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Candids in Close Contention

Ed Note: The most hotly contested Albany mayoral campaign in many years pits Republican Albert Hartheimer against incumbent Democrat Erastus Corning II, who is seeking his eighth consecutive term in office. In an effort to clarify some of the most critical issues, the C&W assigned candidates a questionnaire, with a deadline of each candidate's position on the issues, including, among other things, his plans for the future of the City of Albany.

Mr. Hartheimer

When asked by Mr. Hartheimer for mayor in view of his lack of experience in public office, Mr. Hartheimer holds no official party position, responded: "I have lived in Albany for 20 years and in that time have seen the city go far downhill, a trend I believe I could stop. I do not think that Mayor Corning has done much for the city during his tenure."

Mr. Hartheimer believes that there are not enough men on the Albany Police Force. He proposes, if elected, to immediately hire a squad of 55 men to 272, and possibly to add even more later. "People do not feel safe on the streets of Albany," he said. "The mayor has been very cordial on the housing situation. He accused the present administration of "disordering" the middle and high income housing necessary to the survival of the downtown business district. He explained that in order to build that faltering section of town, people needed large banks, people have not been able to move into that situation. A giant 20,000 car multi-level parking garage between Elk St. and Sheridan Ave. is his most important proposal towards solving the problem. He did not have any figures as to cost of such a structure.

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Mr. Hartheimer concurred with the premise that registered Republicans are subject to comparatively higher house assessments. "But the reverse would not be true under a Republican administration," he suggested. "Republican candidates are more independent from their party than their Democratic counterparts. The other party puts up a candidate; whereas, men like Mr. Button, Mr. Langley, and myself received backing only reluctantly."

Mr. Corning

During the interview, Mayor Corning seemed well aware of his opponent's charges and proposals and was ready to refute them.

"My administration has seen the construction of new schools and additions and modernizations on others. There was no urban renewal of public housing, like in Albany until I was elected," he said.

The Chief Executive, who has been Mayor for 28 years, also responded to Mr. Hartheimer's charge that the police force is understaffed. Mr. Corning admitted that Albany's crime rate has risen, and added that this increase is far less than the national average. He continued on to say that the police force were recently added to the squad, and cited the large turnout at the first production of the shows (Old Palace Theater) as proof that people are not afraid to walk the streets at night.

This year gave as examples of programs now in the works to provide more housing and to help the downtown business district. Mayor Corning said that the police force is understaffed. Mr. Corning called Mr. Hartheimer's plan for a 20,000 car garage "unrealistic. The situation is not able to do so." He also denied the frequent complaint that non-Democrat's housing assessments go up. He admitted that there is a machine, but said, "People always agree with the machine, but the term really implies smoothly run, efficient government." He said, "Those kind of complaints are made against every city administration."

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ON LATTENESS

"... and the United Traction Company doesn’t give a damn that the Milne school day starts five minutes earlier!" Those angry words rang through the homeroom. One of the students had gotten to homeroom about ten seconds after the bell, and was visibly angered over having been made to wait five minutes. Now that the school day starts five minutes earlier, it appears that many students will be coming in “late” to school. But what is “late”?

This editorial is about a homeroom student arrived at school later than 8:25—no, arrived at his homeroom after 8:25.

Sample: Student X leaves his home at 7:55. He arrives at the bus stop at around 8:00. This leaves him plenty of time to catch the 8:06 bus. Sometimes the 8:06 (or any other bus for that matter) is filled to capacity and does not stop. All right, the next bus along is at 8:12. This one deposits the student at the school at 8:23. Counting at least two minutes to hike all the way to his homeroom, if any N.Y. city bus is late, maybe the student will make it, maybe he won’t. Maybe the teacher will be a sport, but often he will not. So the student is marked tardy.

Now what goes on in the average Milne homeroom? Bulletin: estimated reading time, 30 seconds to 90 seconds. Maybe the student council minutes: estimated reading time, two minutes. The rest of the time is usually spent with a frantic student teacher trying uselessly to quiet the kids down so that they can get in that fantastically valuable five minutes of studying. Right. Ten minutes is superfluous time for a homeroom.

The stock answer to the complaint “the bus (busses) passed me by” is—“Get out the corner earlier...” a pearl of wisdom worthy. Buddy himself, the student teacher, the student, to turn out twenty minutes to a half hour early, in order to be there when the buses are not so crowded that they won’t stop. So, in other words, the student should deprive himself of twenty minutes of sleep so that he won’t be one minute late for school? And what is he supposed to do when he gets here so early in the morning? Also, the school day is exhausting long already.

And when the snow comes it will be even worse. This article was going to be held until the first student-faculty meeting, but that meeting has not yet met. Proposed: homeroom should commence commencing at 8:25, but students should not be marked late until 8:30. In that time the homeroom teacher can mark everyone who is present, and see who is not there. Those who have finally not arrived by the deadline could be marked late.

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—R.B.

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—Susan Boochever

Cooking Up a Moratorium

(1) Ingredients: Nuns, students, ministers, politicians, housewives, long-hairs, short-hairs, young, old, the poor, the middle-class.

(2) Mix in: Chants, candles, speeches, songs, black armbands. (Let stand the mixture over the chill, but cooperative temperatures.)

The described Candlelight Procession was but one expression of Albany’s disenchantment with the war in Viet Nam. At the State University there were teach-ins, speeches, readings of the war dead, and silent vigils.

I consider this the triumph of the Moratorium: it was a united protest drawn from numbers from diverse ethnic, economic, and political groups. To cite one reason: how many people disagreed with the war in the Moratorium? How long will the non-violent unity of the participants last? What’s in the future?

The President tells us that he will not have his decisions influenced by a mob. Mr. Agnew tells us that we are led by “effete snobs,” tells us that we are anarchists, or dissidents, or, at best, misguided souls. But General Hershey was fired and Mr. Nixon will speak on Viet Nam November 2. Are these to be considered as appeasements to keep the “mob” quiet? Or are they steps in a new direction?

The November Moratorium will be two days long. There will be a march on Washington “to bring all the troops home now.” It will be a neatly ordered death, racket, the draft, the Thieu-Ky regime, increased military spending, and many other causes. But what about rumors of violence and confrontation? And how will its numbers be affected by everything that is happening in the world?

The future is filled with “ifs.” By my standards the October 15 Moratorium was a success; but I don’t know what’s in the future. Of course, the greatest tribute to those who participated is the ability to the war head, and to American democracy would be an end to the war NOW.

—April Sheldof

Thumbprint Found

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Postulated: Prudence P. Persimmon Impaled Upon Pencil Point!!

Investigation into the brutal murder of Prudence P. Persimmon has continued. It is now known that Prudence P. Persimmon, one of the kindliest, most generous persons ever to live was impaled upon the point of the pencil with which she so often wrote advice to the unappreciative, unloving, and misguided of the Milne School. According to the autopsy report, death from impalement occurred at approximately 2:20 a.m. Saturday, October 11th. Evidently the killer slinked sneakily through Pru’s unlocked apartment door, overpowered her and then proceeded to brutally impale her on a pencil point. Death occurred instantaneously. Mrs. Harvey Schlock discovered the body at approximately 10:00 a.m. the next morning and promptly telephoned the police. When informed of the vicious crime, the C&W editors appointed profes sor Herkimer E. Crinkleton as investigating Detective in Chief. Professor Crinkleton has been working day and night and has discovered various clues. On the floor of Prudence P. Persimmon’s apartment, a thumbprint was found impressed into the trouser leg was discovered about the corpse’s persons, a cleaning solution, and an impression of a black armband. From the阑cher’s point of view, it is difficult to see how Prudence P. Persimmon’s brutal butcher

The police have asked the Milne student body to help track down Pru’s assailant. Professor Crinkle- ton is looking for a man who drives a red MG, wears a black tweed suit and has thumbs.

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