. The fuel could be distilled from coal, grain, wood and even garbage.

The proposed legislation would offer tax incentives to encourage the production of alcohol fuels. Dr. William Scheller, a University of Nebraska professor, has conducted a comprehensive study of the production problems. With a three-cent tax credit, he contends, "gasohol" could be produced and sold at a price competitive with unleaded gasoline in Nebraska. This would be gasoline with a 10 percent alcohol mix.

At least 20 senators, Democrats and Republicans alike, are ready to back the alcohol fuel legislation the moment it is introduced. Some want to bar the oil industry from participating in alcohol fuel production.

Senators from farm states are the strongest supporters. They see alcohol fuel as a way to utilize the growing stockpile of surplus grain. According to Dr. Scheller, two-thirds of the wheat that is processed into alcohol can be salvaged as protein mash. This can be used as cattle feed or a base for breakfast cereals.

Sens. Carl Curtis, R-Neb., and Robert Dole, R-Kans., co-sponsored an amendment to the farm bill, which will provide \$60 million in federal loan subsidies to build four alcohol production plants.

The Agriculture Department has shown little interest, however, in the project. A spokesman told our reporter Hal Berntson that Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland would prefer to let the Energy Department build the plants. Their economists are skeptical of Dr. Scheller's studies.

Indeed, no one at the top level of the Carter administration is excited about alcohol fuels. Yet President Carter has called for a 10 percent reduction in foreign oil imports. He hopes to achieve this by conserving oil. But a major effort to produce enough alcohol fuel could help to reduce oil imports without requiring Americans to change their lifestyles.

At the middle levels, meanwhile, energy officials have been impressed with the results of their alcohol fuel studies. One of our recent columns on alcohol fuels also stimulated the Federal Energy Administration into commissioning a more comprehensive study.

**Washington Whirl:** In violation of a Justice Department ruling, Thaddeus Garrett has continued to hold down two outside jobs while he serves on the Consumer Product Safety Commission. He is an associate pastor at a church in Akron and a member of Ohio's Board of Education. At the time of Garrett's appointment a year ago, the Justice Department ruled these jobs were "prohibited," adding: "We assume that he intends to resign from these outside activities." Garrett promised he would do so, but he never got around to it. He told us he sees no conflict because he doesn't draw a salary from either outside job. Now he has accepted the vice presidency of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

A bizarre loophole in the Senate anti-bribe bill would allow corporations to refuse to let the Securities and Exchange Commission see corporate books on "national

## Berry's World



SIDE GLANCES

by Gill Fox



I used to look forward to paying off the mortgage. Now I just look forward to paying off the fuel company!"

security" work. This would protect the military contractors from scrutiny, yet they have been among the biggest offenders in the SEC's bribe revelations. Declares an unpublished report by the Military Audit Project: "Political bribery, which is concealed from the stockholders, has ... an effect upon a company's foreign corporations" which the stockholders have a right to know about.

— Gun enthusiasts are quietly pushing on Capitol Hill to take tax money away from wildlife refuges and authorize its use instead for target shooting ranges. For years, states have been free to spend certain tax revenues from firearms on preserving wildlife facilities. But a House proposal would force the states to earmark 50 percent of the tax money for the construction of shooting ranges. An alarmed Rep. Abner Mikva, D-Ill., will oppose the move.

— Space officials are preparing plans to apply the lessons learned in space to improve daily living on earth. Within the next decade, for example, people may use Dick Tracy wristwatches for communication. They could call for help, for example, without the need for a telephone. By bouncing radio signals off satellites, the wristwatch radios will make individuals capable of instantaneous communication. Scientists are also working on holographic lights — laser beams that can project eerie, three-dimensional images anywhere. Businessmen could have face-to-face conferences across the nation without leaving their offices.

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## Buyer's Billboard

### Light beers are the same

By MICHAEL J. CONLON

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Are all "light" beers the same?

Basically, yes. The same process is involved, one that results in more complete fermentation during the brewing process. As a result, light beers contain less alcohol, fewer carbohydrates, fewer calories and more water.

Right now, most brewers of light beers tell you they contain one third fewer calories than the regular beer of that brand.

Both brewing industry spokesmen and officials at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms say even lighter beers containing about half the calories of regular beer are in the works and will soon be marketed.

Currently, most light beers contain about 96 calories per 12-ounce can or bottle.

One bureau official, asked if there were really any difference between brands, said "None, other than the usual differences in taste and so on."

The government does not have a formula by which beers must be made if they are going to be called light. But once brewers use that designation or refer to calories they must spell out the exact number of calories on the label and in advertising and compare the product only to their regular beer, not to another brand.

In addition, the bureau allows a brewer a leeway of five calories either way in listing the calorie count.

In any case, the light beer story is the fastest growing segment of the beer market. "Astounding" is the word the U.S. Brewers Association uses to describe it. Light beers' share of the market is expected to increase again this year to total seven percent of all beer sold in the United States.

Low calorie beers are not new. But the Miller Brewing Co. was the first to mass market a version that not only was low in calorie content, but also tasted enough like regular beer to appeal to weight-conscious drinkers. The rest of the industry followed.

The Postal Service says it is moving to close a loophole that has allowed a certain kind of mail fraud to continue.

Involved are statements sent in the mail which look like bills but which are actually solicitations for the consumer to buy something. The senders use the technique to make the unwary think they owe something for an item that they've already ordered. In reality the statement is just an attempt to get them to buy something.

The Postal Service says a requirement has existed for some time for a printed notice to appear on such solicitations stating that it is "not a bill" and "You are under no obligation to make any payments on account of this offer unless you accept this offer."

Through an oversight, the Postal Service failed to prescribe the size of type, the method of display or other printing requirements.

As a result, it said, mail order firms using such devices have hidden the disclaimer or otherwise placed it where consumers might not notice it. The service adds there have been "numerous complaints" from the public and members of Congress.

# Teacher strike was shadow of the big strike of 1922

By ALEX WOOD  
TIMES Staff Reporter

REMEMBER the big Coventry school strike in '77. Had a lot of people real excited for a while.

But there have been bigger ones in the Valley.

Talk to the old timers about the textile strike back in '22.

They'll tell you about the State guards coming in with cavalry. They'll tell you about the machine guns on top of the Pontiac and Natick mills.

And about Dick and Derrick, whose names almost became one word.

They'll tell you how it went on for darn near nine months, and about how the owners finally gave in — for a while.

The strike came like lightning in January of 1922. There had been signs that something was going wrong of course.

Wages had been cut 22.5 percent the summer before. There had been some unwelcome week-long vacations.

And back in July the B.B. and R. Knight company had shut down its Lippitt and Jackson mills for good back in July.

The TIMES said that the closing of the local mills "marked the opening" of new Knight mills in Providence, Woonsocket and Westerly.

The owners announced a new wage cut on Jan. 20 1922, this one of 20 percent

And wages in those days were nothing to brag about anyway. George L. Giusti, 85, of 659 Providence St. in Natick, remembers working as a weaver for \$7.35 a week.

"They raised wages during World War I," Giusti said. "When the war was over, boom, wages went down and we went on strike."

On Jan. 23, 1922 everybody showed up as usual at Knight's Royal Mill at River Point. But as soon as the power was turned on, workers turned it back off again, and about 250 weavers filed out in an orderly fashion.

All 738 employes of the plant were idle for the day. And a lot longer than that as it turned out.

Workers at the Pontiac Mill also knocked off that day. And so did the people in the Natick mill, the biggest plant in the area.

Starting the next day strikers began visiting other mills in the area. They met the workers at the gate in the morning or yelled to them from the street if they were already inside.

And one by one, the other mills followed. Knight's Arctic, Valley Queen and Centerville mills closed on Jan. 24.

The TIMES published a running tally of the number of workers idled by the strike. There were 1,961 on Jan. 23, 2,874 on Jan. 24, 3,729 on Jan. 30, and 4,729 on Jan. 31.

On Jan. 25, James A. Dick came to town. Dick said the strike had been very disorganized and he outlined plans for bringing some order to it.

There is no sign that Dick had anything less than complete authority from the time he arrived.

On Friday, Jan. 27, strikers met at Denomme's Hall in Arctic and formed Local Natick Number 1 of the Union of Amalgamated Textile Workers of America. Between 1,600 and 1,800 workers paid the 50 cent initiation fee that night.

By Feb. 7 the total membership of "various textile unions recently formed in the Pawtuxet Valley" was over 5,000.

Some time in the next three weeks — it's not clear just when — another organizer named William R. Derrick appeared on the scene. Dick and Derrick, together with a native named Thomas E. Harrop, chairman of the strike committee, were consistently at the forefront of the strike for the next eight months.

Judge Michael DeCiantis, who lives on Greene Street in West Warwick remembers Dick and Derrick vividly.

*'It was tough and yet there was a lot of enjoyment.'*

— DeCiantis



"They were coming into a situation where they were like kings in the town," DeCiantis said. "They were looked at as the saviors of the Pawtuxet Valley. The people all followed them."

In the early days of the strike, many union posters and leaflets urged the people to stay clear of violence.

In those cocky, early days of the strike, there was strong language, but little force. A group of strikers calling themselves the "Iron Battalion" staged a march from Natick to the center of Arctic.

Judge DeCiantis, then a young law clerk,

remembers joining them as they passed through River Point. But gradually the calm eroded.

Confrontations took place as strikers tried to stop wagons from taking cotton from trains to mills, and finished cloth from mill warehouses to railroad stations.

The force marshalled by the strikers grew until a crowd of 1,000 armed with clubs and stones kept a shipment of cotton intended for the Centerville Mill in the Centerville Station for two days.

Late that evening, Gov. Emery J. San Souci issued a proclamation that in case of "any overt acts of violence or interference" with people trying to work, or "if property or persons are found menaced, I shall immediately send sufficient military force..."

Judge DeCiantis still gets mad when he talks about the proclamation. "The proclamation was the first incident that caused the trouble in the town," he said.

"The situation was blown up so much that you'd think people were being shot down here and there and everywhere. But in fact it was practically quiet."

After the proclamation, though, it was not quiet. When a striker was arrested and taken to the office of the Pontiac Mill, a crowd stoned the building heavily and cut its telephone wires.

The same day, a man was shot and several others wounded by troops in a confrontation outside a spinning plant in Pawtucket.

Governor San Souci sent a National Guard company, with cavalry, to West Warwick.

As the troops arrived on the evening of Feb. 20 in Natick, people jeered. At least one cavalryman rode his horse straight into a small knot of people who had a particularly offended him.

Machine guns and search lights were placed on top of the Natick and Pontiac Mills.

After that things quieted down a bit. The union's negotiating committee met endlessly with representatives of the owners and Federal mediators. But neither side would compromise on any important issue and both sides refused binding arbitration.

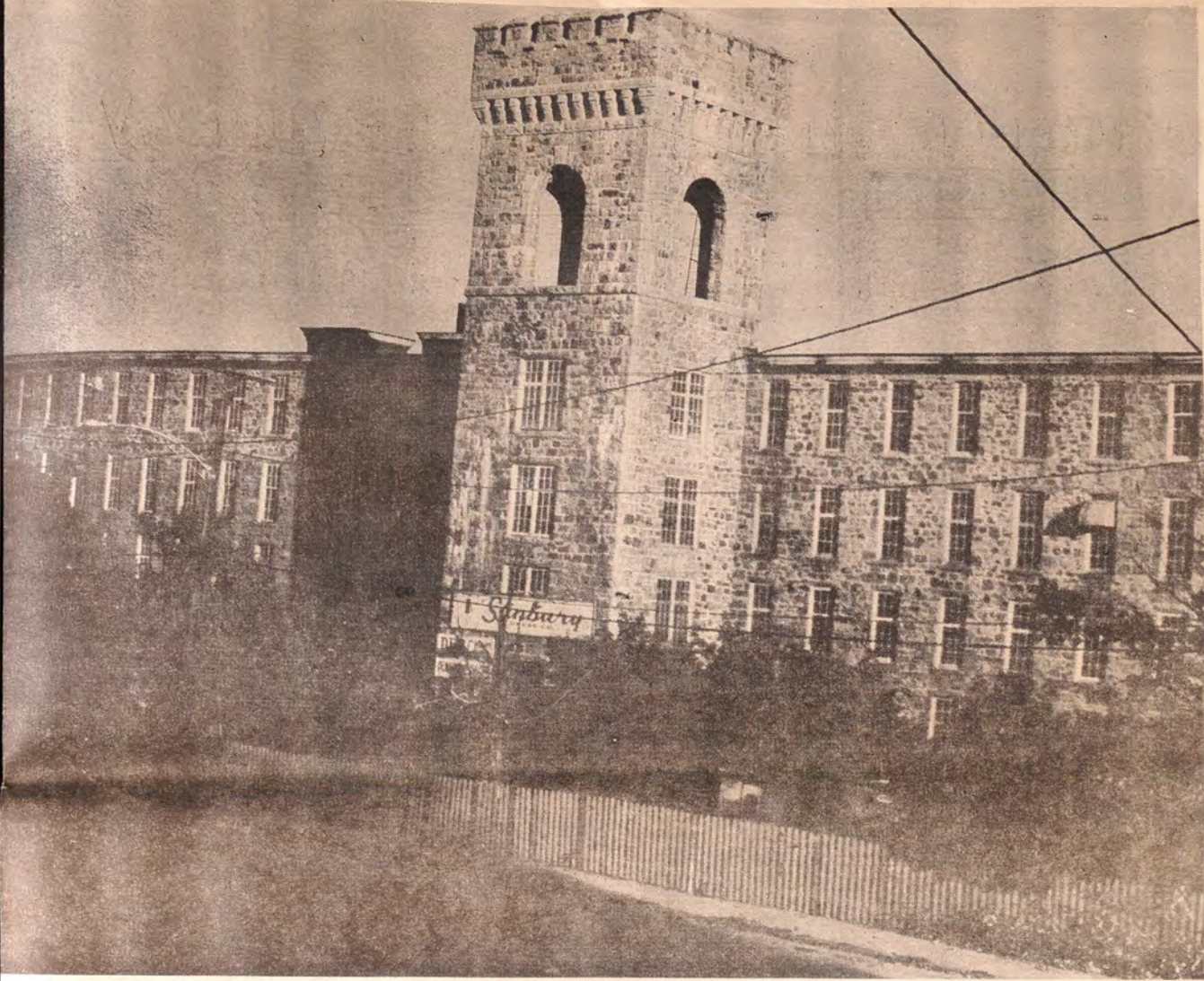
The union continued to hold mass meetings two or three times a week, frequently getting turnouts of 200 or more at Denomme Hall and other meeting places around the Valley.

"It was tough, and yet there was a lot of enjoyment," said Judge DeCiantis, mentioning dances held by the strikers.

But as well as dances, there were soup kitchens. The first of them was set up in Arctic in February, and by March 10, there were kitchens in Centerville, Crompton, Natick, Phenix and Hope as well.

The food was paid for by factory gate collections in Fall River and other New England mill towns where workers were still at their jobs.

And there were the dynamitings. They started in the first two months of the strike and grew more



THE ROYAL MILL is pictured as it looks today. The B. B. and R. Knight plant was one of the first in the Valley to be struck on Jan. 23, 1922, as workers shut off the power first thing in the morning and quietly walked off their jobs.

common in the summer months.

Many of the explosions were harmless, occurring near a plant that had tried to re-open or near the home of someone who was going in to work.

But one charge was strapped to the Flat River Reservoir Dam in June. If the dam had been destroyed, the TIMES estimated that hundreds of lives and millions of dollars worth of property would have been lost.

In July, a raid by Prohibition agents on a barber shop at Oakland Beach uncovered supplies of dynamite. Dick and Derrick raced to the shop by car, later explaining that a friend of theirs named Luigi Nadella worked in the shop.

But the explosions went on, even after the arrests.

As spring wore into summer, court injunctions came down banning union leaders from any interfering with people working in the mills.

But there was also an injunction forbidding the Knight company from evicting tenants from its Pontiac and Natick mill cottages.

Judge DeCiantis credits local lawyer Robert E. Quinn, a future governor of the state, with winning

the injunction. DeCiantis calls Quinn, who did a lot of legal work for the union during the strike, "Fighting Bob."

The feelings of the townspeople on the strike became clear in May. A banner headline in the TIMES screamed:

**"NO PROVISION MADE BY TAXPAYERS FOR SALARY OF POLICE CHIEF."**

Police Chief Josephat Hebert had been considered an enemy by the strikers.

The resolution adopted by the financial town meeting eliminating the salary of the chief and two other top police officials was submitted by Colonel Patrick H. Quinn, the founder of West Warwick.

The resolution began, "Whereas in the opinion of the taxpayers of West Warwick, the town's police department is worse than useless..."

Meanwhile a few mills had reopened with skeleton staffs in the early months of the strike. In the summer, after the injunctions, more and more reopened.

B. B. and R. Knight ~~Co.~~ claimed to have 742 workers on the job on July 12.

The union was jubilant about the relatively small

number of workers breaking ranks. Derrick bragged on Aug. 22 that there were still only 800 to 900 workers on the job in all the Valley's mills.

Finally, on Sept. 11, 33 weeks after the strike started, the owners surrendered.

**"VALLEY MILLS GRANT WAGE INCREASE"** was the banner headline in the TIMES, and the subhead read "Increase Will Be About 25 Percent."

The increases returned wages to the same level as before the January pay cut.

It was what the union had demanded throughout the strike.

But the victory was shortlived. During the next two decades the cotton textile mills one by one left the Pawtuxet Valley for the South — and cheaper labor.

According to DeCiantis, Dick and Derrick quietly disappeared from the scene as economic conditions in the Valley grew tighter. There also may have been some tensions over the fact that they were reputed to have left a number of unhappy girls behind them.

"Where the heck they came from nobody knows, and I don't know to this day," said DeCiantis.

Ask the old timers. They've got a lot to tell you.

# TIMES/TV HIGHLIGHTS

## Saturday

1:30 p.m. (6,7) THE CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL. "The Legend of Paul Bunyan" and "The Legend of John Henry."

2 p.m. (5,12) WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS. Southern 500 Car Race and New York State Firemen's Competition.

3:30 p.m. (5,12) NCAA FOOTBALL.

4:30 p.m. (6,7) SPORTS SPECTACULAR. "U.S. Grand Prix."

5 p.m. (2,36) NOVA. Bye Bye Blackbird.

6 p.m. (2,36) IMAGES OF AGING. "A Matter of Age."

7 p.m. (2,36) BLACK PERSPECTIVE ON THE NEWS.

7:30 p.m. (2,36) MUSIC. "Music Is ..."

8 p.m. (6,7) THE BOB NEWHART SHOW. Bob treats a ventriloquist and his dummy. (4,10) THE BIONIC WOMAN. (5,12) FISH. (2,36) "THE POISONING OF MICHIGAN."

8:30 p.m. (6,7) WE'VE GOT EACH OTHER. Stuart isn't too happy when Judy's old boyfriend appears on the scene. (5,12) OPERATION PETTICOAT. Skipper Matt has appendicitis.

9 p.m. (6,7) THE JEFFERSONS. George tries to save money by hiring a street kid at half price. (4,10) MOVIE. "Rio Lobo," starring John Wayne. A retired Civil War officer saves a town from a band of carpetbaggers. (5,12) STARKY AND HUTCH. Starky poses as a patient to investigate deaths in a mental institution. (2,36) "MAKING TELEVISION DANCE."

9:30 p.m. (6,7) THE TONY RANDALL SHOW. Judge Franklin sends an innocent man to jail.

10 p.m. (6,7) THE CAROL BURNETT SHOW. (5,12) THE LOVE BOAT. (2,36) MOVIE. "Our Daily Bread."

### SHORT RIBS

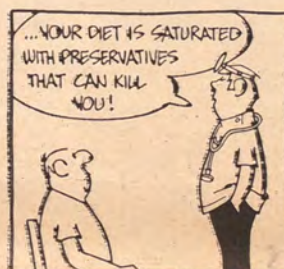
by Frank Hill



"Don't worry over the African situation. Tarzan will turn up to straighten it out!"

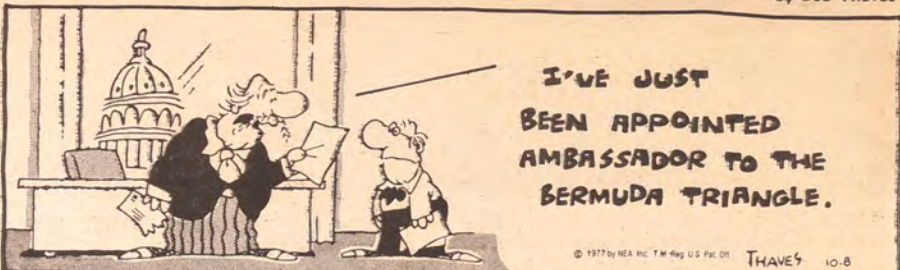
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### THE BORN LOSER



### FRANK AND ERNEST

by Bob Thaves



### ALLEY OOP

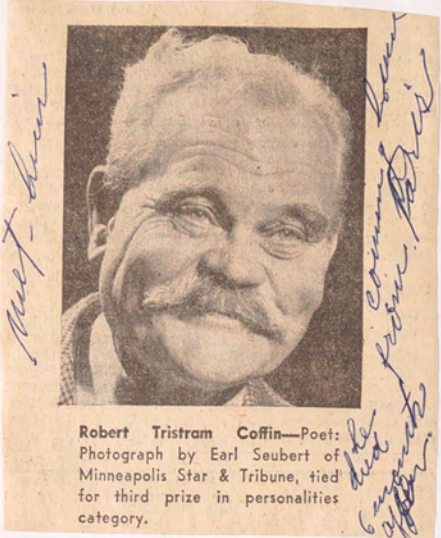
by Dave Graue



### CAPTAIN EASY

by Crooks & Lawrence





Robert Coffin

The common sense of a poet from the North

Robert Tristram Coffin—Poet: Photograph by Earl Seubert of Minneapolis Star & Tribune, tied for third prize in personalities category.

JUNE 11, 1955

# Del Sesto Leads Roberts

## Legality of Absentee, Shut-In Vote Doubted

Two Democratic attorneys yesterday surprised the State Board of Elections by stepping in with a request that it throw out on grounds of unconstitutionality the civilian absentee and shut-in ballots which already have been counted.

The lawyers, Daniel J. Murray of Jamestown and John C. Burke of Newport, said they were acting "only" for three Democratic legislators who are losing tight election races.

But the effect of the request—if granted—would be to invalidate the civilian absentee and shut-in ballots which have given Republican Christopher Del Sesto a 755-lead in the close governorship race. The attorneys did not ask for invalidation of servicemen's ballots, which favor Democratic Governor Roberts.

Albert J. Lamarre, chairman, said the board will rule on the Murray-Burke request tomorrow morning before resuming count of the servicemen's ballots.

Mr. Murray said he wanted an early decision so that he could take "other action" if necessary.

Mr. Murray, the first attorney to make the surprise request, contended that under article 23 of amendments to the state constitution voters may cast

ballots only on election day. Civilian absentee and shut-in voters now cast ballots before election day, he said, under a statutory provision which he contended conflicts with the "election day" voting clause of amendment 23.

In addition, he said, the law which sets up the mechanics for civilian absentee and shut-in voting is based upon an amendment to the constitution which has been repealed. The law, Mr. Murray said, is based on amendment 21 which was repealed by the adoption of amendment 23.

Alfred H. Joslin, Republican attorney, told the board he believed Mr. Murray's position is "like saying the constitution is unconstitutional."

Describing Mr. Murray's argument as "novel and ingenious," Mr. Joslin pointedly asked the Democratic attorney if he represented Governor Roberts.

Mr. Murray said he objected to being "put on the spot," and said he was acting for his clients, Dr. Alfred B. Gobeille and Harold E. Shippee, Democratic Senate and House candidates, respectively, from Jamestown. Mr. Burke said he represented John H. McGann, Democratic candidate for the House from Newport's third district.

After yesterday's count of servicemen's ballots, Dr. Gobeille

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## Service Vote Count

The servicemen's ballot count to date:

	Rob-erts	Del Sesto	Del Sesto Lead
Barrington . . . . .	23	37	945
Bristol . . . . .	24	20	941
Burrillville . . . . .	16	13	938
Central Falls . . . . .	52	24	910
Charlestown . . . . .	2	4	912
Coventry . . . . .	25	13	900
Cranston . . . . .	138	145	907
Cumberland . . . . .	26	16	897
E. Greenwich . . . . .	27	23	893
E. Providence . . . . .	90	62	865
Exeter . . . . .	2	4	867
Foster . . . . .	1	4	870
Glocester . . . . .	15	10	865
Hopkinton . . . . .	6	8	867
Jamestown . . . . .	29	34	872
Johnston . . . . .	22	20	870
Lincoln . . . . .	28	36	878
Little Compton . . . . .	7	8	879
Middletown . . . . .	45	51	885
Narragansett . . . . .	14	11	882
Newport . . . . .	185	119	816
New Shoreham . . . . .	2	3	817
N. Kingstown . . . . .	42	32	807
N. Providence . . . . .	56	23	774
N. Smithfield . . . . .	11	25	788
*Pawtucket . . . . .	89	56	755
Totals . . . . .	977	801	

\*Includes only four of Pawtucket's 10 representative districts.

## GOP Candidate Requires 562 Ballots to Win

Democratic Governor Roberts continued yesterday to "chew into the lead of his Republican opponent, Christopher Del Sesto, in the continuing count of servicemen's ballots, but it appeared almost impossible as the tally neared the halfway mark for the governor to overtake the Republican.

After the counting of servicemen's ballots from 25 cities and towns and four representative districts in Pawtucket, Mr. Del Sesto leads the governor by 755 votes.

That is a drop of 176 from the 931-vote margin the Republican held at the start of the servicemen's ballot tally.

Edward V. Healey Jr., one of Mr. Del Sesto's attorneys attending the vote count by the State Board of Elections, said, "It now is only a question of the number of votes by which Mr. Del Sesto will win—I would expect it to be about 500 when the counting of war ballots has been finished."

### "Won't Concede"

Democratic State Chairman Frank Rao, the governor's close friend, said: "We won't concede until the last ballot has been counted."

Mathematically, here is what has happened, and the possibilities when the counting is resumed at 9:30 a.m. Monday:

Mr. Del Sesto started the servicemen's ballot count with a lead of 931 votes.

Of 1,805 servicemen's ballots handled by the board, Mr. Roberts has taken 977. Mr. Del Sesto 801, three ballots are in dispute and 24 ballots contained no vote for governor.

The governor's take has been nearly 55 per cent of the servicemen's ballots up to now.

To win from now on out, Mr. Roberts will have to take 70.1 per cent of the 1,878 servicemen's ballots remaining to be counted.

### Del Sesto Needs 562

Mr. Del Sesto needs only 562 more votes to win.

Up to now, 48.42 per cent of the servicemen's ballots have been counted, and Mr. Del Sesto has dropped 176 votes to his opponent. If this rate of drop continues at the present pace, he will lose about another 200, and

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# By 755 Votes,

# Drop of 176

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# Ballot Count

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end up with a plurality of about 555.

Likewise, if the percentage of votes taken by Mr. Roberts up to now in the servicemen's ballot tally holds—and the percentage has held steadily between 54 and 55 per cent through a cross section of communities—the governor would lose by about 560 votes.

At the outset of the servicemen's ballot counting, the governor needed 625 per cent of the ballots to win. As the count progressed, that requirement climbed to last night's 701.

By Monday afternoon, it is likely to be near 80 per cent.

Attitudes and conversations were tense and businesslike throughout the day at the elections board. A large crowd waited outside the enclosure in the mid-cover garage on Branch Avenue. Now and then Albert J. Lamarr, board chairman, had to tap for order and two state troopers passed quietly among the spectators asking them to be quiet.

**Crowd Cheers**  
The crowd appeared to be made up largely of Del Sesto supporters. Every time the Republican made a small gain—and those were only temporary—the crowd cheered.

Mr. Healey said his chief concern was that Mr. Del Sesto's plurality at the end of the servicemen's ballot tally would be more than the 268 votes challenged by Democratic attorneys.

"I have every confidence Mr. Del Sesto's plurality will be about 500," he said.

With 1,878 votes remaining to be counted, Mr. Lamarr was hopeful the task can be finished sometime Monday, or that evening, if necessary. He said that barring time-consuming legal arguments—of which there were two yesterday—the board probably can finish Monday.

If by 5 p.m. Monday only a few communities remain to be done, Mr. Lamarr said, the board will meet that night to attempt to complete the task that started Nov. 20.

Again yesterday, the tremendous popularity of President Eisenhower was demonstrated.

**Rest Democratic**  
As the members of the board droned out the votes, Mr. Del Sesto would do very well in the straight ticket voting, but as the splits were announced this became the usual pattern: "One for Eisenhower, the rest Democratic."

Once in a great while—so seldom that the crowd laughed—a serviceman or woman would vote for Adlai E. Stevenson and Mr. Del Sesto.

Perhaps the best indication of how Mr. Del Sesto fell off in the split ticket balloting was the town of Middletown, which normally is Republican.

In the first voting district in that Newport County town, Mr. Del Sesto was given 26 straight party votes, and Mr. Roberts 12 straight Democratic ballots. But Mr. Roberts picked up 20 split votes in the district and Mr. Del Sesto got none, with the result that the Democratic governor took the district 32-26. Mr. Del Sesto picked up in the second district and ended up taking the town, 51-45.

Another indication was Little Compton, perhaps the strongest Republican community in the state. Mr. Del Sesto got seven straight votes, Mr. Roberts only one. But, after the splits had been tallied, Mr. Del Sesto took the town by a mere one vote—8 to 7.

Mr. Del Sesto also dropped the Republican towns of Narragansett and North Kingstown. But, the problem of Governor Roberts was that he was not taking the Democratic communities by sufficiently spectacular margins. For example, the four districts counted in Pawtucket gave the Democrat only an 89 to 56 vote.

At the end of the day's counting, Mr. Del Sesto had 194,223 votes, Mr. Roberts, 193,468, a margin of 755 for the Republican.



Democratic lion of West Warwick, Michael De Giamis has not had a haircut since mid-November, saying he would let it grow until the name of the state's next governor is known. He plans to have his graying red mane clipped early next week—just in time for Christmas.

—Staff Photo by J. David Lamontagne

## Gallery Packed and Tense At Gubernatorial Battle

A packed and tense gallery of 250 watched the unfolding drama of Rhode Island's ding-dong gubernatorial battle at the State Board of Elections yesterday.

Pencils, scratch paper, lawyers, and Del Sesto partisans marked the crowd outside and inside the rail-off area where the election board tallied the results of the servicemen's ballot count district by district.

A minority group of militant Democrats, headed by Frank Rao, state Democratic chairman, watched the proceedings with a grim kind of satisfaction.

Flushed with expectant victory, the Republicans in the audience largely were coyly quiet except when something struck their partisan funny bones—like the calling off of that rare serviceman's ballot which voted for both Adlai Stevenson and Christopher Del Sesto.

Striking to any observer would

be the immense popularity of President Eisenhower with the Rhode Island boys in the service. Time after time Albert J. Lamarr, chairman of the state Board of Elections, would announce, fingering a ballot, "Eisenhower and the rest is Democratic." Seldom was Adlai Stevenson's name heard—either on "pro Democratic" or "pro Republican" ballots.

When the count finally was adjourned at 5:35 p.m., little knots of spectators gathered here and there to discuss percentages and other aspects of the count in an effort to arrive at foregone conclusions.

"I'm not a statistician" said one spectator. "I'll wait till all the ballots are counted."

A Del Sesto partisan, needing a Roberts booster at his side, said, "Are you ready to give-up now?" "I've been a Democratic all my life" was the reply. "I'll never give up."

## Vote Legality

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belle was a 10-vote loser to Sen. Alton Head Jr., Republican, and Mr. Shipper a 40-vote loser to Republican Rep. Lewis W. Hittell.

Mr. McGinn yesterday lost his fight with Republican Alexander Teitz by 71 votes.

While Mr. Murray was fencing with Mr. Joslin on the question of representation, two of Governor Roberts' attorneys stood by and listened to the argument, but did not get into it. The governor's chief counsel, John G. Coffey, had left the room momentarily.

Mr. Joslin told the board that he believed the Democratic objections to the civilian absentee and shut-in ballots should have been made at the time the board accepted the ballots for counting. Legally, he contended, Mr. Murray and Mr. Burke were too late with their requests.

Mr. Murray said he did not appear earlier because his argument had not been prepared at that time.

Mr. Joslin told the board that the Murray-Burke argument never before had been raised, and that if it is a valid point, the two legislators from Jamestown, elected by absentee and shut-in ballots in 1950 served illegally in the General Assembly. As a consequence, he said, actions of the 1951-52 legislative sessions would be invalid if Mr. Murray's request is granted.

Mr. Joslin also told the board that the Democrats have not proven the civilian absentee and shut-in ballots were cast on other than election day.

## Here's the Rundown On Count of Ballots For Governor of R.I.

This is how the count of votes for governor has gone since election night.

Voting machine totals upon recheck, showed Governor Roberts ahead by 207.

On Dec. 7, the count of civilian absentee ballots shifted the lead to Mr. Del Sesto, giving him a 223-vote margin.

On Dec. 10 at the end of counting shut-in ballots, Mr. Del Sesto had a lead of 931 votes.

Nearly half-way through the tally of servicemen's ballots, Mr. Del Sesto last night was ahead by 755 votes.



Long-haired Mr. DeCiantis (he says he won't get a haircut until governor is elected) talks with John G. Coffey, counsel for Governor Roberts, during the vote count.  
—Staff Photos by John P. Callahan



Study Period: Michael DeCiantis, West Warwick town solicitor and Democratic leader, 'cracks' the law books during this morning's session at Board of Elections.



# Roberts-Del Sesto Court Fight Opens

The Roberts-Del Sesto battle as to who is the next governor of Rhode Island came to issue in the Supreme Court today as attorneys for Governor Roberts fought to prove that the Constitution makes him governor, even though he lost the election by 427 votes.

John G. Coffey, chief counsel for the governor, carried the fight in opening arguments to the four members of the high court. The governor's brother, Judge Thomas H. Roberts, absented himself from the hearing, as he had done yesterday at the hearing of arguments in Newport County legislative cases that paralleled that involving the governorship.

Mr. Coffey's main contention was that the General Assembly

had no constitutional authority to provide for shut-in and absentee voting except on Election Day itself.

Republican counter-arguments this afternoon were to the effect that the legislature did have such authority, as long as the voters were qualified electors as of that day, and that legislation setting up voting machinery did not lapse with subsequent changes in the Constitution.

It was in the field of some 5,000 votes of shut-in and absentee voters, some of whom voted Election Day and others prior to that day—as statute provides, that Mr. Del Sesto clinched the election and obtained a declaration of election from the State Board of Elections.

Unlike the legislative contests involving Jamestown and Newport candidates, there was no issue raised today as to court jurisdiction on the basis that the General Assembly under the State Constitution is the judge of its own membership.

Issue in both the legislative and gubernatorial disputes is the validity of the absentee and shut-in ballots cast by persons under a statute that permitted actual voting before Election Day.

Democrats maintain that this is an unconstitutional statute, and that was the gist of Mr. Coffey's opening argument to the Supreme Court this morning.

The court took the bench for start of the hearing at 10:08

o'clock, with Judge Roberts again absenting himself.

Unlike yesterday, there was no objection by the Democratic side to his absence, a factor that raises the possibility of a deadlocked decision by a four-member court.

There is a statute that provides for the disqualification of a judge where one of the parties in the case is closely related to him. Thus, technically, the situation was different from yesterday when Judge Roberts also voluntarily absented himself from the cases involving three Newport County General Assembly seats although he is not related to any of the parties.

The delayed opening resulted from the difficulty a corps of deputy sheriffs had in getting an overflow crowd seated in the courtroom.

More than 150 persons were in the chamber that ordinarily accommodates only about 75 spectators.

Scores of extra seats were placed inside the hall for members of the Board of Elections, attorneys, political leaders of both parties and others.

Frank Rao, Democratic state chairman, who did not attend yesterday's hearing, was among the spectators and the Republican state chairman, Herbert Carlin, again was present. They were on opposite sides of the courtroom in the extra-seat contingents.

It wasn't until a little before 10 o'clock that Christopher Del Sesto, 21-year-old son of the Republican gubernatorial candidate, was able to obtain a seat.

Perhaps 35 or 40 persons, unable to get seats, jammed a corridor outside the courtroom to watch, through the swinging glass doors, what they could not hear.

Mr. Coffey, opening the Democratic argument to have the absentee and shut-in ballots thrown out, said "this is a most important and serious matter."

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—Staff Photo

Governor Roberts arrive at Providence County Courthouse this morning, with Christopher Del Sesto, John G. Coffey, chief counsel, and John F. Walsh.

# Supreme Court Hears Arguments In Roberts-Del Sesto Vote Case

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but he added that it was not necessarily a "complicated" one. Mr. Coffey said the legal issue could be decided by applying the ordinary rules for construing the Constitution and the laws to the case.

He said the first thing that had to be construed was Article 21 of the State Constitution, which was adopted in 1930 and which by its terms provides for voting by absentee civilians and also absentee servicemen.

He said the next thing to be considered was the Supreme Court's own advisory opinion to the House of Representatives in 1942.

Also to be interpreted, he said, were Article 22 of the Constitution adopted in 1944, providing for voting by members of the armed forces and those closely connected with them, and Article 23, adopted in 1948, providing for voting by absentee civilians and shut-ins. Mr. Coffey said Article 21 empowered the General Assembly to adopt any laws to carry into effect its provisions for voting by absentee civilians and absentee servicemen.

He said the Supreme Court in its advisory opinion in 1942 emphasized that under Article 21 there was no authority in the General Assembly to confer on absentee persons in the military service any greater franchise than on those absentees who were not in the military service.

He said the court in that opinion said that while the position of absentee military personnel naturally had a great appeal to the heart and the feelings, the court could not do other than to follow the well-established rules in construing the Constitution and the law regarding such voters.

Mr. Coffey said that when the 22nd amendment to the Constitution was adopted in 1944, its language empowered the General Assembly to enact laws as to the time, place and manner of voting by members of the armed forces and Merchant Marine.

He said that without any intention of defending or criticizing this provision, it was evident that the people were attempting to distinguish and to do something for those in the armed forces that was not authorized by the earlier amendment.

The 22nd amendment, Mr. Coffey said, in empowering the General Assembly to prescribe the time for voting by absent servicemen, intended that they could vote before election day.

Mr. Coffey said that by contrast, the 23rd amendment, adopted in 1948, providing for voting by absentee civilians and shut-ins, is markedly different from the 22nd amendment. He said that instead of the special language empowering the legislature to fix the time for voting by absentee servicemen, the 23rd amendment contains much of the language of the old 21st amendment.

Mr. Coffey said that the clearly different language in the two amendments—one pertaining to servicemen and the other relating to the absentees and shut-ins—showed that it was intended to continue in effect the old rule that as far as absentees and shut-ins were concerned they could vote only on Election Day.

Says Article Eliminated

Mr. Coffey said one did not have to do any straining to know what Article 23 of the Constitution means when it says it takes the place of and annuls Article 21. It was the intention of the people of Rhode Island, he said, that Article 21 was eliminated in its entirety by Article 23.

Because neither of these amendments to the Constitution was self-executing, he said, it was the intention of the people that Chapter 319, existing up to the adoption of Article 23 in 1948, which was the only reason for its existence and the only base on which it could stand, has been eliminated by the people from the laws of this state.

He said the first amendment to Chapter 319, subsequent to November, 1948, is Chapter 2316 of the Public Laws of 1949 and this is no more than a restatement of Article 23.

On the same day in May, 1949, that Chapter 2316 was adopted, Chapter 2317 was also passed as an amendment to Chapter 319 and this gave birth to Section 7½, which refers to shut-in votes, he said.

Calls It Poorly Drawn

He said this chapter, which provides for applying in writing to the secretary of state for an application and so forth, and providing for the secretary of state to permit casting of the ballot, is so broad and unworkable that it is a very poorly drawn section and does not do what it purports to do.

Even assuming it does set up a system for the voting, he said, what happens to the ballot and where does it go and who counts it? He said nothing was said here about that.

Another amendment, Chapter 2637, was passed May 1, 1950, he said, and amends Section 7½ for the first time, setting forth in detail the application to be used and describing the form of ballot.

This amendment provides for voting on Election Day within the State of Rhode Island and provides that the ballot must be in the mail not later than that midnight, he said.

Still existing was the question of what happens to the ballot, where it goes and who counts it, he said.

He said Chapter 3204 of the amendments was passed May 11, 1953, and contains the first substantial reference to absentees as distinguished from absentee shut-in votes.

This amended Section 6 sets up provisions as to the marking and casting of ballots, he said, and here for the first time appear the words "on or before said Election Day."

Mailing Provision

Later on in Section 6, he said, it is provided that the voter shall mail the ballot outside of the state on or before Election Day so that it would be received on or before midnight on the second Monday following election.

He stressed that the new set up was a limit to the time when the ballot could be received and that meant be sure to vote early.

"This is not a grant of power by the legislature to vote on Oct. 30, Nov. 2 or Nov. 4, assuming Election Day is Nov. 6," he said. "This is a single grant to vote within a period of time, the limit of which is Election Day."

Section 7½ was amended in Chapter 3204 as to the application, he said, and Section 7½-A was again amended as to shut-ins and here for the first time appeared the words "on or before Election Day" within the state, and providing that the ballot must be mailed to the Board of Elections on or before Election Day.

The next amendment was in 1954, being Chapter 3314, he said, and Section 2 for the first time is amended giving absentee shut-ins the right to apply for a ballot.

The only other amendment to Chapter 319 contained in the state laws was in 1954 when Section 7½-A was again amended relative to the application only, he said.

Giving the amendments all the powers they can be given, he said, they provide no method of voting, of counting, handling or tabulating, or whether the ballots should be considered in the general result of any election in this state.

Judge Francis B. Condon said that assuming Chapter 319 fell when Article 23 took the place of Article 21, then all that had to be considered were the amendments enacted since the passage of Article 23. He said these ought to be given as much effectiveness as possible to give absentees and shut-ins the right to vote and fix the method of counting.

Coffey's Contentions

Mr. Coffey contended that no matter how liberally the amendments were construed, there was not sufficient authority for the court to say the ballots are valid and should be counted.

While the amendments say a voter can vote, he said, they do not say what happens to the votes.

Judge Condon asked whether the legislature implemented Article 23 by any act that would authorize voting on Election Day by shut-ins and absentees.

"I say absolutely no," Mr. Coffey replied.

During the questioning of the attorney, Judge Harold A. Andrews said he was pretty well prepared but "this is pretty hard, there are so many different cards in this pack."

Mr. Coffey admitted to Judge Andrews that the law does not have to be perfect. He said there was enough in the law relative to shut-ins to get their vote into the board but there was no provision for what happened to the votes thereafter.

"Classic Example"

"Is this a classic example of a lapse we have to fill to make the law effective?" Judge Andrews asked, adding, "I don't have any opinion on that yet."

"Well, I have," said Mr. Coffey.

Judge Thomas A. Paolino asked if the court could get enough out of all the amendments and the attorney replied it could not.

Judge Andrews commented that there was no question but that the people wanted the people to vote and it was the duty of the legislature to carry out their intention.

Judge Condon asked, "If there is a real gap in the law and it is plain to the reader that the legislature has overlooked something it intended to fix by legislation but failed to put on paper, would you say the court could apply the omission?"

Mr. Coffey replied "When you consider the gap that would have to be filled, I would say no."

Another Question

To another question by Judge Condon whether he would say that the court in exercising its powers may not only fill the gap in the law but has the duty to do so, Mr. Coffey replied in the negative.

Mr. Coffey agreed with Judge Condon that the people, by the 21st, 22nd and 23rd amendments to the Constitution, undertook to make an exception to the provision that votes must be cast in person but in making that exception didn't go the whole way but said it would have to be implemented by the legislature, and that if what the legislature passed didn't accom-

plish this and fails, it can't be revised.

Judge Condon remarked that prior to the Constitution there was a proxy vote in Rhode Island, but after the Constitution there was no more proxy vote so voting comes under the Constitution and under the amendments recently adopted.

Not Waiving Right

Mr. Coffey said that if the court should rule that those absentee and shut-in votes that happened to be cast on Election Day could be counted, the Democratic side would want to have them counted and was not waiving that right.

He predicted, in this connection, that even if all such absentee and shut-in votes cast on Election Day were to be credited to Mr. Del Sesto, the victory in the gubernatorial contest would nevertheless go to Governor Roberts.

"We would still end up with the plurality," the attorney said.

He said he did not mean to imply that there would not be some difficulty in separating ballots cast on Election Day from those voted previously.

But he said the work of separating them would be easier because the Board of Elections itself followed a procedure of stamping on ballot envelopes the time that each absentee ballot was received by the board.

Other Evidences

Postmarks on the outer envelopes and the date on which the voter was sworn by a notary, as shown on the back of the inner envelopes, were other evidences of when the votes were cast, he said.

Questioned by Judge Andrews, Mr. Coffey agreed that the Democratic side had not objected to the counting of individual ballots on the issue of their legality, at the time each ballot was being counted, but that they merely raised a blanket objection later to all such ballots.

Judge Andrews commented that ordinarily in trials as they are conducted in courts, such blanket motions to exclude evidence or strike testimony were not effective if they were made too late.

Concluding his argument, Mr. Coffey said that the confusion in the law for absentee and shut-in voting "is so tremendous" that in his opinion the only solution would be for the court to grant the Roberts' petition and reverse the election board's action in counting the disputed ballots.

At this point the court took a recess before hearing the argument of Alfred H. Joslin, urging that Governor Roberts' petition be rejected and that the election board's action in counting the disputed ballots be upheld, which would result in Mr. Del Sesto being certified as governor.

### Enlarged Scope

He said the 23rd amendment merely enlarged the scope of the 21st by extending to shut-ins the privilege of voting away from the polls.

Mr. Joslin said that in an early Rhode Island case the court held that legislation setting up methods for registering voters did not lapse with a change in constitutional provisions, which enlarged the Legislature's powers in legislating concerning registration.

Mr. Del Sesto's attorney said that after the adoption of Article 23 in 1948 the General Assembly at the outset of its 1949 session undertook to implement it with statutes providing for voting by absentee civilians and shut-ins.

Questioning by Chief Justice Edmund W. Flynn brought out that the legislature in those first statutes under the powers of Article 23, did not authorize voting before Election Day, but only on Election Day.

It was not until 1953, with passage of Chapter 3204, that the legislature sought to authorize voting on or before Election Day, the discussion elicited.

### Claims "Full Power"

Mr. Joslin commented that Article 23 gave the General Assembly "full power" to make reasonable rules and regulations for the manner in which absentees and shut-in votes could be cast.

Judge Flynn suggested that the attorney would not contend that the amendment authorized voting "after" Election Day.

Mr. Joslin agreed that it did not permit voting after Election Day.

The attorney said he felt that the legislature nevertheless was clearly within its powers when in 1953 it passed the law permitting voting on or before Election Day.

He said he did not agree with any contention that when the General Assembly in 1949 provided for such voting on Election Day, that it was all that the legislature could do.

"At that moment that was all they cared to do," Mr. Joslin said.

He said that interpreting Article 23 in the light of all other constitutional provisions for absentee voting, there was ample room for finding that the General Assembly had a right to authorize the casting of absentee and shut-in ballots before Election Day.

He again stressed, as he did in the Newport County cases yesterday, that Article 23 sets up safeguards not found in the war ballot amendment, to make sure that those who cast absentee or shut-in ballots are "qualified electors" as of Election Day.

Mr. Joslin argued that the contention of Governor Roberts' attorneys, if carried to its logical conclusion, also would result in war ballots being invalidated.

He said that war ballots still are counted under provisions of a law which was enacted prior to the present war ballot amendment of 1948.

He said there was ample precedent for the court to say that the law which contains the machinery for absentee and shut-in voting remained in effect when the 23rd amendment was substituted for the old 21st amendment.

Before he heard arguments on the constitutionality of the ballots yesterday, the court was asked to dismiss the petitions brought by Democratic legislative candidates that the ballots be invalidated. It did not rule immediately.

Republicans sought the dismissal on grounds the court has no jurisdiction because the legislature is the sole judge of its members' election and qualifications.

Judge Flynn had announced last week that the court will attempt to hand down its decision on the cases before noon Tuesday, Inauguration Day.

Yesterday's hearing was brought on by two Democratic candidates from Jamestown and one from Newport. They are Dr. Alfred H. Gobeille, Senate candidate, and Harold E. Shippee, House candidate, both of Jamestown, and John H. McGann, House candidate from Newport.

On pluralities built of absentee and shut-in votes, the Jamestown candidates had been defeated by Sen. Alton Head Jr. and Rep. Lewis W. Hull. Mr. McGann had been similarly defeated by Alexander G. Teitz.

John C. Burke of Newport and Daniel J. Murray of Jamestown represented the Democratic candidates. The Republicans were represented by Coleman B. Zimmerman and Alfred H. Joslin.

In addition to Chief Justice Flynn, Associate Justices Harold A. Andrews, Francis B. Condon and Thomas J. Paolino sat on the cases yesterday and today.

In connection with Judge Roberts' absence from the bench, Mr. Burke told the court, "We feel that we are entitled to a full court."

For the record, Mr. Burke and Mr. Murray entered objections to Judge Roberts not sitting. After a conference of the judges, the two attorneys were told they might renew their objections later if it became clear that their clients' rights were being affected by lack of a full court.

Mr. Burke explained that his objection was based on the possibility of a two-to-one decision on the case. If that happened, he said, the Democratic candidates could not obtain the legal relief they sought from certification of their GOP opponents' election.

The second preliminary matter was the motions by the Republican attorneys to dismiss the Democratic petitions. They sought dismissal on the grounds the Constitution provides for the branches of the General Assembly to be the judge of the election and qualification of their members.

Mr. Zimmerman said that constitutional provision had been defined as meaning that each branch shall be the exclusive judge of its own members.

The Rhode Island Supreme Court has held in several cases, Mr. Zimmerman said, that it would not invade the legislature's rights and has recognized that the members shall make their own regulations. He cited what he said were cases to the same effect in Congress and in the legislatures of Maine and Massachusetts.

### Questions GOP's Right

Mr. Burke argued first that the Republicans, as "intervenor" in the case rather than as the true party in interest, had no right to raise the question of jurisdiction. The true party in interest, he said, is the Board of Elections.

The Newport attorney then went on to declare that neither the federal nor state constitution says its legislative branch is the "sole" judge of its membership though he agreed it is the "final" one.

On the basis of a previous Supreme Court case, Mr. Burke said, Rhode Island law is that the court does have jurisdiction to determine an election contest.

Mr. Murray also argued for a court decision on the constitutional issue. He agreed with Judge Condon that one way to settle that issue would be for the legislature to ask the court for an advisory opinion.

Arguing the unconstitutionality of the shut-in and absentee votes, Mr. Burke, in summary, made this case:

Article 21 of the Constitution provided for absentee but not shut-in voting. To put this principle into effect, the General Assembly in 1938 enacted Chapter 319 of the General Laws.

When Article 23 of the Constitution, extending the absentee vote to include shut-ins, was adopted in 1948, Article 21 was repealed and annulled and every law on the books passed under the provisions of Article 21, including Chapter 319, was also repealed.

But the General Assembly, disregarding the annulment, kept on passing laws purportedly amending the same Chapter 319. One of these laws was Chapter 3204, passed in 1953. That is the one that permits absentees and shut-ins to vote "on or before" Election Day.

Besides being null and void, Chapter 3204 is unconstitutional. The Supreme Court advised the legislature in 1942 that any law permitting voting before Election Day violates Article 16 of the Constitution. That article fixes Election Day as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

Further, the new Article 23 had no language giving the legislature authority to permit voting before Election Day.

On the other hand, Article 22, which provides for the servicemen's ballot, does have such language.

Mr. Joslin argued that the absentee and shut-in ballots are valid. To hold otherwise, he said, would be to render meaningless the intentions of the voters who cast those ballots in good faith.

He asked the court to find that the General Assembly and various ranking state officials intended, when the law was passed in 1953, to give absentees and shut-ins the right to cast ballots before or on Election Day. In its report to the Assembly that same year the Board of Elections had recommended such legislation, he said.

He observed that two of the Elections Board members in 1953 had been members of the General Assembly in 1942 when the Supreme Court handed down an advisory opinion that under existing law members of the armed forces could not vote before Election Day.

He added that Governor Roberts, who approved the 1953 law, was mayor of Providence in 1942; that the 1953 lieutenant governor (John S. McKiernan) was assistant Providence city solicitor in 1942; that Attorney General William E. Powers was a state representative in 1942, and Secretary of State Armand H. Cote held that same state office in 1942.

## GOP Readies Strategy If Roberts Wins

Rhode Island Republicans yesterday indicated they plan to give Governor Roberts a rough ride if the state Supreme Court puts him in the governor's chair.

Members of the GOP minority in the House of Representatives met in Johnson's Hummocks last night and decided to press for a rule change under which the signature of any 30 members would be enough to pry a bill out of committee on any day. Present rules permit forcing of a bill out of committee on Fridays only.

The action followed word that 25 Republican senators had met and considered boycotting Governor Roberts' inauguration if the Supreme Court gives him the nod in the disputed gubernatorial election.

The leader of the rebellious Republicans, James H. Donnelly of North Kingstown, it was said, has been charged with the responsibility of making the decision whether his colleagues attend the inauguration.

The House Republicans at their session voted to investigate the possibility of evening sessions. They re-elected Rep. Joseph E. Malley of Cranston as their leader. Mr. Malley renamed Rep. Harry W. Asquith of Lincoln his first deputy. Rep. E. Rex Coman of Narragansett will be his second deputy.

The Republicans decided not to oppose the re-election of Rep. Harry F. Curvin (D-Pawt.) as speaker.

Designated to be chairmen of committees by the Republican senators were:

Finance, George D. Greenhalgh, Gloucester; judiciary, Mr. Donnelly; corporations, George M. Westlake, Narragansett; labor, Harry J. Hall, Scituate; special legislation, Leonard H. Sylvia, Little Compton.

Education, Alton Head Jr., Jamestown, whose election was disputed in yesterday's Supreme Court test, and who is likely to be seated if the court finds that the Senate is judge of its membership in this instance.

Rules and orders, Mr. Donnelly; elections, Charles J. Link, Charlestown; agriculture, Louis E. Perreault, Richmond; military affairs, Frank Almeida, Portsmouth; fisheries, William P. Lewis, New Shoreham.

Pardons, Hoyt W. Lark, Cranston; public welfare, Donald L. Beaugregard, North Smithfield; state property, Richard B. Sheffield, Middletown; public institutions, C. George DeStefano, Barrington; state personnel, Ernest L. Nye, Foster; veterans' affairs, Ralph T. Lewis, Warwick.

# Roberts Awaits Ruling in State House Office

Governor Roberts went to the State House yesterday morning for only a few more hours Rhode Island's chief executive. When he went home last night he was off on another year term.

The governor was one of the arrivals at the State House this morning. Most state offices were closed for the holiday and the building was almost deserted when the governor arrived in alone not long after 10 o'clock.

He started the day by attending Mass at St. Sebastian's church and then went directly to the State House. There he remained until the last long hours of Rhode Island's greatest electoral day while awaiting word from the Supreme Court.

### Stays in Office

He stayed inside his office most of the time and only his friends and Democratic poll workers shared his vigil. The governor talked politics for a two hour approach.

The tension was broken late in the morning by a bright little woman at which the governor entered the oath of office in A. Notte Jr., the new secretary of state. Mr. Notte will be sworn in early so that he in turn, could be ready for in whoever was to be sworn in later in the day.

Notte brought along his friends and some friends. The crowd gave the big crowd of photographers who were on the day at the State House a chance to get at the governor.

That Mr. Roberts remained in his office again after the court decision was announced. At noon he had lunch sent up from the house restaurant.

### Tension Mounts

A meantime tension was up around the corridors. This morning there was a court house that would be announced or shortly there-

10 o'clock approached the House was becoming quiet. But that hour and no word came. Just there was a report that he had sent his decision

to the Board of Elections and that an announcement would be made there. Still another hour passed and no word came from anywhere.

When the news finally came through to the State House classroom from court reports about 3 o'clock, the word quickly passed out into the corridors and shouts went up.

### Coffey Calls Governor

Who was the first to call the governor? Coffey said the first information he had about the decision came on those shouts of "Roberts" that rang along the corridors almost the same time the phone rang in the governor's office and John Coffey, chief counsel for the Democrats in the court fight, was on the line to tell the governor the verdict.

With the governor at the time were Mr. Notte, Atty. Gen. William A. Powers, Democratic State Chairman Frank Rao, and a few others. Mr. Coffey and his fellow counsel, John Walsh, soon joined the group.

About 20 minutes later the door to the governor's reception room was opened, the governor appeared inside, and for the next half hour or so he shook hands with well-wishers who filed through his office.

### Office Crowded

For the rest of the afternoon the office was crowded with friends and relatives of the governor and politicians. There was uncertainty about where and when the governor would take his oath of office and when it was almost 5:30 he went out through another crowd in the reception room and was sworn in by Mr. Notte.

After that the governor shook hands with a lot more people, stayed around the office for another hour or so, and then went home.

# Crux of Ruling

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His apparent earlier 427-vote victory.

Governor Roberts' chief attorney, John G. Coffey, in arguments before the court last Saturday had predicted that even if all absentee and shut-in ballots cast "on" election day were counted for Mr. Del Sesto, the election still would go to Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Coffey said the governor would concede all such ballots to Mr. Del Sesto, because of the inability any longer of determining which were voted for each candidate, since ballots and their envelopes have been separated.

### Taken Up by Court

He renewed this concession in his written brief, and this was taken up by the court in reaching its decision.

The majority said it was true that, granting all 648 ballots voted "on" election day to Mr. Del Sesto, Mr. Roberts still would be the victor.

Mr. Del Sesto's attorneys in their legal briefs and arguments before the court contended that Governor Roberts delayed too long—until after all civilian and absentee ballots, and most of the war ballots were counted.

They argued that the governor was legally "estopped" from asserting the unconstitutionality of the law because he had invoked its terms when they suited him and with other elected officers had overlooked the legal defect until it became advantageous to him to expose it.

### Fifth Paragraph

Judge Andrews' dissent appended as a fifth paragraph to the terse decision asserted that Governor Roberts "did not preserve the right to question here the constitutionality of the absentee and shut-in ballots."

The dissenting jurist, disclosing that otherwise he was in agreement with his colleagues' basic finding, added that if the constitutional question had been properly raised by the governor "then the constitution allows voting of civilian absentees and shut-in voters so-called only on election day."

In the Newport County contests, Dr. Alfred B. Gobeille, Democrat, challenged the apparent reelection of Sen. Alton Head Jr., Republican, of Jamestown; Harold E. Shippee, Democrat, challenged the apparent reelection of Rep. Lewis W. Hull, Republican, of Jamestown; and John H. McGann, Democrat, challenged the apparent election of Alexander G. Teitz, Republican, to a House seat from Newport's third district.

### "Not Concerned"

There was no immediate agreement by all parties as to the effect legally of the court's decision upholding claims of the three Democratic assembly candidates that absentee and shut-in votes cast before election day must be disregarded.

The court stressed in that case that it was merely deciding the issue of the constitutionality of the law.

"We are not concerned," it said, "with the ultimate issue of the seating or not seating of any member of the General Assembly."

The court thus was recognizing a basic provision of the state constitution that each house of the legislature is the judge of the election and qualifications of its own members.

But Daniel J. Murray and John C. Burke, attorneys for the Jamestown-Newport Democrats, expressed the opinion that the court's decision means that legally their clients are the victors over the Republican opponents. The attorneys agreed, though, that it is for the Board of Elections to certify results of the three General Assembly contests, after first throwing out all absentee and shut-in votes excepting those found to have been cast "on" election day.

### Disclosed Yesterday

At the court's request, the Board of Elections last Sunday had checked ballot envelopes of all shut-in and absentee civilian votes in the state-wide gubernatorial contest. It privately supplied the court with the figures—disclosed yesterday—that only 648 of the 5,602 disputed ballots had been voted on election day, as indicated by evidence of inner envelopes as to when the voters appeared before notaries public.

Three weeks ago, Mr. Coffey had received permission of the Board of Elections to check the inner envelopes, and had made notations on a major proportion of the absentee and shut-in ballots. At first, Mr. Coffey did that counting without a Republican official present, but later the board recognized a protest by a Republican attorney and assigned GOP State Chairman Herbert B. Carkin to observe Mr. Coffey's count. At the time, Republican attorneys did not know why the Democratic lawyer wanted to count the envelopes.

### The Supreme Court Released

its decision at midafternoon, after two days of conferences which followed open-court arguments last Thursday and Friday.

Justice Flynn himself announced a little after 11 o'clock as they had planned. A little after 11 o'clock Chief Justice Flynn notified counsel for the parties, and the election board, that the court was going to be able to reach a definite "conclusion" and that this probably would be around 1 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

It was almost 3 o'clock when the news finally broke.

Judge Flynn had court attendants summon attorneys for all parties to the court clerk's office to receive their copies from Clerk Raymond A. McCabe.

Chief Justice Flynn himself took the decision, through inner corridors, into the clerk's office. After Mr. McCabe file-marked and otherwise processed it, Judge Flynn left the room to return to his chambers before the clerk gave copies to chief counsel. Counsel in the Newport County cases had to return for their similar opinions which then were not quite ready.

### Two Floors Below

Mr. McCabe said it was about 2:53 when he handed the decision in the governor's contest to the attorneys.

Newspapermen had remained two floors below, in the court-house press room, at the request of Judge Flynn, but from time to time one or other of the newsmen would visit the seventh floor for a momentary check with court attachés.

As the attorneys left the clerk's office, a reporter on such a check espied the Republican attorneys in a group studying the opinion.

The reporter asked them who had won.

"Roberts!" one of the attorneys replied.

Judge Flynn later, after providing copies of the decision for the press, gave the following statement to the newsmen:

"As you know we have been confronted with exceptional demands and we have been laboring constantly to arrive at a result.

"The issues presented to this court are not to be confused with any emotional or partisan political questions.

### "Pure Legal Issues"

"The petition presents pure legal issues involving the alleged unconstitutionality of a statute and the illegality of actions thereunder.

"The board of elections, being unable to determine these questions, when they were proposed to them before they completed their final count and declaration, deferred to this court for determination of the constitutionality of the statute and their jurisdiction to act thereunder.

"Constitutionally this court has exclusive jurisdiction to decide finally all questions of law.

"Counsel for each party has

recognized this fundamental principle. They have pressed the law involved in the issue, according with the best of their ability, to this court.

### "Assisted Greatly"

"The public also, who crowded our courtrooms beyond its capacity, are to be commended for their attention and apparent appreciation of the legal problems presented to the court. The court itself, therefore, has been assisted greatly in being able to compress into a few days the enormous research and work that ordinarily would require a much longer time.

"In the same atmosphere of impartiality and in accordance with our comprehension of traditional and established principles of constitutional law, we have arrived at the decision in the case."

## Texts of Court Decisions On Election Challenges

The texts of the Rhode Island Supreme Court Rulings follow:

Dennis J. Roberts

vs.

Board of Elections et al.  
M. P. No. 1198.

### DECISION

The majority of the court have agreed that, even assuming by extreme liberality there was in existence a valid statute giving the board of elections the right to count civilian absentee and shut-in votes so called, such statute cannot constitutionally and legally be extended to authorize such civilian absentee and shut-in voters to cast their ballots on any day other than election day, Nov. 6, 1956.

On that view the board has informed the court that only a total of 648 civilian absentee and shut-in voters by the jurat or acknowledgment on the inner envelope established that they were casting their ballots on election day. Consequently all the civilian absentee and shut-in ballots, wherein the inner envelopes did not establish that they had been sworn to or legally acknowledged on election day should not be counted.

If we consider that all the 648 votes, which probably were divided, should nevertheless in the present circumstances be cast and counted for candidate Christopher Del Sesto, in accordance with the petitioner's concession in open court and in his brief, the petitioner will still have a plurality of all the votes legally and constitutionally cast, and a declaration of result and a certificate of election to the petitioner in accordance therewith should be issued by the respondent board.

The records and actions of the respondent board in counting civilian absentee and shut-in ballots contained in inner envelopes not in accordance with our above conclusions and the declaration of result based thereon are hereby quashed. Our opinion will be filed later.

Andrews, J., dissents on the ground that the petitioner did not preserve the right to question here the constitutionality of the absentee and shut-in ballots. He agrees, however, that if this question is properly before us then the constitution allows voting of civilian absentees and shut-in voters so called only on election day.

Assembly constitutionally is the judge of the qualifications of its own members is unaniously denied. We are not concerned with the ultimate issue of the seating or not seating of any member of the General Assembly. The controlling issue before us is purely a question of constitutional law and therefore is solely within the court's jurisdiction under the constitution.

The majority of the court have agreed that, even assuming by extreme liberality there was in existence a valid statute giving the board of elections the right to count civilian absentee and shut-in votes so called, such statute cannot constitutionally and legally be extended to authorize such civilian absentee and shut-in voters to cast their ballots on any day other than election day, Nov. 6, 1956.

Since the board has not informed this court of the number of civilian absentee and shut-in voters who, by the jurat or acknowledgment on the inner envelope, clearly established that they had cast their ballots on election day, we were able only to point out to the board that they should follow the principle as set forth in the case of Dennis J. Roberts v. Board of Elections et al., M. P. No. 1198, filed this day, and that they should count only the civilian absentee and shut-in ballots wherein the inner envelopes established that they had been sworn to or legally acknowledged on election day.

The records and actions of the respondent board in counting civilian absentee and shut-in ballots contained in inner envelopes not in accordance with our above-stated conclusion, and the declaration of result in each case based thereon are hereby quashed. Our opinion will be filed later.

Andrews, J., dissents on the ground that the petitioners did not preserve the right to question here the constitutionality of the absentee and shut-in ballots. He agrees, however, that if this question is properly before us then the constitution allows voting of civilian absentee and shut-in voters so called only on election day.

### Other Cases

John H. McGarr

Board of Elections et al.  
M. P. No. 1195.

Alfred B. Gobelle

v.

same.  
M. P. No. 1196.

Harold E. Shippee

v.

same.  
M. P. No. 1197

### DECISION

The above three cases were heard together, involved the same basic issues, and will be decided together.

The motion of the interveners to dismiss the petition for certiorari in each case on the ground that the General

# The Suspense Is Broken



The certificate of election is delivered to Governor Roberts by Sheriff Costello.

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**Feels Familiar:** Governor Roberts is seated in his office chair by Mr. Coffey.



**Congratulations:** Governor Roberts and his chief attorney, John G. Coffey, in the governor's office.

JAN. 2, 1957



The telephone rang constantly yesterday at the Del Sesto home as Republican voters called to wish Mr. Del Sesto the best of luck. Others here are Ronald, Mrs. Del Sesto, Gregory and Mr. Colagiovanni (rear).

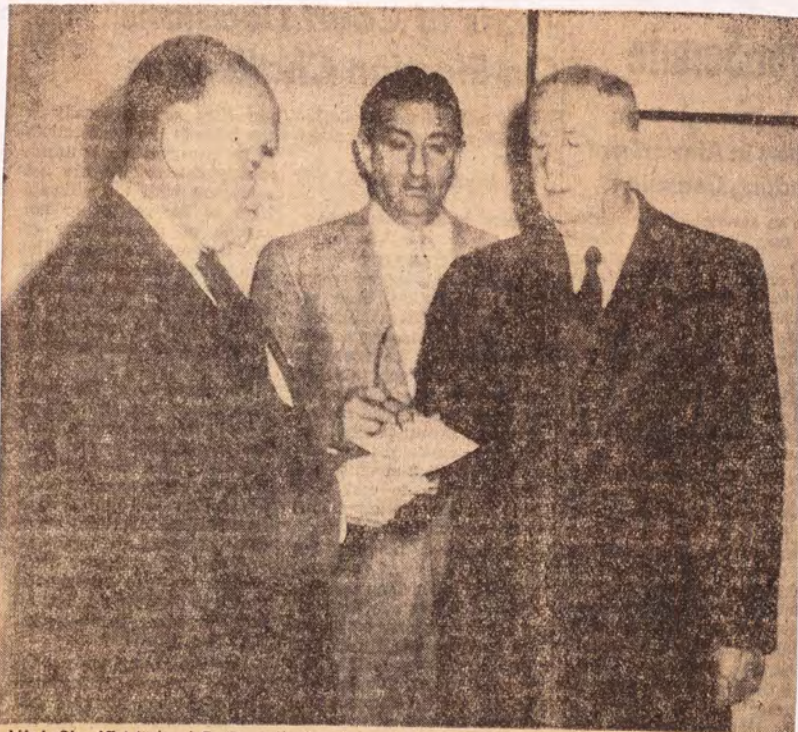


Awaiting the verdict in the Del Sesto kitchen are (l-r) Ronald Del Sesto, 16, Bayard Ewing, Fred Colagiovanni, Councilman Frank Lazarus (seated), Christopher Del Sesto, Mrs. Del Sesto, and Gregory Del Sesto, 7.





New Secretary of State, John A. Notte Jr., receives the happy felicitations of his wife and his daughter Joyce Ann and son John, after swearing in at State House.



High Sheriff Michael F. Costello hands sealed copy of the Supreme Court decision to Albert J. Lamarre, Election Board chairman. Peter J. Pimental is at rear.



The ceremony over, Governor Roberts (with hands raised) acknowledges applause in the Governor's reception room.

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**Text of State Supreme Court's Ruling in Roberts-Del Sesto Case**

Supreme Court.  
M. P. NO. 1198  
Dennis J. Roberts  
v.  
Board of Elections et al.  
OPINION

Condon, J. This is a petition for certiorari to review the action of the respondent State Board of Elections in declaring Christopher De Sesto, the other respondent, elected governor of the state at the general election held on Nov. 6, 1956. We issued the writ and, in compliance therewith, the board made due return of its records pertaining to the election of governor. The respondent Christopher Del Sesto took over the defense to the petition, the board by its counsel expressly consenting thereto in open court. We shall hereinafter refer to him as the respondent. As such respondent he neither moved to dismiss the petition nor filed any answer or special plea to it, but proceeded to a hearing on its merits. Therefore the validity of the petition and the facts alleged therein are undisputed.

The facts are as follows. On Election Day petitioner received on the voting machines in the polling places throughout the state 190,259 votes and the respondent received 190,052 votes. In addition, each received a certain number of votes cast by members of the armed forces and the merchant marine of the United States in active service and absent from the state, of which 2,056 were counted for petitioner and 1,552 for respondent. The total for each candidate then stood as follows: 192,315 for petitioner and 191,604 for respondent. On the basis of these admittedly valid votes petitioner had a clear majority of 711 votes, and unless there were other votes legally cast by qualified electors the board should have declared petitioner elected.

However, over the protest of petitioner the board counted certain ballots cast by civilian electors absent from the state and by other civilian electors "who, by reason of old age, physical disability, illness or for other physical infirmities" were unable to vote in person although within the state. The electors of the first class are sometimes referred to as civilian absentee voters and those of the second class as shut-ins. They cast their ballots and forwarded them by mail under the provisions of General Laws 1938, chapter 319, as amended.

That chapter, as amended, purported to authorize such electors to vote in abstentia on or before Election Day. It had been originally enacted pursuant to Article XXI of Amendments to the state Constitution and authorized voting only on Election Day. Subsequently Article XXI of Amendments was expressly annulled by Article XXIII of Amendments which also did not authorize voting before Election Day. Thereafter the General Assembly undertook to amend chapter 319 apparently intending thereby to give effect to that constitutional amendment. Some of the ballots that were voted under such amended chapter had been cast on Election Day but a much larger number had

been cast before that day. After counting all of such ballots the board found that the total vote for petitioner was 194,547 and for respondent 194,974, and it thereupon declared the latter elected.

The petitioner protested before the board that it should not count any ballots cast by either the civilian absentees or the shut-ins, contending that Article XXIII of Amendments was not self-executing and that there was no valid legislation implementing it; and he argued further that such attempted legislation under which the ballots had been issued to said civilian absentees and shut-ins was unconstitutional. The board refused to entertain petitioner's objection on the ground that it was without jurisdiction to pass upon the constitutionality of the election law and that it was its duty to count all ballots cast under such law unless and until this court declared it unconstitutional.

As a consequence of such ruling, petitioner promptly filed the instant petition and sought a stay of the issuance by the board of a certificate of election to the respondent until the questions thus raised affecting the legality of the civilian absentee and shut-in ballots could be determined according to law. We issued such stay and peremptorily assigned the case for hearing at the earliest possible date consistent with the right of counsel to make reasonable preparation.

The case has naturally aroused intense public interest. This is understandable in view of the ultimate issue involved. Notwithstanding the emotional overtones of the discussion of it elsewhere, it is worthy of note that the case was argued here strictly in keeping with the customary decorum of this court. With commendable ability and zeal, yet without rancor, counsel for each party urged every legitimate legal point in support of their client's interests. Their appeals were always addressed to the law and the precedents as they understood them, and never to the emotions. Such restraint on their part appeared to have communicated itself to others who crowded the courtroom far beyond its capacity. They, too, demeaned themselves in a manner befitting the time, the place, and the constitutional issue that was presented.

We mention these facts to show that we are not unmindful of the human emotions which tend to prevent a calm approach to the cold, legal aspects of this case. Others, without having the supreme judicial responsibility under the Constitution, may indulge those emotions and play upon them, but we in this court may not do so. On the contrary we are in duty bound to put emotional arguments completely aside and to decide the case, as we do every other case, solely by the rule of law. Only in that way can the people of this State hope to retain and enjoy that priceless possession of free men, a government that guarantees liberty and justice under law. What then is the rule of law which governs the right of these civilian absentees and shut-ins to vote?

In this state the time and



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the place of voting for governor and other state officers was fixed by the Constitution from the beginning. Article XVI of Amendments, which now governs, expressly provides that they "shall be elected at town, ward and district meetings on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, biennially, commencing A. D. 1912 \* \* \*." For 87 years after the adoption of the Constitution down to 1930 there was only one exception to the rule that an elector must appear in person at his polling place in order to exercise his right to vote. That exception was Article IV of Amendments which was adopted in August 1864 and provided that an elector absent from the state in time of war in the actual military service may vote on the day of election by delivering a written or printed ballot with the names of the persons voted for thereon to the officer commanding his regiment or company.

In 1918 the judges of this court as then constituted, namely, C. Frank Parkhurst, William H. Sweetland, Walter B. Vincent, Darius Baker and Charles F. Stearns, unanimously advised Governor Beeckman that no elector except those entitled to claim the privilege of Article IV of Amendments could exercise his right to vote otherwise than in person in his town, ward or district meeting on Election Day. In re Right of Electors in the Military Service of the United States, 41 R.I. 118.

On Nov. 4, 1930, the people adopted Article XXI of amendments which provided that any elector absent from the state and otherwise qualified to vote at the general election should have the right to vote for all officers and propositions on the state ballot. Unlike Article IV of Amendments, however, it was not self-executing but required legislation to make it effective. This amendment expressly authorized the General Assembly to enact such legislation, annulled said Article IV, and further authorized the enactment of special regulations to govern the manner of voting by electors absent from the state in the actual military service of the United States.

Pursuant to that amendment the General Assembly enacted Public Laws 1932, chapter 1863, which later became chapter 319 in the revision of General Laws of

1938. This is sometimes referred to as the absentee voter law. That statute sets out in minute detail what the elector must do in order to exercise the exceptional privilege granted to him by the amendment. And in paragraph 6, consistently with the view so clearly stated unanimously in In re Right of Electors in the Military Service of the United States, supra, it was expressly provided: "The absentee voter, upon receipt of the absentee voter's ballot as provided in this chapter, shall vote the same on said Election Day at some place without the state of Rhode Island \* \* \*." (bold face ours.) Thereafter the above language which is in bold face appeared in two subsequent amendments of the chapter down to May 11, 1953, when chapter 3204 of the public laws of 1953 was approved. In that chapter for the first time it was provided that such ballot could be voted "on or before said Election Day \* \* \*."

In the meantime, 11 years prior to that amendment of the statute, the Honorable the House of Representatives had asked this court: "May the legislature authorize those absent from the state in the actual military service of the United States, in time of war, to cast absentee ballots, before the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, the time for holding biennial general elections?" The judges of this court as then constituted, namely, Edmund W. Flynn, William W. Moss, Antonio A. Capotosto, Hugh B. Baker and Francis B. Condon, unanimously answered that question in the negative and stated: "Whatever other power may be vested in the General Assembly by the last sentence in Article XXI, section 1, that sentence gives no power to the General Assembly to change the day of the general election held biennially, when the vote of a qualified elector, whether an absent elector or not, shall be cast." Opinion to the House of Representatives, 67 R.I. 465, 469.

The General Assembly apparently abided by that opinion and did not enact legislation to the contrary. Subsequently a constitutional convention was held on March 28, 1944, at which an amendment was proposed to the Constitution which expressly authorized the General Assembly to prescribe the time of voting by members of the armed forces. That amendment, which is Article XXII of amendments, was adopted April 11, 1944, and besides specifically authorizing absentee voting by "members of the armed forces and the merchant marine of the United States in active service," it provided: "and the General Assembly is also authorized and empowered to enact legislation prescribing the time, place, manner and extent of voting by such members \* \* \*." (bold face ours.) The people thus extended the power of the General Assembly so that thereafter it could constitutionally authorize such members of the armed forces and the merchant marine to vote on or before Election Day, but significantly nothing was provided expressly or by necessary implication in that amendment to authorize the



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general assembly to fix the time for voting by civilian absentee and shut-in voters.

However, some years later the General Assembly proposed to the people Article XXIII of Amendments, which the latter adopted on Nov. 2, 1948. This amendment authorized not only electors absent from the state to vote as provided by Article XXI, but it also extended the privilege to electors within the state who were unable to vote in person at their polling places because of old age, physical disability, illness or for other physical infirmities. It also authorized such civilian absentees and shut-ins to vote for officers and on all questions on the city, town or water district ballots as well as those on the state ballot, which Article XXI did not. It further provided that the General Assembly should have the power to carry the amendment into effect, but again significantly it did not authorize that body to prescribe the time of voting by civilian absentees and shut-ins, as Article XXII had done for those in the armed forces.

Apparently the General Assembly recognized a distinction in the problems affecting the exercise of the special privilege by the members of the armed forces on the one hand and by the civilian absentees and shut-ins on the other, and accordingly it did not ask the people for the power which had been given to it by Article XXII. We are, therefore, unanimously of the opinion that the constitutional pattern is clear, and that Article XXIII does not authorize the General Assembly to provide for voting by civilian absentees and shut-ins thereunder at any time other than on the day of election as expressly prescribed by the Constitution in Article XVI of amendments.

Under Article I, section 4, of the federal Constitution the legislatures of the several states are expressly authorized to fix the time of holding elections for senators and representatives in Congress, so that this opinion has no application to the election of such officers.

Article XXIII of Amendments to the state Constitution expressly annulled Article XXI of Amendments and did not contain any saving clause preserving the legislation which had been enacted thereunder and under which civilian absentee voters had been exercising their privilege of voting in absentia since 1932. It is undisputed that Article XXIII was not self-executing and therefore required legislation to implement it. See *Opinion of the Governor* (The Registration of Electors), 22 R. I. 651.

The petitioner argues that the General Assembly failed to enact such legislation. The respondent contends that since the general assembly, after the adoption of that article, did pass certain amendments to G. L. 1938, chapter 319, purporting to carry out the intent thereof, namely, P. L. 1949, chapter 2316, P. L. 1950, chapter 2637, P. L. 1933, chapters 3204 and 3205, P. L. 1954, chapter 3314, and P. L. 1955, chapter 3456, it had effectively implemented the article of amendment. The petitioner claims such legislative amendments were abortive since they purported to amend a law which did not exist. He contends that such law fell with the express annulment of Article XXI of Amendments on which the law was based. In support of that claim he relies upon the well-recognized principle that, in the absence of a saving clause, legislation which is dependent upon or subsidiary to a constitutional provision which has been repealed falls with such provision, and he cites *State vs. Tonks*, 15 R. I. 385, *Williams vs. Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana*, 278 U. S. 235, *Dorcy vs. State of Kansas*, 264 U. S. 286, *Railroad Retirement Board vs. Alton R. R.*, 295 U. S. 330, *Carter vs. Carter Coal Co.*, 290 U. S. 238, and *United States vs. Chambers*, 291 U. S. 217.

We have examined those cases and we are in accord with the principle applied to the facts therein. However, in the case at bar we think the factual situation which confronts us differs in kind and degree to such an extent that a majority of the court feels that a liberal construction should be applied to the amendatory acts passed by the General Assembly subsequent to the adoption of Article XXIII of Amendments and that they should be treated as manifesting an intent on the part of the General Assembly to implement such article of amendment by re-enacting the prior statutory law by reference.

It is conceded that such a construction is extremely liberal and something may well be said by the petitioner in criticism of it. However, inasmuch as a rule of statutory construction only is involved in this phase of the case, we feel warranted in indulging such liberality in order that as many of these civilian absentee and shut-in votes as it is constitutionally possible to save may not be lost. Therefore, we hold that such part of G. L. 1938, Chapter 319, as amended, which authorizes voting on Election Day is valid and that part which purports to authorize voting before Election Day is invalid. See *State v. Clark*, 15 R.I. 385. On that view we are of the opinion that there is effective legislation by reference substantially implementing Article XXIII of Amendments so far as it con-

cerns voting by civilian absentees and shut-ins on Election Day. The board is therefore lawfully authorized to receive and count the ballots cast by such electors on Election Day.

In view of the urgency of a prompt decision we directed the board to ascertain the number of those ballots. They have done so and have reported to us that 648 such ballots were cast on Election Day. By crediting the respondent with all of such ballots, notwithstanding some of them were probably cast for petitioner, the result favorable to petitioner as disclosed by voting machine totals and the total of the ballots cast of members of the armed forces would not be altered. Consequently we find it unnecessary to examine 270 civilian absentee and shut-in ballots to which petitioner had objected for certain reasons pertaining to each ballot which had been segregated pursuant to such objection. In view of the official tabulation of the board as above disclosed, it is our further opinion that the board should issue a certificate of election to petitioner, since our order in this case is that the record of the board in counting certain civilian absentee and shut-in ballots which were cast before Election Day and the declaration of election of the respondent based hereon is illegal and void and must be quashed.

Before concluding we must advert to one other point because there is a diversity of opinion thereon among the members of the court. Although the respondent did not file any motion to dismiss the petition on the ground that petitioner was not entitled to prefer it, he contended in his brief and in oral argument that petitioner's failure, before the Board of Elections, to have all civilian absentee and shut-in ballots marked and segregated precludes him from having the board's action reviewed and the constitutionality of Chapter 319, as amended, determined by this court in these certiorari proceedings. However, before the board he conceded that petitioner had the right to raise that question saying: "It is properly within the rights of Governor Roberts, if he wants to challenge the constitutionality of this section of the statute, nobody objects to his right to do that." Transcript of the Board of Elections, page 715.

Nevertheless, he now seeks to make an opposite contention and relies chiefly on his interpretation of *Brereton v. Board of Canvassers*, 55 R.I. 23. There are several answers to this contention insofar as it is urged against our considering the above issue. In the first place the determination of the validity of the statute does not require examination of any ballots. Secondly, petitioner objected to the counting of all civilian absentee and shut-in ballots before the count of all ballots was finally concluded by the board and the result announced. He thus properly brought in question upon the record the constitutionality of the statute upon which the jurisdiction of the board to receive and count all ballots cast pursuant thereto depends. See *State v. Garnetto*, 75 R.I. 86.

The respondent has apparently misconceived the *Brereton* case. In that case the petitioner did not raise any objections to the rulings of the board of canvassers at the counting of the ballots, although in his petition for certiorari he alleged that he had. As a result of such allegations the writ issued but at the hearing before us he was unable to sustain such allegations and we quashed the writ. Neither at the hearing before the board nor here did he question the validity of the election law and he did not raise any question of the right of any elector to vote. In fact no question of the constitutional right of absentees or shut-ins to vote was involved in that case. His contentions were based solely on the alleged illegal manner in which certain ballots were marked by the voter. We pointed out in our opinion that such questions could not be raised for the first time in this court but that they should have been raised before the board, and that each protested ballot should have been marked for identification and segregated there for purposes of review here. The petitioner at no time either before the board or in this court raised any question of the board of canvassers' jurisdiction to receive and count any ballots nor did he bring upon the record a question of the constitutionality of the election law.

In the case at bar the constitutional issue, which the respondent before the board conceded that petitioner had the right to raise, concerned the legal authority of two classes of voters to vote at all, and not whether certain specific ballots were properly marked by the voter in accordance with law. The sum and substance of petitioner's claim is that no civilian absentee or shut-in ballots should be counted, because there is no valid statute authorizing such ballots to be voted under Article XXIII of Amendments, and therefore the board was without jurisdiction to receive and count them.

That is a pure question of law which may be determined wholly aside from an examination of the ballots. In fact an inspection of the ballots as such could not possibly aid in determining this fundamental question of law. Further, since it is a question of jurisdiction over the subject matter it could be raised at any time. Moreover, involved in petitioner's claim is the further contention that in any event the statute is unconstitutional. Such question having been brought upon the record before the board, there can be no doubt that certiorari lies in this court to have that issue finally determined. *Thayer Amusement Corp. vs. Moulton*, 63 R. I. 182. The majority of the court, therefore, have no hesitancy in holding that petitioner is properly here.

The respondent has raised a further objection, namely, that petitioner is estopped to question the validity of the statute under which the challenged ballots were cast because as governor he approved such statute. There is no merit in that contention. It would be a mischievous precedent if we were to hold that a governor or a member of the General Assembly must submit to an unconstitutional law merely because in the performance of his official duty

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he had participated in the enactment of such law. We are aware of no case where any court has gone to that extent in applying the doctrine of estoppel to such officers and we doubt if any can be found. Without further prolonging this opinion we may say that we have considered the respondent's other objections based on estoppel, laches and waiver and we find them all to be lacking in merit.

Our conclusions may be summed up in a few sentences. The people of this state have the sole power to say when and where the votes for officers on the state ballot may be cast. They have authorized the General Assembly to allow members of the armed forces to cast them when and where it prescribes. They have not authorized the General Assembly to allow civilian absentees and shut-ins to vote at any time other than on Election Day. If we were to give effect to that part of the statute which permitted them to vote before Election Day and allow such ballots to be counted, notwithstanding that we hold such portion of the statute unconstitutional, we would be usurping the power which the people have reserved to themselves.

This court may not evade its plain duty no matter how disagreeable the consequences. The power to keep the legislative department within its constitutional limits has been lodged here by the people and they have a right to expect us to exercise it in a proper case. Speaking of that power and the duty of the court to declare a statute which conflicts with the constitution void, the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts declared in *Bove vs. Secretary of the Commonwealth*, 320 Mass. 230, at page 244: "It is a necessary function, if constitutional provisions are to be the supreme law, and not mere declarations of policy to be disregarded by the legislature at will."

And further on the same page that court stated: "The people by the Constitution created the legislative branch of government as well as the executive and judicial branches, and conferred and at the same time limited the powers of

each of them. Each must act pursuant to the Constitution and within the authority conferred by it. Once the idea of enactments at different levels of authority is grasped, it becomes clear that a provision contained in a statute cannot have any force as law if it conflicts with any provision contained in the higher law of the Constitution." Later in applying this principle they said at page 245: "When one party relies on some provision of a statute, and the other relies on some provision of the higher law of the Constitution, with which, it is alleged, the statute conflicts, the court, in order to determine what the law really is, must first decide whether there is conflict. If there is, its duty is to apply the higher law of the Constitution and disregard the statute."

We recognize that this court, in keeping with those principles, is in a real sense the guardian of the Constitution. To discharge that task it has been vested with the power to prevent the other departments of the government from transgressing the limits set for them by the Constitution. We would be recreant to our trust if we did not scrupulously observe it ourselves. Being convinced beyond a reasonable doubt, as we are, that there is no constitutionally valid statute permitting civilian absentee or shut-in voters to vote before Election Day and no jurisdiction in the board to count their votes, it is our plain and imperative duty to declare all such votes illegal and void. *Carr v. Brown*, 20 R. I. 215. As well so well said by the judges of the Supreme Court of Connecticut with reference to the unconstitutionality of a similar election statute in that state, ". . . the people saw fit, in their determined intention that all elections should be regulated by constitutional provisions, unalterable by the General Assembly, to prescribe in the clearest manner when, where and how the elective franchise should be exercised, and these provisions must control the General Assembly in all exigencies, until changed by the supreme will of the people, expressed in a new or amended Constitution." *Opinion of the Judges of the Supreme Court*, 30 Conn. 591, 600 (1862).

The petition for certiorari is granted. The record of the Board of Elections pertaining to the counting of civilian absentee and shut-in ballots cast before Election Day and to the declaration of respondent's election as governor is quashed. Pursuant to our decision in this matter heretofore filed on Jan. 1, 1957, the records certified to this court are ordered returned to said board.

ANDREWS, J., dissenting. The essential facts and principles of law material to my dissent in this case are substantially the same as in the case of *John H. McGann vs. Board of Elections et al.*, M. P. No. 1195, in which I have filed a dissenting opinion and it seems to me unnecessary to file another extended opinion.

In my judgment the reasons which I have stated in the above-mentioned case apply here and the instant decision should read: "The petition is denied and dismissed, the writ is quashed, the restraining order heretofore entered is dissolved, and the records certified to us are ordered returned to the Board of Elections with our decision endorsed thereon."

Text of Supreme Court of Roberts - Del Sesto Case

# Del Sesto Says Gov. Roberts Made Apology

Only a matter of hours before the Rhode Island Supreme Court decision of last Jan. 1, Governor Roberts "apologized" to him for having contested the 1956 election, Christopher Del Sesto, his Republican opponent at the last election, said last night.

Mr. Del Sesto, who lost the governorship as a result of a Supreme Court decision, devoted much of his speech to a group of friends at Caruso's restaurant to a recital of the 1956 campaign and the Supreme Court action that followed.

On Dec. 31, about 3 p.m., he said, he received a telephone call at his home asking him to call a private number given him. He said he was informed the governor wanted to talk with him. At the time the entire state was awaiting the Supreme Court decision, which came about 24 hours later.

"Sure enough," Mr. Del Sesto said, "when I called the number it was Denny Roberts. I made some notes."

He repeated that part of the conversation which already has been published; that the governor had offered the use of his staff if the Supreme Court decided in the Republican's favor.

"Then," Mr. Del Sesto said, "the governor said: 'I'm sorry for what I did to you and your family. I was advised to do it by persons I know now were not acting for my best interests.'"

That conversation, Mr. Del Sesto added, came only three hours after Attorney General

E. Powers had telephoned him to ask, "What clothes do we wear tomorrow?"

Mr. Del Sesto said he inquired

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if the attorney general "was trying to kid me."

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Mr. Powers continued, according to Mr. Del Sesto, with these words: "Chris, you're in. You'll win the case. I don't see how the court can hold otherwise."

Neither Governor Roberts nor the attorney general could be reached for comment on the Del Sesto statement.

Mr. Del Sesto said he has pondered those two telephone calls a great deal in the intervening year and that he has not yet come to a decision on the reason they were made. "I call them the two mystery calls," he said.

There had been many reports about the nature of the telephone call made by the governor to Mr. Del Sesto last Dec. 31, but up to last night the Republican would not discuss the situation.

Mr. Del Sesto said he believes the governor's tone of voice "was apologetic."

Some persons present in the room during the telephone conversation with the governor, Mr. Del Sesto said, suggested it was a joke, or "it was done for a publicity stunt."

Mr. Del Sesto added: "If that is so, it was one of the cruelest things ever done."

Mr. Del Sesto made no mention of his political plans last night, but most of the Republicans at the gathering took for granted his intention of running again for governor.

Mayor Raymond E. Stone of Warwick presented Mr. Del Sesto with a volume on the Life of Abraham Lincoln, and in doing so said that "regardless of the opinions of the court, the people of Rhode Island will make restitution for the rape of the last election by electing Chris governor of Rhode Island in the next election."

Mr. Del Sesto said he looked upon last night's dinner as "a close to the 1956 election which has lasted 19 months for me," adding, "I hope to get a little rest before the next campaign starts."

Last night's meeting was

# Mr. Joslin supports the absentee vote amendment

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I have the highest respect for Mr. Joseph Mainelli's legal ability, but I must disagree with the conclusions reached by him in his letter which was published by you in the Bulletin of Wednesday, Feb. 19.

As a result of the long count, the General Assembly last year authorized the creation of a commission to study and revise the election laws of Rhode Island. The committee appointed was bipartisan and included the following: Mr. Justice Jeremiah E. O'Connell, a retired Supreme Court Justice; Senators Harry J. Hall and John McWeeney from the Rhode Island Senate; Representatives Joseph E. Malley and James H. Kiernan from the Rhode Island House of Representatives; Mrs. Nina L. Hedges, formerly President of the Rhode Island League of Women Voters; and John G. Coffey, Edward M. Dolbashian, Edward F. Hindle and the writer, all practicing attorneys. Senator McWeeney is the leader of the Democratic party in the Rhode Island Senate; Representatives Kiernan and Malley are the leaders of the Democratic and Republican parties respectively in the Rhode Island House of Representatives. Senator Hall is a veteran of many years service in the Rhode Island Senate. Mr. Coffey and the writer were counsel respectively for Governor Roberts and Mr. Christopher DelSesto in the long count litigation. The commission retained as a consultant Professor William Miller of the Law School of the University of New York, a nationally recognized authority on election laws.

After organization the commission adopted as its first order of business the drafting of a proposed constitutional amendment which would authorize the enactment of legislation permitting the voting by absentees and shut-ins either on or before election day. In its deliberations, the commission examined the constitutional and statutory provisions on absentee voting of the various states of the country. It found that absentees can vote in more than 40 states; that in most of these states absentees may cast their ballots before election day, and that in many they can cast their ballots only if they do so before election day; that in many of the states authorizing or requiring the casting of ballots prior to election day, there are constitutional provisions fixing "election day" as the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November; that in many of the states which by Constitution fix the day of holding elections, the legislature is given the power by Constitution to provide by law for fixing the time of voting by absentees and shut-ins.

As examples, the Commission found that in Massachusetts, absentees may vote on or before election day under a constitutional provision granting the General Court the power "to provide by law for voting" by absentees; that in Connecticut, absentees can only vote before election day under legislation adopted pursuant to a constitutional amendment giving the General Assembly "power to provide by law for voting" by



Representatives of both parties supervise the historic 'long count.'

absentees; that in New York, under a constitutional provision giving it the power to "provide a manner in which, and the time and place at which" absentees may vote, the legislature has authorized absentees to vote only if they do so before election day; and that in New Hampshire the legislature, acting under a constitutional grant of authority to "provide by law for voting" by absentees, has enacted legislation authorizing them to vote on or before election day.

In all of the states referred to, as in Rhode Island, the day of holding general elections is fixed by their respective Constitutions. Similar situations prevail in most of the states authorizing voting by absentees.

The commission considered also the decision of our Supreme Court in the Roberts-DelSesto case, so-called. In that case, the Court held that the legislature was without authority under the provisions of Article XXII of the Amendments to our Constitution to authorize absentees or shut-ins to vote for general officers of the state or senators or representatives in the state legislature other than on election day. In reaching that conclusion the Supreme Court referred in its opinion to Article XXII of the Amendments to our Constitution. The Court noted that Article XXII, besides specifically authorizing absentee voting by "members of the armed forces and the merchant marine of the United States in active service," provides that "the General Assembly is also authorized and empowered to enact legislation prescribing the time, place, manner and extent of voting by such members. . . ." In commenting on the servicemen's amendment the Court said this, "The people thus extended the power of the General Assembly so that thereafter it could constitutionally authorize such members of the armed forces and the merchant marine to vote on or before election day. . . ." Our Court, therefore, has expressly recognized that by use of the language found in the servicemen's amendment the people can give to the General Assembly the power to allow voting in absentia either on or before election day.

After considering the constitutional and statutory provisions on absentee voting in effect in the various states of the country and after carefully considering the opinion of our Supreme Court in the Roberts-DelSesto case, so-called, the commission was unanimously of the opinion that the best way of granting to the legislature the power to authorize absentee voting on or before election day was to frame the grant of authority in a method and manner upon which our Supreme Court has ruled. Accordingly, the amendment which the commission proposed and which was adopted by the constitutional convention uses exactly the same words as are found in the servicemen's amendment, words upon which the Court has passed; namely, "the General Assembly is authorized and empowered to enact legislation prescribing the time, place, manner and extent of voting. . . ."

It was the unanimous opinion of the Election Laws Commission that under such an amendment the legislature can constitutionally authorize voting by absentees or shut-ins prior to election day. The Attorney General of the State of Rhode Island, acting as Chairman of the special subcommittee of the constitutional convention which considered the absentee amendment, has expressed himself as being of like opinion. The constitutional convention included elected of-

ficials, legislators, and many prominent practicing attorneys. By almost unanimous vote, it reached a like conclusion. Governor Roberts, Mr. DelSesto, and Attorney-General Nugent voted in favor of the adoption of the amendment. Professor Ernest Brown, a teacher of Constitutional Law at the Harvard Law School was called as a special consultant to the constitutional convention and he advised that he was of the opinion that the legislature clearly could authorize voting by shut-ins and absentees either on or before election day under the proposed amendment; our Supreme Court ruled in the Roberts-DelSesto case that Amendment XXII to the Constitution, which grants the right to vote as absentees to servicemen, authorizes the legislature to enact legislation allowing service personnel to vote on or before election day.

Article XXII is word for word in relevant portions the same as the proposed amendment.

On the basis of the above, it appears to me that the fears of Mr. Mainelli are without foundation and that the voters of the state, if they desire that the legislature should have the power to authorize voting on or before election day, should vote in favor of the proposed amendment at the special election to be held tomorrow.

Alfred H. Joslin  
Providence

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# DeCiantis Rakes Insurgents

Breaking a primary campaign silence, Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, West Warwick Democratic chairman, last night raked insurgent town Democrats from stem to stern, declaring the insurgent ticket is "mostly Republicans."

He particularly assailed Charles J. Bourgault, one of the insurgents' top men, saying he was a man "who is very much experienced in pole vaulting" and is "expert at jumping."

He said Mr. Bourgault, a former Democratic town solicitor, ran as a Republican for representative in District 3 in 1940 and "Charles 'Harvard' Bourgault" was defeated by 960 plurality by William Forest.

"Not being able to sell himself in West Warwick, he began to peddle his wares in Coventry, where he was given a job as probate judge, but he didn't last," he said. "He left Coventry and went into West Greenwich where he became town solicitor and again he didn't last. We made him town solicitor in this town, but what hap-

pened? He resigned. He couldn't take it."

Soon after Mr. DeCiantis' radio talk on Station WWRI, former Sen. Henry C. Hoxsie of West Greenwich objected to the DeCiantis attack on Mr. Bourgault.

He said Mr. Bourgault served West Greenwich without pay after being invited to serve as town solicitor and probate judge "and his record as an officer here was a credit to the Democratic administration. He did the job and did it well."

Mr. DeCiantis said Mr. Bourgault went to the home of Francis J. Fazzino, Council president, in 1954 and tried to influence him to see that Sen. Francis J. LaChapelle did not run endorsed.

"He is consistently attacking the Democratic administration, but that is to be expected from a man who believes in the Republican ways and philosophy," he said. "He attached himself to the PTA's. Now he is working the veterans to death."

He said that, after he had made a radio talk on the three-way municipal building, opposing it, "none other than 'Harvard' Bourgault" called to congratulate him on a wonderful speech "so you see he is trying to fool the veterans."

Governor Roberts appointed Mr. Bourgault to the state liquor hearing board four years ago, but now Mr. Bourgault is working for Lt. Gov. Armand H. Cote against him, he said, adding, "he's on the picket fence again."

Mr. DeCiantis also singled out Clarence J. Coutu, insurgent

secretary, as "the self-appointed civic leader of the town. This man gets carried away with his own ego. Everything in which he is involved becomes a big balloon and then pops."

He said the "cards were stacked" against Albert (Al the Barber) Muschiano, insurgent state committee candidate, and that he is "in the bottom of the deck" in the insurgent group, with Mr. Coutu and John S. Brunero, insurgent chairman, above him. He said primary declarations at the town hall show Mr. Muschiano was an insurgent candidate while leading fellow town committeemen to think he wasn't.

"All you've been able to do is weep for your brother and clip Cote's hair," he said to Mr. Muschiano. The reference was to an unsuccessful attempt to obtain a regular police appointment for a brother.

Mr. Muschiano said last night that, contrary to Mr. DeCiantis' belief the insurgents were sitting in one room listening to him, he was clipping customers' hair in his shop and they all laughed at the speaker. He said his brother's job was not a campaign issue and that he "was happy to cut Governor Roberts' hair, Mr. Cote's hair and, yes, your hair, too, Mike."

Mr. DeCiantis said that Guido Pettinicchio was interested in a part-time job at the sewer plant, but that, when he spoke to Mr. Coutu, he told him that he "was not going to go for an Italo-American" for the job.

### "Being Used"

He said Vincenzo James Giusti, Council candidate, "is being used," by the insurgent "braintrusts" and that Mr.

Muschiano and Mr. Brunero are not going to vote for him.

Mr. DeCiantis attacked the insurgents for holding a rally at which "a man imitated me. I took it as a joke. But you used a disabled man," who later said he didn't mean to make fun of him and thought he was going to a shower."

He said he is sure that, while the insurgents will "fool each other, they will fool no one else."

Felix Appolonia, endorsed candidate for state representative in the first district, also replied to insurgent candidates, Rudolph Nardella, town committee candidate, and Mr. Bourgault. He said Mr. Nardella has not explained why he was dropped from the endorsed list. Mr. Bourgault should know that the administration had to think of the effect on people's taxes in building a new municipal building.

Mr. DeCiantis also questioned which insurgents are saying that Fire Chief Lionel Gareau and Police Chief Arthur Groleau are nearing retirement age and should retire.

"Does it mean they're out to do a job on two fine men of West Warwick?"

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## In West Warwick, Johnston Primaries

## Local Bosses Face Challenge

While most Rhode Island Democrats have their eyes firmly fixed on the top echelon battle between Governor Roberts and Lt. Gov. Armand H. Cote, some are watching with frank concern two lower level contests shaping up in Johnston and West Warwick.

Democrats are showing some interest too in primary contests in Woonsocket, Westerly and Cranston where insurgents are pushing hard to unseat organization men, but most attention centers on Francis A. Manzi of Johnston and Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick.

Those two men, both among the last of the undisputed local party bosses, are facing—for the first time in years—real opposition.

Jaunty, wry-humored Mike DeCiantis, who once trounced a slate of challengers led by formidable Col. Patrick H. Quinn, low-rates the strength of West Warwick's current insurgents.

#### Pressure on Party

But this year a full slate of insurgent West Warwick Democrats for Good Government, bolstered by needed support in the key Natick area, are forcing party workers to move at a feverish tempo.

Despite the full slate, it is no secret that Mr. DeCiantis is the target. For years this astute attorney has been a strong behind the scenes figure in Valley politics, since the days of the late Colonel Quinn, who was at first Mike's friend and mentor.

As town solicitor and party chairman and as a most popular public personality, Mr. DeCiantis picked and discarded candidates virtually at will, elected them easily and blueprinted policies and procedures for the party and the town government. He has been a center of controversy and heretofore, has been firmly in control.

#### Johnston Clash

Some miles away from the bustle of West Warwick the political spotlight is also centered on a dominant, if less colorful, town boss.

Frank Manzi, 53, white-haired and stocky, is not the personality that Mike DeCiantis is. He's serious minded, retiring and avoids, rather than seeks, the spotlight.

But if not the delightful performer that Mike DeCiantis can be, Mr. Manzi nonetheless is a comparable power in local politics. He too is an attorney, a town solicitor, and a party chairman. And he too is, or has been until this year, the virtually unchallenged chieftain of a local organization.

In 1934 he led the Democrats to a surprise victory over a strong Republican organization and took control. He has never let go. He served eight years as councilman, six years as deputy secretary of state, and 15 years as town so-



Michael DeCiantis



Francis A. Manzi

licitor. He is also general counsel for the Department of Labor.

This year, however, his determined efforts on behalf of a move to locate a race track in town brought a simmering intra-party discontent into the open.

William J. Carios, an attorney and former chairman of the budget board, successfully engineered a 6-5 victory on endorsements. Mr. Manzi, however, held off signing endorsement papers, called another meeting and pushed through new endorsements and dropped Mr. Carios from the committee.

Earlier in the year although Mr. Manzi worked hard to defeat proposals for a new junior high school, the school was authorized.

Shortly after that battle, the Democrats for Good Government, an insurgent group, was formed. Unlike past movements, this group is well organized and is working hard and in addition has a large representation of prominent PTA people who were aroused by the

other faction to oust their former close friend, and former senator, Thomas D. Santoro, now town chairman. This issue is mostly factional.

#### Cranston Battle

Rep. Michael Sepe in Cranston who has weathered many efforts to unseat him, including a drive led by Mayor John Turnbull several years ago, is again in a battle.

Mr. Sepe successfully backed Anthony L. George for the mayoral nomination this year despite opposition and is now striking back at the ward committeemen who fought him. He is backing insurgent slates against the incumbent ward committees.

In Woonsocket too there is a contest, this an extension of the Roberts-Cote fight.

Angelo DiSpirito Jr., city chairman, but controlling only a minority of votes in his committee, is facing Gustav LaBrecche, a former chairman, for control of the committee. Mr. DiSpirito backs Mr. Cote and Mr. LaBrecche backs the governor.

East Providence Democrats have a small fight for committee seats, the effect of which will not be felt on the current political situation.

Manzi opposition to the new school.

As a result Mr. Manzi is facing the first full primary contest in his 30 years as chairman.

Elsewhere the primary contests are smaller, less colorful and probably less significant.

In Coventry, for instance, a nine-man slate, many considered good vote getters, is running with Chester J. Mruk who is seeking the senatorial nomination over William C. Fecteau Jr., Council president.

In Westerly the Cappuccio brothers, Frank and Louis, both prominent figures for years, have allied themselves with one-time chairman Sylvester Morrone and an-

# Three Insurgents Win Committee Places in West Warwick



Michael De Ciantis dictates his winning-losing statement. —State Staff Photo

Endorsed West Warwick Democrats, in a hardfought primary, yesterday defeated the insurgent West Warwick Democrats for good government, but not without some casualties, among them the redoubtable town solicitor, Michael DeCiantis, party chairman and main target.

Mr. DeCiantis was knocked out of the top 21 vote-getters who were elected to the policy-making town committee, along with present Councilmen Chester Kulasewski and Herve Niquette. They were replaced on the committee by insurgents Charles J. Bourgault, Alphonse Archambault and Alfred Char-

James Scully of Crompton, endorsed for state committee-man in the third representative

district, fell victim to insurgent Paul H. Dufault, who defeated him by 202 votes.

Mr. Bourgault, one of the top insurgent strategy makers, also proved popular, defeating Mortimer W. Newton for the town moderator nomination by 60 votes. But the endorsed group, obviously strengthened by new blood in the form of an entirely new Town Council, racked up such high pluralities in Riverpoint, long a party stronghold, and in Lippitt-Phenix area that the insurgents' good showing even in Natick was more than offset.

As expected, the insurgents held the endorsed candidates to small pluralities in usually all-out-for-the-organization Natick. That was because they had several strong Natick can-

didates, including Albert Mutschiano, on their slate. Mr. Mutschiano running for state committeeman in the first representative district, carried Natick, but his opponent, John E. Conlon, won district-wide, owing to the big endorsed pluralities in Lippitt, the other end of the district.

In two contests for state representative nominations, Felix Appolonia, endorsed, defeated John S. Brunero, insurgent group chairman, by 155 votes in the first district.

In the third district, Francis X. Kennedy, endorsed, who was also top vote-getter for town committee with 1,902, squeaked through over Raymond Petrarca, insurgent, by 17 votes, 853 to 836.

Mr. DeCiantis, who this week

has asked voters not to vote for him, polled 1,698 votes for town committee, just missing out. He was 22nd out of the 42 candidates for town committee, running 25 votes behind the 21st man.

While Joseph D. Richard of Phenix, endorsed Councilman No. 1 candidate, proved a strong choice with more than 750 plurality over Vincenzo James Giusti, endorsed School Committeeman Lorenzo Bergeron was able to squeak through over insurgent Ernest P. Archambault by only 32 votes.

In between those men, endorsed candidates' pluralities for town office ranged from the 200's to the 400's.

The town has been Democratic most of the time since it was split from Warwick in 1913.

Many observers prior to the primary thus felt that the primary was more important than the election, as far as the likelihood of the winners becoming the next town administration goes. However, for several elections now, the Republicans have been narrowing the pluralities of Democrats and have even captured some minor offices.

The polling places last night were forced to handle a last-minute surge of voters. The voters were admitted at closing time 8 p.m., when many were queued up outside, and serpentine inside the buildings.

The turnout of about 4,000 voters was higher than all expectations. One top party leader had figured a high of 3,200.

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United Fund officials of Cranston map fall campaign. Left are Thomas V. Santopietro of solicitations division; Paul O. Sonne, of small business division; Adolph Anderson Jr., chairman, and John J. O'Connor Jr., in charge of eastern section of city. —State Staff Photo

## West Warwick Democrats Make Effort to Bury Hatchet

West Warwick Democrats made a determined effort to bury the hatchet yesterday at the annual outing in the Club 400, Natick. Chief speaker was Governor Roberts who lost the town by 600 votes in the primary.

First person to address the overflow crowd estimated at 1,200 was Charles J. Bourgault, insurgent leader and successful candidate for the nomination of town moderator and for the town committee.

Mr. Bourgault had been a chief target of administration leaders. When Town Council President Francis J. Fazzano, who was toastmaster, greeted the gathering he made a point of saying that Mr. Bourgault was "one of us."

Mr. Bourgault introduced Alphonse Archambault and Alfred Chartier, also insurgents successful in obtaining seats on the town committee in the primary which saw administration men winners in nearly all other contests.

"I will not mince words," Mr. Bourgault said. "Of course we have just emerged from a hot campaign. One of the issues was

my own political integrity. The voters have decided the issue and I am here to address you as a Democrat and not a Republican."

He then said that with that settled he wished to go over "a couple of issues without malice." Comparing the members of the town committee to first sergeants in the Army, he said that if anyone should lay down his arms and refuse to fight because of a disagreement over who should command he would be guilty of serious misconduct in front of the enemy.

Francis Giorgio, Democratic leader in Natick, had issued a statement saying he would not support the party unless Michael De Ciantis, defeated as candidate for the town committee, could remain as chairman.

Mr. Giorgio said later, after Mr. De Ciantis told the crowd he definitely did not want to be on the committee, that he would be supporting the party in November. He said he still felt it was a great shame to lose the leadership of Mr. De Ciantis.

Mr. De Ciantis received a

hand when introduced as "Mr. Democrat of West Warwick," by the toastmaster.

"I'm so happy today I can't even sit down," the town solicitor said in opening.

"I should say in the beginning so that the air will be cleared in our town that when I told the people of West Warwick I did not want their vote, I meant it."

He said that while he was pleased with the complimentary vote he received, "especially considering 1,000 Republicans voted," his feeling was not changed about serving on the committee.

"I have never broken a promise to the people of West Warwick. I will not be a member of the town committee under any circumstances."

He said he would call a meeting of the town committee in the first week of October to elect a new chairman.

He thanked Mr. Giorgio for voicing his personal loyalty and said that he knew the Natick leader would be 100 per cent for the party in November.

**More Than Welcome**  
Giovanni Folcarelli, Scituate Democratic chairman, told the gathering that if West Warwick did not want Mr. De Ciantis, he would be more than welcome in Scituate.

Governor Roberts praised Mr. De Ciantis, saying "Mike does not have to tell us what he will do for victory of the party." He also singled out Mr. Fazzano, who did not seek renomination.

The governor told the group that he and Joseph M. Vallone, director of public welfare, had been criticized by Republicans for having the state build the Factory Street Bridge in West Warwick.

He said he followed the program of the local officials who should know what was needed and by doing so kept local taxes down. He said West Warwick was an industrial community that furnished jobs for the people and that high taxes would frighten industry away.

Now the primary was over every one was obligated to support the chosen candidates, the governor declared, after saying members of the party had a right to dispute issues and take them to the people.

Mr. Fazzano said that it was a pleasure to see so many former insurgents at the gathering. In addition to the successful candidates, Henry Erinakes and Mrs. Francis La Chappelle, unsuccessful insurgents, were present.

Sen. Francis J. La Chapelle, who was unopposed in the primary, promised that if reelected he would have the state build another bridge replacing the Pulaski Street Bridge in Crompton.

"If I don't do it, I'll never run again," he said.

Felix Appolonia, successful candidate for representative from district one, said he admired Mr. Giorgio for standing up for Mr. DeCiantis as he did. "He will be with us 100 per cent," Mr. Appolonia said.

He thanked those who had worked for the insurgent ticket for coming.

As part of the peace policy, Mr. DeCiantis and Mr. Bourgault posed shaking hands. Not present were insurgent leaders Clarence Coutu and John Brunero and many of the candidates who ran on the insurgent ticket.

Other state candidates speaking were Atty. Gen. J. Joseph Nugent; August P. LaFrance, candidate for secretary of state; John A. Notte Jr., present secretary of state and candidate for lieutenant governor and general treasurer Raymond H. Hawksley.

Others seated at the head table included Joseph D. Richard, Domenic Petrangelo, Fulda E. Geofroy, Antonio F. Miller and Frank W. Kusiak, all council candidates; Francis X. Kennedy, candidate for representative from district three; Rep. Gerard DiFiore of district one who did not seek renomination; Mrs. Yvonne Guiot, president of the West Warwick Democratic women.

Mr. Fazzano introduced other candidates from the floor.

# There is no painless way to finance government

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick has come up with what he believes is a "painless" way of raising cash for government in lieu of increased or new taxes. In capsule, Mr. DeCiantis' plan proposes to raise money by getting a bigger bite of race track receipts, by permitting local communities to run lotteries and by putting the state in the entertainment business for fights, games and other shows.



DeCiantis

The West Warwick political leader was moved to put together his proposal after struggling with local budget issues and hearing talk that the state may be driven to boost the sales tax or write an income tax law. Mr. DeCiantis particularly doesn't like the income tax unless it exempts income up to \$10,000. An income tax would do too much damage, he feels, to the man making between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

Well, no one likes to see his tax bill go up, no matter what escalator is designated by the state. It's understandable that many others than Mr. DeCiantis would like to see someone somehow devise a truly painless way to raise money for government. But is the DeCiantis plan as "painless" as he believes? Does the superficial attraction of dollars-through-fun mask a deeper injury to society and the economy?

First off, of course, is the question whether putting the state into the entertainment business might not hurt seriously those private interests which are trying to make a dollar—plus taxes—in the face of competition from TV. Will it do much good if the state makes money on shows while simultaneously losing for itself and local communities the tax dollars from bankrupt private firms?

As for local lotteries, Mr. DeCiantis anticipates opposition, and he says, "They do it in foreign

countries. They laugh at us. They're getting money, and here we're soaking the people for it. Don't forget, the Providence Public Library and other buildings were built on lotteries." As with the overall plan, this argument by Mr. DeCiantis has a superficial glitter, but it raises some questions.

Does Mr. DeCiantis realize that every dollar diverted into lotteries is a dollar unspent on consumer goods or unbanked as a fiscal resource? If West Warwick ran a lottery, would the town's merchants be heartened or disheartened if several thousand dollars in local spending went for chances instead of bread, butter, new cars, and clothing? How does West Warwick feel about this issue?

As for the race tracks in Rhode Island, these newspapers never

have accepted a brief in their defense, but when Mr. DeCiantis proposes a substantial increase in the state's take on track receipts, has he considered whether he might not be killing the fat goose which lays the lovely golden eggs? Are the tracks about to become the bottomless well that the federal treasury once was supposed to be?

As a lively generator of debate, Mr. DeCiantis has few equals in Rhode Island. But his scheme is as far-fetched as the plan of a few months ago to make Block Island the Atlantic Coast's Las Vegas. There just aren't any "painless" ways to raise money for government. The answer to the revenue problem is twofold: a continuing vigilance to cut the fat from budgets, and a tax program geared to the community's ability to pay.

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## Education Chief Rebuffs DeCiantis

# Opposes 'Strap' in Classroom

William P. Robinson Jr., state director of education, today said the suggestion that the state Department of Education "furnish a strap to every teacher" strikes him as not particularly enlightened.

The suggestion was made by Judge Michael DeCiantis, associate justice of the Family Court, in a Lenten program last night at St. Michael and All Angels Church (Episcopal), East Providence.

"Let him (the teacher) use it when the need arises," Judge DeCiantis said, urging the teacher to "give 'em the strap" to curb juvenile delinquency.

"I completely disagree," remarked Mr. Robinson. "This kind of procedure went out the window with enlightenment and intelligent ways of dealing with children."

Among other things, Judge DeCiantis called upon the schools to "stop teaching fandangle things to children who have no interest in them, and reintroduce reading, writing and arithmetic."

Replying, Mr. Robinson said, "He obviously is unacquainted with the issues. He is not equipped to comment. Generalities and oversimplifications are easy to make."

"Permissive education" had been blamed by Judge DeCiantis in his talk for much of today's juvenile delinquency. He urged that potential high school dropouts be allowed to hold a full-time job instead of the present part-time work. Judge DeCiantis also called for vocational schools that would be connected with the correctional institutions at Howard.

The present disciplinary sys-

tem in the public schools is making children lose respect for their teachers, the judge declared. Children expect punishment for their errors, he said, and when they don't get it, they lose respect for those who are supposed to control them in the classroom.

He said teachers cannot be expected to also be nurses and social workers, but he said schools have a "moral responsibility" to find out the reason for unexplained absences.

At the same time parents have a responsibility to see

that their children go to school, he said.

"It disturbs me that school authorities always bring in the child, but never bring in his parents," the judge said.

Judge DeCiantis also told the church audience that current criticism of the Family Court is to be expected.

He said it may be 15 or 20 years before the court is generally accepted.

He said people who criticize the court are not aware of the facts and do not know the court's accomplishments.



Michael De Ciantis: Saturday (left) and yesterday, losing locks to barber Albert Muschiano of Natick. It was the Democratic leader's first haircut in a month.

—Staff Photos

### Lock on Tonsorial Floor Shows Democratic Retreat

A lock of hair on the floor of a West Warwick barber-shop was the first sign yesterday of a Democratic retreat in the ding-dong race for governor.

The hair had been growing luxuriantly from the scalp of Michael DeCiantis, West Warwick town solicitor and one of Governor Roberts' attorneys in the ballot count.

Vowing he would not submit to a trim until the contest was decided, Mr. DeCiantis for five weeks had hurried past barbershops with his

head down and his coat collar up.

The attorney was found in a barber's chair yesterday, his grayish red locks falling to the floor in profusion like so many Democratic hopes.

He was asked the obvious question: "Does this mean you are conceding that Christopher Del Sesto is now officially elected governor?"

"No comment," Mr. DeCiantis smiled.

A wag waiting his "next" muttered, "Merely the gubernatorial conceding to the tonsorial."



Looking at best bid on the \$900,000 West Warwick School bond issue awarded to the Industrial National Bank at Council meeting last night are (l-r) seated, Town Treasurer Robert J.

Harrop and Joseph D. Richard, Council president. Standing (l-r): John E. Howard, assistant vice president of the bank, the town's fiscal agent, and Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor.

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Discussion continues outside Coventry Town House after last night's proposed new building code hearing. At left is

West Warwick Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis with his Coventry counterpart, James F. Murphy.

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## Mr. De Ciantis defends his plan for legal lotteries

The editorial entitled "There is no painless way to finance government," which appeared in the Evening Bulletin of Dec. 15, 1958, deserves an answer because of its attempt to create the impression that Rhode Island would become a den of iniquity if my so-called plan were adopted.

The editorial outlined my plan and said, "In capsule, Mr. De Ciantis' plan proposes to raise money 1) by getting a bigger bite of race track receipts, 2) by permitting local communities to run lotteries and 3) by putting the state in the entertainment business for fights, games and other shows."

The first and third phases of my plan require greater study because the primary consideration there is the raising of funds. I therefore shall confine myself to a discussion of the second phase, which concerns lotteries.

Your editorial raises the issue that lotteries are a competition for the merchants. I do not agree. In my opinion, the people of Rhode Island have never been given the real picture of the adoption of the constitutional prohibition of lotteries in this state.

The first lottery ticket in Rhode Island appeared in 1744; nearly 100 years later, the Constitution of 1842 prohibited them. On Nov. 17, 1856, the Journal editorially proclaimed the good of lotteries, and about 100 years from that date, on Dec. 15, 1958, it condemned lotteries as being a foolish expense that went for chances instead of for bread, butter, new cars and clothing.

Lotteries in Rhode Island were abolished because the



Michael De Ciantis

legislature promiscuously granted them to anyone and for any reason. It became a very bad practice. Authority to grant lotteries to every Tom, Dick and Harry would create a "pestilent evil." Authority should not be granted to one to raise sufficient money to pay his way out of jail; to allow another to pay his debts; to put up one's property to raise money; to build parsonages; or for any private purpose. Such a system, of course, results in misuse, abuse and fraud.

Your contention, therefore, that lotteries are in competition with merchants, is nothing but a professional argument advanced by those who are against lotteries. As late as 1927, the Providence Sunday Journal, on Jan. 30, in an article entitled "When Lotteries Raised Money for Public Improvements," said,

"At first, lotteries were honestly conducted. But abuses crept in and eventually the public was getting even less than one chance in

a thousand to get its money back, much less to make anything."

If lotteries are properly conducted, there is no argument against them. Abuse and dishonesty are the "pestilent evil." Doesn't this apply to all endeavors?

I submit, therefore, that in this era of tax, tax and more taxes, that:

1. Authority for lotteries should be granted to the state, cities and towns to raise money for public purposes only.
2. Lotteries should be regulated and controlled by the state and municipalities by effective laws.
3. The state or municipal-

ity should prohibit the sale of tickets by unauthorized agents.

4. They should also prohibit the sale of lottery tickets of other states in this state.

5. There should be severe penalties for violators.

Michael De Ciantis  
West Warwick  
(Edited from Mr. De Ciantis' letter were several long passages dealing with the history of lotteries in Rhode Island, apparently abstracted in part from John H. Stiness' "A Century of Lotteries in Rhode Island," from "Rhode Island Historical Tracts," published in 1896. —Ed.)

## Judge Reserves Decision On Family Court Waiver

Judge Michael DeCiantis of Family Court yesterday reserved decision on a motion to waive a youth out of the court's jurisdiction after the defense lawyer claimed such waivers violate constitutional guarantee of due process of law.

The youth, 16, is charged with three counts of robbery and two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, a pistol, in the armed holdup last Dec. 30 of three women having their hair done at Campbell's Beauty Salon at 230 Rochambeau Ave.

The youth's brother, 20, faces trial on identical charges in the adult courts, according to Providence detectives. The two brothers took a total of \$54, the detectives said.

Judge DeCiantis summed up the situation on the waiver hearing this way:

"We have a constitutional question raised, that I have no right to waive, that this court cannot waive, that this court can do just as much for them (hardened juvenile offenders) as any other court can."

The Rhode Island statute granting the right to waive juveniles out of Family Court jurisdiction, the judge added, is being contested as "illegal and void."

He set next Tuesday for arguments to be heard on the

constitutionality of the waiver statute.

Waiver out of juvenile court and into adult courts is being sought by Providence police who contend the youngster is beyond the scope of rehabilitation by programs available to the Family Court.

Family Court jurisdiction over juvenile criminals ends when the youngster becomes 21, while Superior Court can have control of an individual for the rest of his life, particularly in the matter of jail sentence.

The youngster's case probably would be disposed of at the Superior Court level. The constitutional question on juvenile waivers was raised by the youth's attorney, John P. Toscano Jr., assistant public defender. He claimed that Family Court has "concurrent jurisdiction" with Superior Court.

If the two courts have the same jurisdiction, he argued, then the Family Court can hold a jury trial for a juvenile just as well as Superior Court. According to a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision, he said, the youth is "entitled to a jury trial here (in Family Court) of his peers."

The Family Court has never held jury trials for juveniles and, reportedly, only three or four states provide for juvenile jury trials. Judge DeCiantis, in rulings going back more than five years, has stated that the right to a jury trial extends to juveniles, but none, apparently, has ever been sought in Rhode Island.

John Cappello, assistant city solicitor presenting the waiver motion, complained that raising the constitutional issue is "premature." The defense, he argued, should have "some authority to show the court, some case he is going

to base it (his argument) on."

Judge DeCiantis replied that he set next Tuesday's court session specifically to give Mr. Toscano the opportunity of presenting his case.

The judge denied the defense lawyer's motion to release the boy to the custody of his grandmother while awaiting trial. The grandmother and father sat next to the youth in the courtroom.

Judge DeCiantis remanded the youth to Annex C, the maximum security section of the Boy's Training School, where the youth has spent the three weeks since his arraignment on the holdup charges.

The judge said the youth at one time had been jailed for 89 days while waiting trial on other charges, only to have the city prosecutors drop them. However, he added, the youth has a criminal record and the current charges against him are too serious to allow him free on bail.





## Rao Names Eight to Expanded Democratic Executive Group

Democratic State Chairman Frank Rao today named eight new members to the expanded executive committee of the Democratic State Committee under authority voted him a month ago.

The eight appointments brought to 32 the executive committee membership as compared to 17 prior to Jan. 11, when the state committee adopted a by-law change.

Five of the new members named today were selected on a county basis; the three others to fill spots that opened up as a result of the state committee's action.

New members named today are:

Leo P. McGowan of Barrington, Bristol County; Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick, Kent County; Thomas H. Levesque of Portsmouth, Newport County; Louis B. Cappuccio of Westerly, Washington County; Mayor Raymond J. Morissette of Central Falls, Providence County; John E. Rebello of East Providence, B. Albert Ford of Providence

and Councilman Edmund Wexler of Providence.

Mr. Rao, facing a difficult task, made the selections from about 50 applications or recommendations, a score of them from the City of Providence.

The by-law change also gave automatic membership on the executive committee to the four members of Congress from Rhode Island, the four Democratic general state officers, the party floor leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives and the speaker of the House.

Since Sen. John O. Pastore, Rep. James H. Kierman of Providence, floor leader, and Speaker Harry F. Curvin of Pawtucket already were executive members, Mr. Rao was enabled to appoint the three additional members.

Potentially, the full membership of the executive committee could total 34 since all Democratic general state officers were voted automatic membership. The party no longer has a governor and a vacancy in the post of party treasurer long has existed.

The by-law change came

about as a result of agitation, principally on the part of Albert J. Lamarre, state elections board chairman, to expand the executive committee and make it more representative of ethnic and racial groups within the party.

Mr. McGowan, an attorney, is chairman of the Barrington town committee. Mr. DeCiantis, West Warwick town solicitor, is a former Democratic town chairman. Mr. Levesque, a lawyer, is chairman of the Portsmouth town committee. Mr. Cappuccio, former probate judge and town solicitor, is a member of the state committee. Mr. Morissette recently won election as mayor of Central Falls.

Mr. Rebello, an East Providence funeral director, had been endorsed for the executive committee by the Portuguese-American Democrats of Rhode Island. Mr. Ford is president of the Providence Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Councilman Wexler, an attorney, is Democratic floor leader in the Providence City Council.

# Budget Board Loses, 113 to 84

West Warwick taxpayers approved early today a \$1,526,299 budget, then rejected a Republican bid to create a budget committee the GOP said would better educate voters on financial matters.

No change in the present \$32 tax rate in the town is expected, Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis said.

Although 410 taxpayers had checked in at the meeting, many had left by the time of the budget committee showdown. The standing vote, actually proposed by Town Moderator Charles J. Bourgault on the question whether the voters wanted to consider A. Earl Shaw Jr.'s budget board plan was 113 in opposition to 84 in favor.

Mr. Shaw declared that the budget committee would replace the system under which one man (Mr. De Ciantis, Democratic Party leader) has had most to do with drafting a budget. He said budget committees are in effect in many towns.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

In another fiscal improvement move, Clarence J. Coutu tried unsuccessfully to get voters to approve paying taxes in August, a month early, this year, as well as a month earlier than that next year.

Mr. Coutu, who said quarterly payments also would be advanced a month under his plan, said it would save more than \$11,000 interest in tax anticipation notes the town paid last year. He said it would also gradually reduce the \$175,000 in tax anticipation notes that has been outstanding at the end of recent fiscal years.

The interest money could then be used to buy needed highway equipment, Mr. Coutu said. While Mr. De Ciantis, Town Treasurer Robert J. Harrop and other administration leaders said the plan had some merit, they were reluctant to put it into effect without study as to its effect. It was rejected on a voice vote.

The taxpayers approved the administration's overall budget intact. Also approved was up to \$6,000 for extension of sewers to Buehler Drive, making the total amount needed from revenue \$1,532,299.46.

On motion of Joseph D. Richard, Town Council president, the voters ordered tax assessors to levy a tax of not less than \$1,325,000 and not more than \$1,400,000. The levy actually assessed last year was \$1,345,122.42, in the same general spread.

Alphonse P. Archambault did not follow through with his announced plan to seek organization of a police traffic squad with four "meter Mollies." He presented several resolutions that did not affect the budget and also questioned Dr. Richard P. Duffy, School Board chairman extensively. He elicited from Dr. Duffy that there is no professional dental health program in schools, no hi fi equipment for music and no existing options on land for schools.

Mr. Archambault also asked about possible merit rating for teachers. Dr. Duffy said he considered present automatic raises for teachers and extra pay for advanced degrees sufficient.

Taxpayers approved the planned sale of old Highland St. School, abandoned in connection with opening of the new Maisie E. Quinn School, to SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Phenix, for \$3,000.

Also approved, after some questioning by Mr. Archambault as to why it hadn't been brought up at the recent budget hearing, was sale of a triangular piece of land in the rear of the Town Hall. The Town Council plans to sell it to Christovao Nunes, who owns adjoining land. Councilman Fulda Geofroy explained that it is sort of an island.

He said the Council has received two differing appraisals of the value of the land that would be sold to Mr. Nunes. Henry J. Clarke appraised it for \$800 and Earl R. Handy for \$600, he said.

On motion of Leo B. Charbonneau, GOP chairman, General Assembly legislation will be introduced ratifying both proposed sales of town property.

Mr. Archambault asked that the Highland St. School sale be with a proviso that the school land be available when not used for school activities as a play area for Phenix children under supervision. Judge James W. Leighton, counsel for the parish, said he knew of no other planned use for the property than school purposes, indicating a play area would be available.

Late in the meeting, Robert Forcier Jr., a Jaycees' leader, successfully presented a resolution petitioning the Town Council and school that the \$25,042.85 balance listed in the original \$900,000 school construction fund be made available to furnish and equip a proposed new central library.

Mr. De Ciantis at first said it was out of order, but Mr. Bourgault ruled it was only a petition plan and not an appropriation. Mr. De Ciantis then said the idea was going to be considered anyway.

Mr. Archambault asked that the old town hall be made available to civic groups under supervision of a 10 man committee to be named by voters. Asst. Atty. Gen. Francis J. Fazzano successfully moved to table the idea, as it was not in the call.

The meeting was marked by more participation by women taxpayers than usual. Mrs. Edith Mehaffey asked several questions of officials, including why those on welfare couldn't where possible, be given town jobs and just what kind of aerial ladder truck is on order by the fire department. Mrs. Beverly Hesketh questioned the adequacy of libraries.

John Keenan questioned Dr. Duffy extensively on the school department. He said he couldn't understand remarks by Dr. Maisie E. Quinn, superintendent of schools, to the effect the town must keep its teachers' salaries up in the face of competition from other towns. While Dr. Quinn said salaries are not up, pupil costs are high, he said.

When Mr. Keenan said, "why not raise the scale and meet surrounding towns," Dr. Duffy said he doesn't agree that the West Warwick scale is lower than surrounding towns. He said the new budget proposes a \$4,000-\$6,000 salary scale, the same as Coventry put into effect last fall. Warwick pays more, but West Warwick pays better than most, he said.

John Petrella said that children of the third, fourth and fifth grades at Providence Street School, Natick, would have to jump eight feet to the ground because ladders have not been added to new fire escapes. He also argued that it would be cheaper to hire three buses to transport pupils than to buy a new one for \$8,800.

Dr. Duffy said it is not true that a bid has already been obtained on a bus before the appropriation was made. He said he would prove to Mr. Petrella, if he went to the school department, that figures of the last 10 years show it would be cheaper to run the school department's own bus than to hire.

Rep. Felix Appolonia broke in at that point to declare Mr. Petrella out of order. But Mr. Bourgault overruled Mr. Appolonia. Continuing, Mr. Petrella asked if it were true that a school bus is garaged in Warwick, Dr. Duffy said it is.

Norbert Coutu asked if much police repair and other garage business is given to an out-of-town garage. Mr. Richard said there has been excellent service from a Warwick garage and that it will continue to be used until something better can be found within the town. Mr. Coutu said there "must be 30 to 40 gas stations in our town."

Dr. Duffy told Mr. Petrella that the school committee plans to spend \$8,000 on the proposed new bus.

Mr. DeCiantis moved that an unexpended \$40,000 appropriation for an aerial ladder truck be carried over. He said the money is on hand. Mr. Coutu asked whether the purchase will reduce the cash balance by \$35,000, and Mr. Harrop said it would.

In other actions the taxpayers:

Appointed an insurance committee comprising Gerard Di Fiore, Joseph Z. Lachapelle, George J. McKanna, Henry E. Morin, Carl H. Rosati Jr., Harry Clarke and Michael DeGi-gante.

Tabled Mr. Archambault's plan to assure a minimum of \$50 a week pay for 40 hours work by Town Hall clerical workers, after Mr. Harrop said there are four getting less. Mr. Fazzano made the tabling motion on grounds the town meeting has no authority to set wages.

Heard an explanation from Mr. DeCiantis that he believes upkeep of the municipal building will cost more than the money provided in the various budgets, but that the sums this year will be on a trial basis. Each department has oil and janitorial appropriations and there is a separate \$5,000 appropriation for personnel.

Heard, to the surprise of Arthur Bulger, that wages of parking meter collectors, line painters and cost of meter replacement and repairs come out of the miscellaneous fund.

Received information from Police Chief Arthur Groleau and Fire Chief Lionel P. Gareau in reply to Alphonse P. Archambault, that there is no appropriation for men's annual physical examinations.

Received information from Mr. Richard that gasoline is not being bought at cheaper tank wagon prices at the new municipal building but is being bought from two vendors as before. The police have a 1,000-gallon tank and highway department, 3,000-gallon tank, he said. Ernest Lefebvre said larger facilities would be needed for tank wagon purchases.

Heard Chester Kulasewski, superintendent of lights, explain operation of his department under questioning by Thomas Boyle Jr. and Dr. Harry F. McKanna. Mr. Kulasewski said he hopes to put in mercury lights on Legris Avenue.



"What libraries?" asked Mrs. Beverly Hesketh when library appropriation was discussed at last night's West Warwick town meeting. She there is a need for improvement, but was told Phenix has town's best reference library while Crompton has one for lighter reading.

# Budget Comparison

The West Warwick operating budget for the coming year, as compared with last year's, follows:

	1959-60	1960-61
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		
Town officers' salaries .....	\$ 32,758.00	\$ 32,758.00
Clerical—town hall .....	27,275.60	27,275.60
Supplies and expenses .....	4,500.00	4,500.00
Telephones .....	3,300.00	3,600.00
Town hall maintenance .....	1,500.00	1,500.00
Add. personnel-municipal bldg. ....	300.00	5,000.00
Service memorial .....	300.00	.....
Insurance and bonding .....	15,000.00	15,000.00
Memorial services .....	2,000.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous .....	3,500.00	3,500.00
Board of Commissioners:		
Personnel .....	4,289.92	4,289.00
Supplies .....	500.00	500.00
District meetings and elections .....	2,000.00	14,635.50
<b>PROTECTION</b>		
<b>Police Department:</b>		
Personnel .....	117,211.16	117,211.60
Supplies .....	14,256.00	14,256.00
Equipment trade-in .....	3,750.00	4,250.00
Ambulance .....	600.00	600.00
Additional police car .....	1,000.00	.....
Clothing allowance .....	2,600.00	2,600.00
<b>Fire Department:</b>		
Personnel .....	115,019.20	115,021.80
Supplies .....	14,250.00	12,500.00
Hydrants .....	20,000.00	20,000.00
Clothing allowance .....	2,600.00	2,600.00
New roof—station 3 .....	.....	800.00
Pensions, police and fire .....	27,900.00	27,900.00
Street lighting .....	36,000.00	38,000.00
<b>SANITATION</b>		
<b>Sewer Department:</b>		
Personnel .....	35,447.77	35,442.77
Supplies and expense .....	16,600.00	17,300.00
Chains, fence, .....	3,150.00	.....
Aeration tank repairs .....	.....	2,000.00
New rodding machine .....	.....	5,000.00
Garbage and Rubbish:		
Personnel .....	31,454.28	31,454.28
Supplies .....	5,875.00	5,875.00
New truck .....	8,800.00	.....
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>		
<b>Maintenance:</b>		
Personnel .....	70,802.16	70,802.16
Supplies .....	28,000.00	28,000.00
Drainage .....	5,000.00	5,000.00
Equipment—new truck .....	6,200.00	.....
Construction and improvements .....	10,000.00	10,000.00
Sidewalk construction .....	2,500.00	2,500.00
<b>EDUCATION</b>		
Support of schools .....	475,803.00	513,333.00
Teachers' Pension .....	18,400.00	18,600.00
Libraries .....	4,150.00	4,150.00
Public Welfare .....	20,000.00	20,000.00
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>		
Bond and note retirement .....	110,000.00	135,000.00
Interest on bonds and notes .....	65,030.00	73,593.75
Interest on tax anticipation notes .....	15,000.00	15,000.00
Interest on bond anticipation notes .....	10,000.00	.....
<b>HEALTH ACTIVITIES</b>		
Mosquito control .....	5,250.00	5,250.00
P.V. Visiting Nurse Association .....	2,500.00	2,500.00
Kent County Memorial Hospital .....	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION</b>		
General expense and supplies .....	10,500.00	10,500.00
<b>OTHER</b>		
Southern R.I. Farm Bureau .....	400.00	400.00
Social security .....	12,000.00	14,000.00
Dutch Elm disease .....	1,400.00	1,400.00
Workmen's compensation .....	5,000.00	5,000.00
Hospital and physicians service .....	18,000.00	18,000.00
Contingencies .....	20,000.00	.....
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b> .....	<b>\$1,474,368.09</b>	<b>\$1,526,299.46</b>
Buehler Drive Sewer Extension .....	.....	6,000.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b> .....	<b>.....</b>	<b>\$1,532,299.46</b>

## Meeting Sidelights

Taxpayers' hearts went out to the Crompton family of **Frederick Roberts**, whose wife, Jacquelyn, and son, Glenn, 3, were accidentally drowned yesterday in Crompton Mill trench. Town Clerk Susan V. Lamb was instructed to write a letter of condolence. Town Moderator Charles J. Bourgault said the whole town felt aggrieved by the great loss.

There were some administration smiles when leaders explained they never paid last year's bill of \$1,449.81 for the state audit because the state's top accountants hadn't submitted a bill. The sum was voted.

Two women stepped right up to the mike and got their voters' two cents worth in along with the males. **Mrs. Edith Mehaffey** showed herself to be knowledgeable, of all things, about the ways of aerial ladder trucks, while **Mrs. Beverly Hesketh** had some library improvement ideas.

The comparatively small turnout of 410 voters and earlier than usual wind-up, 12:05 a.m., made it easier on Moderator Bourgault. A champion of a taxpayer's right to ask questions, he was willing to stay until 6 a.m., however.

Setting the proper tone, the **Rev. Edgar Malmstrom**, pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church, and **Miss C. Loretta Nolan**, principal of Maisie E. Quinn School, led a flag salute.

Republicans were stopped by this one: being questioned about the age of his trucks, the highway commissioner, **Henry J. Petrarca**, said his best one was bought in the 1947-48 GOP regime. **Ernest E. Lefebvre**, then GOP council head, was overcome, saying it was the first time he had been felicitated for anything he did then.

The lawyers got very legal. Explaining why it's necessary to borrow until tax money comes in **Town Solicitor Michael De Ciantis** addressed voters with, "may it please the court." He recovered fast, saying it must have been the sight of **Judge James W. Leighton** in the hall. And, in his best courtroom manner, **Harry F. McKanna Jr.**, ex-council head, said, "May it please the moderator."

Moderator Bourgault nipped political partisanship in the bud when Mr. De Ciantis began referring to "the opposition there." Mr. Bourgault tapped his gavel and warned the Democratic leader all were just taxpayers last night.

Judge Michael DeCiantis found himself standing alone among the Rhode Island Family Court's five judges today in his recent controversial statements questioning the need or value of private hearings for law breakers under 18 years of age.

Even as Chief Judge Francis J. McCabe and the three other associate justices of the court were disagreeing with him, Judge DeCiantis declared vehemently that he feels that publicity, in some cases, could act as a deterrent against juvenile crime. Juveniles under 18 involved in violations of state laws are shielded from publicity unless The Family Court waives jurisdiction.

The peppery-tongued jurist, never known as a shrinking violet in declaring his position during his years of political warfare in Rhode Island before he was named a Family Court judge this year, added:

"As much as I disagree and question them, it is our duty as judges to proceed in doing things the way prescribed by the law as it was written by our legislature. The judges and experts who have been handling these cases all these years feel that these fellows should be protected until they're 18 and I'm sure that they know what they're talking about.

"But I can't help wondering whether it is right or wrong to give private hearings to young men of 18 when they are old enough to drive a car, serve in the military, get married and have children."

While Judge DeCiantis amplified on his statements made at a meeting of the Bishop Hendricken Fathers' Council in Warwick last week, Chief Judge McCabe declined to become embroiled in a public discussion of the opposing points of view.

Judge McCabe, head of the former Juvenile Court since its inception in 1944 and now head judge of the Family Court, has steadfastly maintained that the age of juvenile jurisdiction should not be dropped. The argument has popped up from time to time as opponents of the law claimed that some youths are being mollycoddled.

Judge McCabe limited his comment on his associate's remarks to "The record of the Juvenile Court and the Family Court has proved that it is saving many juveniles from the ignominy and scorn in the community.

"This record needs no praise from me."

Judge Edward V. Healey Jr., who, with Judge McCabe, hears most of the juvenile cases, said, "The progressive theory is to increase the age, not reduce it. Some states, like New York, have Youth Courts which have the same rehabilitative concept for young people in their early twenties.

"The matter of private or public hearings is something that the legislature should decide," Judge Healey added. "I would think that the legislature is correct."

Judge John F. Doris said: "I agree with Judge McCabe. The law here appears to have worked. The policy has been to have private hearings, but in cases of felonies or when an individual shows he does not or cannot be helped by our program, the Family Court can waive him over to adult courts.

"My feeling is that the law does not have to be revamped even if it appears that some individual cases are protected. The majority of cases are re-

habilitated by the theory of this court. This is a court of rehabilitation; not punishment. Why should all be penalized just because a few fail under this concept?"

Judge James H. Donnelly said he agrees with those advocating a continuation of the present policy of private hearings for those under 18, pointing to the frequent practice of waiving jurisdiction to adult courts in cases of incorrigibles.

"You never have two similar cases," Judge Donnelly said. "This system gives us a chance to evaluate a case first to determine our course of action. I think we're far from being easy on some of these youngsters. At the same time, a youngster may make his first mistake after he's 16 and it may be his last. We could do a lot of damage to him by publicly exposing him."

Judge DeCiantis said he doesn't believe that all cases involving youths under 18 should be open to the public. "There should be privacy in some charges, where a youngster might be sick. But as far as breaking and entering, stealing cars and some of the other tough things these fellows do, I think they should be shown up."

Some states allow youths over 18 to drink intoxicating beverages, Judge DeCiantis said, expressing annoyance with the number of minors who enter Rhode Island drinking establishments and have private hearings if they are arrested.

"I don't think it's right to protect them when the owners have their licenses suspended, get all kinds of bad publicity and some bartenders even lose their jobs," he said.

These, he said, "are some of the incongruities of our law. I don't think it's right and I'm going to go right on questioning it. I might be wrong about it, but anyone who knows me knows I've never pulled any punches. I say what I mean."

### On Private Hearings

## 4 Family Court Judges Disagree with De Ciantis

## Judge DeCiantis Lauded in New Court



**FAMILY COURT JUDGE Michael DeCiantis, of West Warwick, on bench at Kent County Superior Court in East Greenwich, who was lauded by judiciary at opening of circuit tour. —Times Photo**

Michael DeCiantis, of West Warwick, who last September realized a life's ambition in becoming a judge, today was greeted by fellow jurists and attorneys as he made his first appearance in Kent County presiding over the state's new Family Court at the courthouse, East Greenwich.

Exercises of welcome were held by the Kent County Bar Association in charge of Ambrose Carroll, president. Speakers were Judge Robert E. Quinn, of West Warwick, chief justice of the United States Court of Military Appeals, and Judge James W. Leighton, of West Warwick, judge of the Fourth District Court.

A floral bouquet from the Kent County Sheriffs Association, graced the bench, where after the ceremonies Judge DeCiantis opened a lengthy court docket of domestic relations.

Judge DeCiantis called on the attorneys present to "get interested in family law." He continued: "It's your duty to do so. The public may think you are interested in divorce cases only for the money. But it's not so. You try to do the best you can for the human relations."

Judge DeCiantis said that as a lawyer and politician he was more or less happy-go-lucky and nothing bothered his sleeping at night. Now, he said, he loses sleep pondering over the court cases which involves children, parents and families. "It's a hard job," he declared. "Some say they wouldn't want it. But someone has got to do it."

In a lighter vein, Judge DeCiantis said that now he can't take part in politics, "But who knows, I might have to get off the bench quick and get back into politics," he quipped.

### Court's Need

Judge Leighton said there is a need for the Family Court for its social service to the people.

Judge Quinn said the new Family Court in domestic relations perhaps doesn't attract as

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much attention as do the other courts but its work is important because it deals with families. He said that Judge DeCiantis' own hard work to get ahead in life gives him the experience and common sense to discharge his office with fairness and a credit to all.

Deputy Sheriff Edward Murray presented the floral bouquet on behalf of the sheriffs association.

Attending from West Warwick were: attorneys Mortimer W. Newton who is state public utilities administrator, Raoul Archambault, Jr., the former United States assistant budget director, former Lt. Gov. James O. McManus, Rep. Felix Appolonia, Town Solicitor Eugene J. Laferriere, Town Treasurer Robert J. Harrop, Leo B. Charbonneau, Thomas H. Quinn, Robert Afflick, Louis Petrarca; and Senator Francis J. LaChapelle and Democratic Town Chairman Henry J. Petrarca.

Attending from Coventry were attorneys James O. Murphy and Robert Gammell and Town Clerk Terrence Duffy.



'I'm going back into politics,' Family Court Judge Michael DeCiantis said jokingly yesterday after receiving a warm welcome back at Kent County Court House from the County bar association. Greeting the former political

leader in West Warwick were Judge Robert E. Quinn (left), chief judge of U.S. Court of Military Appeals, and Judge James E. Leighton (right) of Fourth District Court.

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Counting of the absentee ballots holds the attention of members of the state board of elections and politicians of both major parties.

DeCiantis Informal, Charming, Amusing

Down-to-Earth Judge

By PAUL G. MARTASIAN

He can anger with his pointed remarks.

He can amuse with his humor.

He can charm with his fatherly kindness.

And he can frustrate with his informal court room procedures.

This is the portrait of Family Court Judge Michael DeCiantis as painted by divorce-bound couples, their lawyers and observers who have seen him in action during his first six months on the bench of the new court.

His comments on motherhood, germs, doting parents, interfering relatives, wife-beating, children, philandering husbands, naps for babies and love have brought to the Family Court a curious down-to-earth flavor.

The Family Court is, by nature of its calendar, a hearing room for the manifold problems of marriage.

One of the cases Judge DeCiantis heard recently involved a divorced husband fighting for custody of his two-year-old son. The man claimed his former wife was unfit. Among other things, he said, she kept a dirty home with diapers hanging all over the place.

The judge ran a hand over his shock of thick, gray-streaked red hair. "Don't give me that stuff!" he said. "Testimony here is that the boy is healthy. What difference does it make if this woman has diapers hanging in the house? Sometimes I think we're too clean. Maybe if we were a little bit dirtier we'd be immunized from a lot of diseases."

Another case was called.

A pretty blond housewife claimed her husband, in his middle 30s, was running around with other women. Her husband took the stand and said, yes, he had gone out, "but my wife drove me to it."

The judge leaned over the



bench, gave the man a hard look. "If you're running around and going into an age like second childhood, Mister, you're not there any more. Get girls out of your bean. You've had it!"

Lawyers admit some consternation with his judgments. Trial-wise attorneys know he has the last word, but younger ones appear baffled by his lopsided way of letting witnesses be have.

One attorney said: "He completely ignores the rules of procedure, but I have to admit, this man has heart. His decisions may hurt, but he has an uncanny way of finding the truth. He sees

through people. He doesn't like phonies and he can spot them."

The lawyer cited a case in which a 25-year-old mother, an attractive brunette, went to court seeking custody of her three children, the youngest 11-months-old whom she had abandoned a month after birth. She claimed her husband kicked her out. He accused her of infidelity.

With his wife gone, the husband quit his mill job to devote all his time to caring for the children. He received "mother's aid" from the state. Judge DeCiantis was shocked.

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# He's a Down-to-Earth Judge

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"This whole situation is crazy," he said to the father. "You've got no right to be playing mother to these kids. They belong with their mother. I don't care what you accuse her of, but until I have evidence that she's unfit, she's going to have those children."

"And you, young fellow," he said to the father. "You go out and get a job. A man's place is working, not being a mother."

Judge DeCiantis has said often: "Unless a woman is proved no good, she would have her children. Kids need their mother. They can't get the care and devotion from any other person. To be deprived of a mother's love can hurt a child. It makes them insecure and hurts their future."

But he will fight just as hard against mothers who turn children away from their father. "This is a dirty trick. No matter how much parents hate each other, they shouldn't involve the kids. Children want to love both parents and I think it's shameful to force them to take sides."

He doesn't mind occasional outbreaks among his spectators. Sometimes the episodes erupt into known drag-out verbal battles with members of opposing sides shouting passionately in dispute testimony.

In one such case a man was testifying that a divorce would have been right if his mother hadn't interfered. "I can't mind her own business," he said.

The mother-in-law got up from her seat in the back of the courtroom, moving quickly in excitement. "My daughter called me up to tell me that he was hitting and beating her up."

A sheriff hurried to quiet the woman, but Judge DeCiantis waved him back. "Let her talk. It's okay. Let's be

folksy about this and hear everyone."

Soon several persons were shouting. Lawyers threw up their hands. The judge sat back, restraining a smile as the yelling continued for several minutes. Then he called a halt.

Later, he explained why he let the argument go on. "You can catch people off guard that way. You get a pretty good idea of what they're like."

His courtroom runs the gamut of domestic problems and he has made comments that mark his individuality. For example:

**Naps for children:** "You're entitled to visitation rights, young fellow, but for the love of Mike, get the boy back home on time. He's got to have his nap and everything. I like to take my young grandson out, too, but if I don't get him back on time there's hell to pay from my daughter."

**Fighting parents:** "You go up to see the children and your ex-wife has a chip on her shoulder. The minute you walk in there's a fight. My

opinion is that they ought to have a whip for such people instead of the courts."

**In-law interference:** "I don't like this business of someone's mother or brother or sister sticking their noses into an argument between a man and wife. Don't pay attention to them, you've got your own home now. They might have good intentions but it's none of their business. The children have got to look up to you and you've got to have the guts to withstand a lot of things. If you don't have the guts, it's the kids who suffer."

**Wife-beating:** "I'll stop wife-beating in this state if it's the last thing I do. I think most women want to preserve their marriages. A woman might stand for her husband going out but she can't stand abuse."

"Imagine you staying home waiting for your husband to come and you don't know whether you're going to get a slap in the mouth or a kick. It makes women edgy. They don't know how it's going to be when the man comes home, maybe drunk and abusive."

## American Bar Leader Speaks

Tells R.I. Lawyers  
'Rule of Law' Great  
Cold War Weapon

John C. Satterfield, president of the American Bar Association, in an address here last night described the "rule of law" as a great and perhaps telling weapon in the free world's struggle against Communism.

He told members of the Rhode Island Bar Association, at a dinner meeting at Colony Motor Hotel, that whether the Cold War lasts 20 or 50 years those nations that promote liberty, under law, will be able to maintain "the balance of terror" as it now exists.

It may be, he said, that they can stop and "break through" the Communist threat within that time.

Mr. Satterfield, a Mississippi lawyer, returned recently from Rome, where he attended a European Conference on World Peace Through Law. He said he was tremendously impressed, he said, by the enthusiasm of lawyers from all parts of the world, including new African nations, for the movement. He said two-thirds of the world is on "our side" in the struggle to achieve peace through law.

On his first official visit to the state as head of the American Bar Association, Mr. Satterfield was introduced by



**John C. Satterfield** (center), American Bar Association president, talks with Family Court Judge Michael DeCiantis and Judge Frank Licht of Superior Court (right).

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James H. Higgins Jr., president of the Rhode Island Bar Association. Judges of the Supreme, Superior and Family Courts were among those present.

Mr. Satterfield praised efforts of local bar leaders to improve methods of selecting judges by having a commission to recommend candidates to the governor for any vacancies. He

said he favors the system of an integrated state bar with power to discipline its own members. Mississippi has such a system, he said.

The ABA head said income of lawyers as a class has not increased as it should and that one reason is the failure of lawyers to keep accurate records of the time and effort spent on their clients' cases.

# DeCiantis To Quit Court To Run For Governor in '64?

By RONALD ANDERSON  
Family Court Judge Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick, is gripped with the most difficult decision he has ever faced on or off the bench.

His own future is at stake. The judge is meeting increasing pressure to give up his judgeship, his life's ambition, and pioneer a move to lead the Italo-American Democrats of the state back into the political prominence.

Some want him to take over the reins of the State Democratic Central Committee. Others are prompting him to run for governor.

If he steps down from the court post which he assumed on Sept. 1, 1961, Judge DeCiantis will be quitting a position he aspired to during the long, rugged trail he blazed in politics and in the courtrooms to get there.

When asked whether he would give up his life's ambition and return to politics, Judge DeCiantis said:

"I'm still a judge. Men have been asking me to lead the Italo-American Democrats. But the Lord only knows what is in store for me."

Since his appointment to the Family Court 17 months ago, Judge De Ciantis has become as well-known around the state as he is in his home town Pawtuxet Valley area.

His outspoken comments on how parents and officials should discipline wayward and delinquent youths have brought some adverse reaction from professional quarters; but he has been hailed by a preponderantly larger group for his down-to-earth honesty in trying to tackle the serious problems of delinquency.

Whether people agree with his attitude in dealing with delinquents or not, he has a large personal following because of his deep interest in his work.

Friends and associates of the judge say that two factors may bring him back into political battleground. One is that, although he loves his work with Family Court, it has consumed most of his time and he has little time to spend with his family.

The other factor is that politics draws him like a magnet and even though he professionally stays out of the conflicts, he still hovers in the background, watching the manipulations and still is deeply devoted to the Democratic party.

Just as significant is the fact that before accepting the court post, Judge De Ciantis had one of the most lucrative legal practices in the state and dropped all this activity to accept his long-sought judgeship.

Democrats who have quietly been urging the judge to give up his court job are aware of the tremendous decision he must make. But they are none-



Judge DeCiantis

theless interested in bringing unity and strength back to the party.

For the judge, the decision will be one of the most important in his life.

With former Gov. John A. Notte Jr., out of the political limelight, and U.S. Senator John O. Pastore, away most of the time in Washington, Italo-American Democrats are searching for a new standard bearer. The name of U.S. District Attorney Raymond A. Pettine is mentioned as an aspirant to the governorship.

OTHERS MENTIONED in the Democratic nomination, in addition to Mr. Pettine, are Lt. Gov. Edward P. Gallogly, John L. Rego, former director of agriculture and conservation, who is associate director of extension at the University of Rhode Island, and Mayor Kevin K. Coleman of Woonsocket who sought the nomination last year but was defeated in the party primary by Mr. Notte.

Rhode Island Democrats today appear to be floundering in waves of criticism from within and without the party. Their record in the recessed session of the General Assembly has been under fire especially in the fields of vocational education and social welfare.

If Judge DeCiantis aspires to the governorship he will have

to pass seemingly insurmountable political obstacles. This is chiefly because the 1964 make-up of the Democratic state ticket will be headed by Sen. Pastore seeking re-election to Congress. If Judge DeCiantis were to run this would put two Italo-Americans at top of the ticket.

THE JUDGE is seen, consequently, as either state chairman or titular leader of the state Democratic Italo-Americans. Seemingly he would be in an enviable position two years afterwards to gain the gubernatorial nomination from his party.

Obstacles are what Judge DeCiantis has been faced with all of his life. He came to this country when five years of age. He had to interrupt his education in high school and at Boston University School of Law to work to get money to complete his education. He borrowed law books from Judge Robert E. Quinn, former governor to study.

Ten years after he was admitted to the bar, in 1923, he became an assistant state attorney general and in 1937 was appointed chief of the Division of Public Utilities.

As public utilities administrator he fought the bus company rate hikes; attempts by the gas company to get deposits with applications for installations; reduced electrical power rates; and got the water companies to eliminate payment of bills in advance.

Judge DeCiantis entered politics when 18 years of age. He changed a job in a dye house to serve as clerk of the West Warwick tax assessors. The following year, when he was 19, he fought the Republicans in the former Warwick and Coventry Fire District which was in the Arctic area.

Later he got the bid from West Warwick and state Democrats to help out in their election campaigns. Democrats had a hard time winning in other areas and often imported speakers. At one rally in Hope, spectators tossed firecrackers at DeCiantis, the politician, but he continued and finished his speech.

In reflection on the former campaigning, Judge DeCiantis said before taking the bench in 1961, "The Democrats take it for granted that they are in office. Many don't realize the struggle the party had to get into power. And I say for the good of the party that the people who have fought for this party had better be recognized. There are many young men coming up with good ideas, but they are tearing down the party by saying services are bad, instead of building it up."

Perhaps in this statement, Judge DeCiantis saw a place for himself in politics, after service on the bench.

# W. Warwick Democrats Score Pell,

# Pastore, Fogarty; Boom De Ciantis

West Warwick Democratic leaders, who traditionally play their politics hard, last night pulled out all the stops at a dinner given in their honor by about 40 sewer, highway and rubbish-garbage collection workers who recently won job tenure over Governor Chafee's veto.

The dinner, held in Club 400, Natick, Democratic stronghold, resulted in these developments:

1. Sen. Francis J. LaChapelle, D-West Warwick, in a strong speech, blasted Senators Claiborne Pell and John O. Pastore and Rep. John E. Fogarty for criticizing the 1963 General

Assembly and warned even they can lose an election without party support.

2. An upsurge of support for Family Court Judge Michael DeCiantis, former town Democratic leader, who was present, to give up the court seat he has held for two years and run for governor in 1964.

3. Governor Chafee was chastized by Senator LaChapelle for vetoing the tenure bill.

### Not Interested in Journal

Referring to criticism of the current General Assembly's record, Senator La Chapelle

declared, "I don't care about what the Providence Journal prints."

He said the people made Senators Pell, Pastore and Congressman Fogarty great "and let me say this, without the Democratic party they are nobody. I was nobody when I beat the machine (a reference to a primary election victory as an unendorsed candidate one year) but, after I won, I never said I was bigger than the party."

He called the criticism of the Assembly by the top Democrats "hypocrisy" and added, "If they think they are big

wheels, they are in a position where they can be defeated. We can beat these fellows who think they are almighty.

"I'm very oppressed and suppressed by the people in Washington. Who is their candidate for governor? Are they going to do better with the governor now? Do they feel they'll do better with a Republican governor than a Democratic governor?"

### Appolonia Agrees

At this point Rep. Felix A. Appolonia, D-West Warwick, who won House approval for the tenure bill over Governor Chafee's veto, said, "There's too

much catering there. He's right."

The senator said that, if Judge De Ciantis chooses to run for governor, "we'll go door to door and collar every Democrat. We'll elect Mike De Ciantis. I know he'd rather be judge than governor, but we need a fighter."

"You men are now permanent, and don't forget it's the great Democratic Party that made you permanent and overrode the Republican governor's veto to make you permanent."

He said Governor Chafee has a few problems, and that

the Democratic General Assembly plans to reconvene June 11 with the necessary votes to override him.

"I know the Providence Journal and Evening Bulletin have run a lot of editorials and read a lot of scripture," he said. "Don't you believe one tenth of it. We're doing a good job."

### DeCiantis Uncertain

Judge De Ciantis, who was called on by highway commissioner Henry Petrarca, toastmaster, to speak, said he is now a judge and "only the good Lord knows what is in store for me." He did not eliminate the possibility he could become

a gubernatorial candidate. He once began a gubernatorial campaign and dropped it after a famous park bench conference with then Governor Roberts at the club 400 picnic grounds.

The judge said later that he has been approached by representatives of Italo-American groups as well as several state senators and representatives to leave the court and run for governor next year. He said that decision would be made when the time comes, but that he is happy, although working hard, in his duties on the state's newest court.

Representative Appolonia

said he was not ashamed of having worked to put the workers' tenure bill across over the governor's veto. He said the workers have always been loyal Democrats and have done a good job. They deserved repayment for the consideration they have shown, he said.

Other speakers included Representative Francis X. Kennedy and Ulysses La Roche, Joseph D. Richard, town council president; Councilmen John C. Talbot, Domenic Petrangelo and Adolph Jusczyk; Robert J. Harrop, Democratic town chairman and Town Solicitor Eugene J. Laferriere.

## Zoo Parade

Isn't it about time the people of Rhode Island demanded that something be done about inadequate facilities for restraining juvenile offenders? The latest in a long series of disclosures that youths in their early teens have been transferred from the state Training School for Boys to the Adult Correctional Institutions, confined for varying periods of time among adult inmates, and sometimes consigned to the "hole" in solitary confinement is another shocking demonstration of how little the community cares.

Does the fact that a 14-year-old boy spent 10 months at the ACI, two weeks of that in the "hole," not justify a public cry of outrage? We think it does. We think the governor has a firm obligation to set in motion immediate efforts to prevent a recurrence and to draft a working plan for a long-term solution to this problem.

The full responsibility by no means rests with Joseph P. Devine, superintendent of the training school, or Brig. Gen. Paul D. Sherman (ret.), assistant director of social welfare for penal and correctional services, who ordered the transfer. Faced with difficult cases, boys who become violent or repeatedly run away as the 14-year-old youth is said to have done 29 times, they must do something. Virtually their only options are to tolerate the extreme misbehavior, which is unthinkable, or to transfer the offender to the state prison.

If this were the first instance of its kind, allowances could properly be made. But the same kind of thing has happened on numerous occasions and nothing is done. Neither Mr. Devine nor General Sherman has the authority to effect change on his own. But they have voice and influence, and both should be used to impress upon state officials the need for adequate facilities. Moreover, it is more than mildly disturbing to hear the superintendent defend the 10-

month incarceration of a boy not yet old enough to be in high school, whose reason for being at the training school was truancy, on the ground that it aided his rehabilitation.

"Do I understand that his experience at the ACI was good for him?" asked Family Court Judge Michael DeCiantis, who has said repeatedly that new facilities for such cases must be provided. "Do you know," he asked Mr. Devine, "that the law says he shouldn't mingle with adults?"

If Mr. Devine and others are not familiar with what can happen to youths confined with adult prisoners, they have only to refer to news reports of the last week about the investigation conducted by a U.S. Senate subcommittee into mistreatment of juvenile offenders. Homosexual assaults are commonplace. One witness told of a boy, 14, held in Illinois' renowned Cook County Jail who "was repeatedly attacked sexually by various inmates and went into a catatonic state. He ended up in a mental hospital." Another "was wrapped in a blanket, soaked with benzine and set afire. He died."

Said the witness, "In many places throughout the country they have done a better job in meeting the standards for the care and treatment of animals in zoos than we have for the care of children."

We suggest also that members of the General Assembly spend less time emoting on the need for law and order, about repressive measures on the college campuses, about extreme minimum sentences that bear no resemblance to the crime and more time providing for programs of rehabilitation for both adult and juvenile offenders.

It's about time Rhode Islanders let loose their anger and demanded a remedy for an intolerable situation. Yes, it will cost money—money that should have been spent years ago. This is one account that is long overdue.

# Decision Restricts Judge's Authority in Juvenile Cases

Judge Michael DeCiantis of Family Court, in a landmark decision, ruled today that because he had received pre-trial reports from the police and probation departments, a Tiverton youth's rights were violated.

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"It is contrary to the fundamental principle of due process for the court to be compelled as it is in this case, to act as a one-man grand jury, then sit in judgment on its own determination arising (from) the facts and proceedings conducted," Judge DeCiantis wrote. "This responsibility belongs somewhere else."

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Family Court practice under state law in which a juvenile's case is referred to the court's intake or screening section, then to a probation counselor for investigation and from there to a judge who may approve or disapprove putting the matter on the docket. Judge DeCiantis' decision would seemingly force some changes in this procedure.

The judge stated in his opinion that due process demands that the judge who hears the case should not be acquainted with any of the facts involved or have any knowledge of pertinent circumstances before the trial. Such would not be the case if the judge had reviewed the prosecution evidence in deciding whether the matter should be heard by the court.

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Within minutes after yesterday's conclusion of the constitutional convention, Republican Christopher Del Sesto said the proposal adopted on absentee and shut-in voters is broad enough to allow those voters to cast ballots "before" election day even under existing law.

"I contend the saving clause—if this proposal is adopted by the voters—is broad enough to allow before election day voting even if the General Assembly does not act," Mr. Del Sesto told a reporter.

His comment brought immediate disagreement from Attorney General J. Joseph Nugent.

#### Del Sesto Contention

Here is the heart of Mr. Del Sesto's contention:

When the Supreme Court ruled on Jan. 1, 1957, that all ballots cast before election day by absentee and shut-ins were invalid because they were unconstitutional, the court did not repeal the absentee and shut-in voting law of 1949.

"The decision merely made

that part of the law ineffective," he said. "The court cannot repeal laws.

"Now, if the people adopt this proposal, they will give life to that which already is on the books—the section says that absentees and shut-ins can vote before election day."

He added that he believes the "best approach" would be for the General Assembly to adopt a new absentee and shut-in voting law.

#### Should Ask Opinion

But, if the Assembly decides it cannot, he said, then it should ask the Supreme Court for an advisory opinion on the contention he made. And, if the Assembly fails to act, he said, Governor Roberts then should ask the court for an advisory opinion on the point.

Mr. Nugent disagreed with Mr. Del Sesto's contention. The attorney general said he does not believe the people can legalize an unconstitutional point "retroactively."

If the Assembly does not act, he said, he would be pleased to see an advisory opinion from the Supreme Court on the issue.

### Yesterday's Proceedings in the General Assembly

Feb. 7, 1958  
20th Day

The Senate met from 1:22 to 1:28 p.m.; the House of Representatives from 1:23 to 1:27 p.m.

#### PASSED BY SENATE

##### (Require House Passage)

S102A, a bill authorizing the city of Warwick to issue \$200,000 in bonds for highway and drainage purposes, subject to voter approval at a special election to be called on Constitutional proposals.

S101, a bill exempting from taxation the real and personal property of the Providence-Cranston Council of Girls Scouts, Inc., located in Cranston, to the extent of \$25,000.

S48, as amended, a bill to increase from \$150,000 to \$350,000 the amount of real estate and personal property that may be held by the trustees of the East Greenwich Methodist Church.

#### NEW HOUSE BUSINESS

By Sepe (D-Cranston), a bill providing that the Workmen's Compensation Commission or the Supreme Court on appeal may approve payment of witness fees for employees. Labor.

## Del Sesto and Nugent Differ on Vote Plan

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## Little Girl's Life

The difficult decision reached by Family Court Judge Michael DiCiantis, allowing foster parents to adopt a six-year-old Warwick girl whose custody the natural mother had sought to obtain, no doubt generated profound sympathy on both sides of the issue.

Child custody cases generally leave narrow margin for compromise. In this case, the child might have been returned to the natural mother after five-and-a-half years of devoted care by foster parents, or the mother's rights might be finally terminated. As a step to ease the heartbreak of separation, it had been suggested that the child be removed from the foster home and given psychiatric help, if necessary, to prepare her for the ordeal.

The court's reaction, while expressed more in psychological terms than in accord with legal interpretation, would be a challenge to dispute. "To reinstitutionalize her, as has been suggested, and realize her worst fear," said Judge DeCiantis, "would be inhuman. How can this court take this child out of a happy home and cast her in an institution? How much more can she stand? There has to be an end to this experimenting with the life of this little girl."

Perhaps out of the agony of this long struggle can be salvaged some useful instruction that the circumstances and the court provide. Judge DeCiantis, with ample reason, was critical of the state Child Welfare Services. Over a four-year period, contact between the agency and foster parents was only

"spasmodic," and for an entire year the case was "uncovered"; that is, no social worker was assigned to check on the child or to consult with the natural mother or foster parents.

Judge DeCiantis blamed the agency for "lack of supervision" which, he said, "contributed to the breakdown of the relationship between the natural mother and her child." Correctly, we think, he ruled that the child "cannot be made a scapegoat" for Child Welfare problems. It follows, then, that if the state agency is understaffed, if inadequate funding prevents proper attention to wards of the state and to those arrangements it has made with foster parents, the burden must be borne by the state and not those it is assigned to serve.

Further, this case seems to indicate that the degree of interest shown by natural and foster parents under certain circumstances may be critical to the resolution of custody disputes. "The one most important factor," said Judge DeCiantis, "is that this child never knew her mother or saw her mother until April, 1971" (four and a half years after placement in the foster home).

One conclusion that should not be drawn from this case is that the way has been cleared for adoption by foster parents, the rights of a natural parent notwithstanding. "This court does not intend by this decision," Judge DeCiantis wrote, "to allow the door to be opened for adoption by foster parents by devious and fraudulent means. Each case must be decided on an individual basis."

## Judge DeCiantis Cites Old Law; Juvenile Is Approved for Bail

Citing a 113-year-old law, a Family Court judge ruled today that a 17-year-old youth charged in the fire-bombing of the Narragansett police station Sept. 8 has the right to bail.

Judge Michael DeCiantis, in the ruling filed today, said it is unfair to hold juveniles awaiting trial when adults have a Constitutional right to bail.

He noted in the decision cases in which teenagers have been imprisoned for as long as 10 months awaiting hearings, possibly in conditions not beneficial to youths.

The ruling by Judge DeCiantis, which is not binding on the other judges of Family Court, involves one of three persons arrested in connection with the early morning bombing of the Narragansett police station.

The youth has been held at the Annex "C" maximum security section of the Rhode Island Training School since his arraignment in September, and his attorney, Sen. Thomas H. Needham of Cranston, has

asked for his release on bail pending trial.

Judge DeCiantis said that with the filing of his ruling, the boy will be brought before the court, and bail will be set.

Judge DeCiantis said this morning that the 1857 bail law has not been used more than once since the Family Court system went into effect in 1944, because most lawyers assumed juveniles are not entitled to bail.

But, he said in the decision, "detention of a juvenile results in his being subjected to the sordidness of mingling with other inmates who may have committed more serious crimes."

He said that it is unjust to imprison teenagers when if they were adults, they would be free to await trial. He said the Constitution guarantees the right to bail.

Although Family Court gives teenagers speedy trials, the judge wrote, they have sometimes been imprisoned for as long as ten months awaiting hearing. "In one case, a boy was detained three months in the training school and, in another, three months in the Youth Correctional Center, and in a third case, a boy was held ten months at the Youth Correctional Center."

Referring to the controversial preventive detention law recently enacted by Congress, the judge said that "The Constitution cannot be brushed aside."

"To whittle constitutional freedom bit-by-bit is very dangerous. The liberties of the American people depend upon the rule of law which limits the authority and discretion of men who wield the power of government."

Since many of the teenagers who come before Family Court are from broken or disadvantaged homes, Judge DeCiantis said in his opinion, the court will consider personal recognition "where justice demands it."

Family Court proceedings are not civil matters," the judge wrote "unless one buries his head in the sand and refuses to accept reality."

## R.I. Family Court Ruling Cited in Douglas Dissent

A 1968 Rhode Island Family Court decision by Judge Michael DeCiantis was one of three cases cited yesterday by U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas as he dissented from a court opinion dismissing the appeal of a juvenile who sought a jury trial.

Justice Douglas cited Judge DeCiantis' opinion in granting a jury trial to a youth who was accused of two counts of assault with a shotgun and one count of possession of firearms. He cited similar opinions from New York and New Mexico courts.

Judge DeCiantis said last night that the case in which he ordered the jury trial has become a moot question since his opinion of Jan. 9, 1968. The state filed notice of appeal, but never filed the appeal, and meanwhile, the juvenile has been released from the Rhode Island Training School for Boys, where he was being held for a separate offense, Judge DeCiantis said.

Judge DeCiantis added that he now has a case in which the attorney for a juvenile accused of statutory rape has requested a jury trial. The judge said he has delayed writing his opinion, waiting for the Supreme Court ruling, and will now proceed with his decision.

The Missouri case decided yesterday was tried in state courts before the Supreme Court held on May 20, 1968 that adults accused of serious crimes are entitled to jury trials. Judge DeCiantis said that as he understands the Supreme Court opinion, the court merely decided that the case would not be an appropriate one on which to decide the juvenile trial question, since it has already ruled the adult ruling not retroactive.

Judge DeCiantis said the ques-

tion apparently remains "absolutely open." He reaffirmed his belief that the right to trial by jury is "one of the most cherished rights held by man" and the rights accorded by the Constitution "apply to both young and old."



# Family Court Judges Split on Jury Trials

If the U.S. Supreme Court favors more "formalism" in juvenile courts, the Rhode Island Family Court might well consider going out of business, its chief judge, Edward P. Gallogly, said yesterday.

"Some thought should be given to its elimination and the return of its entire function to Superior Court" if the Family Court concept is further modified by rulings of the high tribunal, the judge said.

In at least two decisions in recent years, the Supreme Court has defined and upheld the constitutional rights of juveniles. A decision on whether they are entitled to jury trials is awaited.

Judge Gallogly said such a decision would be "another nail in the coffin" of the Family Court system, which he

said requires a certain absence of formalism.

At the same time, another member of the Family Court bench, Judge Michael DeCiantis, made public today his decision in a case last week that a teenager in Family Court has a right to trial by jury.

Judge DeCiantis first enunciated this stand in a decision in January, 1968. His ruling is not binding on his fellow judges, who have not endorsed the idea.

Judge Gallogly made his comments in a general conversation on the completion of his first year as chief of the court. He was not referring directly to Judge DeCiantis' latest decision.

That decision was filed by

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Jury

## Family Court Issue

# Judges Split on Jury Trials

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Judge DeCiantis last week in the case of a boy, 17, who allegedly raped a girl, 17, in 1969.

Judge DeCiantis said it is "spurious" to treat Family Court proceedings as civil rather than criminal.

"Because the legislature dictates that a child who commits a felony should be called a delinquent does not change the nature of the crime," Judge DeCiantis said. "Murder is murder, robbery is robbery."

In a 1968 decision on the case of a Westerly youth charged with assault with a shotgun, Judge DeCiantis said the classification of felony-committing youths as delinquents is "mumbo-jumbo."

In the present case, the motion for a jury trial was made by Milton Stanzler, appearing for the American Civil Liberties Union as a friend of the court, and by Eugene J. McCaffrey Jr., the attorney for the alleged rapist.

Judge DeCiantis said a jury trial would not make the case any less secret than it is now. At present, juvenile proceedings are far from secret because the courtroom is often filled with witnesses, social workers, the press, police trainees and sheriffs, he said. Law enforcement officers and the armed forces have access to juveniles' police files, the judge added.

More importantly, he wrote, publicity improves the quality of criminal justice. Public opinion is a restraint on possible abuse of judicial power, Judge DeCiantis said. In a public trial, previously unknown witnesses may step forth. In addition, spectators may learn more about gov-



Judge Gallogly

ernment and gain confidence in the courts, he said.

A jury need not be 12 in number, but it must be made up of persons who meet local and federal requirements, including the eligibility to vote, the judge continued.

Final disposition of a case would still rest with a judge who is familiar with the juvenile's background, he said.

Judge DeCiantis reiterated his previously-expressed opinion that a Family Court judge should not know the circumstances of a case before he starts hearing it.

"It is contrary to the fundamental principles of due process for the court to be compelled, as it is in this state, to act as a one-man grand jury, then sit in judgment on its own determination arising out of the facts and proceedings which he conducted. This responsibility belongs with a jury," Judge DeCiantis said.

Commenting on the notion that a jury trial would be "traumatic" for a teenager,



Judge DeCiantis

Judge DeCiantis said there would be less shock if the juvenile believes he has been dealt with fairly.

"The real traumatic experience is the feeling of being deprived of basic rights," he wrote.

A juvenile or his parents should be advised by counsel on whether to seek or waive a jury trial, the judge said.

Chief Judge Gallogly, in comments on his experiences in the past year, said the judicial system is rightfully attacked for its aloofness to what happens after a prisoner is sent to jail.

The help given juveniles, although it is not sufficient, should be extended to adults, Judge Gallogly said. Adult prisons should both punish and hold out some hope, he said.

A prisoner should be shown the dignity of work and should be compensated for it, he said. "Give him some hope for the future," the judge declared.

The Family Court tries to solve problems that began

years earlier in the family and home, but is "a poor substitute" and gets its clients "far too late," Judge Gallogly said.

If the court here deals with 3,500 delinquents in a year, that leaves about 150,000 law-abiding teenagers in the state "and that's a pretty healthy majority" the chief judge said.

But he said these healthy youngsters can be destroyed by drugs. The judge said he is "dead set against legalizing marijuana."

He called it "an unpredictable hallucinogen which destroys insight, judgment, family relationships, prompts promiscuity and leads to excesses in other areas of drug abuse."

Judge Gallogly said the fate of the next generation may rest on whether a return is made to "the restrictive internal disciplines of one's self, family and society. If we back down further on this discipline, history dictates we won't survive as a viable society."

Reflecting on his first year as chief judge, he said "The magnitude of the job done by the Family Court is almost overwhelming.

"I never felt when I came here that I would have as much of a personal concern for the decisions I have to make, but I find that every day the Family Court judges make decisions directly affecting the lives of people.

"This alone is an awesome responsibility," Judge Gallogly said. "There are so many imponderables when dealing with human emotions."

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## Due Process for Kids

A ruling by Judge Edward V. Healey Jr. in Family Court that school authorities may search a student's locker without a warrant, on suspicion that it contains narcotics, raises some disturbing questions.

The case involved a 17-year-old youth who was suspected by a teacher of using marijuana and of placing a quantity of that drug in his school locker. The teacher unlocked the locker, found the drug, informed school officials who then called police. The youth was charged with illegal possession of marijuana. On Monday Judge Healey found him guilty and set March 15 for disposition of the case.

Lawyers for the youth claimed the incriminating evidence was obtained without a search warrant and therefore was inadmissible in court.

In over-ruling that argument, Judge Healey said a boy at school must subject himself to its discipline and authority and that teachers have an obligation and duty to inform parents and school officials of a student who uses a narcotic or has it in his possession.

Few will argue with such general rules of authority and discipline. A juvenile observed breaking the law—in school or for that matter anywhere else—would be subject to charges. The issue in this case, however, is not general but specific and rests on the manner in which evidence was obtained in order to establish the youth's guilt in Family Court.

If a juvenile is entitled to due process of law after being charged with an offense, is he not also entitled to constitutional protection relative to the steps leading up to the charges? In 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that children brought before a juvenile court are entitled to the same procedural protections afforded by the Bill of Rights in trials of adults. Specific safeguards were prescribed, though the court stopped short of declaring a juvenile right to trial by jury.

In a landmark ruling in Rhode Island Family Court in December, 1966, Judge Michael DeCiantis wrote, "Constitutional rights to counsel, against self-incrimination, double jeopardy, right to trial by jury, and all other constitutional rights available to a defendant in the commission of a crime, are available to a juvenile in this court."

The question raised here, then, is to what extent do constitutional protections extend to juveniles who merely fall under suspicion? Do they have a legal right to privacy? Should a warrant be required to search their possessions? Do the rules regarding evidence illegally obtained apply?

In no way do these questions mitigate the guilt of an individual who possesses and/or uses drugs in violation of the law. To encourage respect for law, however, it may be that society must correct some inconsistencies. If constitutional rights apply to juveniles after an offense is committed, the youth may ask, how then are they denied prior to that time? A partial solution might be that when suspicion of a student points beyond a breach of school discipline to a violation of law, a search warrant should be obtained. In that way, the rights of a suspect would be observed as meticulously as they would be in the case of an adult.



**YMCA CAMPAIGNER:** Judge Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick receives official YMCA T-shirt as he prepares to assume his role as general campaign manager for the Kent County YMCA building fund which has a \$350,000 minimum goal. Presenting him the T-shirt are Robin and Matthew Spencer of Warwick. The campaign will run through mid-April.

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# Wife Beating Illegal, Court Tells Husband

By HAMILTON F. ALLEN

It's official: Rhode Island men may not beat their wives.

An opinion handed down by the Rhode Island Supreme Court denies that Cranston lawyer Aram K. Berberian has the right to commit "justifiable" assault on his wife Barbara.

Mr. Berberian contended that under the Rhode Island Constitution a man has the

right to assault his wife "in accord with his fundamental right to chastise her."

But Chief Justice Thomas H. Roberts, commenting on his written decision, said: "I could never agree that one of the great natural rights was the right to beat your wife."

In his ruling Judge Roberts stated that the framers of the state constitution never intended that a citizen had such a right. He dismissed the Ber-

berian case as "utterly without merit."

The decision does not deny there might have been a "common-law view" of wifely discipline in 1842 — when the state constitution became law — that differs from 1971 attitudes.

But, his decision concludes: "The modern view is clearly to the contrary and inhibits the use of physical force or violence upon the person of the wife."

Mr. Berberian, in written remarks prepared for Supreme Court presentation, argued:

"Marriage is not a partnership. . . . Two persons are married into one and the husband is the one. To protect the wife against molestation is to suborn her disobedience. When wives are permitted to disobey their husbands with impunity, the stability of marriages (is) threatened."

Furthermore, Mr. Berberian said, by common law, as well as under fundamental rights guaranteed to a husband under the Rhode Island and United States Constitutions, a man has the right to "chastise" his wife.

Mr. Berberian, claiming

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that his wife was the aggressor in three assaults cited in Family Court testimony, said the court should have barred her from "initiating any aggressive tactics" rather than issuing the injunction against him.

Most of Judge Roberts' written decision is devoted to arguments in support of his decision that the decree involved is not appealable to the Supreme Court. In doing so, he supported Mrs. Berberian's claim that Rhode Island courts have held that an "interlocutory" (temporary)

decree cannot be appealed because it is not a final judgment.

The case came before the Supreme Court on Mr. Berberian's appeal from an August, 1970 decision by Family Court Judge Michael DeCiantis. That was an interlocutory decree barring the Cranston lawyer, 48, from "molesting and assaulting" his wife Barbara, 50.

Judge DeCiantis, while granting Mrs. Berberian's request for an injunction against her husband, denied her request to put her husband out of the couple's house at 56 Baldwin Orchard Drive, Cranston.

Judge DeCiantis' decision

came as part of Mrs. Berberian's suit for a legal separation from her husband. Filed July 30, 1970, it waits a final decree.

The couple was married 19 years ago and has three children, all minors.

In a bill of particulars on allegations in her suit, Mrs. Berberian said she had been struck and pushed by her husband, resulting in injuries to her back. She claimed to be "in fear of bodily harm" by her husband.

Three days before Mrs. Berberian filed for separation, her husband filed for divorce. He alleged, among other things, that "in June of 1970

(she) assaulted and beat her husband, causing him physical injury, necessitating police intervention."

The suit was thrown out by Family Court last Oct. 7.

Judge DeCiantis, commenting on the Supreme Court ruling, said when he was a lawyer he used to come into contact with men who were vehement in defending their alleged right to "chastise" their wives.

The men were often recent immigrants from European countries where, he said, "the tradition was that they had this right. And the peculiarity is, their wives accepted it. They did nothing."

"But with the second generation, and everything else, those attitudes changed," the judge said.

In a more humorous vein, the wiry, white-haired jurist raised a clenched right fist and said: "Women's lib marches on."

Judge Roberts, talking informally about the case, said that in English common law at one time a husband had the right to chastise his wife with a stick—"if the stick was no bigger than his thumb."

"Another test was if the stick fit through the wedding ring," he added.

Rhode Island isn't the first state to have its top court come to terms with wife-beating, he said. Several states in the American South have had the issue before their high courts "and they decided there was no such right," he explained.

His own written opinion cites a 1946 Alabama ruling and a 1953 South Carolina ruling. He believes other rulings have been handed down in Georgia, Kentucky and elsewhere.

# Girl, 6, Is the Focus of an 'Agonizing' Custody Case

By HAMILTON F. ALLEN

The case of a six-year-old Warwick girl, whose natural mother wants to take her from the foster home she has lived in almost since birth, opened in Family Court here today.

Judge Michael DeCiantis, who termed the situation among "the most agonizing cases we have," continued the case for one week.

"I'm interested in getting the child somewhere in this world where she will be happy and not be pushed around; I want to find out why this child was given up in the first place," he said near the end of today's hearing.

The natural mother, a 22-year-old Providence woman, never terminated her legal

rights over the child. She released the child to the custody of the state Child Welfare Services shortly after the child was born to her out wedlock at the age of 16.

She claims she is now able to care for the child but was unable to do so when the girl was born.

It was brought out in court today that the natural mother never saw the girl for approximately four years but started to visit her beginning last April. The mother claims she was treated with hostility by the foster parents when she attempted to see the little girl. The foster parents deny the charge.

Harry J. Hoopis, attorney representing the state Child Welfare Services, told the

court the girl "goes into tantrums" when the social worker attempts to take her to visit the natural mother.

But, he said at another point, "We have no evidence that the child should not be placed with the mother." With the exception of "possible trauma" for the girl, Child Welfare Services has no objection to her being placed in her natural mother's home, Mr. Hoopis said.

Louis J. Cosentino, the court-appointed legal guardian of the girl, said the natural mother and the foster parents both make good homes. The issue, he said, is "whether or not any ill effects would come about by a sudden, abrupt return" of the child to her natural mother.

He recommended the court base its decision on the advice of a psychiatrist. Dr. Vsevelod Sadovnikoff, psychiatrist for state youth services, was named by Judge DeCiantis to evaluate the effects of such a move on the girl.

Robert H. Breslin Jr., attorney for the foster parents, told the court that to remove the girl from her present home "to a home she has never been in or has been in only once, without some period of adjustment, would be nothing short of inhumane treatment toward the child."

The girl, he said, has indicated to him she would run away if she were committed to the home of her natural mother. But the foster parents, he added, "do not com-

pletely overrule the possibility that a period of adjustment" could be arranged so that the girl could be returned to the natural mother "on a part-time basis and eventually on a full time basis."

Gerald Mulligan, the Rhode Island Legal Services attorney representing the natural mother, objected to "any further delay," in placing the child with the mother in Providence. "We agree there is a possibility of trauma," he said, but objected to the contention that the mother gets a "hostile reception" from the foster parents when she tries to see the child.

"I don't think any more delay (in returning the child to her natural mother) is go-

ing to help" the child, he said.

Judge DeCiantis, in comments from the bench, said of particular interest to him is why the natural mother was unable to see her child for a period of four years.

He also noted the relationship that may have developed between the foster mother and the little girl:

"When Child Welfare is placed in a position where the mother gives up her child and it's a baby and it goes into a foster home, the ties between the child and the foster home now begin to tie so strong that we have a situation where the foster mother wants this child. There is no question in my mind that this is the way love between a mother and a child comes about."

But After That, the Diagnostic Center

# He Prefers the Training School to Home

By HAMILTON F. ALLEN

A Providence boy who just turned 13 has been sent to the Rhode Island Training School for Boys because "he didn't want to go home."

Exactly a year ago today, the youngster had begged Family Court to send him to the training school. Crying, he told the judge he wouldn't move from the courtroom until he was ordered out to the school.

Last year he didn't get his request and was released into the custody of his grandmother. A few weeks later he was back in court in connection with the daytime robbery of a woman.

This week his request was granted.

Ironically, the boy has had little contact with the police in the past year. Earlier, he'd had an active career of hand-

bag snatching and house-breaks.

He appeared in Family Court yesterday after he was implicated in the attempted theft of 14 gallons of ice cream from a delivery truck. He was found underneath the truck, and the ice cream was nearby, police said.

The court also heard from the boy's "Big Brother," a Cranston businessman, who said the youngster has "had some minor problems — but nothing compared to problems in the past."

The boy, who last year attended school for a total of three weeks, this year has "made extra efforts to attend school," the Big Brother said. "He's even called up the bus garage for a ride when he's late for the bus."

The Big Brother suggested that the boy needs a "breath-

ing period to get him out of his home." Living in a state institution, he added, the boy might come to realize being away from home is not as desirable as he now seems to think it is.

Judge Michael DeCiantis, who was hearing the case in open court, commented that in an earlier private session before himself and another judge, the boy said he didn't want to be free to return home.

The boy's older brother, 14, also charged in the ice cream incident, was allowed to return home. Judge DeCiantis said he would continue the older boy's case with the possibility of dismissing it if he gets through the next three months without incident.

The family's social worker said the older boy is doing well in school and may enter

a work-study program shortly, but that the mother reports the younger one has had "numerous troubles at home."

According to the brother, the younger boy had been in an argument with his mother a few hours before the attempted theft. Benedetto A. Cerilli Jr., an assistant public defender, added that the younger boy acknowledges sniffing glue after the argument but "doesn't remember" the details of the ice cream incident.

Judge DeCiantis said he would continue the younger boy's case for three months with the same possibility for dismissal as for his brother. But, the judge added in a private conference before the court session, it had been suggested the younger boy be

sent home as well. "He didn't want to go," the judge said.

Most of those familiar with the boy's case appeared to agree that a period of 30 days at the new Youth Diagnostic Center would be a suitable alternative. Thirty days is the time considered necessary for complete evaluation of a youngster.

But the diagnostic center will not have space available for the boy until later this week, Judge DeCiantis said. Mr. Cerilli replied that the youngster "indicates he will be willing to stay at the Training School" in the meantime.

After further discussion, Judge DeCiantis looked at the boy and asked him, "Is that what you want?"

The youngster, in his only words during the court session, gave a low and barely audible murmur of assent.

**Child Welfare Scored**

# Foster Parents Given Custody

By HAMILTON F. ALLEN

Family Court Judge Michael DeCiantis, ruling this weekend on a hard-fought custody struggle for a six-year-old Warwick girl, denied requests of the girl's natural mother and the state Child Welfare Services and allowed her foster parents to adopt her.

To take the child from her foster home of more than five-and-one-half years — as requested by both Child Welfare and the natural mother — "would be a shock worse than kidnaping," the judge wrote. "Nothing would be more cruel," he added.

The little girl, he said, "knew no other person as her parents other than her foster parents because of neglect of both the agency and the natural mother."

The foster parents through the years have shown themselves to be devoted to the child, affording her all the care and attention that natural parents would have given, Judge DeCiantis continued. Their attention, he added, "was not stimulated by activities of Child Welfare Services or anyone else but were the end result of sincere feelings of love for this child."

As for the natural mother, the judge asked:

"Couldn't she have inquired of the Child Welfare agency of (her daughter's) well-being?"

"Couldn't she have called the foster parents to find out?"

"Couldn't she have remembered (the child's) birthdays?"

"And if her desire and love was as great as to want to keep her child, as she has maintained throughout this case, why didn't she go to the foster parents' home to see the child?"

"Why didn't she demand that she be allowed to take her home? She knew that she

could arrange an appointment through the agency."

In the decision Judge DeCiantis hit sharply at the state's role in the little girl's life.

He blamed Child Welfare for a "lack of supervision" over her situation that "contributed to the breakdown of the relationship between the natural mother and her child."

He noted that Anthony E. Ricci, the welfare official responsible for the operation of Child Welfare, has complained in testimony that a

"heavy turnover" of social workers "disrupts" work with foster children. The judge said that although he didn't want to pass judgment on Mr. Ricci's agency, the Warwick girl "cannot be made a scapegoat" for Child Welfare problems.

Judge DeCiantis also had strong words for the suggestion of Dr. Ando I. Suvari, state director of services for the emotionally disturbed, that the child be taken from the

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"This court," the judge wrote, "does not intend by this decision to allow the door to be opened for adoption by foster parents by devious and fraudulent means. Each case must be decided on an individual basis."

His ruling also contains a statement indicating that twice-weekly visits between the child and her natural mother, as arranged by a court in the middle of the trial, may now be over. "all prior orders inconsistent with this decision are rescinded forthwith," he wrote.

Judge DeCiantis' decision against the natural mother comes at a time when some court observers believe there is a trend nationally in such cases to favor the natural parents. They point to the well-publicized "Baby Lenore" decision of a New York court which resulted in the foster parents fleeing to Florida rather than give up the child in their care.

In his own summary of the facts of the case, Judge DeCiantis mentioned the following:

The little girl was born nearly seven years ago — August, 1965 — to an unmarried 16-year-old girl. After the infant was placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Infant Asylum, Providence, the infant's grandmother said she felt "releasing the child for adoption was the only solution."

The baby, however, remained in the orphanage for 13 months until the Diocesan Bureau of Social Services advised the mother and the grandmother that further institutionalization would be "detrimental to the welfare of the child." The bureau then presented the situation to Family Court to determine the infant's future.

"Placement was consented to by the grandmother and the petitioner (the natural mother) with a clear understanding that it would not lead to adoption."

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foster home, given psychiatric help if necessary and prepared for possible return to the natural mother in Providence.

The judge, reacting to this proposal, noted testimony that the little girl's "worst fear was that someone would 'take her away.'"

"To reinstitutionalize her, as has been suggested, and realize her worst fear would be inhuman. How can this court take this child out of a happy home and cast her in an institution?"

"How much more can she stand? There has to be an end to this experimenting with the life of this little girl."

The judge sought to cope, apparently, with claims that a decision against Child Welfare would result in a series of similar custody battles. (One reliable source said about a dozen foster couples have notified Child Welfare they would seek to adopt children in their care if such a decision was made.)

In October, 1966, Family Court assigned custody of the child to Child Welfare. Ten days later, the state agency placed the girl — then 14 months old — in her present foster home.

The testimony also shows that the mother visited her baby daughter only four times while the child was in the foster home and did nothing until November, 1970, to reclaim her.

In this same four-year period, contact between the foster parents and Child Welfare was "spasmodic." For an entire year, the agency left the case "uncovered," sending no social workers out to check with the girl, the natural mother or the foster parents.

"The one most important factor is that this child never knew her mother or saw her mother until April, 1971," the judge wrote.

"Although the mother had

every opportunity to see the child any time she wanted, she knew that if she wanted to visit, all she had to do was contact Child Welfare Services."

Judge DeCiantis concluded "there is absolutely no excuse whatsoever for her (the mother's) utter disregard of" her daughter.

In reaching a decision, the judge had to come to terms with two major hurdles: one, the foster parents' signed agreement with Child Welfare that they would not seek to adopt any child placed by the agency in their care; and, two, a 1965 state Supreme Court decision returning a child to his natural mother.

In the case of the agreement, which all foster parents reportedly sign with the agency, the judge ruled that Child Welfare's apparent failure to maintain supervision of the girl's case is "tantamount to a breach of its contractual duty." Because of this failure, the judge said, the agency's custody of the child is terminated.

The Supreme Court returned a child to his natural mother because the child had been taken from the mother

in a Family Court hearing where the mother was not represented by a lawyer. The natural mother of the Warwick girl, noting that she had no lawyer with her when the child was turned over to Child Welfare, said the ruling applied to her situation.

Judge DeCiantis said the ruling did not apply here for various reasons. These included the fact that while the Supreme Court case involved a minor who was alone at Family Court hearings, the natural mother in the present case could look to her own mother for advice.

Furthermore, in the present case there was a mutual agreement by all concerned that Family Court would have to settle the case somehow since neither the grandmother nor the natural mother was able to support the child at that time, Judge DeCiantis wrote.

The young woman in the Supreme Court case, available records indicate, showed love for her child by visiting him over a four-year period during a time when she appeared to have no rights to her child whatsoever, he added.

# Child Custody Ruling Reserved

**By HAMILTON F. ALLEN**  
 Judge Michael DeCiantis of Family Court yesterday reserved decision in the case of a Warwick girl whose natural mother wants to take her from her foster home of more than five years.

The mother, a 22-year-old Providence woman, says she now wants her six-year-old daughter to live with her. She contends she never terminated her legal rights over the child.

The girl was born out of wedlock in 1965 when her mother was 16 and placed in the Warwick home at the age of 13 months by the state Child Welfare Services.

"I need as much help as I ever needed in my life," said Judge DeCiantis in commenting on the case from the bench. He chided the natural mother's attorney for taking a "cut and dried" view of human life.

The judge set March 2 for a hearing on the girl's relationship with her foster parents, her natural mother and the psychological effects of moving the girl out of the foster home.

The court has been told the natural mother started visiting her daughter last April and that the little girl "goes into tantrums" when a social worker tries to set up meetings with the mother outside of the home.

Within the next three weeks, Judge DeCiantis said yesterday, he will come to a decision on a motion of the mother's attorney to release the girl from state custody. A favorable decision would end

control by the state and foster parents over the girl's future.

The attorney, Gerald T. Mulligan of Rhode Island Legal Services, cited a 1965 Rhode Island Supreme Court ruling that declared null the state's custody of a four-year-

old boy, thus returning him to his 19-year-old natural mother.

In that ruling, a Family Court order granting custody of the boy to the state — when

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he was one month old and the mother was 15 — was declared illegal since the mother, a minor, was unrepresented in court by a lawyer or adult guardian.

The ruling was handed down one month before the birth of the Warwick girl.

Despite that ruling, testimony presented yesterday at the request of Mr. Mulligan, showed that neither the girl nor her mother was represented at the court hearing that resulted in the child being turned over to the state.

Because neither was represented, Mr. Mulligan said, "custody (of the girl) has never left the mother."

Louis J. Cosentino, named by the court last month as the daughter's legal counsel, noted that he represented the state Child Welfare Services in the Supreme Court case. "I lived with that thing for months and months," he said.

Mr. Cosentino asked the court to determine if the Warwick girl would be harmed by taking her from her foster home. (A state psychiatrist already has been named to prepare such a report).

Paul J. Bordieri, the Child Welfare lawyer, said the only difference between the Supreme Court case and the current case is that in the former case the child already had lived with the mother for a few months — on an experimental basis — before it became a court matter.

"Otherwise, the circumstances are identical," he said.

Robert H. Breslin Jr., attorney for the foster parents, argued there was still another difference between the two cases. The natural mother in the current case, he said, had her own mother in court with her at the time the little girl's

future was being decided. The Providence woman, by appearing in court with her mother, "didn't need a court-appointed guardian," he contended.

The natural mother no longer has rights over her daughter and "other persons have established" a parental relationship in her place, he added.

Judge DeCiantis, as the court hearing came to an end, said the exact nature of the court hearing granting custody of the girl to the state remains to be determined.

He told Mr. Mulligan: "You've got to get me some law. You haven't shown whether there was a proper hearing or not. All you've shown is that there wasn't a guardian."

While the Supreme Court case dealt with a child already in the possession of his mother, "this child is still in the hands and possession of foster parents," the judge added.

At the opening of yesterday's hearing, the judge ruled against a motion by Mr. Mulligan to remove the press from the courtroom. The judge noted an agreement by the press not to use names in most Family Court hearings and said that to bar the news media "would be a violation of the First Amendment."

Furthermore, he added: "The human tragedies and

pathos so evident in this type of case should be communicated in the public interest" to show the relationship of the court to society.

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## Girl's Adoption Stayed By a High Court Justice

A custody battle involving a six-year-old Warwick girl continued yesterday in two courts.

Judge Michael DeCiantis of Family Court denied the request of the state Child Welfare Service and the girl's mother to stop an adoption from taking place.

However, Associate Justice Thomas F. Kelleher of the Rhode Island Supreme Court later overruled Judge DeCiantis' decision, granting a temporary stay pending a hearing of the case before the full Supreme Court.

Granting the adoption to the girl's foster parents was part of a decision in the case handed down by Judge DeCiantis last weekend.

The girl's natural mother and the state agency asked that the final decree, entered

in Family Court yesterday, be stayed until the Supreme Court rules on the case.

After yesterday's session of Family Court, attorneys Gerald T. Mulligan of Rhode Island Legal Services and Don G. Sinesi for the Child Welfare Service presented their petition before Justice Kelleher in his chambers.

The attorneys asked for the stay because the Family Court order ended visitation periods between the natural mother and her daughter. These visits had been going on twice weekly.

If the adoption goes through and the girl's name is changed, the result would do "irreparable harm" to the relationship of the woman and her child, Mr. Mulligan said in Family Court.

Stephen Fortunato, lawyer for the foster parents, said the couple "strenuously objects" to any delay in adoption. Judge DeCiantis, in his decision last weekend, "found there is no relationship between the mother and child," he added.

Judge DeCiantis said: "I could not conscientiously or otherwise bring about the continued regression of this child by the appearance of Child Welfare or the natural mother. This girl is going to school; this girl is a happy girl; this girl, as I remember it, was about to take instructions in the church for her First Communion. This was all disrupted; everything was disrupted in this little girl's life."

## Rights of Adoptive Parents Vs. Natural Mother Upheld

The Rhode Island Supreme Court yesterday handed down a broad decision that upholds the rights of parents who adopt a baby only to have the natural mother change her mind and fight for custody.

The court held that if mothers who waver after signing an adoption decree were given liberal rights to reclaim their child, the child's need for stability in his formative years would be damaged.

Furthermore, the court said, parents who decide to adopt children should have a reasonable guarantee that they are not getting into future heart-rending legal battles.

In addition, the court noted, the natural parent "should be saved the stress and strain involved in futile attempts to regain custody of the child."

If the petitions of natural mothers for return of their infants after an adoption decree were to be entertained liberally, the court wrote, the sense of insecurity in the adoptive parents could have severe psychological impact on the child.

While the sweeping language in the decision refers to all cases brought after a final adoption decree has been entered, the case in point in-

involved a boy who will be two years old in April who was adopted by the sister and brother-in-law of the natural mother.

The names were kept confidential. The court found that Family Court Judge Michael DeCiantis erred when he ruled that the mother had been coerced by her sister into authorizing the adoption. The court also ruled that the judge was in error in deciding there was no valid reason for waiving the six-month trial period with the adoptive parents that Rhode Island law requires before an adoption decree is final.

The Supreme Court decision was written by Associate Justice Thomas F. Kelleher.

The adoptive parents were represented by B. Lucius Zarlenga, while the natural mother was represented by Milton Stanzler.

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### Just Decision

It was with a great feeling of elation and sense of long overdue justice that I read of Judge DeCiantis' decision to allow the family in Warwick to adopt their six-year-old foster child.

For many years, it has been incomprehensible to me why the foster child's future happiness, needs, and emotional security should be relinquished in favor of a natural mother who, in many



Judge DeCiantis

cases, paid little, if any, attention to the child until a moment arrived that suited her to have the child returned.

We should revise in our thinking the word "mother" to mean not the one who biologically gives birth, but the person most responsible for the child's emotional and physical growth and ultimate security and happiness. It makes little difference to a child living in a home whether his "mother" happens to be his natural mother. He is affected only by the love, security and happiness of that home life. To have a child removed from his foster home to that of a stranger or perhaps casual acquaintance, even though she may be his natural mother, is not only the most inhuman of acts, but is sure to instill irreparable emotional damage in that child.

I recognize that each case must be treated individually. However, as I read the article with tear-filled eyes and extreme happiness, I hoped and prayed that now many foster families can adopt their foster children, thus assuring them a continuation of any child's basic rights and needs, love and security.

Bless you, Judge DeCiantis!  
Jean Marz

Greenville

## Juveniles Ruling Echoes R.I. Edict

When the U.S. Supreme Court ruled yesterday that standards of proof of guilt must be as rigorous for juveniles as for adults, the court was echoing a Rhode Island decision handed down more than two years ago by Judge Michael DeCiantis in Family Court.

In the Rhode Island case Judge DeCiantis had also ruled that juveniles as well as adults are entitled to a trial by jury. The case involved a youth charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a firearm.

"All of the safeguards that are afforded an adult criminal must be applied to a juvenile case," Judge DeCiantis had ruled, "even including that of the right to a trial by a jury of his peers, as well as a finding of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, rather than by preponderance of the evidence."

The Rhode Island decision, both as to standards of evidence and trial by jury, has since been

widely quoted elsewhere, according to Judge DeCiantis.

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Washington — The Supreme Court ruled yesterday that juvenile courts may not convict children unless they are found guilty "beyond a reasonable doubt," as in adult trials.

In a 5-to-3 decision, the court declared unconstitutional a New York law that permitted juveniles to be adjudged delinquent if they were found by a "preponderance of the evidence" to have committed a crime.

Traditionally, all juvenile courts had followed the "preponderance of the evidence" standard on the theory that juvenile trials are civil and not criminal proceedings, in which youths are found in need of corrective training, not punished for crimes.

But in 1967 the Supreme Court held that when juveniles are accused of acts that would be crimes in adult courts, they

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must be accorded many of the safeguards required in adult trials by the due process requirement of the constitution.

Yesterday the court held, in an opinion by Justice William J. Brennan Jr., that the right to be convicted only upon proof beyond a reasonable doubt is one of those safeguards that must be observed in juvenile courts.

The justices overturned a 1967 ruling by the New York Family Court that a 12-year-old boy, Samuel Winship, had stolen \$112 from a woman's pocketbook in a shop. Members of his family testified that he was home at the time of the theft, and the judge said that there was a reasonable doubt that young Winship was the thief.

But because the state law permitted action based on a preponderance of the evidence, the boy was sentenced to training school for a term that could have run until he turned 18 — six years later. If he had been an adult, he could not have been given a sentence of more than five years for the theft.

Brennan observed that, although it has been assumed for years that adults cannot be convicted on less than proof beyond a reasonable doubt the Supreme Court never has said explicitly that this is required by the federal Constitution. He declared first that it is, and then added that juveniles are entitled to the same protection.

Other justices who voted to overturn the New York decision are William O. Douglas, John M. Harlan, Thurgood Marshall and Byron R. White.

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger issued a strong dissent, disagreeing with the basic drift of the Supreme Court's efforts to

bring due process safeguards into juvenile trials.

He objected to the "strait-jacketing" of a system that was designed to deal informally with children's cases. "What the juvenile court systems need is not more, but less of the trappings of legal procedure and judicial formalism; the juvenile system requires breathing room and flexibility in order to survive, if it can survive the repeated assaults from this court," the chief justice said.

Justice Potter Stewart joined the Burger dissent. Justice Hugo L. Black wrote a separate dissent, in which he insisted that the "beyond a reasonable doubt"

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## Don't force judges to retire at 70

A proposal has been made to fix mandatory retirement at age 70 for all Rhode Island judges, including members of the Workmen's Compensation Commission. If the proposal goes to the next General Assembly in formal presentation, the legislature will do well to reject it — or amend it substantially in the public interest.

Sen. Joseph F. Rodgers Jr., who will be chairman of the Senate judiciary committee, said that he will offer his idea in a bill, which he promised, will be reviewed thoroughly by his committee. The Providence Democrat said of his proposal: "The law is changing; times are changing. I think judicial temperament should be considered.

"People who appear before the judges should have people deciding their fate who are cognizant of the world around them." Mr. Rodgers said, quite correctly, that judges should not be "living back 40 or 50 years ago." Immediately affected by the bill would be Chief Justice Thomas H. Roberts of the Supreme Court who will be 71 on Jan. 4, and Judge Michael DeCiantis of Family Court, now 73.

It is ironic, in terms of the senator's statement about living in the past, that Justice Roberts and Judge DeCiantis — of all men and women on the bench in this state — have given shining evidence of their relevancy to the world in which they live. Both men are keenly aware of the function of law in a changing society.

But the immediate issue is not the two judges. The history of this state is full of evidence that age by itself has not dulled the competency or slowed the physical ability of many a judge well past 70. To make retirement automatically mandatory would be an injustice to any judge still capable of performing his duties — and to the state itself.

If the purpose of the Rodgers proposal is simply to offer the state a way to get rid of judges who are unable to bear their fair share of court work, could not the bill be amended to fix retirement at 70 unless a judge was willing to submit voluntarily to thorough physical and mental checkups to determine his ability to continue?

Under the amended proposal, a judge who wanted to leave at 70 would be free to go. A judge unwilling to leave could continue—if he was willing to match his own belief in his continued competency with the findings of a team of doctors assigned by the Rhode Island Medical Society to review physical, emotional, and mental abilities.

Mr. Rodgers noted that some other states have mandatory retirement for judges at 70. But, in Massachusetts, 11 judges are contesting a new constitutional requirement for mandatory retirement at 70, and the issue is headed for ultimate decision by the United States Supreme Court. This state at least ought to wait until that court decides the issue.

To amend the Rodgers proposal would be in line with standard retirement practices by the state and many local communities where extension of employment after 70 is granted *pro forma* to men and women able to bear the burdens of public service. Why waste the talents of judges like Mr. Roberts and Mr. DeCiantis by fixing excessively rigid retirement rules?



Busy men (l-r), Stephen F. Achille, board's legal adviser; Albert J. Lamarre, chairman, and Henry A. Violet, board member. Standing behind them is Mr. DeCiantis.

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**'Ray of Hope'**

Regarding your editorial on May 31 about Judge Michael DeCiantis' decision to refuse an adoption because a child hadn't been baptized, I am surprised that you haven't received dozens of letters by now, agreeing with him.

In our state, which seems to be so much guided by the Catholic Church, I, as an agnostic, find a ray of hope in your editorial, letting us know that some people don't feel they will be floating around in limbo for eternity due to not being baptized. I also

think it would be a lovely part of adoption for the adoptive parents to be able to choose a name and baptism or lack of it for their child.

I enjoy your editorials as I do most of The Providence Journal. Being from another state, I can compare your paper with several others. In my opinion, it rates quite highly. Thank you for the enjoyment I get from it each day.

E. M. Stetson  
 West Warwick

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### Court Order Fails, Mother Gives Consent

## Girl Who Is State Ward Will Get Abortion

By HAMILTON F. ALLEN

A 17-year-old girl who is a ward of the state failed yesterday to get a court order for her abortion but won her final objective anyway.

"Tell everybody how happy I am," said the girl, who is scheduled to have the abortion today at Providence Ly-ing-In Hospital.

In Family Court yesterday, Judge Michael DeCiantis threw out her request to order her legal guardian, John J. Affleck, state director of social and rehabilitative services, to sign the consent form she needed.

However, in the hours immediately before the court dismissal, the girl's mother, being treated at the state Medical Center for severe alcoholism, was located and she gave her written consent.

Mr. Affleck then signed the consent form — without a court order — and said he would write a letter to hospital officials explaining he was waiving his rights as legal guardian in the case.

In dismissing the case, Judge DeCiantis said the mother's written consent "means there is no more controversy and there is no more case before this court."

The United States Supreme Court's decision on abortion states that in the first 12 weeks of a pregnancy, the question of abortion is "a medical question that must be considered by the doctor and his patient," the judge noted.

However, the high court's ruling was limited to adults, and he has been unable to find any case involving a minor, under the jurisdiction of a state, who desires an abortion, he added.

"As far as I know, this is the first case" in which a

state ward is involved, Judge DeCiantis said.

The judge quoted Rhode Island law as granting Mr. Affleck "the power to authorize medical treatment" for wards of the state. If the parents of a state ward are available and legally competent to give consent for treatment, "the director shall take all reasonable means to seek their approval for medical treatment to be rendered," the judge added.

Although he was dismissing this case, Judge DeCiantis wrote: "A ward of the state has the right to come to court in redress of grievances" with a legal guardian.

Mr. Affleck said he is "accepting the mother's approval (of the abortion request) in my capacity as legal guardian for this decision only."

His department had been

aware of the girl's desire for an abortion for about a month but, Mr. Affleck said, earlier attempts to discuss it with the girl's mother were unsuccessful. The girl's social worker, Mrs. Rita Owen, finally was able to meet with the woman last Monday but the woman did not reach a decision at that time, Mr. Affleck said.

The case has consumed at least two days' time for Mr. Affleck and other officials in his department but he said that while the case "contributed" to clarifying certain issues, "it did not resolve them."

The welfare director said that a crucial question remains: What residual rights does a parent retain when his child becomes a ward of the state?

While "abortion is the most

dramatic issue before us, there are lots of other areas" where the question can crop up, he explained. This would include state wards who seek to marry, enter the service or have elective surgery. State law takes care only of medical emergency questions involving wards, he said.

The girl's abortion request, however, was the first such situation of this kind that had come before his department and the court's review has been "most helpful," Mr. Affleck said.

### W. Warwick Vote Tomorrow

When: Tomorrow.  
Where: Junior high school auditorium.  
Time: 7 p.m.

Issues: Adoption of proposed budget of \$1,366,198.83, an increase of \$129,036.83, calling for a tax rate increase of \$3.25 per \$1,000 valuation; vote on town administration request to seek General Assembly amendment of existing \$1,200,000 school bond issue to permit use of funds for playground installations.

Budget includes \$101,268

for personnel benefits, including \$71,224 to give salary raises of 10 per cent to all elected and appointed town employes and officers, plus an extra \$5 per week for highway and garbage workers; \$5,200 to give 52 police and firemen \$100 a year clothing allowances; \$6,844 increase in pension and social security contributions; and \$18,000 to give all town employes and dependents Blue Cross and Physicians' Service. Also provided is \$13,500 to give teachers \$300 raise effective next September.

Tues. March 18 7 P. M.	Annual Financial Town Event Junior High School Arena, West Warwick	RINGSIDE SEAT ADMIT ONE Courtesy - The Maynard Press
	MAIN BOUT Taxpayers - vs - Town Council (\$1,366,198.83 Budget Prize)	
	SEMI-FINAL Big Chief Mike - vs - The Brown Wizard	
	PRELIMINARIES Fazzano vs Charbonneau - Doc Duffy vs P.T.A. AND A FREE FOR ALL!	
	REFEREE: Judge James W. Leighton	

Tickets, courtesy of Theodule H. (Boko) Maynard. Mr. Maynard, owner of Maynard Press, West Warwick, prints leaflets on topics under discussion and passes them out around the town.

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Operation Set for Today**Girl's Mother OKs Abortion**

A 17-year-old girl was to have an abortion at Providence Lying-In Hospital today with the permission of her mother and without a court order.

The girl had sought the order in Family Court from Judge Michael DeCiantis to have her legal guardian, John J. Affleck, state director of social and rehabilitative services, sign the consent form she needed for the operation.

His department had been aware of the girl's desire for an abortion for about a month, Mr. Affleck said yesterday, but earlier attempts to discuss it with the girl's mother, who is under treatment for severe alcoholism at the state Medical Center, were unsuccessful.

The mother's consent was

obtained yesterday just hours before Judge DeCiantis was scheduled to rule on the girl's request for a court order.

Judge DeCiantis then dismissed the case saying the written consent "means there is no more controversy and no more case before this court."

The judge said that a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision leaves abortions for an adult

woman up to her and her doctor, but added that he has been unable to find any case involving a minor, who is a ward of the state, who desires an abortion.

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**Court Bars Return of Child To Mother After Adoption**

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 12 (AP) — The Rhode Island Supreme Court has ruled that an infant voluntarily and legally given up for adoption shall not be returned to the natural mother if she changes her mind.

The court on Thursday reversed the action of Judge Michael DeCiantis of Family Court who last March set aside the six-month-old adoption decree that had awarded a boy, now 2 years old, to the natural mother's sister and her husband.

The Supreme Court's opinion stressed a child's need for stability in the home in the early years of his developing personality and the desirability of legally obtained adoptions.

# Young Mother Drops Court Fight for Girl

A young Providence woman yesterday gave up her long court struggle to win back her daughter from the Warwick couple that adopted her.

Litigation ended with the filing of an agreement that the 24-year-old woman was dropping her appeals from the adoption decision, thus ending a custody battle that began in 1971.

Dismissal of the appeals in Family Court and the state Supreme Court ends a contest in which the Warwick couple successfully turned back demands for the girl by the woman and by the state Child Welfare Services.

The woman's lawyer, Joseph F. Dugan of Rhode Island Legal Services, said the woman no longer could endure the emotional strain in-

involved in further litigation. Mr. Dugan said that even if the woman were successful in getting back her child, it would take two to three years "at a minimum" to get through the courts.

Stephen J. Fortunato, attorney for the Warwick couple, said the girl is "doing very well" in school and has returned to her "pre-litigation bounciness." The couple had testified last year that the girl — as a result of attempts to return her to her natural mother — had changed from a well-adjusted youngster to a distressed child with emotional problems.

The girl was born in 1965 when her mother was 16 and

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unmarried. She spent the first few months of her life in the Sophia Little Home in Cranston and then was placed in the St. Vincent DePaul Infant Asylum, Providence. At the age of 13 months, she was placed in the custody of state Child Welfare, which in turn placed her in the Warwick

couple's home as a foster child.

As a foster child, the girl was under the legal guardianship of the state, and the couple, as foster parents, signed an agreement with the state not to try to adopt her.

Five years later, the state agency began plans to reunite the girl with her natural mother. The girl at this time believed her foster parents were her only parents and had seen her natural mother rarely — possibly no more than four times — during her life with the Warwick couple.

State Child Welfare initiated regular meetings between the child and her natural mother in April, 1971. Two months later, the girl was told the young woman was her mother.

The Warwick couple's refusal to let the child return to the Providence woman sparked the court battle. Their request to adopt the girl was granted in July, 1972, by Judge Michael DeCiantis of Family Court following the longest hearing in the court's history.

Judge DeCiantis ruled that both the Providence woman and Child Welfare had neglected the girl and to take her from her Warwick home "would be a shock worse than kidnaping."

The state agency and the natural mother then appealed the adoption decree to the state Supreme Court.

Last fall, however, the state dropped out of the case. In addition, Judge DeCiantis, ruling on a suit by the Warwick couple, dismissed the woman's appeal from the adoption decision for failure to comply with procedural rules.

The woman appealed that decision as well. Last month, the state Supreme Court upheld her appeal and sent the procedural question back to Family Court for correction.

A new hearing on the procedural matter was set down for yesterday, but the hearing turned in to an agreement to let the girl remain an adopted child in Warwick.

## Youth Charged After Chase In Chad Brown

A 17-year-old Providence youth was referred to Family Court today on charges of driving without a license and reckless driving that resulted from a drag race and a subsequent chase by a police car through the Chad Brown Housing Project about 9 o'clock last night.

Police said the youth was captured after the car he was driving hit a parked car as he was being pursued by Patrolmen Robert Swain and Paul Drolet.

The patrolmen said the youth struggled with them when he was apprehended. The youth's mother also appeared and joined the fray, they said.

As he was being removed from the area, several persons began throwing stones, bottles and other objects at the policemen and Patrolman Drolet suffered a cut finger, police said.

The officers said they began pursuing the car when they saw it drag racing on Chad Brown Street.

# New Adult Law Creates 'Pitfalls' For Children in Divorce Cases

## Tuition for Adult Children

### Divorce Ruling Sets A Father's Liability

By HAMILTON F. ALLEN

Divorced fathers in Rhode Island may be held responsible for supporting their children in college even though their children are adults.

However, this may be true only for children of parents divorced before the new adulthood law was passed in 1972 by the General Assembly.

In divorces since that time, children may find they have no legal claim to their father's support while they attend college.

This is the substance of a decision filed today by Judge Michael DeCiantis of Family Court in the case of 18-year-old twin sons of Nora M. and Richard A. Henault. The couple was divorced in 1964 and the two young men, now freshmen at Rhode Island College and the University of

Rhode Island, remained in the custody of their mother.

Judge DeCiantis' ruling grants the request of Mrs. Henault that Mr. Henault continue to pay his \$65 twice-monthly support payments even though the two sons are now adults. Mr. Henault also must pay a total of \$1,300 representing payments from October, 1972.

The legislature did not intend that the new adulthood statute operate retroactively in connection with divorce decrees granted before its passage, the judge wrote. Therefore, the statute cannot apply to court rulings before 1972, he said.

"The terms of the statute, if it were applied retroactively, would invalidate the decrees

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of Family Court" and there would be an "infringement" by the legislature on the au-

thority of the court, the judge added.

The other side of the coin is that the statute may apply in divorces since 1972. The new adulthood law, the judge said,

"creates many pitfalls for children of parents involved in divorce proceedings.

"One must consider that the right of a child involved in a divorce proceeding will be seriously affected because the children placed in such a situation are vulnerable to the existing stress and strife between the parents who are seeking their freedom. The children become secondary during the divorce proceedings.

"Therefore, it is necessary that an advocate should be appointed who will make decisions for the best interest of the child and consider the health, personal and educational needs. If given this protection, the child will be in the position to meet the tasks that await him when he becomes an adult.

"We must not forget that a child is a person. He must be treated as such during the obstacles and entanglements of parental disagreement.

"However," the judge said, "these prerogatives are within the power of the legislature to remedy."

Mr. Henault, the judge said, did not challenge the need of his two sons for further education, nor did he deny financial ability to contribute a "reasonable allowance" for this purpose,

Mr. Henault rested his case "solely on the basis that he is no longer legally obligated to contribute to the support of his two sons," the judge said. The father was found by the court financially able to help pay for their education.

Judge DeCiantis cited several cases in Rhode Island and elsewhere that he said established a precedent for parental support of a youngster's college education. Most such cases carried as a condition that the youngster be able to benefit by the experience and that the father be able to afford to help pay for it.

A Rhode Island Supreme Court case, he added, rejected the notion that "simply because the state, through its public school system, furnishes the facilities for a common school education, the father cannot be held liable for anything in the way of supplemental or additional training for the child."

Judge DeCiantis added this comment:

"The courts would be blind to deny that education beyond high school is a practical necessity if the youth of our country are to advance to the standards and goals which may be achieved by the college graduate."

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**Four juveniles sent to 'school'**

Four juveniles arrested during an incident in Warwick Thursday night were sent to the Rhode Island Training School to await trial yesterday for periods of up to five weeks.

Meanwhile, a 19-year-old adult arrested during the same incident in the Nausauket neighborhood pleaded no contest in district court, was fined \$5 and released.

Family Court Judge Michael DeCiantis, who sent the four juveniles — including a 15-year-old girl—to the training school, acknowledged last night that the move was unusually severe.

"I hated to do it," he said. He noted, however, that all of the youngsters had other charges pending against them and, "There was nothing else I could do."

"It is a clear defiance of the law, and the courts and the community when boys and girls have a charge pending against them and have appeared before the court within one or two months, and then proceed to come back again with another offensive," Judge DeCiantis said.

The disturbances Thursday night, which began when residents complained to police that firecrackers were being set off on Nausauket Road, touched off a demonstration at city hall where about a dozen youngsters picketed to protest the arrests.

The Nausauket neighborhood has been a trouble spot all summer, with merchants and residents complaining of vandalism, assaults and rowdiness in the streets.

Youths of the area have responded that there are no rec-

reational facilities in the area and that police have not allowed them to congregate in the neighborhood.

Capt. John Coutecher, police community relations officer, said yesterday "We just go down there to satisfy complaints." He said several neighborhood meetings have been held throughout the summer but that "We just seem to be getting nowhere at all."

The four juveniles and the adult were all held overnight Thursday by Warwick police.

Frank W. Davis, 19, of 6 Grassmere St., Warwick, pleaded no contest to a charge of disorderly conduct and was fined \$5 by District Court Judge John E. Orton 3rd.

At about the same time he was paying his fine, the four juveniles were appearing in the Family Court at Providence.

A 15-year-old girl, who was already on probation from previous charges in the court, was charged with exploding a firecracker and was sent to the training school until her trial scheduled for Sept. 13.

A 17-year-old boy charged with disorderly conduct was ordered held until a trial on Sept. 27. A 16-year-old boy, who also faces a charge of threatening to blow up the Seven-11 Store at 8 Nausauket Rd., was charged with exploding a firecracker in the Thursday night incident and was ordered held until trial on Oct. 11, five weeks away.

A 17-year-old boy charged with obstructing police officers was to be held until Sept. 20.

Judge DeCiantis appointed the public defender to defend all except the 17-year-old

who said he would hire his own lawyer.

"The lawyers can come in and show cause why these boys and the girl should not be kept in the training school," he said. If the lawyers are successful in showing cause, the judge said, it would not be necessary to keep the juveniles at the training school until their trials.

Judge DeCiantis compared the Nausauket situation to a series of cases he decided about five years ago in the Buttonwoods area, just a few blocks from where the arrests took place last night.

"We kept getting boys and girls in from this area every few weeks, then before you knew it we had 27 or 28 brought in after they fought with police one night," he said. "I nipped that in the bud and I have to do something about this situation now."

"They evidently are just raising the devil down there," Judge DeCiantis said.

**Family Court Session**

Sessions of Family Court will begin an hour late Monday because of the funeral of Mrs. Dorothy R. DeCiantis, wife of Judge Michael DeCiantis, the court clerk's office announced today.

The calendar will be called beginning at 11 a.m. on Monday.



# Robbery Charge Against Youth

## Dismissed; Police Assailed

By HAMILTON F. ALLEN

A charge against a North Providence youth of armed robbery was thrown out of Family Court here yesterday on the ground that the youth's 2:30 a.m. arrest at his home violated search-and-seizure safeguards in of the Bill of Rights.

Judge Michael DeCiantis dismissed the case in a written decision that said the case presented "an ideal opportunity to reinforce the primary purpose of the Fourth Amend-

ment as announced by the (United States) Supreme Court."

That purpose, he said, is to provide "a bulwark against the forced entry by agents of the state" into a private home "in the dark of night without the intervention of a magistrate."

The boy's arrest, he added, "was conduct that shocks the conscience and shows a disrespect for certain decencies of civilized conduct."

The judge dismissed the

case on motion of the youth's lawyer, J. Joseph Nugent Jr., who had asked that all evidence be suppressed on the ground that the boy's arrest was invalid.

The youth was apprehended early on Sept. 15 by police seeking a suspect in an armed robbery five hours earlier at a Cumberland Farms store on Power Road, Pawtucket.

Pawtucket police said a policeman exchanged gunfire as he chased two suspects in a car down Mineral Spring Avenue toward North Providence. They were apprehended after a rear wheel of their car was blown out by a bullet and taken to Pawtucket police headquarters where they implicated the North Providence youth, police said.

In his decision, Judge DeCiantis gave the following account of the arrest:

About 2:30 a.m., the father of the North Providence boy answered a knock on the door of his home, and saw about eight men at the doorway. They asked him if he was Mr. — identifying him by his last name, and he said, "Yes."

"Do you have a son named John?"

"No," the father said.

"Do you have a son?"

"Yes."

He then was asked the son's age, and he said he was 16. The men — who didn't identify themselves, although they "apparently" were policemen — asked the father to get the boy. The father then went upstairs, where his wife and five children were sleeping, woke up the boy and brought him downstairs.

The boy was questioned briefly and told to get dressed. Two of the men returned with him to his room while he dressed and brought him back downstairs. They then told the boy and his father that the boy was under arrest.

The boy was advised of his "Miranda rights," which include the right to a lawyer, and a lawyer was called.

The lawyer, former state

Atty. Gen. J. Joseph Nugent — father of the man who handled trial aspects of the case — warned Pawtucket Detective Kenneth Ryan that police had no right to take the boy from his home without an arrest warrant.

Then, after father and son conferred with each other, the boy was taken away by police. The father later went to the North Providence police station where he understood his son would be held, but was told to see Pawtucket police.

In Pawtucket, however, police held his son incommunicado until the morning. Then the boy was transferred to the Rhode Island Training School for Boys in Cranston to await court.

Detective Ryan, the judge wrote, testified that the youth's address was verified with North Providence police before he and his cohorts went to the boy's home to make the arrest. He had determined that he had sufficient "probable cause" for

arrest without first getting an arrest warrant from a judge.

But the Rhode Island Supreme Court, Judge DeCiantis said, has ruled that police entry on private property — even when police have a warrant — must be preceded by an announcement of their identity, the reason they wish to enter, and a request or demand to be allowed in.

None of these requirements was met, the judge wrote.

The position of Pawtucket authorities, he added, is that

police had "probable cause" for arrest since the youth allegedly had been implicated by statements of two persons arrested after the car chase on Mineral Spring Avenue.

"Such statements without corroboration or in the absence of a history of trustworthiness on their part are insufficient," the judge commented. He cited an 1898 Rhode Island Supreme Court ruling to that effect.

"The facts and circumstances reveal that the Paw-

tucket police, outside of their jurisdiction, several hours after receiving information of (the boy's) role in the crime and his address, and in the face of a stern warning from an attorney that their actions were improper, barged into a private dwelling, where other persons were peacefully sleeping, to remove (the boy).

"This in spite of ample opportunity to seek and acquire a warrant for his arrest," Judge DeCiantis wrote.

# After 11 year struggle

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## mother wins Jane back

By HAMILTON F. ALLEN

Journal-Bulletin Staff Writer

PROVIDENCE — "Tenacity and determination," a Rhode Island judge called it.

The result: Victory for a young woman after 11 years of struggle to get back the daughter born to her when she was a confused high-school dropout.

The daughter had been cared for since birth by her great-aunt, now living in Providence, despite the mother's attempts over the years to gain custody.

When it came to a judge's choice between the mother and the great aunt, it was the girl herself who was the deciding factor.

"The chief and decisive consideration that is involved is the welfare and interest of Jane," Judge Michael DeCiantis of Rhode Island Family Court wrote. "Jane wishes to live with her mother."

Jane — the name used to protect the anonymity of all concerned — soon will move to her mother's home in Delaware, probably at the end of the school semester. The timing presumably will involve negotiations by the lawyers involved: Marvin Brill for Jane's mother, and Thomas Pearlman for Jane's great aunt.

The judge stated that he is aware of the great-aunt's at-

tachment to Jane. For 11 years, he said, "she has reared her as her own child and given her love and affection, which have contributed to molding Jane into a very happy, well-adjusted young girl."

He also noted there was high praise from the elementary school Jane attended in Providence. There was testimony that she is "an excellent student" who is "well-mannered and very mature for her age." Her behavior in school "has had a beneficial effect on other students," the court was told.

As a custody contest, the judge added, it is unique be-

cause Jane's mother didn't find fault with the way the aunt raised the girl. "She bears no resentment about the way she was reared," the judge wrote.

But he noted that Jane's mother had testified:

"I want my child to be with me to give her love and affection and to carry out my motherhood, which I've not did in the past.

"... I have learned a lot about life. I can accept a lot of things, and I have the right mental attitude to bringing up my kid without going through the changes that I once went through."

Jane's mother had a rough

childhood. A native of Maryland, she also was born out of wedlock. She spent her first year with her mother — until she was removed and hospitalized as a battered infant, she was told later. She later lived with her father and grandmother but ran away at 13 because of her father's beatings.

Then followed a group home, a foster home and the home of her mother's sister — the same aunt who was to bring up Jane. When she was 15, she was "taken advantage of," as she put it, by a 26-year-old man, and in September, 1964, Jane was born.

She took Jane with her to

stay at a girlfriend's home. However, the aunt came to the house, "took her child from her arms" and threatened to have her "sent away," according to testimony.

While Jane's mother went to Baltimore to look for work, a Maryland court awarded custody of Jane to the aunt.

In 1967 Jane's mother applied for custody but the court affirmed its previous custody decree — and ordered Jane's mother fitted with an intrauterine birth control device.

In 1969 Jane's mother tried again; again she was denied. This time, the court granted

approval to the aunt to move with Jane to Providence.

Jane's mother, although living in Maryland and later in Delaware, kept in touch with her daughter through visits to Providence. At one point she lived and worked here, but an apparently difficult family setting made her leave.

"My aunt did a good job of disciplining her. But I observed also that my daughter had to take a lot ... off her grandmother. And whatever went down, it was always my daughter — my daughter was mostly at fault or she got hollered at or something of that

nature, you know, which showed favoritism."

Jane's mother now lives in a five-room apartment, earns \$144.50 in take-home pay, and expects a raise. She has no debts, has \$500 in the bank, and has made daycare arrangements for Jane.

An active Jehovah's Witness, Jane's mother, is contemplating marriage with a man who knows and approves of the arrangement with Jane. In Delaware, a social worker's report terms Jane's mother, now 26, "a responsible, mature, capable young woman." The report also approves of the plan for Jane.

# R.I. high court fetes Law Day in Colony House

By WILLIAM BRYANT  
Journal-Bulletin Staff Writer

NEWPORT — The state Supreme Court returned to the Colony House yesterday, after an absence of more than 70 years, to celebrate Law Day and to hear arguments on the controversial abortion issue.

More than 100 persons crowded into the "great hall" of the Colony House, where the highest court in the colony and then the state held sessions continuously for more than 150 yeears.

The first of several arguments presented to the five Supreme Court justices yesterday was on an appeal of a 1974 decision on the abortion issue. R. Daniel Prentis, special assistant to the attorney general, represented the state.

Francis J. Boyle, a Newport lawyer, represented the appellants, the Right to Life Committee, three couples who want to adopt children and three husbands who want their consent to be required for an abortion on their wives.

Both lawyers presented lengthy briefs to the Supreme Court and gave brief oral arguments. Prentis concentrated on the argument that the court did

not have the power to change a U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

Boyle argued that the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on abortion could be interpreted to mean either that life is immaterial to the unborn or that life is material and the Rhode Island abortion laws are invalid.

The lawyers appeared before the Supreme Court on an appeal of a Superior Court decision that held, in part, that life begins at conception and abortion contributes to bad public health.

The state's Superior Court, however, also found that it was not empowered to change the state's Department of Health regulations governing abortion because of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision. The state Supreme Court has taken the arguments under consideration.

Two other cases, one from Family Court and the other a civil dispute, were presented before the Supreme Court recessed its first session to be held in the Colony House since 1905.

An article, "The Role of Newport's Colony House in the History of the Rhode Island Supreme Court," by Kendall F. Svengalis, assistant law librarian at the state law library, was part of a program that was distributed.

Svengalis quoted Justice John T. Blodgett's brief address to the members of the bar at the final session of the state's Supreme Court in the Colony House on May 26, 1905, describing the building as "... this ancient structure, from whose balcony the demise and accession of successive kings of England have been proclaimed, the Declaration of Independence was announced and proclamation has been made to successive generations of the citizens of the state of the result of their own choice of governor and other general officers for more than 100 years."

The Colony House's great hall was decorated with flowering plants and shrubs and festooned with prerevolutionary flags for the Supreme Court's special session. Law Day exercises followed the special session.

Patrick T. Conley, chairman of the Rhode Island Bicentennial Commission and professor of history and constitutional law at Providence College, delivered the keynote address.

He spoke before a standing-room only crowd, including Governor Noel, judges from all state courts and state and local officials, in the second-floor assembly hall.

Conley's address examined the importance of an early court case in Rhode Island, Trevitt vs. Weeden, in which the arguments of defense counsel James Mitchell Varnum developed the doctrine of judicial review.

The case was heard by the state Supreme Court in 1786. Conley, who holds a law degree as well as a doctoral degree in history, based his address upon research of court records.

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# Amazing ESP Dog Solved Math Problems & Read Minds

By DAVID KLEIN

A dog with incredible powers tapped out correct answers to math questions, predicted the winners of horse races — and forecast the date it would die, almost to the very day, witnesses say.

"ESP was being demonstrated," marveled Dr. Remi J. Cadoret, professor of psychiatry at the University of Iowa School of Medicine, who collaborated in experiments involving Chris, a little part-beagle mongrel.

Chris used his right paw to tap out answers to questions. For example, if the answer was 41, he would tap four times, pause, then tap once more. On a "yes" or "no" question, he would tap three times for "yes" and twice for "no."

Tapping six times to indicate the month and then continuing on for the day and year, Chris predicted in 1959 that he would die on June 10, 1962, according to Rosemary Goulding, a psychology graduate of Brown University.

"He missed by one day. He died on June 9," said Miss Goulding, who learned of Chris' powers when he was owned by Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wood of East Greenwich, R.I.

Miss Goulding of Providence, R.I., later conducted extensive tests on Chris, in cooperation with Dr. Cadoret and Dr. J. Gaither Pratt, a parapsychologist now with the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

In a sworn affidavit witnessed by a justice of the peace, Miss Goulding wrote that Chris accurately predicted the winners of two horse races. And she said the dog's math calculations were 100 percent accurate.

"We had some Brown engineering students down one time and they gave him math problems. Chris had the answers before they could work them out on the slide rule," she recalled.

## Most Women College Presidents Are Nuns

If you're a woman who's yearning to be president of a college become a nun, says an expert.

Of the 156 women college presidents in the U.S. today, 105 are nuns, according to Marjorie Wagner, vice-chancellor of the California State Universities and Colleges.

Miss Goulding said Chris even correctly guessed a man's age and the amount of money in his pockets.

Dr. Pratt supervised a test of Chris that involved ESP cards. If the card had a circle on it, Chris would press once with his paw; a cross would be signaled by two presses; a wavy line, three; a square, four, and a star, five.

"Chris got a score of 104 in a series in which 55 is the most likely chance score," Dr. Pratt said. "A score of 104 or more in 11 runs with ESP cards would be expected to happen by chance only once in more than 100 billion such series."

"Like hundreds before me who had seen Chris put through his paces, I was impressed with his performance in answering questions put to him . . . I am convinced that the testing registered strong evidence for ESP."

Retired Family Court Judge Michael



**COMPLICATED MATH** like this was no problem to Chris, who figured out the answers before humans could work them out on a slide rule.

DeCiantis of Providence, R.I., recalled an incident that unfolded when he was town solicitor and police were seeking a raise.

DeCiantis, who had no intention of

granting it, said: "Chris was asked whether it was in my mind to give a raise. He tapped twice, meaning 'no.'"

"I was surprised," the jurist said, at the dog's clairvoyance.



# R.I. Abortion Laws Appear Unconstitutional

Rhode Island's abortion laws probably will be declared unconstitutional, Attorney Richard J. Israel said last night.

Noting that he has not yet read yesterday's Supreme Court ruling, Mr. Israel said that if newspaper reports are correct the state's laws regarding abortion probably will be struck down.

A three-judge panel in Rhode Island has been considering the constitutionality of the state law for about a year, and probably will decide within the week whether the statute will stand, Mr. Israel said. He said the judges had been waiting for the Supreme Court ruling before deciding the Rhode Island case.

By a 7-2 vote yesterday the high court struck down state laws that prohibit abortions within the first three months of pregnancy. That decision, the court ruled, is up to a woman and her physician.

During the second of three months or until a fetus has reached a state of "viability"

— when it could be born alive — the state may regulate but not forbid an abortion. The decision, however, allows states to regulate the conditions of abortion, such as who may perform them and what kinds of facilities should be required.

After "viability" stage — reached at six or seven months — a state may forbid abortions except when it is necessary to preserve the health or life of the mother.

The majority ruling, by Justice Harry A. Blackmun, held that the rights of personal property under the 14th amendment are "broad enough to encompass a woman's decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy."

Mr. Israel said the state panel declares the law unconstitutional. "We will have no laws left banning abortions in the last months of pregnancy, and in the absence of a statute they can even abort just before the baby is born."

Mr. Israel said he did not know if the decision meant that any doctor or hospital

could immediately perform abortions. He said it will be up to the General Assembly to "take advantage of any of the provisions of the ruling."

Governor Nixon, who has said he opposes abortion even in cases of rape or incest, declined to give a reaction to the decision until the high court ruling can be studied.

Roman Catholic church leaders reacted strongly to the decision although there was no immediate comment from Bishop Louis Gelineau. John Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia, the highest ranking Catholic prelate in the United States, called the decision "an unspeakable tragedy, and Terence Cardinal Cooke of New York asked, "How many millions of children prior to their birth will never live to see the light of day because of the shocking action of the majority of the U.S. Supreme Court?"

Justices Byron F. White and William H. Rehnquist dissented from the majority decision. White said, "The court apparently values the

convenience of the pregnant mother more than the continued existence and development of the life or potential life she carries."

Rep. Theodore L. Low, R-Dart 4, of Providence, long an advocate of repealing Rhode Island's abortion laws, said he was "delighted" with the Supreme Court ruling.

Representative Low said he is already having legislation prepared for introduction into the General Assembly which will insure that Rhode Island's abortion laws will conform with the decision of the nation's highest court.

"I am very concerned, however, that Rhode Island not become an abortion mill," he said. "I want abortion to be recognized as a proper medical procedure performed only by licensed physicians in facilities approved by the Joint Committee on Accreditation."

Mayor Joseph A. Dooley

23 said, "I suppose this nation is not designed to satisfy Catholic philosophy. I have my own personal beliefs on abortion. I am opposed to it. And I have my own reasons for not opposing it. But there may be two thirds of the nation who may not agree. The court has decided when human life begins—starts one day after the third month of pregnancy, which is rather vague to me. But my response would be the one I've been brought up with for the last 42 years. I am personally opposed to abortion."

Under existing Rhode Island law, abortion is prohibited except where it is deemed necessary to save the life of the prospective mother. Penalties performing or assisting in an abortion otherwise are subject to one to seven years imprisonment, and if the patient dies the prison term is five to 20 years.

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# Broadcasters Assailed For Material Emphasis

Broadcasting is too powerful and too vital to be allowed to operate wholly without public scrutiny, a national church leader said here today.

Dr. Everett Parker, director of the office of communications of the United Church of Christ, was a luncheon speaker during an all-day workshop on television and the community, sponsored by the Rhode Island School of Design and The Providence Corporation.

"The managers of American broadcasting have never indicated that human rights and human interest (by that I mean the public interest) have a place in their scheme of things," Dr. Parker said in remarks prepared for delivery at the RISD school hall.

Instead, he said, "broadcasting has celebrated material values and subordinated human values" by treating the audience as consumers of commodities.

A "second industry" according to Dr. Parker, is a lack of sensitivity to the dignity of humans, "especially the poor, the powerless, women and those not of the white race."

He predicted stricter future enforcement of the "fairness doctrine" enunciated by the Federal Communications Commission in 1949, under which broadcasters must seek out all sides in a controversy.

"This, in turn, will bring a new vitality to broadcasting and a new respect for broadcasters and their programs," Dr. Parker said.

He noted attempts by the National Association of Broadcasters to diminish application of the fairness doctrine. At one point, Clay T. Whitehead, who heads the White House Office of Telecommunications Policy, advocated abandoning the doctrine and replacing it with a system of unlimited access to the airwaves for those who can afford to pay, Dr. Parker reported.

But he added that Mr. Whitehead is now evidently having second thoughts, probably because the Nixon administration sees the fairness doctrine as a handy tool to use against the broadcasting networks.

Dr. Parker urged his audience to watch closely the coming and operation of cable television systems here.

"Speaking of cable (browsing as a whole) he said, "Some of us look on it as the biggest mis-

trustful step since the electric street car."

Michael A. Gammino Jr. is a local banker who is one of the charter members of the board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, said too much attention has been paid to communications "hardware" and not enough to content.

Mr. Gammino said public television has provided an example to commercial broadcasters and has influenced their programming. Rhode Island's "public" television station, WBSB-TV, "has developed an exceptionally fine program service," he added.

Week after week, the Rhode Island station produces an output that exceeds that of most public stations in the country, including some with larger budgets, Mr. Gammino said.

But WBSB needs funding for additional facilities and personnel, he stressed.

In a panel discussion this morning, Jack Nixon, radio-TV critic of the Journal-Bulletin, said prime-time drama offers "a lot of pointless action," while programs are filled with gimmicks and trivializing.

Arthur B. Pustarelli, assistant state commissioner of education, said 75 per cent of Rhode Island classrooms make use of instructional programs from the state-owned TV station, WBSB.

Bruce Lang, a former CBS News executive, predicted that television will become much more specialized and segmented, as have movies,

music and magazines. Cable television and video cassettes will be "the new messengers," Mr. Lang said.

Art Norwalk, news broadcaster for WJAR-TV, Channel 10, listed a number of public interest programs that the station has developed locally, although he said it has available only eight fulltime and two part-time news personnel.

But William R. Spout of the state Department of Community Affairs said local television stations seldom explore or explore any topics independently until the issue has first arisen in local newspapers. For example, he said, the stations have not touched the problems of malnutrition and rural poverty in Rhode Island.

Edwin W. Pfeiffer, vice president and general manager of WPRI-TV, Channel 12, said WPRI's made here yesterday by Nicholas Johnson, member of the Federal Communications Commission, imply that station "have an inclination not to listen" to the public.

This is simply not the case, Mr. Pfeiffer explained, adding that WPRI makes an active attempt to solicit opinions, including those of a cross-section advisory committee from the community.

As the RISD conference opened last night, Mr. Johnson of the FCC criticized the Nixon administration's attempt to control the broadcasting media — and charged the networks themselves with commercialism.



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# The Green Bulletin Metropolitan City

## Morality Unit Head Going To Parley

Joseph A. Sullivan, chairman of the Rhode Island Commission to Encourage Morality in Youth, today said that he will attend a conference called by Raymond J. Pettine, U.S. district attorney, for Thursday to discuss a new approach toward stamping out vice and obscenity publications.

When the Pettine first disclosed proposals for the drafting of laws that would attach penalties to "smut" publications rather than the men who distribute them, Mr. Sullivan termed the idea a "snake oil."

Mr. Sullivan remarked today that, although he hasn't changed his attitude, he wants to see what this legislation is.

## DeCiantis Informal, Charming, Amusing

By PAUL G. MARTASIAN  
He can anger with his pointed remarks. He can amuse with his humor. He can charm with his snappy kidding.

This is the portrait of Family Court Judge Michael DeCiantis as painted by five vice-bound couples, their lawyers and observers who were with him in action during his first six months on the bench of the new court.

## Would Not Fight School Case: Nugent

Atty. Gen. J. Joseph Nugent today said he feels the state Department of Education should accept yesterday's Superior Court ruling which upheld the Warwick School Committee in its dispute with Commissioner Michael P. Walsh over the board's approval power.

Major James E. Hodson of Warwick expressed his reaction very simply: "If the state could not be reached for comment immediately."



Helping photographers, U.N. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson maneuvers Mrs. John Glenn Jr. under emblem at U.N. yesterday.

## Col. Glenn Idolized in Hometown

New Concord, Ohio—UPI—Astronaut John H. Glenn Jr., a Marine lieutenant colonel, came home today and immediately delighted the crowds of his hometown of New Concord.

The crowd of 3,000 at the airport and thousands more parked along the John H. Glenn Jr. Highway had been disappointed earlier when word went out that the Glenns might be whisked by helicopter into New Concord instead of coming into town by a parade.

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## Kennedy Sets Tests Unless Reds Sign Ban

Washington—(AP)—President Kennedy set today a series of tests for the Soviet Union to determine whether it is ready to give up its nuclear weapons.

## Russia 'Will Take All The Necessary Steps'

Moscow—(UPI)—The Soviet government newspaper Pravda today said that Russia would take "all the necessary measures" for its security in the light of the U.S. decision to test atmospheric nuclear tests.

## No Choice, Pastore Declares

By ORLANDO R. POTTER  
Washington—Sen. John O. Pastore today gave his full support to President Kennedy's announced intention to resume atmospheric nuclear tests.

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## Cold Wave Will Relent Just a Bit

A "fairly good weekend," not so cold and with hardly any change of snow, was forecast today by the U.S. Weather Bureau station at Hillgrove.

The mercury dropped to 67 degrees at 8:30 a.m. and was slightly above the 3.3 degree record set on this date in 1950.

## The Good Life—100 Years of It

By JAMES F. KAULL  
"I've lived the life of a man," proclaimed Nohelo Leveroni, 100-year-old resident and lover of a good life who for him will reach 100 years tomorrow.



On Ervin Cassano, "He had the power of voice, but as an artist, he wasn't in it with some wonderful tenor," (Halo Cassano, opera star from Parma, died in 1958.)

On how to live to be 100: "Don't drink water. Drink good wine. A glass or two with a meal. I don't mean take a bath in it."

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Wives of astronauts line up at interview in New York yesterday. From left: Mrs. Margie Slayton, Mrs. Anne Glenn, Mrs. Betty Grissom and Mrs. Trudy Cooper.

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Table listing weather conditions for various cities: Albany, Albany-Corliss, Albany-Lincoln, Albany-South, Albany-Town, Albany-Union, Albany-West, Albany-East, Albany-North, Albany-South, Albany-West, Albany-East, Albany-North.

Forecast



He's a Down-to-Earth Judge

Some several persons were shouting lawyers threw up their hands. The judge sat back, restraining a smile as the yelling continued for several minutes. Then he raised a hand and said: "I am not a lawyer."

President Asks Boy to Go to the Moon, So He Does

Long Beach, Calif. (AP)—The day after Astronaut John Glenn Jr. orbited the earth, the president announced that he would like to see the boy who went to the moon.

Flu Continues Spread in State

Influenza and respiratory infections caused by influenza virus continued to spread in the state today, health department reports.

Steel Talks Recessed Until May

Pittsburgh (UPI)—Negotiations for new steel industry labor contracts—apparently recessed until after May 15.

43rd Division Gets New Commander

Col. William A. Farrell, who has been executive officer of the 43rd Division Artillery since 1952, today was appointed commander of the National Guard school of arms.

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Change for the Better

Advertisement for Fuel Oil Burner Service, featuring 'GO BUCKLEY AND SCOTT' and '101 CORLISS ST.'.

Advertisement for Carol's Bakery, listing items like 'FRESH APPLE CREAM PIES' and 'JUMBO 2 Pound Plain or Marbled LOAF CAKE'.

Advertisement for Mac's Pizzeria, listing 'MAC'S PIZZA & RESTAURANT' and 'Golden Fried CHICKEN'.

Advertisement for Live Better Furniture, listing 'FRESH STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE' and 'CHEESE CAKE & SWEET BREAD'.

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Advertisement for Live Better Furniture, listing 'MODEL ROOMS OF FURNITURE'.

Advertisement for Live Better Furniture, listing 'PRIZES GALORE NITELY'.

Advertisement for Live Better Furniture, listing 'FREE LIVING ROOM SUITE'.

Advertisement for Live Better Furniture, listing 'FREE FREE DISHWASHER & DISPOSER'.

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# Protestant Hits Board Choices

A complaint that the three nominees are unrepresentative of the Protestant community is being filed with the Federal Election Commission today.

The Rev. Harvey T. Melton, executive director of the Rhode Island State Council on Religion, said the nominees had not discussed possible nominees with him.

Mr. Melton said the nominees are unrepresentative of the Protestant community in Rhode Island, and that the nominees are unrepresentative of the Protestant community in Rhode Island.

# Bulletin Man Is Awarded Fellowship

Bruce B. Van Dusen, a Journalist in Residence at the University of Rhode Island, has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for 1962-63.

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Visiting in Jerusalem, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt chats with Premier David Ben-Gurion.

# Most Churches Start Lent on Wednesday

By ROBERT D. WHITAKER

Lent begins for most of the state's Christians on Wednesday. Services of some sort for Ash Wednesday will be held in virtually all of the state's churches, the notable exception being those of the Eastern Orthodox for whom Lent will begin on Monday, March 12.



Rev. Charles E. Batten

which will not again be matched until 1973. Because of differences in computing the date for the Resurrection festival, Easter 1962 will be even later for Eastern Orthodox, falling on April 29.

Another devotion Sunday service on Ash Wednesday will be the Holy Communion at 11:30 p.m. at Mathewson Street Methodist Church.

# Nuclear

Continued from Page One that he and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan would be ready to meet Soviet Premier Khrushchev at Geneva "if the final part" of agreement could be reached. An accord on this issue "would be a monumental step toward peace," Mr. Kennedy said.

While the President laid heavy and repeated stress on his call for a nuclear test moratorium, he also indicated that testing unnecessary, there was no reason to believe that nuclear powers have abandoned their quest for the attainment of the President's objective of a "breakthrough to peace."

Mr. Kennedy said the United States will be joining the U.S. test series "if the time is preparatory for war" if agreement is not reached. He said the disarmament talks should be forward pushed by the testing.

The projected new U.S. test series will be conducted by the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Defense. Preparations for the series were started last November as Mr. Kennedy's order "calling for a complete study of the results of the Light-Guide Series BLUEBERY PANCAKES

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Community Hearing: COMMUNITY HEARING ON IMPROVING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, R. I.

3, Not 60, Killed In Peru Landslide: Lima, Peru. (UPI)—The landslide that hit the mountain village of Conchucos Wednesday killed not 60, as reported at the time it was announced, enormous figure announced by the Interior Ministry earlier this week as a result of family communications.

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# Vinson Urges Boost in Draft

Washington—(UPI)—Chairman Carl Vinson, D-Ga., of the House Armed Services Committee today said that despite the draft should be increased to keep the Army at its present level.

Mr. Vinson said the Reserve Officers' Association that the Army drop back to a level of about 360,000 men from its current level of about 400,000.

He said he would like to see the Army drop to a level of about 300,000 men, but he said he would not allow it to be reduced simply because it has been reduced successfully.

# Get Music Award

Justus Pope, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald J. Pope of 124 Commodore St., has been awarded a \$500 scholarship at the New England Conservatory of Music for proficiency in the violin.

Miss Pope is senior at the Mary's Academy, plans to attend the New England Conservatory of Music in September.

# ASH WEDNESDAY

The Cathedral of St. John 271 N. Main St. 1:00 a.m. Holy Communion 1:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

# EVER WONDER ABOUT LENT ???

Do It Customs Make Sense to You ??? Come! and Hear ALBERT O. PERRY Discuss—"LENT AND LIBERALISM" This Sunday! Both Services! 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. The Church of the Mediator (Universalist) 225 Elmwood Ave. Providence, R.I.

THE ORGANS OF GRACE CHURCH WILL BE HEARD IN RECITAL by William MacGowan, M. Mus. on Monday, March 5, 1962, at 8:15 p.m. THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED

QUIDNESSETT BAPTIST CHURCH 100 Elmwood Ave., Providence, R.I. 9:45 a.m. Bible School 10:00 a.m. Pastor Study preaching. DIAL PRATER Every Day! Phone 4-5999

VIDANTA SOCIETY 251 Ashmun St., Providence, R.I. 8:00 p.m. Meditation and study All are invited

# Flight Recorder Still Hunted in Jet Crash

New York (UPI) — Searchers off Jamaica Bay today worked through a second night after leaving Idlewild Airport night at the scene of port.

By early today, police said 80 bodies had been recovered from the wreckage of the downed aircraft. Federal and independent investigators have given top priority to finding the recorder since it would suggest the crash theories that control failure caused the American Airlines 707 to plunge into a nearby bay.

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# Burma Quiet After Coup That Overthrew U Nu

Rangoon, Burma — (AP) — of a "vastly deteriorating situation" in Burma, the nation's number of deaths "variously estimated" — the increasing strength of the extreme left.

Mr. Nya criticized the military government's actions, including the arrest of the former prime minister, U Nu, and the proposed "federalization" of Burma.

# Conference Bound

Ladd School Official Is Going to Los Angeles

Francis P. Kelley, assistant superintendent of the Dr. Joseph H. Ladd School in Exeter, will leave Rhode Island tomorrow for Los Angeles to attend a three-day conference.

## APPLES

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Greenville, R.I. CE 1-7199

Delicious, Golden, Winesap, R. S. Greening  
\$1.50 to \$2.50 per basket  
Being Cashless



Waiting to testify—Anthony, Iaffi, and Frank Williams.

# Probers Told Land's Appraisal Doubled

John A. Svirsky testified that his first appraisal was \$20,000. He said he was induced to raise the amount to \$38,000 after being reproved by Herbert I. Dodge, associate commissioner of public works, and Elton Stephens, district supervisor.



John A. Svirsky

Anthony Williams told the subcommittee how he had stumbled at random through the yellow pages of the Boston telephone directory to pick a lawyer to represent his interests in the property acquisition.

# CARDINAL RESTING

Boston (AP) — Richard Cardinal Cushing was reported resting comfortably today in St. Elizabeth's hospital. He is suffering from stomach ulcers.

# Mussolini's Son's Bride Faints in Bridal Crush

Trieste, Italy — (UPI) — money and 45-minute nuptial Mass and left him enough strength to carry out the ceremony of several thousand well-wishers.

# BASKETBALL



# HATS

Holy Cross plays at Providence College in one of the top basketball games of the season, as Darragh tackles Brown and Mori plays at UConn. Other highlights include the schoolboy hockey playoffs and the Koitz Track Meet at New York.

# THE VERSATILE PETUNIA



# PETUNIAS

When it comes to annuals for your garden, you'll find more petunias than any other flower—more varieties, some are All-American winners. Everybody likes them and they're easy to grow.

# DISARMAMENT PROSPECTS



# RHODE ISLAND A-OK

An old established Rhode Island silverware company develops a printed circuit reader for space, missiles and computers. A new growth in science coming up.

# Grants Announced

Washington — The National Science Foundation yesterday announced a grant of \$15,000 to Gordon L. Walker of the American Mathematics Society for publication of mathematical reviews.

# YIPPEE CANCELED

Washington — (UPI) — The All-Law Flood Association has canceled a circle scheduled for Monday against Pat American World Airways and will resume negotiations.

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter in each square, to form four ordinary words.

ORMUF  
DREEL  
KLYAEC  
FLAOTA

THE PART OF THE BOOK THE AVIATOR USED BEST.

New arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer as suggested by the above cartoon.

How do I solve this? THE

# TOP RIVALS TANGLE

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# SOME OLD, SOME NEW

From the Colonial period through the Gay Nineties and Flapper 20's, his has had a distinctive history. In the picture story of the exhibition at Old State Mill, perhaps there's a kyle your mother or grandmother wore. Look for it in the

# 100 YEARS FROM NOW

Today's fashion leaders make bold predictions about 2062. Dresses from vending machines... throwaway jump suits... pills to control figures... bats with built-in radars. Most startling forecast—women will still be women. This Accent-on-the-Future report is in

Solution to this Puzzle is on First Classified Page

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THIS WEEK MAGAZINE



## A loophole in the law concerning free counsel

Sen. Pat Nero of Cranston has raised this question: Why should the state provide free counsel for criminal defendants who can afford to hire a lawyer? The answer seems obvious: It shouldn't.

Yes, those familiar with court procedures, including Senator Nero, believe that the public defender often is assigned to the defense of persons whose need for free counsel is not established. Referral of trivial cases to the public defender is quite common.

A defendant appears in Superior Court without a lawyer. The court asks whether he can afford one. The defendant says no, whereupon the judge may assign the public defender to handle the case.

The referral is completed without investigation as to whether the defendant can afford services of a lawyer. The defendant is not placed under oath when asked whether he can afford a lawyer. And once the case is referred, the public defender considers the re-

ferred an order. He doesn't investigate the defendant's need for free counsel, either.

Senator Nero has introduced an Assembly bill, S-200, which would require the defendant to give evidence of need before the defender takes his case. The bill is in the Senate judiciary committee. The defendant would be required to furnish a financial statement, under oath, setting forth his assets and the names of those to whom he is entitled to look for support. If the defender is satisfied that the state be out of pocket to defend him; if not, the defender would report his findings to the judge. The Nero bill makes good sense.

The Nero bill makes good sense. Of course, the court and the public defender would have to take a deceptive defendant of his constitutional right to be represented by an attorney. But neither should the state be out of pocket to defend someone who can pay for his own defense.

## The puzzle in North Viet Nam

By any objective standard, the Soviet attempt to tilt the United States as an aggressor against North Viet Nam is ridiculous, another example of communist's penchant for turning any situation inside out to fit the Cold War needs of the cause.

It is not entirely clear yet why Pravda, official newspaper of the Soviet Communist Party, undertook to warn the United States at this time of possible "dramatic consequences" if training and logistical support were continued to the South Vietnamese Army.

The belligerent tone could signal an attempt by the Kremlin to shift the focus of Cold War crisis from Berlin, where the West has dug in its heels, to Southeast Asia. The use of alternating pressures to keep the West unbalanced and defenseless fits the pattern of past Communist strategy, but that was when Peiping and Moscow were working together.

Today, however, the Soviet Union and Red China are scarier talking as a result of a conflict for ideological supremacy in the Communist world. This situation creates an entirely different set of conditions.

Mao Tse-tung repudiates the Khrushchev thesis of competitive coexistence, while the Communist Party of China is leading the Chinese leaders preach world revolution needed by a major war, if necessary, against the capitalist states—the same tough line reportedly held also by the old-line Stalinists kicked from the Communist party and Soviet power apparatus by Khrushchev.

Thus, Peiping's menacing response to the strengthening of the American aid mission in North Viet Nam, echoing the North Vietnamese complaint that its security was threatened, may have made necessary for Khrushchev to prove he is as militant in communism's behalf as anybody in Red China. It could be that his hand was forced particularly because the So-

## Bad news for the bystander

and in the Parliament. Many also have been among them. They are, in point of fact, a free race, statural, intelligent, not lacking in culture.

The rights of the Maori people were secured for all time by the Treaty of Waitangi, nearly a century ago, which guaranteed these rights following a long era of sporadic fighting. Since then, no Maori has had reason to call for a treatment in New Zealand—political, economic or social.

One of our first impressions of the country today is the warmth of welcome and the hospitality of the people. This is, of course, well-known, and justly so. Every New Zealander you meet wants to take you to his home and if you see him in a public place, you must call on him.

There is all the difference in the world between New Zealand and Australia although they are divided by only a few hundred miles of the Tasman Sea. It isn't considered the proper thing to go into over-much early history on a comparative basis, but the fact does remain that the New Zealand pioneers were of the southern English stock, professional men, businessmen, craftsmen. Seafarers' tales of the natural charms and rich resources of the little country (it is only about the size of England, Scotland and Wales) seem generally to have overlooked one important thing: the Maori.

Now there, as you must know, came down from the Polynesian islands 1,200 years ago or so. They found a tribe whose origin is obscure, known today as the Maori, whose language is called Maori.

Before the Maori, simple people so unaccustomed to fighting that they were soon disposed of.

## Perfect amity

These South Sea Islanders were such lads as used to fight from the "wood" and not before, and they wanted nobody else around. Tasmans came in the 17th century and they showed him away before he was as much as ashore. Nobody else interfered with them until Cook arrived, toward the end of the 18th century. Some of us can explain it, really, except on the basis of the remarkable man's personality. They let him come ashore and even made friends with him. That the Maori weren't as good as the white man had deemed them.

That started the emigration traffic, but the kind of spread that had to be made for white settlers, as they were killed on each side today, and this is of current interest. Maori in New Zealand live in perfect amity. There is a "color line" in New Zealand of segregation of any kind, not even some of the leading citizens are Maori. They are well represented in the Dominion administration.



## Marc Groene's Travels

### They don't get ulcers

New Zealanders, the world's healthiest, eat continuously, and love the outdoors.

Afternoon tea? Milk, certainly, mousetrap! And, my word, you can't have a New Zealand dinner without a little "snack" to go with it. You can't have a New Zealand dinner without a little "snack" to go with it.

Now, then, let's go home for dinner and see what the Misses have got fixed up. Probably she won't let us starve. You bet she won't! New Zealanders would starve themselves, sooner than let any such late messenger a guest. After dinner you sit around and chat amiably. And then, behold, along about 10 or half past, your hostess goes out, and presently appears "supper."

This consists, according to the character of the household, of coffee or tea, accompanied by many little snacks, all kinds of tiddies, and so on. And you may be sure none comes from the baker's either, or frozen either. No, no, down here, plenty of everything fresh is available all ways and everywhere.

And then, if you dine at a good hotel, such, for example, as the Grand, in Auckland, or the famous Clarendon in Christchurch, where the Queen and Prince Philip stopped, why, contemplate the offering! Several kinds of soup, probably three of fish, certainly beef and mutton and fowl and, stop all that, no less than five different meats. It reads like the menu of a passenger. East Indian, sailing around the

## background The British courts never flip a wig



The imperturbability of the English courts always has been a marvel no less than the antics of the citizens who appear before them. An instance of both has come to hand recently. Here is the proceeding before the court at Aldershot: Bailiff: Richard Brown to the bar.

Judge: Arrumph. The prosecution will proceed.

Prosecutor: If it please your honor, this young man is charged with driving through the streets of Farnborough, for a distance of two and one-half statute miles, one bed.

Judge: You said, ah, a bed? Prosecutor: Yes, M'Lord, a bed. Judge: Ah, yes. A bed. You may proceed.

Prosecutor: . . . against the peace and dignity of Her Majesty's realm.

Judge: In what manner was the driving of this, ah, bed through the streets a violation of our statutes?

Prosecutor: Said bed carried no liability insurance.

Judge: Indeed? Prosecutor: Furthermore, said bed failed to display registration plates, as required both front and rear.

Judge: And what type of plates does the Crown contend that this, ah, bed should have carried.

Prosecutor: Learner's plates, M'Lord.

Judge: Yes, yes. Of course. Proceed.

Prosecutor: And lastly, said bed was lacking and devoid of any system of brakes, as required by statute through the streets could satisfactorily be lessened or stopped.

Judge: And to this, young man, what say you?



Defendant: I only did it to attract attention to a campaign for money for an old people's charity.

Judge: Indeed? Defendant: And it was only a very slow because I only had a motorcycle engine to drive it.

Judge: Yes? Defendant: And it was only a little bed, anyway.

Judge: Ah, yes. The judgment of this court is that defendant is guilty as charged. We cannot have people driving unregistered beds through our streets, no matter what the purpose, and beds lacking those other requirements of motor vehicles. . . . By the way, did this bed have lights?

Prosecutor: No lights, M'Lord.

Judge: Ah, yes. No lights. And driving beds around without lights.

Defendant: Is fined 14 pounds, and it is the further judgment of this court that defendant shall not within the six months next ensuing drive or operate upon any public way any motor vehicle or, ah, bed.

Bailiff: This court stands adjourned.

comment

### New York city plans for parks

New York City is marking that open space will be available for parks, schools, and community facilities in the future. A plan for a municipal land bank, according to the American Municipal Association. The program, operated by the City Planning Commission, will buy and preserve land for future use.

Withholding from sale city-owned property in certain areas—continuation of a recent practice—will make the city to redevelop or replan street systems in sparsely developed areas to provide for park-like character.

Mayor Wagner has suggested that the commission consider setting aside small open spaces, plazas, and squares similar to those in Paris and Venice to develop the "esthetic requirements of the city."

### The Evening Bulletin

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## A weapon against joblessness

The worker-retraining bill just approved by the House gives the federal government a new weapon in its attack on joblessness and holds out the promise that the skills of the people may be better utilized in the years ahead. The bill now moves to a Senate-House conference with every prospect that small differences will be ironed out and the bill's passage achieved at this session.

The purpose of the measure is to take workers whose jobs have vanished—because of automation or any other reason—and retrain them for jobs that are available. Testing, counseling and training programs would be administered by the Department of Labor. Funds also are provided to help states set up new vocational training programs. The total program involves expenditures of 262 million dollars over a 10-year period.

A program of this kind raises some obvious difficulties. It would be quite pointless, for example, to take jobless truck drivers and retrain them as carpenters. If it turned out that there were no job



Aggressive padlock  
—Lambert, Christian Science Monitor



A Maori gives a lesson in wood carving.

Auspices Anonymous for Poll on City Mayoralty

Somebody is paying to take the political pulse in Providence, but whoever it is being paid to do so is not being paid to do so by the city...

Death Notices

BARNES, Laura M. (Haynes) - Born in Providence, Rhode Island, died at her home...

Winter Sports Report

Diamed Hill Reservation—Skiing good on both slopes with 22 to 24 inches of hard-packed snow...

STATE - Work Pond, River Road, and Hickey Pond—Skiing. Davis Park and Naticumack Hill Park—Coasting.

NORTH PROVIDENCE - Miller's Pond, Cranston, Pond, Canada Pond and Stephen Olney Pond—Skiing.

State Employe 2 Get 9 Months Dismissal OK'd For Deferred Term Violation

The R.I. Supreme Court yesterday upheld the constitutionality of the law enacted last year which stipulates that any employee who is dismissed...

Chornley Chief Road Designer - Appointment of Morris Chornley of West Warwick, chief highway coordinator...

Radiation Belt No Space Barrier - Washington, April 26—The Van Allen radiation belt...

Viet Nam Says 125 South Killed - Saigon, South Viet Nam (AP)—Government forces killed 125 Communist guerrillas...

LANGUAGES IN THE NEWS - By Charles F. Reilly, editor, Foreign Languages Department...

Italy Reds to Vote Against Fanfani - Rome (UPI)—Italy's powerful Communist Party today formally decided to vote against Premier Amintore Fanfani's new cabinet...

Pre-Lenten Frolic - A "Pre-Lenten Frolic" will be held in the city on the night of the Knights of Columbus...

CAPULE TO MEET - Washington (UPI)—John Glenn's space flight, Friendship 7, will be given the National Air Museum of the Smithsonian Institution...

OTTEN SBA POST - Washington (AP)—The Small Business Administration announced today that Phil Dierker, former DPA and now deputy administrator...

Could It Be This Horse Race Lasted 32 Years?

London (UPI)—Lockyer Thomas Harvey was found to have been in the city for 32 years...

Mikoyan Vows Help To E. Reich

Berlin (UPI)—Soviet First Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan vowed today to help the East German government...

Defecting Red Airman Lands Jet on Formosa

Taipei, Formosa (AP)—A Chinese Communist Air Force lieutenant flew a Soviet-built MiG-15 to Formosa...

U2 Vanishes Without Trace In California

Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. (AP)—A Lockheed U-2 spy plane is down somewhere in Southern California...

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Squad Cars Rushed To Bank on Alarm

Police converged on the Citizens Savings Bank in Providence today after a telephone call...

Miss Minnie Tardoz

The funeral of Miss Minnie A. Tardoz, 67, of 107 Irving Ave., was held today at the funeral home...

Miss Ellen Smith

Miss Ellen Smith, 306 Regent Avenue, died this morning at the Bellevue Nursing Home...

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Large vertical advertisement for 'Cards of Thanks' and 'In Memoriams' with contact information for 'The Late William F. Latta'.

At the Assembly

Senators Told Blue Cross to Offer New Plan

A new medical program that situation where physicians have would cover doctor's home visits and after calls in addition to the person hospital services which the Blue Cross and Physicians Service provide. Today ready this summer, the Senate corporations executive vice president, Dr. Stanley said the committee will not try that the state Department of Business Regulation is less stringent with regard to Blue Cross than in Massachusetts, he said.

Arthur F. Hanley, executive director of the two health plans made the presentation in testimony in which he also proposed a bill requiring that a majority of the board members represent the public rather than the medical profession. The comprehensive program which is being planned, Dr. Hanley said, is designed to cover high costs of illness. The provision would include not only doctor care outside a hospital, but also skilled home nursing, drugs and appliances, he said.

During his appearance at the hearing Mr. Hanley said that 85 per cent of the total paid by the Physician Service go to only 10 per cent of doctors. He said that 80 per cent of doctors, accounting for more than 84 per cent of total billings, physicians, shared 85 per cent of payments, and the average payment was about \$1,300 this year. The program in the nation has public facilities on their health care, and more of them are being built. He said that the 18 members of the Massachusetts board are doctors, the average of the Rhode Island board is 40 per cent.

Textron to Make Marine Helicopters

Textron Inc. Helicopter Division will build more than 100 helicopters for the Marine Corps. Robert C. Thompson Jr., chairman of the board of Textron Inc., said today.

Mr. Thompson said Textron will build a Marine Corps helicopter support tender and that the achievement will result in millions of dollars worth of business over the next few years.

While the Defense Department did not give details of the contract for procurement of the purchase will be made during fiscal 1962 for production of 100 helicopters to be delivered in 1963.

Mr. Thompson said Textron is qualified to build helicopters in quantity for the Army. Bill November, Bell and Howell received a \$4,000,000 contract for production of 100 Army helicopter observation helicopters.

Gilbane to Build Apartment Houses

Gilbane Building Co. has been awarded a \$1,000,000 contract for the construction of two apartment houses of 100 units each in Cambridgeport. Mr. Stanley D. Gilbane, president of the company, said today.

Mr. Gilbane said the two apartment houses will be seven stories, the remainder three stories.

Local Dividends

Dividends for the first quarter of 1962 are as follows: American National Bank, \$1.00; American National Bank, \$1.00; American National Bank, \$1.00.

Middletown, Rhode Island 3.40% Non-Callable General Obligation Bonds

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SECURITY HIGHLIGHTS

These non-callable bonds are general obligations of the town of Middletown payable from all tax revenues less levied against all taxable property without limitation as to rate or amount. Middletown (12-275) is in Newport County adjacent to the City of Newport. Although the town's population has increased 75 since 1950, the net direct debt is only 4% of the estimated full value of \$139 per capita. There is no reported outstanding debt.

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Congo tax collectors pose with their State Department interpreter, Frank Marines, second from left, and Woonsocket's Mayor Coleman in tax assessor's office.

Prison Official Clarifies Stand State Sendoff Given to Congo Tax Assessors

A federal prison official said today he did not intend any criticism of past state administration in his interview yesterday on progress now being made at the Adult Correctional Institution. Noon I. Allogre, administrator of correctional services for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, conceded that he was inaccurate in saying "none of the recommendations made in a 1959 inspection by another federal visitor had been implemented until last year. Last night, Brig. Gen. Paul D. Sherman, who was assistant director of the Department of Social Welfare for correctional services under the Republican administration of former Gov. Christopher D. Seane, took issue with Mr. Allogre's statement. General Sherman said 26 of 30 recommendations in the 1959 report had been carried out in 1959 and 1960. Today, as he was preparing to leave Providence, Mr. Allogre said "General Sherman has not indicated he did not visit the two juvenile training schools. "I wasn't making any allegations against General Sherman," the federal visitor said.

Train Wrecked; Engine In Lake; 4 Feared Dead

Abol, Idaho—(AP)—A crack Northern Pacific passenger train, including through a remote area, derailed in front of a 200-foot-long trestle last night, spilling the engine into a deep lake and scattering passenger cars all over.

Job-Injury Case Appeal Upheld by Court

The Rhode Island Supreme Court ruled yesterday that the usual limit on new court action in a Marine Corps disability and partial disability may be computed retroactively to the start of the disability.

Ax Murder Case Figure Dies at 72

Herbert C. Carnes, 72, formerly of Westwood Avenue, East Providence, a World War I veteran and former salesman, died yesterday at the Rhode Island Medical Center.

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YOUTH WILL FACE COURT IN SLAYING OF FATHER

Rhode Island, 17, of the naval office in Providence, is accused of slaying his father today in a district court in Providence. The charges stem from the slaying of his father, John M. Motika, 36, who was charged with compounding a felony.

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### Hearing

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counsel "should be above getting into alterations."  
"It is very unfortunate that what happened did happen," he said of the Gerstenblatt-Walsh exchange.  
Mr. Coffey opened the hearing by stating that there is "a period of questions as to the validity of the signature on the original document—the amendment to Rule 53 applying the same 30-day credit restrictions to the wholesaling of beer as now apply to distilled spirits and other alcoholic beverages."  
He said that he had engaged a handwriting expert who came from Boston yesterday but that he had been unable to gain access to the questioned document.  
Herbert F. Desimone, counsel for the Department of Business Regulation, said the document had been looked over by him and no advance notice given that Mr. Coffey wanted to examine it. But it will be available upon due notice, he said.  
Mr. Gerstenblatt denied an applicant's motion to discontinue the hearing to permit time to study the document, and Mr. Gillespie took the stand.  
Mr. Desimone showed him, among other things, the questioned order and asked him what it was.  
"According to the statement at the top of the paper, it is an amendment to Rule 53, Mr. Gillespie replied.  
"Is there a signature?"  
"It appears to be a signature,"  
"Is that your signature, Mr. Gillespie?"  
Mr. Gillespie left the witness stand, walked to a window and said the sheet up to the light and studied it. Returning to the witness stand, he said:  
"That is my signature."  
He could not recall, until persistent questioning, when he signed the document or the circumstances under which it was published in the Providence Journal as a legal advertisement last Oct. 9 and 10.  
Mr. Coffey later remarked that the circumstances are very unusual. Mr. Gillespie says this purports to be his signature but he doesn't know when he put it on. "Somebody else could have signed it."  
Over objections of Mr. Coffey, Mr. Walsh and William J. McCarty, third applicant, consented, the board admitted the



Former Liquor Control Administrator Norman E. Gillespie reads his statement.

document in evidence and also an affidavit as to publication of the legal advertisement and reserved the rights of appeal. He was sworn in at the March 11 hearing.  
Michael Addon, board member, in the discussion involving examination of the document by a handwriting expert asked Mr. Coffey if he had a sample of Mr. Gillespie's handwriting other than the signature on the document.  
Mr. Coffey replied that he did.

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Richard Clinton, 18, of Doyle Ave., Providence, was given two concurrent two-year terms in the Adult Correctional Institutions by Judge Eugene L. Jabbert in Superior Court today.  
He was sentenced for violating a deferred sentence he had been given last December for stealing at the Mack Associates, Inc., Clothing Store on Thayer Street, Providence, and also for breaking a Molokai TV Sales and Service Store in Warwick in which he had pleaded guilty in Kent County last Dec. 3.  
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Harrington is being tried before Judge Eugene L. Jabbert in the case which charges him with rape.  
The witness, who attends Providence School of Design, stepped from the witness stand and pointing a finger at Harrington, said he was one of two men who at about midnight April 17 seized her as she walked up Planet Street toward her rooming house on Benefit Street.  
"Hawley" opened the door of a car in which two other men were riding up the hill. The man in the car that Harrington then showed her into the car and onto the floor and as four men drove off with her, Harrington immediately began assaulting her.  
She said she was afraid the men would kill her.  
The indictment alleges that the crime occurred in Smithfield but the witness said he did not know just where it was that the men stopped the car after a ride of about 45 minutes.  
She said it was very dark there and that the defendant, as well as "Hawley" and "Harriet" all assaulted her. She said a fourth man named "Syvia" did not assault her but talked her into getting into the car with the three others were "maniacs" and she should do what they told her to do.  
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## Around Rhode Island

**Westerly**  
The two-way radio of the Westerly Ambulance Corps was destroyed in a \$200,000 general alarm fire early this morning forcing police to handle all ambulance calls until a new unit is obtained.  
The \$800 radio was ruined in a blaze which wrecked the offices and attic storage room of the Morrone Fire Garage Inc., at 100 Main St. Westerly. The garage has several of the base stations for the operations of the ambulance corps.  
Two policemen on duty when the fire broke out shortly before 2 a.m. dashed through smoke and flames and drove two of the corps' ambulances from the building.  
The men who saved the vehicles, valued at about \$15,000 each, were Carl Henderson of 37 Mechanic St., Westerly, and Alfred LaFosse of Kingston.

**Cumberland**  
The Cumberland home rule charter commission last night voted 3 to 3 to write an off-year, non-partisan elections provisions in the charter it is drafting.

**Scolded For Running School**  
John Scully Jr., 14, of 356 Broad St., Cumberland, scolded a bag of canned goods called his pet dog, fastened a sleeping bag to his bicycle and took off.  
That was at 3:15 p.m. yesterday. Between that time and 1 a.m. today a search party of about 75 volunteers looked for him. He was found after his father spotted a number of burned matches and tracks of a bicycle in a wooded area six miles north of Cumberland. The youth was in his sleeping bag, awake and unharmed.  
His father expressed the wish the boy, an experienced camper, would camp in school from now on.

**Driver in Fatality Pleads Innocent**  
Robert M. Burkin, 30, of the Dreyfus, Teaser, Cascade, pleaded innocent to a charge of reckless driving, with death resulting, when arraigned by state police in district court at Newport today. He furnished \$1,000 bond for appearance Feb. 19.  
Burkin was the operator of a car that hit a pole on East Main Road, Portsmouth, on Feb. 3, causing fatal injury to Edward F. Lewis of the Cascade. He died at the Chelsea Naval Hospital on Feb. 6.

**West Warwick**  
The Teachers Alliance in West Warwick last night decided to drop its demand for a \$300 across-the-board pay increase and accept a \$200 offer by the school committee.  
Roland Archambault, union president, said it was agreed that most of the extra \$100 would be lost in taxes and was not worth arguing about.

**Newport**  
Mayor James L. Maher of Newport has placed on the docket for action by the City Council tomorrow night a proposal to choose the First National Bank of Boston as the city's fiscal agent.  
At present, the Industrial National Bank is the fiscal agent, handling the city's securities and bond interest payments.

**Two Acres of Land on Newbury's Waterfront**  
Newbury's waterfront has been purchased by the Williams and Shipyards Inc., which plans to expand its present operations.

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Only 2,000 were on hand at the airport to see the Soviet leader arrive. Along the eight-mile route into the city and the city itself, the turnout was estimated at 20,000 persons, a fraction of the number that welcomed him in 1954.  
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Camera Doesn't Lie: Each time car speeds too quickly over tapes in highway it trips shutter in camera (left photo) which is equipped with strobe-flash unit. Picture is made of auto's license plate and computer (photo below) stamps speed, time and location of violation.

# Gadget Photographs Speedsters' Licenses

By JAMES V. WOMAN

Something new in automatic speeder snares developed by a 1954 Brown University graduate and two associates have a subtle whistle on a score of heavy-touted Rhode Island drivers today.

and crammed with a camera, strobe flash attachment, time electronic computer and a precision clock.

Barry D. Brown, 26, Brown engineering graduate and president of Dataik, put the electronic traffic cop through its paces this morning for Fred J. Croce, chief of the division of inspection of the state Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The unique product consists of a one-foot square grey metal radiation-like box on a tripod weighing just over 40 pounds.

## Woman Acquired In Escape Case

A charge of harboring a state prison escapee brought against Mrs. Barbara Armstrong, 26, was dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence after trial before Judge John P. Conroy in district court here today.

He set it up on a northbound one of Louisa Street just north of Charles Street about 11:15 a.m. and within 10 minutes of activation, the unit had put its electronic finger on six cars exceeding the 50 mile an hour speed limit on the pike.

Young Brown, who looks more like a college sophomore than a company president, said the Foto-Patrol unit is based on the idea and experimentation of Leon Pearle, a New York attorney whom he met about a year and a half ago.

## PTA Meets Tonight

The Gilbert Stuart Junior High School PTA will meet to night at 8 when Mrs. Catherine Casarey will speak on "The Utilization of the Junior High School Program. An open discussion period will follow."

Mr. Brown said he entered the picture to make the system marketable and promptly set about in his spare time to design a compact, practical model.

At the time, he was doing transistor circuit designing and project coordination at the Raytheon Company plant at Bedford, Mass. The speed trap work soon engulfed him and two fellow Raytheon associates whom he had called into service, so they all left the electronics firm and started their own.

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The ex-Brown student's two associates are Joseph Hunzick, 27, self-taught mechanical engineer who holds a music education degree from Boston University, and Tom McCarthy, 24, a technician.



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Ralph (Fid) Gomes is puzzled. Yesterday he received a postcard from police in Plymouth, Pa. stating that he had been tagged for overtime parking on Jan. 16 and that he would be liable to arrest if he does not bring or send a \$1 fine to Plymouth by tomorrow.

## Sixth District Court

JOSEPH ROMANO, 27, of 132 E. 10th St., charged with driving a license and never did driver's license and never did driver's license and never did driver's license.

# Versions Vary in Probe Of Charge Against Police

Conflicting statements in an investigation of a complaint against two patrolmen that they failed to take prompt action after receiving a report of two suspicious men at the Hanover Drug Store, 177 Woodward Ave., on the night of Feb. 15, were contained in a report filed today with Police Chief John A. Murphy.

The investigation conducted by Capt. George W. Wilding and Sgt. George E. Healey of the Division of Personnel, was conducted after Marvin Klar, owner of the store, had said that police failed to act promptly after they had been given the registration number of a suspicious automobile in which the two men rode away from the store.

Patrolmen Robert C. Martin and Patrick J. Brown were seated in a scout car parked on the street from the store, both denied receiving the registration number of a suspicious car.

Miss Elena Lamana of 136 Bridgman St., clerk at the store, who saw the men enter from the front door after leaving a package on the counter, said she did not give the registration number to the police until three days after the incident.

Mr. Klar said the two men entered from the front door of the store a few minutes after he had gone to the cellar to change the lights at closing time just before 10 p.m. Miss Lamana was near the door, and said she saw two men enter to fumble around the lock. And after she told them the sign to leave, they returned to the parked automobile. She told Mr. Klar about the two men

# Obituaries, Funerals

**Mrs. T. A. Hennaway**  
Mrs. Mary E. Hennaway, 80, of 77 Nelson St., died this morning in Rhode Island Hospital after a long illness.

**Elmer D. Linton**  
Elmer D. Linton, 74, of 239 Cranston St., died suddenly yesterday at his home. He was the husband of the late Winnie Suttan, known for many years before moving to this city 40 years ago.

**George C. Madden**  
The funeral of George C. Madden, 77, of South Main St., Albany, N.Y., a former Providence resident who died Friday, will be held this morning from the Winfield Funeral Home with a Catholic requiem Mass in St. Thomas Church at 10:30 a.m.

**Francis J. Carolan**  
The funeral of Francis J. Carolan, 65, of 1201 Ave. A, was held this morning from the Russell J. Boyle Funeral Home with a Catholic requiem Mass in St. Matthew's Church, Cranston.

**Gets 7 Months**  
LEO M. CASAREY, 45, of 21 Carlton St., who had pleaded no contest, was sentenced to seven months in the State Prison for violations of the Motor Vehicle Regulations by Judge Eugene L. Jaeger in Superior Court today.

**Marriage Licenses**  
The following marriage licenses were issued by the City of Providence: JOHN THOMAS DOSTER, 41, north Main St., and MAUREN L. DOSTER, 38, north Main St., both of Providence.

**Home for Aged to Get Beer Seized in Raid**  
Disposition of 247 12-ounce bottles of beer under a forfeiture statute was made this morning in district court by East Providence by Judge Eugene J. Sullivan.

**City Hall Records**  
MAYOR RICHARD J. ROBERTSON, 42, of 111 North Main St., was elected to the position of Mayor of Providence for the term beginning on Jan. 1, 1961.

**Jury Empaneled**  
Six Mrs. Six Women to Hear Robbery Case  
A Superior Court jury of six men and six women was empaneled this morning for the trial of Joseph M. Doucette, 31, of 14 Douglas St., on a charge of robbery.

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# The CITY Page

# What's Going On

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8 p.m.—**Exhibition**—The 1936-37 season of the **U.S. National Academy of Sciences** will be held at the **Rockefeller Institute** in New York City.

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**Mrs. Byron E. Tuttle**

Woman Active in Charities Dies After Long Illness

Funeral services for Mrs. Byron E. Tuttle, 64, of 1001 North Main Street, died of cancer of the stomach at her home, 1001 North Main Street, at 11 a.m. on Monday.

**Leslie H. Tyler**

N.H. RR. Vice President Dies Suddenly in Car

Leslie H. Tyler, 64, vice president of the New Haven Railroad, died of a heart attack in his car on Monday.

**Mrs. Duncan McInnis**

Funeral of Mrs. Mary E. (Doherty) McInnis, 111 North Main Street, will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday.

**Miss Mary Piccirillo**

Funeral of Miss Mary Piccirillo, 90 Tully St., will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday.

**Mrs. Warren I. Gibson**

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**Mrs. Albert L. Bosworth**

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**Deaths**

**Edw. P. Sawin Dies; Was Asst. Principal**

Edward P. Sawin, 53, who retired last April as assistant principal of Cranston High School, died of a heart attack on Monday.

**Mrs. Eugene Carcone**

Funeral of Mrs. Eugene Carcone, 1001 North Main Street, will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday.

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## United States Weather Bureau Report Hillsboro Airport Station

Forecast for Providence and vicinity today with the highest temperature in the low 60s. Considerable clouds developing tonight and continuing through Wednesday with little change in temperature.

Winds: Partly cloudy and rather mild.

Clouds: Partly cloudy and rather mild.

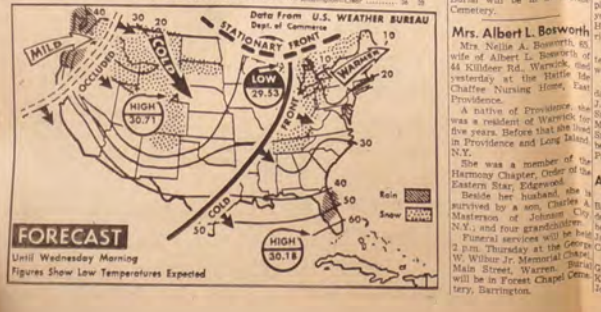
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**30-Day Forecast**

Washington (AP)—The weather bureau's 30-day outlook for the period, mid-February to mid-March, calls for temperatures to average below normal, except for the eastern half of the nation, where they are near to above normal for the Great Lakes region and New England.

**Build Goo Canal**

Long, Kemp—(Reuters)—A 45-mile-long canal is being built through China's Gobi Desert to bring water to the Karamai oil field, replacing canal water from the New China News Agency reported yesterday.



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THE SPORTSCOPE

Chubby Bemoans Hometown Slight

By JOHN HANLON

The idea of it was to sit down with Harold (Chubby) Gomez and hear of his plans and preparations for the defense of his junior lightweight title against Flash Elorde in the Philippines next month.



But another subject kept intruding. That is, Harold now is nagged by a bug that tells him that he has not received his proper due from the local boxing set and it rankles a bit. With considerable justification, he wonders what more he must do to prove that he is a first-rate fighter.

On the first part, the plans, Harold said he was leaving by plane either today or tomorrow, he wasn't sure which at the moment. He will be accompanied by his co-manager, Frankie Travis, and his trainer, Whitey Bineman. Later the other co-manager, Sammy Richman, will join the party. There will be a stopover in Tokyo, then on to Manila for the concentrated training for the title defense on March 16.

Wondering Harold has been on leave of absence from his city job since early January and in light training all the while. For a week, he worked in New York, where southpaw fighters were available for sparing. Elorde is a southpaw. In general, Harold said, he was now just at the right stage of preparation for the biggest fight and the biggest pay night—some \$25,000 clear—in his nine years as a fighter.

Which led to the other subject. The fact that Harold is going to have to travel about 10,000 miles for this date at these prices is not entirely lost on him. He is often troubled that he cannot do nearly as well in his own land and especially in his home town. He doesn't brand on it, but he does do a lot of wondering why he, a title-holder who has done as well, if not better, than any other Rhode Island fighter in a decade, can't be better received locally.

"No matter what I've done," he said, "I am either criticized by hearsay, or I stop dead. My career is a nothing here. I thought that when I got the title, it would be better. For nine years I've worked hard in the game, and sometimes now I'm still treated like a four-round fighter. It's very discouraging."

Commendable Credentials Hearing him say it this way, it occurred that Harold had a strong argument and I am puzzled why it has been this way with him. There are some contributing reasons that are rather obvious. For instance, his class, the featherweight, is not particularly active in this country. He has had some long layoffs. He has not been willing to take fights that the local promoter wanted him to take. And there is the facting that the title he holds is a "manufactured" one.

But manufactured or not, he won it squarely and it is his. Further, he is a top-ranking contender for the featherweight title. In all, it is easy to see why Harold should wonder, the above-stated reasons aside. In many ways, he has a strong case going for him.

Certainly he has more than kept his end of the bargain. He is a skilled and courageous fighter, now at his peak at 28. He has never brought discredit on himself or the fight game. He is a family man, married with two children, and he works at it. He trains hard and faithfully and he has never given anything less than earnest performance. Not many fighters can boast of such a collection of credentials.

Aiming for Security He has hardly become wealthy in the game, though recently he has been doing fairly well. Until two years ago, when he fought Bobby Rogers here on TV and earned \$4,000 plus a percentage of a small gate, his previous high had been around \$400. Once, in Holyoke, after he had become an established main-bout fighter, he had a pay night of \$7,000. He owns a late model midsize range car, but he still rents a home near the Veterans' Hospital.

Now he is going for the biggest purse of all and, as he said, he hopes there will be a few more like it to come. The thing with him now is security in the few years he has left in the game. He does not intend to fight until he is beat out.

Recognition? It doesn't matter too much to him now, he said. But he didn't sound convincing. He would still like that, and who is to say he doesn't warrant more? He has been a credit to boxing, and even though we might not notice it, one of our best.

Friars Are Favored Over Rams

HERE COMES SLOWPOKE

by Lanning

URI's Chances Hurt By Brown's Absence

By JOE MCHENRY The Providence College Friars, voted No. 1 in New England for the third straight week, will be out to clinch the state title tonight when they play host to Erie Calverley's Rams at Alumni Hall.



Archie Takes a Sedative

NBA Dethrones Him; Jordan In Trouble?

By MICHAEL J. THOMAS The National Boxing Association, which yesterday awarded Archie Moore's light-heavyweight championship for his failure to comply with its six-month rule for title defense, today asked California for a decision on the status of Don Jordan, who wants to make a defense of his welterweight crown.



Shorn by NBA—Archie Moore doesn't like the idea of the National Boxing Association taking his light-heavyweight title away. Anthony Macaroni, NBA president, announced the action last night because Archie hasn't defended his crown within the prescribed six-month period.

Moore, who is a Providence resident, said that he had no objection to the proposed title bout until we hear from that state. Macaroni said that he also has asked NeSmith in Los Angeles to take up his fight with Moore's status with the boxing authorities there. There also has been some question on Jordan's physical condition but Jackie McCoy, his manager, said yesterday that the champion, who had been suffering from a blood ailment, has been pronounced O.K. by the U.C.L.A. Medical Center.



After several warnings, both Moore and his manager, Jack Keenan, stood no inclination to honor this edict, Macaroni said. The NBA gave Moore a final warning last Tuesday, informing him that he had only two months to agree to a defense against Johnson.

The Rhode Island team might have had a better chance if Donnie Brown's back were a good shape, but it is unlikely that the Rams will catch the Friars' napping. Providence has all more difficulty with St. Michael's than expected and should be ready for the King-ston club.

"We played our best game of the season against Maine-coach Calverley said today. We played very well in the second half with good team unity and shooting. But Brown has been a big help and we can't afford to lose him."

Brown returned to the Rams the night of the Connecticut game and turned in a sparkling job. He not only rebounded, but he pits added drive and fight into the club when he's on the floor.



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Journal-Bulletin sports writer Frank Matzek is at Squaw Valley, where he'll bring you highlights and sidelights of the "greatest sports show on earth"—the cold weather end of the 1960 Olympics.

Starting Thursday, February 18th through Sunday, February 28th, you'll want to read the Boston Globe's colorful reports from Ripley's "Little Round Man," which will include stories about two Rhode Islanders in the Olympics. Follow them in

College Sports Results

Table with columns for Basketball, Football, Hockey, and other sports, listing various college teams and their scores.

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Advertisement for MATZEK at Squaw Valley, featuring a portrait of Frank Matzek and text describing his role as a sports reporter covering the 1960 Olympics.

Advertisement for H. T. MULRY CHEVROLET CO., featuring a portrait of H. T. Mulry and text listing the company's address at 128 BROADWAY, PROVIDENCE.





# Injuries, Hassles Hit Squaw Vale

By JACK STEVENSON  
Squaw Valley, Calif.—(AP)—Controversy flared on two fronts and the injury list spiraled to 14 today with the Winter Olympic Games fast approaching their Thursday opening.

Most seriously hurt was Italian downhill ski leader Pardon. In a fall into Squaw Creek, he suffered a broken leg, broken arm, broken collarbone, lacerations of the left kidney and contusions of the left hip that caused internal bleeding.

The 29-year-old Pardon underwent surgery and doctors said recovery would take several months.

One of the disasters — two propped-centered on hockey, the other on selection of the German alpine downhill skiing team.

In Colorado Springs, Colo., Fredrick Ekblaw, Swedish delegate to the International Ice Hockey Federation, declared hockey would not be played if organizers don't accept an 11-day schedule. At present a 12-day schedule with no hockey on opening day is planned.

Merritt  
Walter Brown of Boston, an IHP director, said they would meet with organizers today adding "that many games in 10 days takes too much out of your players."

While the controversy boiled, Czechoslovakian coach Eduard Farda charged hockey playing.

## U.S. Girl Alpine Squad Is Rated Strongest Ever

Squaw Valley, Calif.—(AP)—Two trustees and a third probably will be the United States' triple threat in the Alpine events of the 1950 Olympic Winter Games.

Mrs. Andy Mead-Lawrence, herself a double Olympic champion, said they were the strongest girls' squad the U.S. ever fielded in Alpine skiing. The trustees are Linda Meyers, 23, Blinn, Calif., and Gregory, 21, Norwich, Vt. The third is Penny Pitts, 21, Groveland, N.H.

Heading out the four-man team in the downhill is Joan Hannah, Farmington, N.H. The giant slalom and slalom teams have not yet been announced, but it is expected the girls' squad will be reappointed and that Beverly Anderson, Madison, Idaho, would be the fourth skier in the giant slalom. Beverly Ober, Fort Leyden, N.H., is expected to be fourth in the slalom.

A dark nation can field four girls in Olympic Winter games.



Squaw Valley Casually—The Olympic hopes of Spain's Luis Molino were crushed yesterday when he broke a leg in crashing into a gate on the men's downhill course on Squaw Peak. At top left Molino lands on his back and (top right) continues sliding toward the gate. In the lower photo members of the Olympic Ski Patrol aid the injured Spaniard.

## Dishes For All Is Chef's Job For Mixed Lot at Olympics

By F. C. MATZEK  
Special Bulletin Sports Writer  
Squaw Valley, Calif.—Gordon and Tommy, and Karl and Bruno, not to forget Adrien and Francois and Jean and Siegfried will be somewhat more robust two weeks hence.

So will Betty and Penny and Ronka and Karla and Theresie. And, if he can squeeze past the puny, a Little Round man will be no smaller the same two weeks hence when the 1950 Olympic winter games come to a close.

Old Hand  
He's an old hand at whipping up food storms. He's been in the business some half a century and even though he himself is a little guy, he deals in big figures—and, as noted, some of them promise to be bigger.

But to start with big figures at the outset he guesses that six assorted bottles of champagne will eat 54,000 eggs, a ton of ham and a ton of bacon plus four to five tons of prime ribs of beef, 25,000 half-pints of milk and another 1,100 gallons of bulk milk and cream. Not to mention 7,000 pounds of potatoes, maybe 1,000 pounds of rice and 7,000 gallons of coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

There will be other big meat orders—lamb, liver and veal, for instance. And there'll be tireless consumption of breakfast cereals.

And, there'll be fish and poultry, and breads and desserts, and jams and jellies and fruit. The menus are vast and are, shall we say, cosmopolitan, because they have been designed

## Winter Olympic Torch Arrives Tonight—On Skis

Squaw Valley, Calif.—(AP)—The Winter Olympic torch, a flame kindled in Norway and carried 8,000 miles by every state of the Union, arrived in Squaw Valley tonight at 9:15 p. m. It was carried by ski jumper, Einar Strand.

It will end the long journey the way it began, on skis. In between, it has progressed by automobile, helicopter, airplane and runner.

An honor guard will keep an eye on it until evening ceremonies Thursday.

Andrew Mead Lawrence, who won two gold medals for America at the 1932 Winter Games in Oslo, will ski down Pigeon Peak and hand the fire to Ken Henry, a gold medal skater in 1952. Henry will skate once around a 400-meter oval, then light the torch that will burn here through the 11-day competition.

A team of 23 skiers will cover the last 33 miles from the town of Truckee to Squaw Valley. Jimmy Hanes, a Truckee High School student and national alpine champion, will carry the torch through the gates of the Valley. He'll pass it to Starr Walton, an Olympic candidate until she broke a ankle last spring. She will carry it to ski in the Squaw Valley lodge, where it will be under guard until the games start.

The flame started its trip at the Norwegian town of Mosjøen, in a cabin once owned by Sondre Norheim, a nineteenth-century Norwegian skiing star. The flame for the 1952 Oslo games came from the same cottage.

A skier lit the torch and carried it to a car, which drove it to Oslo. There it was put on a plane for Los Angeles.

The flame was borrowed from the Norheim Cottage after

## Navy Five Beats Durfee Textile

The Newport Navy Station basketball team last night turned back Durfee Textile, 76-58, at Newport in avenging an earlier loss to the Fall River aggregation. The loss was Durfee's first after 12 victories. Durfee led through most of the first half, but Newport rallied at the intermission. Newport's Lonnie Edwards accounted for six field goals in the first 10 minutes of the second half as the Islanders broke the game open.

Newport's Elzie Montgomery won the game's high score with 20 points. John Connell led Durfee with 18 points.

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N.Y. Garden Bouts Are Announced  
New York — (AP)—Matchmaker Teddy Brown yesterday paired middleweights Victor Zsazsar of Argentina and Yama Bahama of the British West Indies and welterweights Isaac Legart of Cuba and Antonio Marchia of Argentina in two 10-round bouts at Madison Square Garden March 4.  
Brown also announced that Benny (Kid) Parek of Cuba, recent winner over Charlie Scott, has agreed to box welterweight Emilie Griffith of New York and the Virgin Islands March 11. Griffith outpointed Gaspar Ortega last Friday.



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# Plans Completed For R.I. Awards

Rhode Island honors its sports leaders tomorrow night at the annual awards dinner at the World Unlabeled at Johnson's restaurant. The activities will start at 7 p.m. More than 300 are expected to honor Paul Choquette, Brown University football star; Joe Mullany, Providence College basketball player; and Al Santos, former basketball and track champion at Hope High School.

Choquette was named the outstanding R.I. athlete of 1959 in the annual poll of the association of R.I. Sportswriters and Sportscasters, which was named the coach of the year and Santo the schoolboy athlete of the year.

Additional awards will be made. The Frank Lanning award will go to John E. Mack, Martin and the Newport Daily News trophy to John Trapp, Taunton High School football coach.

The Lanning award is presented annually for the best service in sports over a period of years and is honoring Martin, one of the pioneers in Rhode Island boys sports in this state.

The Daily News trophy annually honors a prominent person in sports in the Newport County, Tappan, former grid star at DeLaSalle Academy and Boston College, produced an unbeaten grid club last fall at Providence College.

Special awards in recognition of valuable contributions to sports will be presented to the following: Mrs. William J. (Elizabeth) Porter, secretary to the Principals Committee on Athletics of the Secondary Schools Principals Association; the Rev. Aloysius H. Heggie, D.D., athletic director at Providence College; Philip G. Geiger, director of the Pawtucket Boys Club; George Army trainer for the R.I. Reds hockey team; Phil Grimm, one of the nation's leading jockeys who topped all riders in New England in 1959.

The speaking program will be headed by Alvin F. Dodge, Fulton beach coach of basketball at Dartmouth College. Other speakers will include John A. Notta, Jr., former Providence College athlete, and Paul Cannella, alumni secretary of Providence College. The Rev. Charles A. Baldwin, chaplain at Brown University, will give the invocation.

# Glover Ties Smith In AHL Point Race

By JOHN R. ARON

For the first time since the end of October when he had played only nine games, Bill Smith, the Springfield Indians' brilliant right wing, does not hold the lead in the American Hockey League scoring race.

That is, he does not occupy the top spot since he has scored for the past 14 weeks.

After last Sunday night's game, Smith was forced to share the lead with Fred Glover, one of the league's most consistent starting performers. Also a right wing, the Cleveland veteran added six points to his total through the last week of play, two goals and four assists, while Smith gained only one goal and two assists.

**70 Points Each**

So now these two are tied at 70 points each. Last week, Smith, of course, was first and Glover second.

Closest to them are Bill Sweezy of Springfield, Stan Bank of Providence, Bob Davis of Rochester, Fred Mitty, Mickey, and Rochester, and Harry Philbrick of Springfield.

The first four of these five were practically in the same order last week. Sweezy, Bank, Davis, and Mitty were tied for third and Mitty and Mitty for fifth.

There was one change among the top scorers last week that is, one week since the 1959-60 campaign started with 10 men who were at the head of the league list last week will be occurring in the first 10 positions.

Stan Siroka, another Rochester forward, still leads in goals.

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# Mullen Ties Stahowiak In Ice Scoring

Jim Mullen of Hope and Ed Stahowiak of Cranston are tied for the scoring lead in the Rhode Island Interscholastic Hockey League as the teams move into the final week of play. Mullen who has piled up his total by scoring 22 goals and furnishing 14 assists, has two games remaining, while Stahowiak will see action only once more. Lee Haberman, a linemate of Stahowiak's in the third place, one point behind, and Al Riley, who teams with Mullen for the East Siders, is fourth with a 24 total.

Dave Carroll of Warwick is the league's "bad man" with a total of 23 minutes in the penalty coop. The top 25 scorers in games played through Saturday, February 13, are listed below.

**INDIVIDUAL SCORING**

Mullen, Hope	22
Stahowiak, Cranston	22
Riley, East Siders	21
Carroll, Warwick	20
Grimm, Providence	19
Smith, Springfield	18
Glover, Cleveland	17
Bank, Springfield	16
Davis, Providence	15
Mitty, Springfield	14
Philbrick, Springfield	13
Siroka, Rochester	12
Wright, Springfield	11
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# Ski Conditions

Boston (UPI)—The New England Ski Association reports for Feb. 15, that conditions are generally good for skiing in the area. The association reports that conditions are generally good for skiing in the area. The association reports that conditions are generally good for skiing in the area.

# More Practice

The Rhode Island Reds were back on the Auditorium ice again this morning for another of the several practice sessions scheduled for them before their debut game which is against Boston of Rochester at the local rink Sunday.

Maintaining from the roster was Dave Steady, reportedly forward who is on route to Detroit. Davis played hard in his first game with the Boston Bruins who own him. Despite a cut on one leg suffered Saturday, Davis played hard in his first game with the Boston Bruins who own him. Despite a cut on one leg suffered Saturday, Davis played hard in his first game with the Boston Bruins who own him.

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# WILDLIFE

**Survey Cards Show Big Hunting Gain**

Game kill survey cards for hunters considered themselves fortunate if they took five or more birds in one season. This was when they were almost 27 years old.

# Hub Pro Team Signs Coaches

Boston (UPI)—The Boston assistant and Collier as and entry to the new American Football League yesterday announced the signing of two Western Illinois coaches as assistants to the head coach, Lou Saban.



Miller served as Saban's top...

**Not Exceptional**

What ice fishing there was this winter was not exceptional from the point of view of the chief of Fish and Game. When there was ice on the ponds there were herds of fishermen out, far more than some conservation officers had ever seen before, but catches were not spectacular.

Many of the pickers were small and there were few big ones, reported an expert. Bass were about the same with one top being about five pounds. Perch, both white and yellow, local varieties last year and took nine of them. This time he switched to mink because of various ailments, one being a pair of mink pelts, male and female, have been bringing about \$100 each.



The ice trout season ends on Feb. 20, along with bass and pickers. There is no catch in the winter trout season in that the law says two trout may be taken per day through the ice only.

# Hialeah

**Bowie Entries**

# Bentley Named Top Player

Al Bentley, player-manager of the Local 57 Engineers football team, has been voted the outstanding football player of 1959 by the R.I. Amateur Softball Association.

# Tom Stubb Gets All-East Berth

New York (UPI)—Tom Stubb of St. Bonaventure has made the All-East men's college team of the Eastern College Athletic Conference for the seventh week. He scored 75 points in two games for the Bonnies last week.

# Hub Club Tests Stadium Site

Boston (UPI)—The Boston entry in the American Football League will conduct engineering studies and make test borings on a proposed site in Fenway stadium.

# DePiero to Meet Hartford Fighter

John Skazio of Hartford will meet Joe DePiero of Worcester in a six-rounder on Monday's boxing program at the Arcade. The winner will receive a \$100 prize.

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A Fatal Mistake

Girl, 2, Father Thought Rescued Dies in Fire New York (AP)—Thomas Brower, 30, thought he had rescued all three of his children who were in the family apartment during a fire yesterday.

Mr. Brower, father of eight had carried two from a smoke-filled bedroom, and then he rushed back into the living room to retrieve a third. He left the three safely in a hall and tried to re-enter the apartment. But he was driven

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The Providence Journal The Evening Bulletin WORLD AFFAIRS NEWS MAP

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By long experience, psychiatrists have learned to know with considerable precision which cases are likely to respond. If they cannot be certain in all cases — well, who among us doing our level best, can't we do better? However, their betting average is very high. So the question now comes down to whether electro or insulin shock therapy is better. Records kept over a period of many years show that insulin shock has no greater percentage of success than that of electroshock.

On the other hand, insulin is more dangerous than electroshock. It does carry a certain risk. A psychiatrist whom I con-

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To Your Good Health by Dr. Joseph G. Mohr

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"Dear Dr. Mohr: I read your article on electroshock therapy. Could you please write me on insulin shock and enlarge on the good as well as the bad effects of the same?"—M.A. Electroshock and insulin shock are (or have been used for possibly the same purpose. In all candor I must say that we do not know exactly why this shock treatment works. We do, however, know that it helps. It would not be fair to give you the idea that it is a certain remedy. Sometimes it works, and sometimes it doesn't, sometimes it works partially, sometimes it gives temporary results and has to be repeated.

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COVER PICTURE shows First Classman Albert A. Gagliardi of Newport, left, making sure that a "doodle," a new cadet, minds his table manners in cadet dining hall.

## Training For the Space

Seven Rhode Island young men help make Air Force traditions at new academy in foothills of Rockies

**TRADITION** is in the making in the foothills of the Rockies and a handful of Rhode Island youths is helping to make it.

Only a dozen miles from Pikes Peak in Colorado, the new United States Air Force Academy is training cadets for lifetime careers in the Air Force. Less than five years ago this former range land, eight miles to the north of Colorado Springs, was given over to mesquite and jack rabbits. Today, more than 1,100 cadets in smart parade dress march with precision steps across its drill field.

Yet the Academy is so new that some of its main buildings, including the chapels, are not completed. Its proposed airstrip has not even been authorized. Its football stadium is

but a dream. The cadets moved into the quarters late last summer, but the full strength of 2,520 may not be realized until 1962. The Academy will be dedicated when the first class graduates on June 3.

Only time can hallow this site with Air Force traditions. The present Cadet Wing is laying the foundations of these traditions. In future years, legions of Cadet Wings will carry them on and venerate these time-honored customs.

Of the seven Rhode Islanders in the present Air Cadet Wing, two will receive their second lieutenant's commissions with the first graduating class. These members of the historic class of 1959 are John M. Davey, son of Mrs. Catherine T. Davey of 16 Wasp Road, North



SENIOR from North Kingstown, John M. Davey, brings fourth classman to stiff attention. Cadet Davey is one of two Rhode Islanders in Class of 1959.



—Staff Photo by Edward C. Hanson

LIVE MUSIC is by no means quaint as these young moderns indicate. Left to right are Gerald Bernstein of Hope High, Daniel Roussin and Aya Elish, both of Classical.

### Kitte Answers the Teenagers

**Q** I like a boy who, until two weeks ago, liked me very much. I just can't get him off my mind. All my friends think I'm crazy for liking him after the way he treated me. What can I do?

**SORROWFUL**

**A** Cover the sorrowful expression with a happy countenance. Soon you will divert your friends and perhaps yourself. In a short time you may wonder whatever attracted you to this boy.

**Q** When are you old enough to date?

**DEBORAH**

**A** That depends on how you define dating—and how seriously you take it—says Dr. Paul H. Landis. He told me: "If it's a companionship thing—just a friendship, same as between two boys or two girls—it's all right at any age. But if, with early-teen dating, a boy and girl begin to get serious, exclusive and pair off, shutting others off, that's not good. When they break up, both may find they have lost most of their friends and are left on the outside.

**Q** I met a boy I liked last summer. We were friendly but he never asked for a date—mostly he was with one who seemed to be his girl friend—I never did meet her. Now we ride to school on the same bus. He speaks to my sisters whenever he sees them, but, never to me. He never misses a chance to make cutting remarks about others in my

class (he's a junior, I'm a freshman), especially if he thinks I'm listening. I still like him and think this is all just show-off talk. I can't seem to get interested in anyone else, although I date occasionally. Please, what can I do?

**DEBBIE**

**A** Sounds like he's self-conscious. Give him time to get YOU-conscious. The sooner you stop listening to him and share live talk with others, the more you'll interest them, him!

**Q** I have a problem. Whenever I go out with a girl, I hardly know what to say. Can you help me?

**DAVE**

**A** Don't worry about it. Keep a smiling, interested expression and give the girl a chance to speak what interests her—YOU!

**Q** Who supplies the transportation to and from a girl bid dance? I'm wondering if the girl should expect the boy to go all the way out to get her, if she lives quite far away.

**DIANNE**

**A** If he drives, he should call for the girl. Otherwise he or she should work out a way to arrange a ride provided by friends or her parents. Car-pools to share transportation are arranged by dance committees in Beverly Hills and at other senior high schools. In junior high, parents take turns to transport girls, boys, on a no-date or couple basis, for school and club parties.

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# Eight Good Men, 52 Cards and 52 Weeks

STORY BY JOHN B. LAKE — PICTURES BY WILLIAM L. ROONEY

**THE MOUSE** that frightened Mrs. Virginia McIver of West Warwick one lonely night in 1941 probably won her more attention from the 52 Club, a unique gentlemen's card club of West Warwick, than any member of the fair sex has received since on a playing night. That was the night, gas rationing notwithstanding, her husband, Daniel R. McIver, president of the Original Bradford Soap Works, and his gallant fellow officers of the town's Civil Defense sped via CD truck to rout the McIver mouse. Looking back on what subsequently unfolded during a comparatively uneventful World War II CD tenure of office, that exercise may have been the home guard action of the year.

It was about that time the select club—maybe not so influential as London's Carlton, English gentlemen's club, but nonetheless, select—began its 52 weeks a year shuffling of the 52 little pasteboards whence sprang its name. So many games of auction pitch, hi-lo jack and poker in dealer's choice have skimmed over the table while the CD whistle was superseded by the atomic missile that the organization's origin is somewhat hazy. But it apparently dates from the fall of 1941, according to West Warwick Postmaster Clarence W. Lambert. He was named secretary because he was the only one who had a pencil. In all these years the club has missed only three meetings, all for exceptional reasons, and they were made up.

Nucleus of the club was a small group of six key personnel of the old West Warwick CD Council: Harold C. Knight, former Kent County sheriff, transportation coordinator; Fire Chief Lionel P. Gareau, fire coordinator; ex-Riverpoint Fire Chief Elphege (Al) Smith, deputy fire coordinator; present Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, legal adviser; Mr. McIver, deputy chief air raid warden; and Postmaster Lambert, communications coordinator. Lawrence D. Mailloux, also a deputy chief air raid warden, left for duty in the Army shortly after the group formed. Two new members were admitted later, and it was de-

ecided that no additional applications would be considered. The others are Clarence P. McKenzie, a lace man, and Arthur J. Bulger, manager of Newberry's Store, Arctic. The same eight still hold meetings every Wednesday night.

Amiable Mr. Smith, never without a half-chewed cigar, had the first meeting in his home as a refinement of post-meeting coffee hours at refreshment counters. The men would analyze CD drills, alerts and blackouts then led by Dr. Harry F. McKanna, chief warden, and the late Frank J. Finnerty. Mr. Smith became president and still holds the office. Mr. Knight was picked for treasurer when members probed each other's countenances and concluded his was the only honest face.

On a recent Wednesday night, the members interrupted their meeting for the first group interview in 18 years. The club has only three hard and fast rules: 1. No new member will ever be admitted; 2. No member may address another member by his official title, under penalty of providing extra-special refreshments at the next meeting; and 3. Meetings adjourn promptly at midnight.

Several nationalities, as well as different religious and political beliefs, are represented. Mr. McIver, "Scotty" to fellow poker faces, is descended from the Scots via Nova Scotia. Mr. DeCiantis was born in sunny Italy, near Rome, and Chief Gareau in a cold Canadian province. Nationality

and religion are never discussed, but lively discussions of politics, given a fillip when Mr. DeCiantis was Democratic town chairman and Mr. Knight, Republican chairman, have punctuated the smoke-laden air under the card table drop light.

Advice on how to run the town, the fire department or the post office has been offered but not always carried out. However, business and civic affairs are aired in a circle where there's no telling what far-reaching an effect a remark might have in important quarters of the Pawtuxet Valley.

Anniversary outings annually include members' families in the good time. They have been held mostly at Johnson's Pond, with some at Lakeville, Conn.; Green Hill and once at Madison Square Garden to see the George Arango-Red Top Davis fight a few years ago. Besides enjoying life in manly camaraderie, the club gives a helping hand to those not so well off—packing clothes for European relief... entering a float in a Red Feather parade... turning over a \$600 plus building fund to the Red Cross when a Scituate camp deal fell through. The fund went to the Red Cross because Mr. McIver was Red Cross drive chairman that year.

Perhaps the 52 Club's crowning charity was a sacrifice of personal dignity made awhile back for the courageous fellow in the wheel chair they always make sure gets to their meetings — Dan McIver. As chairman of the R.I. Chapter, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, he was running a fund drive to help fellow sufferers less fortunate than he. The boys swear they'll never do it again, but the entire group entered a benefit fashion show dressed in women's clothes and simulating a full-dress wedding. The bride was none other than political leader Mike DeCiantis, his red hair hidden under a blonde wig.

The club hasn't stopped taking a ribbing on that one yet.

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ACTION VIEW of 52 Club shows clockwise from host, Daniel R. McIver (in wheelchair), Michael DeCiantis, Harold C. Knight, Arthur J. Bulger, Clarence W. Lambert, Lionel P. Gareau, Clarence A. MacKenzie and Elphege Smith.



ROBUST LAUGHTER of Town Solicitor DeCiantis greets between-hands remark.



SERIOUS MOMENT in weekly game for members (l. to r.) MacKenzie, Smith and host, McIver.

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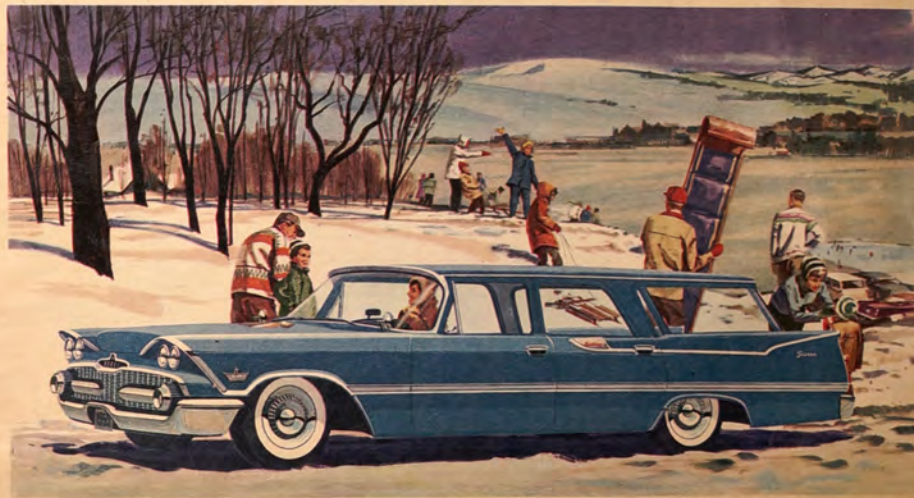


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## Convention Favors 2 Voting Reforms



Leading the fight for absentee and shut-in voter amendment is Attorney General J. Joseph Nugent (left), but Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick opposes it.

—Journal-Bulletin Photos by John P. Callahan

### Roberts to Call Referendum Election Feb. 27

Rhode Island's constitutional convention yesterday agreed almost unanimously on two proposals to change the state's basic law on voting rights.

Governor Roberts said immediately after adjournment of the convention at 5:12 p.m. that he will set Feb. 27 as the date of the special election that will give voters the opportunity of approving or rejecting the work of the delegates.

#### Proposed Amendments

The two constitutional proposals to be placed before the voters would:

1. Authorize the General Assembly to prescribe the time, place, manner and extent of voting by absentees and shut-ins, and retain all absentee and shut-in laws now on the statute books until the General Assembly changes or repeals them.

2. Repeal the section of the Constitution requiring the biennial census of voters but keep that section in the Constitution until Dec. 31, 1958, unless the Assembly provides for a different canvassing method in the interim.

The absentee and shut-in voter amendment does not specifically provide for voting "on or before" election day. A proposed amendment with that phrase had been offered a week ago by Christopher Del Sesto, Republican candidate for governor in 1956.

The only one of three proposals embodied in resolutions that contained the phrase, the Del Sesto amendment was not backed by the committee that recommended the wording the convention adopted.

#### "Saving" Plan Added

Except for the provision "saving" existing laws for some time, the constitutional amendment proposals are the same as those proposed by the O'Connell election laws study commission which was named to examine election statutes after the long court and Supreme Court fight of 1956.

The commission was named after the Supreme Court had declared unconstitutional that part of the absentee and shut-in law giving those voters the right to cast ballots before election day. As a result, nearly 5,000 votes were invalidated and Governor Roberts was declared reelected over Mr. Del Sesto, who up to that time had a plurality.

After the convention action of yesterday, both Governor Roberts, who was permanent chairman, and Mr. Del Sesto, a delegate, said they were pleased with the results.

#### Sponsored by GOP

It was as a result of efforts by Republicans, chiefly under Mr. Del Sesto's prodding, that the "saving" clauses were written into the two constitutional amendment proposals. The Democrats, with Governor Roberts at the head, accepted the "saving" clauses in a compromise spirit.

Mr. Del Sesto, saying the convention committee headed by Atty. Gen. J. Joseph Nugent

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### Texts of Two Proposed Constitutional Changes

The texts of the proposals adopted by the constitutional convention yesterday follow:

#### Absentee Voting

SECTION 1. The General Assembly is authorized and empowered to enact legislation prescribing the time, place, manner and extent of voting by electors of this state who are absent from the state, or who, by reason of old age, physical disability, illness, or other physical infirmities, are unable to vote in person.

SECTION 2. All laws of the state in effect on the date of the adoption hereof relating to the time, place, manner and extent of voting by the electors of the state referred to in section 1 hereof shall remain in full force and effect until amended or re-

pealed by the General Assembly.

SECTION 3. This amendment shall supersede all other provisions of the Constitution inconsistent herewith and shall take in the Constitution of the state the place of Article XXIII of Articles of Amendment to the Constitution, which said article is hereby annulled.

SECTION 4. This amendment shall take effect whenever a majority of electors voting at a special election, to which this amendment is submitted, after adoption by the constitutional convention, shall approve the same.

#### Biennial Census

Section 1. That portion of the fourth section of the twenty-ninth Article of

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## Democrats

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g a Senate committee review existing projects under a program in which the federal government matches contributions made by the states.

**Project Acceleration**  
The purpose here is to attempt to accelerate those projects most needed from an employment viewpoint, and to determine whether additional projects are needed.

The Senate Democrats have been moving quietly for some weeks to take up the economic issue in a major way. The pattern of their planning was laid down by Senator Johnson in a notable Senate speech on Jan. 31.

Only yesterday afternoon, however, was the advanced state of the plan made known publicly. It came about in a formal statement by Sen. John J. Sparkman of Alabama, the principal Democratic spokesman on housing. Senator Sparkman announced that he was preparing an omnibus anti-recession housing bill "intended to enliven residential construction and slum clearance. He asserted that the Democratic-controlled Congress "must take the initiative" in resisting the recession because the administration has not doing enough.

### Other Developments

There were these other developments on the economic front:  
1. Robert B. Anderson, secretary of the Treasury, told the Congressional Joint Economic Committee that he expected "more good news in certain sectors of our economy." But he insisted that "it is our judgment that the present condition of the economy does not warrant" a stimulative tax cut. He repeated his willingness to propose such a measure if "economic conditions are sufficiently diverse to warrant it."

2. The Labor Department reported that unemployment among workers covered by the unemployment compensation system had leveled off considerably during the last three weeks of January. This figure, called "insured unemployment," rose by 45,400 to 2,895,000 in the week ended Jan. 25. However, for the last three weeks the net rise was only 86,000 compared to 850,000 in the previous three weeks.

### Initial Claims Decline

Last night's report said initial claims for unemployment benefits—a measure of new layoffs—declined by 10,300 in the week ended Feb. 1 to 442,100. This was the third successive week of declines.

3. Both the House and Senate prepared to pass quickly an emergency bill containing \$43,400,000 for unemployment compensation for veterans and federal workers.

A second bill, due in several weeks, will contain supplemental funds to help the states administer the unemployment compensation system.

4. The Senate Finance Committee completed hearings on an administration bill providing a \$5,000,000,000 increase in the \$275,000,000,000 national debt ceiling. The committee, split over a move to hold the increase to \$3,000,000,000,000 expects to report out the bill in the week of Feb. 17.

The budget director, Percival F. Brundage, said that the administration was sticking by its request for the full \$5,000,000,000.

5. The House Ways and Means Committee wound up a month of hearings on general tax matters. The hearings produced dozens of suggestions of tax changes and reforms, almost all of which involved tax cuts.

### LONG-WINDED GAME

The game of checkers is also

## Russian Envoy Calls on Dulles

### U.S. Ambassador Reports to Cabinet, Heads for Moscow

Washington — (AP) — U.S. Soviet relations took a new and possibly significant twist yesterday involving the travels of two ambassadors and a once-obscure Polish plan for barring atomic arms in Eastern Europe.

It was a day that saw:

1. U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson brief President Eisenhower's Cabinet on prospects for an East-West summit conference this year, then head back by air to his post in Moscow.

2. New Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov, moving almost as fast as the 500-mile-an-hour Soviet jet airliner which brought him from Moscow on Thursday, swap pleasantries at the State Department with Secretary of State Dulles.

### "Not Yet, Anyhow"

"No, we didn't settle the disarmament question," Mr. Dulles chuckled to newsmen. "Not yet, anyhow," said Mr. Menshikov. Their meeting apparently was taken up with diplomatic niceties pledging both sides to work for peace. Asked if he had brought any new proposals, Mr. Menshikov said Russia is awaiting replies to those already made.

3. The State Department speak kindly of Communist Poland's peaceful intent, but pull back publicly from a secret critique cabled its European missions calling the Polish proposal "extremely dangerous."

Mr. Thompson ended a two-week round of back-home consultations. His Russian counterpart lost no time in taking charge of the Soviet Embassy here. With unprecedented speed, he called on Mr. Dulles and arranged for a formal presentation of credentials next week to Mr. Eisenhower.

The Polish plan for an "atom-free" zone was the main topic at the daily news conference of State Department press chief Lincoln White. This proposal was first made by Poland's Foreign Minister Adam Rapacki to the United Nations last October. Under it, Poland and Czechoslovakia would join East and West Germany in agreeing to prohibit the making and stockpiling of atomic weapons.

### Endorsed by Russia

It was endorsed by Russia, although with no evidence of great enthusiasm. Its greatest Soviet boost came in a Jan. 8 letter from Premier Bulganin to Mr. Eisenhower. The immediate American reaction was negative.

This rejection was formally spelled out by the State Department Jan. 21 in a top secret message cabled as guidance to the U.S. embassies in Europe.

Mr. White refused to go as far as the advisory cables. He would neither confirm nor deny the "extremely dangerous" estimate. What he said was:

"In general, we do in fact see serious disadvantages in the plan as presented. At the same time

## Algerian Rebels Turning to Reds, Bourguiba Says

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Tunis—Algerian rebel leaders have left for Cairo to hold a full-scale council of war there next week, Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba said yesterday.

"They are profoundly discouraged with the Western world," he added.

He said he regarded their decision to meet in Cairo instead of Tunis, their normal headquarters, as disquieting.

Mr. Bourguiba has instructed his foreign secretary to prepare a note to President Eisenhower expressing his grave anxiety about tendencies in the Algerian nationalist movement to draw away from the Western world and move toward the Communist orbit.

He said an Algerian rebel chief told him recently:

"The United States now has only to send soldiers against us. The Americans are already giving France arms to kill us and money to pay for the killing." The loan recently accorded to France has profoundly embittered the Algerians, Mr. Bourguiba declared.

## N.Y. Schools

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the streets cannot be considered an answer."

The New York Teachers Guild, AFL-CIO, called the board's action "shocking evidence that the city has not provided schools which can meet the needs of our time."

The Civil Liberties Union of New York called the new policy "excessively harsh."

### "Completely Amazed"

In scores of schools, news of suspensions was broken first to the pupils affected — if they were in school. Teenagers who had repeatedly defied school authority, including many on parole from state correctional institutions, seemed "completely amazed" by the action, principals reported.

"For a long time these kids have felt they could get away with it, that they couldn't be touched," an educator said. "They don't want to be in school in the first place—except those who wanted to raise a ruckus here—but when we told them we didn't want them, well, that was different. That they didn't like."

One youngster, who had given his school "a terrible time" and had boasted that he would use his "connections" to get the principal discharged, "appeared on the verge of tears," the official reported.

She asserted that the youngsters suspended at her junior high school were all "hard core" delinquents who had been a constant source of trouble. She said that some had committed serious acts of delinquency and that one was on parole from a state training school.



Roy W. Johnson  
—Associated Press Wirephoto

## Space Chief

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Congress has just given ARPA a 10-million-dollar organizational fund and will be asked to appropriate 340 million more for its work in the fiscal year starting July 1.

Mr. McElroy said, "Mr. Johnson was in charge of General Electric's electronics business for six years starting in 1951, is accustomed to working productively with the scientific people and knows organization thoroughly.

"In the new agency he will be backed up by the most highly-qualified scientists we can find and the head of the group that will provide technical direction to the programs assigned to the agency."

Mr. Johnson now works in New York and lives in Stamford, Conn. He will become director of ARPA formally on April 1 but will spend two or three days a week at the Pentagon prior to that date. His salary has not been established, a Defense Department spokesman said.

### Only Practical Means

He never has flown a plane



# Jury Trials Rejected for Juveniles

Washington —(AP)— Over the dissent of its two senior liberal justices, the Supreme Court declined today to give juveniles accused of man-sized crimes the right to a jury trial.

The 6-2 action, announced in an unsigned opinion, dismissed the appeal of a Nebraska boy whose case once seemed to be the likely vehicle for this civil liberties extension.

Justices Hugo L. Black and William O. Douglas, who for more than 30 years have been in the forefront of extending Bill of Rights protections to state defendants, dissented sharply.

"There is, as I see it, no constitutionally sufficient reason to deprive the juvenile of this right," Douglas said.

Black, in a separate opinion, scored the court for giving certain constitutional rights only prospective application, thereby cutting off those citizens who were tried or accused of crime before the date of the high court decision.

The majority consisted of Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Associate Justices John Marshall Harlan, William J. Brennan Jr., Potter Stewart, Byron R. White and Thurgood Marshall.

The appeal had been made for Clarence J. DeBacker, a Fremont, Neb., boy who was committed to the Boys Training School at Kearney, Neb., last year at the age of 17 on a charge that he forged a \$30 check on his father's bank account. Forgery is an adult crime in Nebraska.

DeBacker's juvenile hearing was held on March 28, 1968.

The court on May 20, 1968, said adults accused of major crimes were entitled to a jury trial if they requested one.

However, the jury trial decision was limited by the court on June 17, 1968, to cases which began no earlier than May 20, 1968. Thus, all adults who had been tried before May 20, 1968, without a jury could not use the decision to demand new trials, this time before a jury.

Because of this, the court majority said, "it thus seems manifest that this case is not an appropriate one" for considering whether juveniles are constitutionally entitled to jury trials.

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# Supreme Court Hears Arguments In Roberts-Del Sesto Vote Case

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but he added that it was not necessarily a "complicated" one.

Mr. Coffey said the legal issue could be decided by applying the ordinary rules for construing the Constitution and the laws to the case.

He said the first thing that had to be construed was Article 21 of the State Constitution, which was adopted in 1930 and which by its terms provides for voting by absentee civilians and also absentee servicemen.

He said the next thing to be considered was the Supreme Court's own advisory opinion to the House of Representatives in 1942.

Also to be interpreted, he said, were Article 22 of the Constitution adopted in 1944, providing for voting by members of the armed forces and those closely connected with them, and Article 23, adopted in 1948, providing for voting by absentee civilians and shut-ins.

Mr. Coffey said Article 21 empowered the General Assembly to adopt any laws to carry into effect its provisions for voting by absentee civilians and absentee servicemen.

He said the Supreme Court in its advisory opinion in 1942 emphasized that under Article 21 there was no authority in the General Assembly to confer on absentee persons in the military service any greater franchise than on those absentees who were not in the military service.

He said the court in that opinion said that while the position of absentee military personnel naturally had a great appeal to the heart and the feelings, the court could not do other than to follow the well-established rules in construing the Constitution and the law regarding such voters.

Mr. Coffey said that when the 22nd amendment to the Constitution was adopted in 1944, its language empowered the General Assembly to enact laws as to the time, place and manner of voting by members of the armed forces and Merchant Marine.

He said that without any intention of defending or criticizing this provision, it was evident that the people were attempting to distinguish and to do something for those in the armed forces that was not authorized by the earlier amendment.

The 22nd amendment, Mr. Coffey said, in empowering the General Assembly to prescribe the time for voting by absent servicemen, intended that they could vote before election day.

Mr. Coffey said that by contrast, the 23rd amendment, adopted in 1948, providing for

in the mail not later than that midnight, he said.

Still existing was the question of what happens to the ballot, where it goes and who counts it, he said.

He said Chapter 3204 of the amendments was passed May 11, 1953, and contains the first substantial reference to absentees as distinguished from absentee shut-in votes.

This amended Section 6 sets up provisions as to the marking and casting of ballots, he said, and here for the first time appear the words "on or before said Election Day."

## Mailing Provision

Later on in Section 6, he said, it is provided that the voter shall mail the ballot outside of the state on or before Election Day so that it would be received on or before midnight on the second Monday following election.

He stressed that the new set up was a limit to the time when the ballot could be received and that meant be sure to vote early.

"This is not a grant of power by the legislature to vote on Oct. 30, Nov. 2 or Nov. 4, assuming Election Day is Nov. 6," he said. "This is a single grant to vote within a period of time, the limit of which is Election Day."

Section 7½ was amended in Chapter 3204 as to the application, he said, and Section 7½-A was again amended as to shut-ins and here for the first time appeared the words "on or before Election Day" within the state, and providing that the ballot must be mailed to the Board of Elections on or before Election Day.

The next amendment was in 1954, being Chapter 3314, he said, and Section 2 for the first time is amended giving absentee shut-ins the right to apply for a ballot.

The only other amendment to Chapter 319 contained in the state laws was in 1954 when Section 7½-A was again amended relative to the application only, he said.

Giving the amendments all the powers they can be given, he said, they provide no method of voting, of counting, handling or tabulating, or whether the ballots should be considered in the general result of any election in this state.

Judge Francis B. Condon said that assuming Chapter 319 fell when Article 23 took the place of Article 21, then all that had to be considered were the amendments enacted since the passage of Article 23. He said these ought to be given as much effectiveness as possible to give absentees and shut-ins the right to vote and fix the method of counting.

plish this and fails, it can't be revived.

Judge Condon remarked that prior to the Constitution there was a proxy vote in Rhode Island, but after the Constitution there was no more proxy vote so voting comes under the Constitution and under the amendments recently adopted.

## Not Waiving Right

Mr. Coffey said that if the court should rule that those absentee and shut-in votes that happened to be cast on Election Day could be counted, the Democratic side would want to have them counted and was not waiving that right.

He predicted, in this connection, that even if all such absentee and shut-in votes cast on Election Day were to be credited to Mr. Del Sesto, the victory in the gubernatorial contest would nevertheless go to Governor Roberts.

"We would still end up with the plurality," the attorney said.

He said he did not mean to imply that there would not be some difficulty in separating ballots cast on Election Day from those voted previously.

But he said the work of separating them would be easier because the Board of Elections itself followed a procedure of stamping on ballot envelopes the time that each absentee ballot was received by the board.

## Other Evidences

Postmarks on the outer envelopes and the date on which the voter was sworn by a notary, as shown on the back of the inner envelopes, were other evidences of when the votes were cast, he said.

Questioned by Judge Andrews, Mr. Coffey agreed that the Democratic side had not objected to the counting of individual ballots on the issue of their legality, at the time each ballot was being counted, but that they merely raised a blanket objection later to all such ballots.

Judge Andrews commented that ordinarily in trials as they are conducted in courts, such blanket motions to exclude evidence or strike testimony were not effective if they were made too late.

Concluding his argument, Mr. Coffey said that the confusion in the law for absentee and shut-in voting "is so tremendous" that in his opinion the only solution would be for the court to grant the Roberts' petition and reverse the election board's action in counting the disputed ballots.

At this point the court took a recess before hearing the argument of Alfred H. Joslin, urging that Governor Roberts' petition be rejected and that the election board's action in counting the disputed ballots be upheld which would send in

"qualified electors" as of Election Day.

Mr. Joslin argued that the contention of Governor Roberts' attorneys if carried to its logical conclusion, also would result in war ballots being invalidated.

He said that war ballots still are counted under provisions of a law which was enacted prior to the present war ballot amendment of 1948.

He said there was ample precedent for the court to say that the law which contains the machinery for absentee and shut-in voting remained in effect when the 23rd amendment was substituted for the old 21st amendment.

Before it heard arguments on the constitutionality of the ballots yesterday, the court was asked to dismiss the petitions brought by Democratic legislative candidates that the ballots be invalidated. It did not rule immediately.

Republicans sought the dismissal on grounds the court has no jurisdiction because the legislature is the sole judge of its members' election and qualifications.

Judge Flynn had announced last week that the court will attempt to hand down its decision on the cases before noon Tuesday, Inauguration Day.

Yesterday's hearing was brought on by two Democratic candidates from Jamestown and one from

party in interest, he said, is the Board of Elections.

The Newport attorney then went on to declare that neither the federal nor state constitution says its legislative branch is the "sole" judge of its membership though he agreed it is the "final" one.

On the basis of a previous Supreme Court case, Mr. Burke said, Rhode Island law is that the court does have jurisdiction to determine an election contest.

Mr. Murray also argued for a court decision on the constitutional issue. He agreed with Judge Condon that one way to settle that issue would be for the legislature to ask the court for an advisory opinion.

Arguing the unconstitutionality of the shut-in and absentee votes, Mr. Burke, in summary, made this case:

Article 21 of the Constitution provided for absentee but not shut-in voting. To put this principle into effect, the General Assembly in 1938 enacted Chapter 319 of the General Laws.

When Article 23 of the Constitution, extending the absentee vote to include shut-ins, was adopted in 1948, Article 21 was repealed and annulled and every law on the books passed under the provisions of Article 21, including Chapter 319, was also repealed.

But the General Assembly, dis-

## GOP Readies Strategy If Roberts Wins

Rhode Island Republicans yesterday indicated they plan to give Governor Roberts a rough ride if the state Supreme Court puts him in the governor's chair.

Members of the GOP minority in the House of Representatives met in Johnson's Hummocks last night and decided to press for a rule change under which the signature of any 30 members would be enough to pry a bill out of committee on any day. Present rules permit forcing of a bill out of committee on Fridays only.

The action followed word that 25 Republican senators had met and considered boycotting Governor Roberts' inauguration if the Supreme Court gives him the nod in the disputed gubernatorial election.

The leader of the rebellious Republicans, James H. Donnelly of North Kingstown, it was said, has been charged with the responsibility of making the decision whether his colleagues attend the inauguration.

The House Republicans at their session voted to investigate

from the 22nd amendment. He said that instead of the special language empowering the legislature to fix the time for voting by absentee servicemen, the 23rd amendment contains much of the language of the old 21st amendment.

Mr. Coffey said that the clearly different language in the two amendments—one pertaining to servicemen and the other relating to the absentees and shut-ins—showed that it was intended to continue in effect the old rule that as far as absentees and shut-ins were concerned they could vote only on Election Day.

**Says Article Eliminated**  
Mr. Coffey said one did not have to do any straining to know what Article 23 of the Constitution means when it says it takes the place of and annuls Article 21. It was the intention of the people of Rhode Island, he said, that Article 21 was eliminated in its entirety by Article 23.

Because neither of these amendments to the Constitution was self-executing, he said, it was the intention of the people that Chapter 319, existing up to the adoption of Article 23 in 1948, which was the only reason for its existence and the only base on which it could stand, has been eliminated by the people from the laws of this state.

He said the first amendment to Chapter 319, subsequent to November, 1948, is Chapter 2316 of the Public Laws of 1949 and this is no more than a restatement of Article 23.

On the same day in May, 1949, that Chapter 2316 was adopted, Chapter 2317 was also passed as an amendment to Chapter 319 and this gave birth to Section 7½, which refers to shut-in votes, he said.

#### **Calls It Poorly Drawn**

He said this chapter, which provides for applying in writing to the secretary of state for an application and so forth, and providing for the secretary of state to permit casting of the ballot, is so broad and unworkable that it is a very poorly drawn section and does not do what it purports to do.

Even assuming it does set up a system for the voting, he said, what happens to the ballot and where does it go and who counts it? He said nothing was said here about that.

Another amendment, Chapter 2637, was passed May 1, 1950, he said, and amends Section 7½ for the first time, setting forth in detail the application to be used and describing the form of ballot.

This amendment provides for voting on Election Day within the State of Rhode Island and provides that the ballot must be

matter how liberally the amendments were construed, there was not sufficient authority for the court to say the ballots are valid and should be counted.

While the amendments say a voter can vote, he said, they do not say what happens to the votes.

Judge Condon asked whether the legislature implemented Article 23 by any act that would authorize voting on Election Day by shut-ins and absentees. "I say absolutely no," Mr. Coffey replied.

During the questioning of the attorney, Judge Harold A. Andrews said he was pretty well prepared but "this is pretty hard, there are so many different cards in this pack."

Mr. Coffey admitted to Judge Andrews that the law does not have to be perfect. He said there was enough in the law relative to shut-ins to get their vote into the board but there was no provision for what happened to the votes thereafter.

#### **"Classic Example"**

"Is this a classic example of a lapse we have to fill to make the law effective?" Judge Andrews asked, adding, "I don't have any opinion on that yet."

"Well, I have," said Mr. Coffey. Judge Thomas A. Paolino asked if the court could get enough out of all the amendments and the attorney replied it could not.

Judge Andrews commented that there was no question but that the people wanted the people to vote and it was the duty of the legislature to carry out their intention.

Judge Condon asked, "If there is a real gap in the law and it is plain to the reader that the legislature has overlooked something it intended to fix by legislation but failed to put on paper, would you say the court could apply the omission?"

Mr. Coffey replied "When you consider the gap that would have to be filled, I would say no."

#### **Another Question**

To another question by Judge Condon whether he would say that the court in exercising its powers may not only fill the gap in the law but has the duty to do so, Mr. Coffey replied in the negative.

Mr. Coffey agreed with Judge Condon that the people, by the 21st, 22nd and 23rd amendments to the Constitution, undertook to make an exception to the provision that votes must be cast in person but in making that exception didn't go the whole way but said it would have to be implemented by the legislature, and that if what the legislature passed didn't accom-

#### **Enlarged Scope**

He said the 23rd amendment merely enlarged the scope of the 21st by extending to shut-ins the privilege of voting away from the polls.

Mr. Joslin said that in an early Rhode Island case the court held that legislation setting up methods for registering voters did not lapse with a change in constitutional provisions, which enlarged the Legislature's powers in legislating concerning registration.

Mr. Del Sesto's attorney said that after the adoption of Article 23 in 1948 the General Assembly at the outset of its 1949 session undertook to implement it with statutes providing for voting by absentee civilians and shut-ins.

Questioning by Chief Justice Edmund W. Flynn brought out that the legislature in those first statutes under the powers of Article 23, did not authorize voting before Election Day, but only on Election Day.

It was not until 1953, with passage of Chapter 3204, that the legislature sought to authorize voting on or before Election Day, the discussion elicited.

**Claims "Full Power"**  
Mr. Joslin commented that Article 23 gave the General Assembly "full power" to make reasonable rules and regulations for the manner in which absentee and shut-in votes could be cast.

Judge Flynn suggested that the attorney would not contend that the amendment authorized voting "after" Election Day.

Mr. Joslin agreed that it did not permit voting after Election Day.

The attorney said he felt that the legislature nevertheless was clearly within its powers when in 1953 it passed the law permitting voting on or before Election Day.

He said he did not agree with any contention that when the General Assembly in 1949 provided for such voting on Election Day, that it was all that the legislature could do.

"At that moment that was all they cared to do," Mr. Joslin said.

He said that interpreting Article 23 in the light of all other constitutional provisions for absentee voting, there was ample room for finding that the General Assembly had a right to authorize the casting of absentee and shut-in ballots before Election Day.

He again stressed, as he did in the Newport County cases yesterday, that Article 23 sets up safeguards not found in the war ballot amendment, to make sure that those who cast absentee or shut-in ballots are

John E. Suppe, candidate, both of Jamestown, and John H. McGann, House candidate from Newport.

On pluralities built of absentee and shut-in votes, the Jamestown candidates had been defeated by Sen. Alton Head Jr. and Rep. Lewis W. Hull. Mr. McGann had been similarly defeated by Alexander G. Teitz.

John C. Burke of Newport and Daniel J. Murray of Jamestown represented the Democratic candidates. The Republicans were represented by Coleman B. Zimmerman and Alfred H. Joslin.

In addition to Chief Justice Flynn, Associate Justices Harold A. Andrews, Francis B. Condon and Thomas J. Paolino sat on the cases yesterday and today.

In connection with Judge Roberts' absence from the bench, Mr. Burke told the court, "We feel that we are entitled to a full court."

For the record, Mr. Burke and Mr. Murray entered objections to Judge Roberts not sitting. After a conference of the judges, the two attorneys were told they might renew their objections later if it became clear that their clients' rights were being affected by lack of a full court.

Mr. Burke explained that his objection was based on the possibility of a two-two decision on the case. If that happened, he said, the Democratic candidates could not obtain the legal relief they sought from certification of their GOP opponents' election.

The second preliminary matter was the motions by the Republican attorneys to dismiss the Democratic petitions. They sought dismissal on the grounds the Constitution provides for the branches of the General Assembly to be the judge of the election and qualification of their members.

Mr. Zimmerman said that constitutional provision had been defined as meaning that each branch shall be the exclusive judge of its own members.

The Rhode Island Supreme Court has held in several cases, Mr. Zimmerman said, that it would not invade the legislature's rights and has recognized that the members shall make their own regulations. He cited what he said were cases to the same effect in Congress and in the legislatures of Maine and Massachusetts.

#### **Questions GOP's Right**

Mr. Burke argued first that the Republicans, as "interrogators" in the case rather than as the true party in interest, had no right to raise the question of jurisdiction. The true

One of these laws was Chapter 3204, passed in 1953. That is the one that permits absentees and shut-ins to vote "on or before" Election Day.

Besides being null and void, Chapter 3204 is unconstitutional. The Supreme Court advised the legislature in 1942 that any law permitting voting before Election Day violates Article 16 of the Constitution. That article fixes Election Day as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

Further, the new Article 23 had no language giving the legislature authority to permit voting before Election Day.

On the other hand, Article 22, which provides for the servicemen's ballot, does have such language.

Mr. Joslin argued that the absentee and shut-in ballots are valid. To hold otherwise, he said, would be to render meaningless the intentions of the voters who cast those ballots in good faith.

He asked the court to find that the General Assembly and various ranking state officials intended, when the law was passed in 1953, to give absentees and shut-ins the right to cast ballots before or on Election Day. In its report to the Assembly that same year the Board of Elections had recommended such legislation, he said.

He observed that two of the Elections Board members in 1953 had been members of the General Assembly in 1942 when the Supreme Court handed down an advisory opinion that under existing law members of the armed forces could not vote before Election Day.

He added that Governor Roberts, who approved the 1953 law, was mayor of Providence in 1942; that the 1953 lieutenant governor (John S. McKiernan) was assistant Providence city solicitor in 1942; that Attorney General William E. Powers was a state representative in 1942 and Secretary of State Armand H. Cote held that same state office in 1942.

They re-elected Rep. Joseph E. Malley of Cranston as their leader. Mr. Malley renames Rep. Harry W. Asquith of Lincoln his first deputy. Rep. E. Rex Coman of Narragansett will be his second deputy.

The Republicans decided not to oppose the re-election of Rep. Harry F. Curvin (D-Pawt.) a speaker.

Designated to be chairmen of committees by the Republican senators were:

Finance, George D. Greenhalgh, Gloucester; judiciary, M. Donnelly; corporations, George M. Westlake, Narragansett; labor, Harry J. Hall, Scituate; special legislation, Leonard B. Sylvia, Little Compton.

Education, Alton Head Jr. of Jamestown, whose election was disputed in yesterday's Supreme Court test, and who is likely to be seated if the court finds that the Senate is judge of its membership in this instance.

Rules and orders, Mr. Donnelly; elections, Charles J. Link, Charlestown; agriculture, Louis E. Perreault, Richmond; military affairs, Frank Almeida, Portsmouth; fisheries, William F. Lewis, New Shoreham.

Pardons, Hoyt W. Lark, Cranston; public welfare, Donald I. Beaufregard, North Smithfield; state property, Richard B. Sheffield, Middletown; public institutions, C. George DeStefano, Barrington; state personnel, Ernest L. Nye, Foster; veterans' affairs, Ralph T. Lewis, Warwick.

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## State Budget Hearings Indicate Tax Hike

By PAUL A. KELLY

State budget hearings opened today with a gap between agency spending requests and predicted revenue from existing taxes that appeared to make some kind of a tax increase next year almost inevitable.

State departments asked for spending money that would exceed present appropriations by 60.9 million dollars and would run 55.6 million dollars higher than revenue forecast for next year from current taxes. The agencies will not get

the kind of money they are asking and revenue figures are subject to revision later. But there could be no doubt that the administration of Governor Licht again will be faced with difficult financial decisions.

Requests for appropriations from state funds in the budget the administration and the General Assembly must adopt next year added up to 301.7 million dollars, while forecasts of revenue from present taxes came to 246 million.

The revenue predictions,

made by the agencies that do the collecting, are that without rate increases existing taxes will produce 8 million dollars more in the next fiscal year than is expected in the present fiscal year.

The forecasts included one from the tax division that the new investment income tax, which carries a 25.5-million-dollar estimate for the present fiscal year, will net 26 million in its second year.

The spending requests and revenue forecasts were disclosed by Budget Officer John

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C. Murray as he opened four days of public hearings that will deal only with proposed spending for health, welfare, education, public works and the Department of Community Affairs.

The biggest requests for spending increases are expected to be in those areas and will be detailed as the hearings progress.

Mr. Murray made public the budget requests of all the

other agencies and in those figures were some of the signs of problems ahead.

Payments that will be due on the principal and interest of the state debt carried an estimate that they will increase 5.2 million dollars over the present fiscal year.

A 1.5-million-dollar budget increase was predicted as the cost of reimbursing cities and towns for the intangible personal property tax they gave up when the new state investment tax was enacted.

A budget increase of 2.2 mil-

lion dollars was estimated for the salary adjustment fund to help meet a promised new pay increase for state employees.

Officials annually caution against undue alarm about the size of the initial money requests, which always are reduced by millions of dollars before the budget is submitted by the governor and adopted by the General Assembly.

Significant items will be developed during the hearings, however, that will be hard for the administration to cut,

particularly "open end" education and welfare provisions set by law about which the governor complained in his inaugural address last January.

State agencies are anticipating a new high in federal grants in the next fiscal year—102.3 million dollars. That would be an increase of 13.1 million over grants expected in the present fiscal year.

State spending from special  
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# Two Letters in 'Ex' Can Mean a Lot

## Assignment: people



By M. CHARLES BAKST

Anthony Souza has been there and back. Dark-complected, tired, a shade under six feet tall, a shade overweight, Souza is now 22 years old and he has gone far these days, not that long ago, when he was going no-where. He used to live in another world, a world where people lived in separate peace, a world where he found his private peace. Souza was a drug addict.

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## Legal scholars laud R.I. judge

By BRUCE DeSILVA

*"I know a lot of my decisions are controversial, but that cannot deter us from doing in good conscience that which is mandated by the Constitution."*

*—Chief Judge Raymond J. Pettine of U.S. District Court in Providence.*

A series of precedent-setting decisions in the last five years has made Judge Pettine one of the most influential federal judges in the country.

His 1970 decision limiting the power of Adult Correctional Institutions officials to read prisoners' mail (*Palmigiano vs. Travisono*) has

been used as a precedent by 60 other courts.

His 1969 ruling that the Peace Corps violated the First Amendment by firing an employee who was critical of U.S. Vietnam policy (*Murray vs. Vaughn*) has been cited in 30 other court decisions.

Ten courts have already cited his 1973 decision that prison authorities cannot transfer inmates to out-of-state facilities without giving them due process hearings (*Gomes vs. Travisono*).

According to three constitutional law experts interviewed, at least a dozen of the

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Judge Raymond Pettine in his chambers.

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public at the meeting but was told he could not attend.

Firemen, he said, believe the consulting firm is "incompetent" because in its study it "did not evaluate the hazards of life or property, but made its evaluation only on an economic basis."

Mr. Addison said he expects his committee to make its recommendations on the report within 30 days.

## Pettine

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judge's other decisions are of national importance.

"It's no accident he's had important cases," said Prof. Alan Dershowitz of Harvard University Law School. "You don't get interesting cases. You make interesting cases. What for many judges would be the routine cases, he makes important because he sees his function as raising issues rather than burying them."

"Most judges look at a case, look at the precedents and make a decision," said Marvin Karparkin, a national counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union. "Judge Pettine looks at a case, looks at the constitution and makes a decision."

"He is a great judge," said Prof. Herman Schwartz, a prison law expert at the University of Buffalo. "Although he is constantly breaking new ground, his decisions are almost never reversed by the higher courts."

The three agreed Judge Pettine's greatest impact has been in the area of prison law. They pointed to four major cases in addition to the two mentioned above.

In *Morris vs. Travisono* in 1970, the judge established a code for the ACI that spelled out living conditions and privileges that must be provided prisoners. It also provided that prisoners must be allowed to present a defense before the prison disciplinary board, which must base its decisions on "substantial evidence."

In *Inmates of the Boys Training School vs. Affleck* in 1972, he ruled that juvenile prisoners have a constitutional right to rehabilitation programs. He also ruled that isolation in a cold, dark cell violates a juvenile's constitutional guarantee against cruel and unusual punishment.

In the *National Prison Reform Association vs. Sharkey* in 1972, the judge ruled prison authorities violated the first amendment rights of prisoners by refusing to allow the association to meet inside the prison.

And in *Gomes vs. Howard* in 1972, he ruled prison officials could not deny a prisoner in the awaiting trial section the right to vote. That decision, Professor Schwartz said, preceded a similar rul-

ing by the U.S. Supreme Court about two months ago.

"These are all very important cases—very widely cited," Professor Schwartz said. "He is one of the most courageous pioneers in the whole business of making prisons answerable to the law. There aren't many judges in the country who really take the Constitution seriously when it comes to prisoners."

The three experts emphasized, however, that Judge Pettine's precedent-setting decisions have not been limited to the area of prison law.

He was the first judge to rule that a serviceman accused of violating marijuana laws while off base has the right to be tried in a civilian court, Mr. Karparkin said. The military claimed drug offenses affect morale and discipline and should be tried in military court.

Mr. Karparkin said that 1969 case (*Moylan vs. Laird*) has been cited widely by district and appellate judges, and added that a similar case is finally being considered by the U.S. Supreme Court.

In *Jenness vs. Forbes*, decided before the 1972 election, Judge Pettine ordered the commander of the Newport Naval Base to permit Linda Jenness, presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party, to campaign on the base.

By denying her the right to campaign after allowing Vice President Spiro Agnew to land at the base and make a political speech, the commander was violating the equal protection clause of the constitution, the judge ruled.

"That's virtually unprecedented," Professor Dershowitz said. "Many similar cases were decided the other way. It's a very important and gutsy decision."

In *Davis vs. Robinson* in 1972, Judge Pettine ruled that the state had violated the National School Lunch Act by failing to establish the lunch program in the neediest schools of some participating school districts.

Professor Dershowitz called Judge Pettine's ruling "an extremely important, innovative decision." Mr. Karparkin called it "a very humane and understanding decision."

A New York judge used the decision as the basis for his ruling in a similar case.

In *Unemployed Workers Union vs. Hackett*, Judge Pettine ruled in 1971 that the state Department of Employment Security violated the First Amendment by prohibiting the union from distributing leaflets and talking to unemployed persons inside the DES offices.

Mr. Karparkin called the case "another area in which the judge was ahead of his time and other judges have followed." The case says there is a right to free speech in a public place, whether it is in the street or under a roof, he said.

When the U.S. Supreme Court expanded the meaning

of conscientious objection so that persons who do not believe in God can claim that status, Judge Pettine was one of the first judges to apply that decision retroactively to take persons convicted under the old definition out of jail, Mr. Karparkin said.

Anthony D. Ramos, formerly of East Providence, whom Judge Pettine had sent to jail 15 months earlier for failing to report for induction, was one of those the judge freed in 1970.

"I sensed the feeling of satisfaction on his part that someone he felt obliged to send to jail he could now let out," Mr. Karparkin said. "I wish all judges showed that kind of humility and compassion."

"He is simply a superb judge," said Professor Dershowitz.

Not everyone agrees. Judge Pettine's critics, while conceding the importance of his decisions, say many of them wrongly infringe on the power of the legislative and executive branches of government.

Fred T. Wilkinson, director of the Missouri Department of Corrections, criticized one of the prison cases (*Morris vs. Travisono*) at the 1971 National Governors' Conference in San Juan.

"The federal court has taken over management of the institution," he declared.

Sen. Erich A. O'D. Taylor, D-Newport, charged the judge's decisions concerning the ACI have "put handcuffs around all our efforts to run that place properly." And Anthony P. Travisono, director of corrections, has threatened several times to disregard the decisions.

John J. Affleck, state director of social and rehabilitative services, said the judge's recent decision ordering the dismantling of part of the flagrant welfare system "intrudes very strongly" on the state administrative decision-making process.

The judge has also taken some heat for striking down two state anti-abortion decisions.

"A judge does not discuss the merits of his opinions," said Judge Pettine. "He speaks through his decisions."

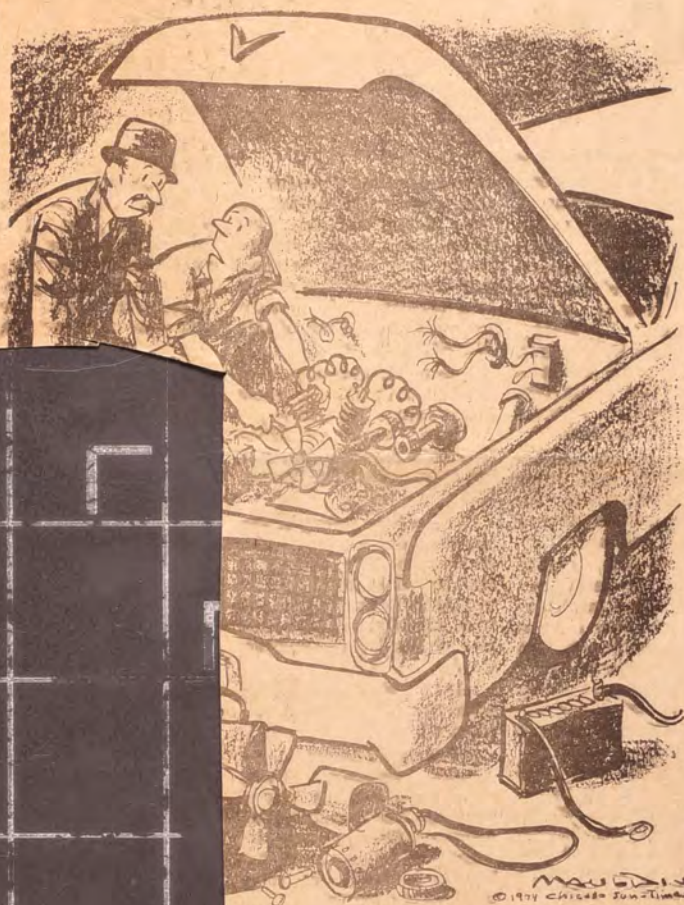
The 60-year-old judge, who looks more like a trim 45, said his important decisions are due in large part to the work of young Rhode Island Legal Services lawyers who represented the plaintiffs in many of the cases. "The quality of the arguments has a lot to do with the quality of decision writing," he said.

But he swelled with pride when he mentioned that his son-in-law studied one of his cases at Cornell University Law School.

Judge Pettine leaned back in the chair in his paneled office on the second floor of the federal building in Providence and lit up a cigarette. Smoke was still rising from his half-filled meershaum pipe on the desk top.

"I always hoped and dreamed that someday I would be a judge," he said. "Incredibly it happened to me when I was 52 years of age. To me it is the most privileged of positions. I feel a tremendous sense of responsibility."

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was changed because there are an abun-  
dance of Polish people in Chicago. And  
there are simply not that many Hungari-  
ans."

Why not change the name?  
"You mean to something like Smolinski?  
I really don't know."

So we tried the producer, Ron Roth.  
Roth contradicted Donnelly, which he  
can do because he is a bigger shot.

"It has always been about a Polish  
family," he said.

Then why a Hungarian name?

ROTH SAID that problem has been  
resolved. Another "K" has been added,  
making the name "Kovack," instead of  
"Kovac." "That makes it Polish," he  
said, in a knowledgeable way."

"No it doesn't," said Dzewulski, of  
the Polish National Alliance, in a far  
more knowledgeable way. "It still has  
'V' and there is no 'V' in the Polish lan-  
guage."

Roth said the show was written by  
Adrian Spies. (That's German, and it  
means one who fashioned objects on a  
lathe.)

Is anyone involved in the production of  
Polish ancestry?

"We don't have a Pole on the set,"  
Roth said.

But it is going to authentic?

"Our Polish sausages are authentic.  
We bought them at a Polish store.  
They're so authentic, we got gas to  
prove it." (Roth is witty as well as cre-  
ative.)

Incidentally, Roth is a German name.  
It means somebody who has red hair. Or  
a red face. He should.

Mike Royko is a syndicated columnist.

To my amazement I found myself de-  
fending Richard Nixon the other day.  
For one who thinks he ought to be im-  
peached this was a strange experience  
(I almost caught myself looking round  
to see who was doing it). Things are  
becoming so topsy turvy in this city that  
anything can happen. A Harris Poll, for  
example, says Mr. Nixon's popularity is  
down to 30 per cent, his lowest point. But  
it also says that the rating of the Demo-  
cratic Congress is even lower; it's down  
to 21 per cent. A good many things are  
breaking loose from their moorings here  
in all sorts of places.

In this case the assault on the Pres-  
ident came from a supporter of Sen.  
Henry (Scoop) Jackson, the Democrat  
from Washington who is the favorite  
Republican candidate for the Democratic  
presidential nomination. Jackson is a  
short, energetic, likeable man. There is  
a direct, disarming, folksy quality about  
him which is quite attractive. He's no  
great shakes as an orator and may put  
you to sleep. And he's running hard for  
the Democratic nomination a couple of  
years ahead of time which just shows  
how we stretch out our election cam-  
paigns.

What Scoop says, in brief, is that Rich-  
ard Nixon is soft on communism. Crazy?  
All right, I said things were getting daft.  
Jackson thinks Moscow is pulling the  
wool over the President's eyes. And  
Jackson is also 100 per cent for Israel  
and thinks the Arab pressure is just a  
Moscow plot. Now there may be some  
truth in that. But, to Scoop, things are  
either black or white. He gave 100 per cent  
support for the South Vietnam war.  
Today he wants a full military build-up  
no arms agreement with Moscow save  
on our terms, distrust of Kissinger and  
Nixon in their dealings with Moscow  
and full use of any obstacles to detente  
like a demand that Russia allow unre-  
stricted Jewish immigration, oust the Arab  
and make amends to Solzhenitsyn.

THE IVAN THE TERRIBLE treat-  
ment of Solzhenitsyn is the best thing  
that ever happened to American liberals.  
Scoop's supporters think — it remind  
them that Russia is a totalitarian state  
(The Jackson thesis is that liberals don't  
know that). This is the theme, too, of  
Jackson supporters Eugene Rostow and  
Ben Wattenberg who back a Jackson  
oriented policy group, Coalition for a  
Democratic Majority, which is trying to  
pull the Democratic Party over to the  
conservative ("centrist") side. This also  
seems to be the goal of the Democrats'  
National Chairman Bob Strauss.

Jackson's crusade is a token of the  
Democratic dissension. His strong pro-  
Israel stand gets support from the Jew-  
ish community. He has made good pro-  
fessional use of his Senate chairmanship  
to lead the attack on the sitting-duck tar-  
gets, the rapacious oil giants. Somehow  
or other we haven't been able so far to  
take the Senator as seriously as we  
ought, perhaps because we favor detente,  
or because we haven't adjusted  
yet to the concept of Richard Nixon  
being squishy toward communism.

An American presidential election  
begins about a year after the previous  
one ends and runs three years; the  
present British election last three weeks  
and ends Feb. 28. A British-type election  
would only be possible in America if a  
full voter registry were compiled from  
the tax list and kept ready and up-to-  
date; if our political parties stood for  
something; if we had a legislature that  
could reach decisions and make policy;  
and if the adversary leaders like Messrs.

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## Judge DeCiantis Raises Valid Questions on Juveniles

The youngster who goes through Family Court in Rhode Island these days does not get the best of an involved bargain. When a young offender is under 18, emotionally immature and deserving help more than punishment, he is entitled to the benefit of some vague and generalized laws which, along with help from the community, are supposed to make for a better life for him.

It is excellent theory because it allows the competence of the judges and the skills of the social workers to work more freely for the child's welfare. In practice, the system isn't working in that most of the adult criminals have been in trouble as youths. We all have a hand in this failing. Explanations and remedies are complex, and the views of experts frequently are contradictory. But the questions that arise are among the most difficult that the courts, legislatures and the community have to face.

The general concern about family courts across the nation was keynoted last spring by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas when he said that the child in juvenile court may "receive the worst of two worlds. There is evidence . . . (that the child) gets neither the protection accorded to adults nor the solicitous care and regenerative treatment postulated for children."

The statement has stimulated much-needed discussion, and the other day the protection and solicitude Judge Fortas talked about were taken up by Judge Michael DeCiantis of the Rhode Island Family Court.

As for protection, Judge DeCiantis drew a clarifying line between what is available to a youngster in Family Court (for instance,

constitutional rights to counsel, against self incrimination, double jeopardy, and the right to trial by jury) and what is spelled out in Rhode Island law, such as the rules of evidence and the right to appeal. The judge feels that more of these civil liberties should be expressed in court procedure.

Perhaps more formal proceedings is the right approach to protect civil liberties of the young. Rhode Island might find itself on this path if the Supreme Court rules that a juvenile has as much right to counsel as an adult. Further, if more and more of the court's now informal proceedings are formalized, how this will affect the court's capacity to act for the youngster's best interests? Consider the juvenile standing in some future family court where all his protections are as explicit as they are now for adults. The juvenile is determined on being freed, never mind any rehabilitation or constructive examinations. Where does this leave a

lawyer, for instance, wanting to cooperate with rehabilitative objectives of the court, but at the same time finding himself obliged to follow his young client's wishes?

The dilemma would be less painful if defending lawyers could cite to their clients the impressive resources that the state has provided for their care and rehabilitation. Judge DeCiantis reminds us all that the state yet has to build the youth correctional center for emotionally disturbed children as provided by the Family Court Act of 1961. As a society, we have gone about half way toward building such a center. Out of revulsion at the capricious and cruel punishments for the young years ago, the needs of the child became paramount—at least, we have written this principle into laws and social services. But if the courts and the social agencies are to do the work we all expect them to do, they must have much more of the state's resources.

*no date*

22 June 1965 - not exactly juvenile incarceration, but closely related.

# Family Court Judge Criticizes Statute Ruling Jurisdiction

Judge Michael DeCiantis reaffirmed yesterday that a child remains under the jurisdiction of the Family Court even after he has appeared in an adult court on a particular charge. But in an unprecedented criticism by a Family Court judge, he said he believes the law is impractical, inequitable and in need of change.

The latest test of whether the Family Court waives jurisdiction over a child or merely over an offense allegedly committed by the child was initiated last week in a burglary case, when Warwick police sought a waiver for 17-year-old Thomas M. Gullisano of 795 Centerville Rd., Warwick.

Two weeks ago the youth had been waived out of Family Court on a charge of kidnaping a 22-year-old Providence woman.

During the burglary charge hearing at East Greenwich yesterday Leo Patrick McGowan, Gullisano's attorney, argued that the court had waived its jurisdiction over the youth in the kidnaping case and no longer had a right to hear any case involving him.

Howard R. Haronian, assistant city solicitor for Warwick, argued that the court had waived its jurisdiction only over a particular case, and not over the youth.

Judge DeCiantis upheld Mr. Haronian's contention, and granted a new waiver on the burglary charge.

Mr. McGowan took exception to the decision.

Since its inception in 1961, the Family Court has always held that it was the charge that was waived out of the court and not the defendant. Judge DeCiantis, however, is the first judge of the court to say publicly that he disagrees with it and to urge a change.

In his decision, Judge DeCiantis said that he was bound by the wording of the statute governing waivers to rule that a child is not waived out of the jurisdiction of the court. At the same time, he said he agreed with much of Mr. McGowan's argument.

Judge DeCiantis said in chambers that wording of the statute allows a judge to waive jurisdiction over a child, 14 years of age or older, who is charged with an offense on which he could be indicted by the grand jury, and to "order such child held for trial under the regular procedure of the court which would have jurisdiction of such offense if committed by an adult."

He said this statute orders the Family Court to retain jurisdiction of the youth but allows another court to dispose of the "charge."

The statute is a contradiction

of the idea of the Family Court, which is to retain the family as a unit, and to rehabilitate youngsters who have been declared wayward or delinquent, he said. When the court waives its jurisdiction, Judge DeCiantis said, it is admitting that it does not believe it can effect a rehabilitation.

The statute raises practical problems, as well, Judge DeCiantis said. It is possible for a 16-year-old youth to be waived out of the court on a felony, he sentenced to the Adult Correctional Institutions, and be free again before he becomes

18. If he then committed a misdemeanor, he would be referred back to the Family Court. "What do you do with him then?" Judge DeCiantis asked. "You cannot waive him out, because it is only a misdemeanor. But can you send a boy who has served time at the ACI to the training school to mix with other youngsters who might have a chance at rehabilitation?"

"I don't think the legislature intended that to happen when it

created the court, but that's what is happening."

The situation also raises an inequity, Judge DeCiantis said. If a juvenile is waived out of the jurisdiction of the Family Court, he is brought before a district court where he may plead to the charge and in most cases remain free on bail while awaiting the outcome of the court proceedings.

However, if he is referred back to the Family Court during this time on a minor

charge, he may be sent to the training school to await the outcome of the latter court proceedings. The wording of the statute allows a youth to be treated as a juvenile one day, an adult the next day, and a juvenile again on a third day.

Most of Judge DeCiantis' remarks in chambers were also made in the courtroom.

After he made his ruling, Judge DeCiantis waived jurisdiction once more over the Gullisano youth, who is charged

with breaking into the home of Horst R. Eckardt at 618 Centerville Rd., Warwick, and taking a .32 caliber Army Special revolver. The boy was returned to the ACI, where he is being held in lieu of \$10,000 bail on the kidnaping charge.

## Rhode Island's Lack of Youth Correctional Facilities

The commission which recommended creation of the Rhode Island Family Court said at the time that the state might, as well forget the entire business unless it provided the court with adequate ancillary services to do its job well.

The commission's foresight now has been tested and proven. Twice within a week, boys transferred from the Training School have created major disturbances at the Adult Correctional Institutions, where they don't belong but where

they are being held because there is nowhere else to keep them.

The commission never anticipated that teenage boys would end up in an adult institution. It recommended that boys referred to Family Court should initially be detained for up to 30 days in a separately housed screening unit where they would undergo extensive physical and psychiatric examination. Then the court would have accurate information to go on in judging where they should be sent.

The screening unit has not been established, although the law requires it.

The law also provides for a youth correctional center within the Department of Social Welfare to which the court may commit any juvenile whose behavior problem is such that the court shall deem it inexpedient to place him with his parents, in the Training School or with any other agency. But there is no youth correctional center.

The court, created in 1961, has not been able to follow procedures set down by law simply because facilities required under these procedures do not exist. The court and the social welfare department, to which boys are referred by the court, have been improvising.

That is the reason boys who misbehave at the Training School wind up in solitary confinement at the ACI, which Judge Michael DeCiantis declares is cruel and unusual punishment. That is the reason a 17-year-old boy, released by the court because he had received that kind of punishment, now is receiving care and undergoing observation at the Institute of Mental Health.

Warden Harold V. Langlois of the ACI says that services required by law but not provided might cost several hundred thousand dollars. The cost would be negligible if, as a consequence, boys got the kind of treatment the commission was convinced they should have when it recommended creation of Family Court.

## In Smoother Traffic, Political Risks

Mayor Lindsay of New York has taken a bold step in trying to untangle the traffic congestion on the island of Manhattan. He is strongly supporting an expanded program of towing away illegally parked cars in a segment of central Manhattan, and his administration reportedly is thinking of banning all midtown parking.

The uproar of resentment has been deafening, but the mayor is adamant.

The one apparently well-based complaint has come from the handicapped who lost special parking privileges; they may be assigned to newly-created parking spaces.

But generally, the mayor is holding out at what might appear to be some political risk of voter reprisal at the next election. But it may be that traffic experts and police have established that the

In any event, the towaway plan appears to be working. A bus driver, operating a crosstown bus on 56th Street, reported that traffic movement has improved since the towaway program was stepped up. "Now," he said, "it takes me 15 minutes to make it from Eighth Avenue to First. It used to take me anywhere from 23 minutes to an hour."

The mayor is not ready to concede that the city is seriously considering a ban on all parking in midtown Manhattan. But traffic experts for years have been urging the imposition and enforcement of very strict controls on street parking which eats up whole lanes of streets that otherwise could be used profitably in moving traffic.

Many a mayor of many a traffic-jammed city must be watching Mayor Lindsay's latest venture with interest and hope—and even, perhaps, with a little awe. But

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# Curb on Transfers To ACI Proposed

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The Rhode Island House majority leader proposed yesterday that Family Court permission be required before any transfers of inmates at the boys' and girls' state training schools to the Adult Correctional Institutions could be undertaken.

In another action concerning juvenile offenders, General Assembly support was sought for the idea of using empty barracks at Quonset Point Naval Air Station and trained service personnel in a rehabilitation program for first-time offenders.

Rep. Joseph A. Bevilacqua of Providence, D-Dist. 13, introduced the bill limiting training school transfers to the ACI to those approved by the Family Court.

"We should not leave it to the discretion of Mr. Sherman," said the legislator, referring to the assistant director of social welfare for corrections, Brig. Gen. Paul D. Sherman, U.S.M.C. (ret.).

Recent ACI incidents involving juveniles have drawn fire from Judge Michael DeCiantis of Family Court. He com-

plained of disciplinary action against one youth, who was put in solitude into what the judge referred to as "the hole" at the prison.

There have been at least two other events at the prison involving training school transfer-ees, the latest only Monday when four youths overpowered two guards, locked them in cells and damaged the segregation area of the medium-minimum security section. A guard also was attacked in the other, earlier incident that resulted in eight youths being put into separate cells.

Mr. Bevilacqua referred only passingly to the various incidents as being behind his bill, declaring he was introducing it because "the Family Court should have a say on transfers to the ACI." The measure was referred to the House judiciary committee.

Referred to the House committee on public welfare was the resolution sponsored by Rep. Francis H. Sherman of Coventry, D-Dist. 43 on establishment of what he termed a "halfway house" at Quonset.

Representative Sherman would send all first-offenders among boys directly to the suggested Quonset establishment. This would prevent their being adversely affected by association with "hardened" inmates at the training school, he said.

His resolution actually is a call on Congress to study the feasibility of establishing a pilot

project along those lines at a military base like the naval station. It would be a joint federal-state program and would utilize professional services of state workers and Armed Forces personnel trained in psychology, social work, education and athletics to rehabilitate the delinquents.

"Crime is a national problem," said Mr. Sherman, a teacher-coach in the Warwick school system. From that viewpoint, he said, the federal government has a stake in helping overcome the problem. He said President Johnson promised some federal help in the juvenile delinquent field in his State of the Union message.

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# Editorials

Saturday  
Jan. 21, 1967

## The state's failure to provide for incorrigible youngsters

The open quarrel between the state Division of Correctional Services and Family Court Judge Michael DeCiantis is upsetting enough, but the basic cause of it is far more disturbing. Failure of the state to provide a decent place for disciplining Training School boys who get unruly is a public disgrace.

The school has no adequately secure center for disciplining boys who flout school authority. Those who do are transferred to the Adult Correctional Institutions where they don't belong. Either they mix with adult offenders, a condition which feeds their egos and makes them that much harder to handle, or they are placed in solitary confinement under conditions comparable to those prevailing for the most hard-shelled criminals.

Judge DeCiantis' method of handling such youngsters is less effective. The judge a few weeks ago released a 17-year-old Hope Valley boy who had been given solitary, asserting that his treatment was "an itolerable disregard of human decency and human dignity." But the judge's cure backfired. The boy got into trouble again, was returned to the Training School and now is back in solitary.

What's more, Brig. Gen. Paul D.

Sherman believes the youth's case is the indirect cause of getting seven other boys placed in solitary confinement, too. The general is assistant state social welfare director in charge of correctional services. He contends that the court's release of the Hope Valley youth excited the disturbance that got all eight boys into solitary. The boys had been transferred to the ACI for cutting up at the school, and one of them struck an ACI guard in the course of a dispute over his not being able to get a haircut. That set off a fracas which General Sherman says was "a culmination of their mistaken conception that actions of this kind will produce release."

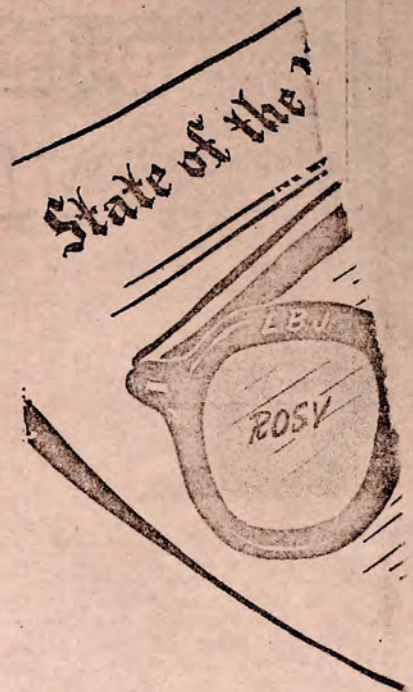
Neither Judge DeCiantis nor General Sherman can be held strictly accountable for the events. They, too, are victims of school inadequacies. The school should be able to handle all but the most incorrigible youngsters assigned to it. It should have its own tight security section for placing boys who break the rules and act too big for their britches. Then they would not have to be sent to the ACI, a place not conducive to their rehabilitation and where, in fact, they are apt to learn habits making them more incorrigible than ever.

## A useful shrine to Mr. Fogarty

Three years before his death, Rep. John E. Fogarty conceived a place an international center of research in biology and the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. There, and health science and seek

would carry forward the work in which Mr. Fogarty dedicated his public life, proving that the spirit of a great man can live after death.

Should the center involve new construction, no more fitting inscription could appear on the central building than a paraphrase of a section of the speech he delivered in September, 1963, to the Citizens for the World Health



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## 'A brutal war'

At this moment it would seem as if our beloved country were bent upon pursuing a path that must end in its self-destruction and the destruction of the whole fabric of that civilization to which we have contributed so much in the past.

American people, essentially decent and sensible, feel powerless and are forced to stand helplessly watching our hopes for the meeting of long neglected public needs solve into unfulfilled. We are

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## 'Restless' Youths Get ACI Cells

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Eight youths were locked in individual cells at the Adult Correctional Institutions Tuesday after a series of incidents that began when one of them punched a guard in the eye, authorities confirmed last night.

The guard did not require medical attention. The incidents took place in the medium-minimum security building at the ACI and were witnessed by Brig. Gen. Paul D. Sherman, assistant state social welfare director for penal and correctional services.

General Sherman was asked last night what caused the incidents. He said:

"For the last three or four weeks since a boy was released by a judge of the Family Court, all of the training school boys at the ACI have been upset, restless and disturbed.

"The incident Tuesday ap-

parently is a culmination of their mistaken conception that actions of this kind will produce release."

General Sherman was referring to the release Dec. 23 of a 17-year-old Hope Valley youth by Judge Michael DeCiantis. The judge said the boy had suffered "cruel and unusual punishment."

The 17-year-old and the eight youths locked up Tuesday were placed in what General Sherman calls "the segregated area in medium security." Judge DeCiantis, a frequent critic of the training schools, calls the area "the hole."

Boys are sent to the ACI from the training school for disciplinary reasons. At the ACI they usually sleep in dormitories, as do adults in the medium-minimum building, the former men's reformatory.

There are only 16 cells in the

building, the general said, and it was here the eight were put Tuesday. The general said three were released to the dormitory yesterday, two will be taken from the cells today and three will remain in the cells "for an indefinite period."

General Sherman said the incidents began as he and Deputy Warden Francis J. Foley were on a routine tour of the facility to talk to some of the boys from the training school.

On the second floor, they were approached by a youth who demanded that he be allowed to get a haircut immediately, General Sherman said. The general said no one got haircuts Tuesday, as the barbershop was closed for installation of new equipment.

Robert O'Connell, a guard, told him to return to the

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dormitory, General Sherman said. The boy began yelling and hit Mr. O'Connell once. The youth was put in the cell.

When a second boy started yelling, he was placed in another cell, General Sherman said. He said a third boy took over the leadership of five other boys who started yelling. "They were going to follow up with further demonstrations," General Sherman said.

There are eight cells on each side of a corridor. General Sherman said they are five by nine feet with a barred door. The cells contain a combination toilet and wash basin.

General Sherman said the youths sleep on mattresses which are taken away during the daytime, and can have as many blankets as they want. He said the area is warm. The boys can wear all their clothing except their shoes and their belt, he said. The boys can talk to each other along the corridor, he said.

When Judge DeCiantis released the 17-year-old from Hope Valley, he said the youth was placed in the cell for 12 days and stripped of his clothing three of them. He called the situation "an intolerable disregard of human decency and human dignity."

The judge first released the boy on Dec. 3. On Jan. 9 the youth was charged with breaking and entering. The judge released him again in an attempt to see if he could get into the Army.

An Army recruiting officer said that, given the boy's situation in the courts, he could not be considered for service. Last Thursday, the youth was back in court again on charges of driving-off cars.

The judge ordered he begin a complete psychiatric examination. General Sherman said he sent the boy to the intensive care unit of the state Institute of Mental Health at Howard.

3 March 1969

# Boy's Shift to ACI Is Ruled 'Cruel'

By SONYA GRAY

A Family Court judge has ruled that the detention and treatment of a 14-year-old boy at the Adult Correctional Institutions for 10 months was "cruel and inhuman punishment," and so unconstitutional.

In a decision filed with the court yesterday Judge Michael DeCiantis wrote that the state "failed miserably" in serving the welfare of both the boy involved and society.

The boy testified March 12 that he spent 10 months at the ACI, beginning last May. 14 days of that time in the "hole" and had been sprayed on one occasion with a chemical substance that caused burns on his arms, face and legs.

Judge DeCiantis wrote that the boy's experiences may perpetuate and reinforce defiant behavior "as evidenced by the high rate of recidivism among institutionalized youngsters."

Prisoners in solitary confinement, even for a short period of time Judge, DeCiantis wrote, quoting a legal journal, often become "semi-fatuous, from which it was next to impossible to arouse them and others became violently insane; others still, committed suicide; while those who stood the ordeal better were no generally reformed, and in most cases did not recover sufficient mental activity to be of any subsequent service to the community."

"What can society expect from a boy who has had such a terrible experience? At best, it can be described as 'man's inhumanity to man,'" the judge wrote.

"Public sentiment should

revolt in this state against this severity and request the law (the right of administrative transfer) . . . granting such a despotic power, be repealed."

In his 18-page decision, the judge wrote that the legal right of transfer of juveniles from the training school to the ACI "is the great engine of despotism. The existence of such power is incompatible with freedom."

The statute which delegates unbridled arbitrary power to any one governmental official or agency without providing constitutional safeguards is a departure from the basic requirements of due process, the judge wrote, quoting a legal report. "The existence of such power," he wrote, "leads to high-handed and harsh methods and results in an arbitrary conviction and punishment which is incompatible with freedom and liberty."

Writing of the tear gas incident, Judge DeCiantis said that Brig. Gen. Paul D. Sherman USMC (ret.), formerly assistant director of social welfare for penal and correctional services testified that the chemical substance, tear gas, was used because the boy used obscene language while in his cell.

However, the judge wrote, "the use of tear gas may be legitimately employed to prevent riots and escapes and where there is a danger to the security of the institution. When used against a single inmate," he wrote, "it should be permitted only under extraordinary circumstances. It is inhuman to spray tear gas directly upon a person, for the intense concentration upon the body can be very dangerous. The testimony of General Sherman was to the effect that an overdose of gas upon the eyes would cause blindness."

The boy's allegation that he was sprayed with a chemical substance, or tear gas, was uncontradicted, Judge DeCiantis wrote. "The guard who administered the gas was not produced to testify to contradict or deny the juvenile's statement . . . The burns on the juvenile's arms convinces the Court that he was subjected to a prolonged exposure of an intense concentration of tear gas."

William F. Reilly, a lawyer in the public defender's office, representing the boy, filed a habeas corpus petition in Family Court, alleging that the boy was illegally held at the ACI and had been subjected to cruel and inhuman punishment. Mr. Reilly also said the boy was not ad-

vised of charges brought against him and was not represented by counsel at a hearing at the training school before the transfer.

Several days before the Family Court hearings began, the boy was transferred back to the Training School.

Judge DeCiantis said a writ of habeas corpus has been issued to have the boy appear in Family Court this Tuesday "for the purpose of setting up a rehabilitation program for him."

# In the Morning Mail

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## Investigating ACI Conditions

It was with some considerable interest that I read and reflected upon the article appearing in the Evening Bulletin, December 28, 1966, entitled, "To Investigate Youth's Punishment". It is unfortunate that the article was so short and did not fully explore the issues that came before the court before Mr. Justice Michael DeCiantis very recently.

The transcript of the entire hearing could have been made available by purchase to the court reporter upon his request, and the issues are so important that the public interest surely required that obligation from the local newspaper reporter. This writer listened to a great deal of the questioning put to General Paul D. Sherman, assistant director in charge of correctional services, by attorney William F. Reilly representing this unfortunate youth who suffered "cruel and unusual" punishment while in an isolation cell (hole) at the Adult Correctional Institution.

It is to the outstanding credit of the character and fortitude of Mr. Justice DeCiantis that he personally visited the area of the youth's confinement and thereafter pronounced the judgment of the court. Now, after a re-

spected judge has taken a good hard look at conditions at the Adult Correctional Institution as it pertains to the confinement of youth, the director of social welfare, Augustine W. Riccio, appoints a committee to "investigate the situation", but whom does the director appoint to the committee of four? William I. Matzner, legal counsel for the Social Welfare Department as chairman; Peter B. Clare, chief of department employe relations; Dr. Jeremiah A. Dailey, assistant director in charge of curative services, and finally General Paul D. Sherman, assistant director in charge of correctional services.

It is almost too humorous if it were not sad that Director Riccio did not exercise good common sense and appoint at least one member of the public to represent the public interest in this all important inquiry. The four member committee serves at the pleasure of Director Riccio. In all fairness, therefore, can it be said that this committee will be wholly impartial and factual? In life, for all practical purposes, things just do not work out that way.

Only when Director Riccio appoints a civic-minded individual to serve on this com-

mittee will the people of the State of Rhode Island be entitled to believe the contents of what Mr. Riccio stated, "as soon as the study is completed, I will make the findings public." The public who pays Director Riccio's salary is entitled to at least this gesture of consideration.

Leonard A. Kamaras  
Providence

20 Jan 1967

## Judge DeCiantis Calls ACI 'Insane Asylum'

A family court judge called the Adult Correctional Institutions an "insane asylum" yesterday and said ACI officials were making misfits and derelicts out of juveniles transferred there from the Training School for Boys.

Judge Michael DeCiantis' comments were in reply to criticism of the court on Wednesday by Brig. Gen. Paul D. Sherman, assistant state social welfare director for penal and correctional services.

General Sherman blamed a series of disturbances among eight youths in the ACI on the action of Judge DeCiantis last December in releasing a 17-year-old Hope Valley youth, who, the judge said, had suffered "cruel and unusual punishment" at the ACI.

General Sherman said the release of the boy, who since has been returned to the training school, caused restlessness among the boys at the school, leading to the incident Tuesday in which one of them punched a guard in the eye.

Judge DeCiantis yesterday called General Sherman's explanation an "excuse" and said the boys should never be transferred to the ACI to mingle with "rapists, robbers and criminals of every type."

Judge DeCiantis also said the ACI officials knew the "full record" of the case involving the Hope Valley boy and that it "would be a public service if General Sherman and company would print

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# The Evening Bulletin

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## Zoo Parade

Isn't it about time the people of Rhode Island demanded that something be done about inadequate facilities for restraining juvenile offenders? The latest in a long series of disclosures that youths in their early teens have been transferred from the state Training School for Boys to the Adult Correctional Institutions, confined for varying periods of time among adult inmates, and sometimes consigned to the "hole" in solitary confinement is another shocking demonstration of how little the community cares.

Does the fact that a 14-year-old boy spent 10 months at the ACI, two weeks of that in the "hole," not justify a public cry of outrage? We think it does. We think the governor has a firm obligation to set in motion immediate efforts to prevent a recurrence and to draft a working plan for a long-term solution to this problem.

The full responsibility by no means rests with Joseph P. Devine, superintendent of the training school, or Brig. Gen. Paul D. Sherman (ret.), assistant director of social welfare for penal and correctional services, who ordered the transfer. Faced with difficult cases, boys who become violent or repeatedly run away as the 14-year-old youth is said to have done 29 times, they must do something. Virtually their only options are to tolerate the extreme misbehavior, which is unthinkable, or to transfer the offender to the state prison.

If this were the first instance of its kind, allowances could properly be made. But the same kind of thing has happened on numerous occasions and nothing is done. Neither Mr. Devine nor General Sherman has the authority to effect change on his own. But they have voice, and influence, and both should be used to impress upon state officials the need for adequate facilities. Moreover, it is more than mildly disturbing to hear the superintendent defend the 10-

month incarceration of a boy not yet old enough to be in high school, whose reason for being at the training school was truancy, on the ground that it aided his rehabilitation.

"Do I understand that his experience at the ACI was good for him?" asked Family Court Judge Michael DeCiantis, who has said repeatedly that new facilities for such cases must be provided. "Do you know," he asked Mr. Devine, "that the law says he shouldn't mingle with adults?"

If Mr. Devine and others are not familiar with what can happen to youths confined with adult prisoners, they have only to refer to news reports of the last week about the investigation conducted by a U.S. Senate subcommittee into mistreatment of juvenile offenders. Homosexual assaults are commonplace. One witness told of a boy, 14, held in Illinois' renowned Cook County Jail who "was repeatedly attacked sexually by various inmates and went into a catatonic state. He ended up in a mental hospital." Another "was wrapped in a blanket, soaked with benzine and set afire. He died."

Said the witness, "In many places throughout the country they have done a better job in meeting the standards for the care and treatment of animals in zoos than we have for the care of children."

We suggest also that members of the General Assembly spend less time emoting on the need for law and order, about repressive measures on the college campuses, about extreme minimum sentences that bear no resemblance to the crime and more time providing for programs of rehabilitation for both adult and juvenile offenders.

It's about time Rhode Islanders let loose their anger and demanded a remedy for an intolerable situation. Yes, it will cost money—money that should have been spent years ago. This is one account that is long overdue.

Sunday Journal 16 Nov. 1969

# Judge Disapproves Youth Fingerprinting

Family Court Judge Michael DeCiantis ruled yesterday that juveniles imprisoned in the Adult Correctional Institutions should not be fingerprinted without court approval.

Judge DeCiantis said that "this court does not object to fingerprinting of juveniles" altogether, but objects to the practice when it "further stigmatizes" a youth.

In the decision, he ordered a 17-year-old Providence youth released from semi-solitary confinement at the ACI, where he had been placed for refusing to be fingerprinted.

Judge DeCiantis said later yesterday that he personally disapproved of all fingerprinting of juvenile offenders, but noted that he goes along with suggestions made by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. The council has suggested that juveniles may not be fingerprinted or photographed, unless the fingerprints or photographs are necessary for determining the court's jurisdiction over a juvenile.

"I disapprove of fingerprinting of juvenile offenders," Judge DeCiantis said, "not because of the fingerprinting process itself but because of the use that

will be made of the fingerprints."

The judge noted that the fingerprints taken of the youth at ACI would have been kept file there for 15 years and may presumably have been used later for detection purposes. He said the use of fingerprints juveniles for detection purposes are examples of when the fingerprints could be used stigmatize a youth.

Judge DeCiantis said Rhode Island law does not permit the fingerprinting or photographing of juvenile offenders. A spokesman for the Providence Police

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Juvenile Division said that division does not fingerprint or "mug" juveniles. The division has been waiting for a decision from the Family Court that it was hoped would permit both practices, especially in the case of repeat offenders.

In his written decision, filed yesterday, Judge DeCiantis called for establishment of a state facility for youths convicted of felonies, and said Family Court should have jurisdiction over all cases including felonies involving juveniles.

Judge DeCiantis also attacked the practice of placing juveniles in the ACI, rather than in the Rhode Island Training School for Boys, saying it is a practice "condemned many times."

"Insult to injury has been added by introducing a new procedure of fingerprinting and photographing the juveniles while confined in the ACI in spite of public resentment to the evil and dastardly procedure," Judge DeCiantis said.

The case in question involved a youth who was ordered remanded to the training school in February on 16 charges including possession of stolen goods, reckless driving and illegal possession of firearms.

He was transferred to Youth Correctional Center, and then on April 12, transferred to the Adult Correctional Institutions, with Family Court permission.

Acting Warden John F. Sharky ordered the youth fingerprinted and photographed. When he refused on the advice of a lawyer, the youth "was restricted to his cell, except for meals, showers and when seeing visitors."

The decision said that state officials, at a hearing in August and later in briefs, said that identification information was obtained for use in case of fire or escape, and did "not go beyond the institution."

He said that the state also argued that since there was no state law against fingerprinting juveniles, prison authorities had the authority to do so.

But the judge ruled in an opposite manner:

"The absence of legislative provisions that juveniles be fingerprinted or photographed is a clear intention that they should not be," Judge DeCiantis said.

He said that state law provides for the fingerprinting of criminals or persons apprehended in connection with a felony or convicted of a felony, but does not discuss the cases of juveniles.

Judge DeCiantis noted that the practice is not used at the training school or the Youth Correctional Center, a facility used for difficult training school cases.

"Fingerprinting in this case

does not concern an initial arrest of a juvenile who has committed a felony; but, rather it involves a case where the petitioner was transferred from the Youth Correctional Center to the ACI. This, in and of itself, is shocking. It has been condemned many times," he said.

Judge DeCiantis said the transfer to the ACI "ignores the true concept of individual liberty." But he said that "now a new procedure has been introduced, 'fingerprinting and photographing,' resulting in the confining of the juvenile in an isolated area if he refuses to accede to the illegal order of the warden."

The judge said that "this court does not object to fingerprinting of juveniles, but believes that it is improper when fingerprinting and photographing is used to further stigmatize a juvenile."

The judge noted the suggestion of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency that a child may not be fingerprinted or photographed unless he has been taken into custody for a violation of law, and the court has determined that there is probable cause to believe the fingerprints or photographs must be taken for the purpose of establishing the court's jurisdiction over him. The court shall designate the officials who shall take the fingerprints or photographs."

He said that "the court therefore finds that the transfer of a juvenile to the Adult Correctional Institutions, fingerprinting and photographing in accordance with criminal standards for the identification of criminals, is contrary to the concept of juvenile law.

"It further finds that the acting warden was without authority or justification to order the petitioner to be fingerprinted and photographed; and the said petitioner was within his right to refuse the verbal order of the warden.

"The acting warden is ordered to release forthwith the petitioner from his present isolated area of confinement," he said.