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MENTAL HYGIENE - Plaques for outstanding service on behalf of Mental Hygiene employees were presented last month at the Civil Service Employees Assn. workshop for MH chapter leaders. Holding their awards are, from left, CSEA collective bargaining specialist Robert Guild. CSEA director William McGowan (Mental Hygiene, Region VI) and Gowanda Psychiatric Center chapter 408 president Maye Bull. (Other photos and story on page 8.)

Wenzl Calls Fine 'Way Out Of Line' For CSEA Aid To Orange Employees; Hits Basic Deficiency Of Taylor Law

ALBANY-The Civil Service Employees Assn. will appeal a court decision handed down last week fining the union \$200,000 for its support of a strike of Orange County members last March.

"Grossly excessive and a glaring example of the basic deficiency of the Taylor Law," CSEA president Theodore C. Wenzl said of the decision, adding his organization acted "in the best tradition of unionism in providing assistance" to the Orange unit during the 14-day

"These employees had a just cause," said Dr. Wenzl. "Even the Taylor Law recognizes the possibility of unjust treatment on the part of employers in its provision on 'extreme provocation.' Though the Taylor Law calls strikes illegal, this provision does agree that the punishment should fit the crime in cases where an employer's unreasonable attitude has actually provoked a job action.

"This is exactly what happened to our members in Orange County," Dr. Wenzl continued. "They had gotten a realistic recommendation, from impartial fact-finders, for a 4 percent

"This was arbitrarily rejected by a politically motivated legislature, which went even further and drastically reduced annual increments payable to newer employees as an established condition of employment.

"After months of disappointing negotiations and intensive last-minute efforts to resolve the situation, these frustrated employees had no choice but a job action." the CSEA leader declared. "Now the Taylor Law has compounded their unjust treatment by imposing upon the parent CSEA organization a penalty that's way out of proportion for giving a local unit the measure of support that any union member has a right to expect. Now the parent union has no choice in the matter, either. We must appeal this penalty."

CSEA attorney Barton W. Bloom pointed out that the fine "was inconsistent" with those meted out to other unions in recent years. When sanitation workers struck New York City. endangering the health and welfare of all the residents of the city, their union was fined \$80,-000. When the 40,000-member United Federation of Teachers shut down the New York City school system for 17 days in

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PERB Ruling Strongly Endorses CSEA's Representation Rights

(From Leader Correspondent)

OSWEGO-The Civil Service Employees Assn. won a major victory reinforcing its right to represent City of Oswego employees.

Public Employment Relations Board hearing officer Zachary Wellman has ruled that the city "deliberately interfered with, restrained and coerced employees in their protected rights" to conduct union activ-

Mr. Wellman also found that Commissioner of Public Works Edward L. Williamson allegedly planned to utilize harsh discipline for minor infractions of work rules as a device to dis-

courage employee support of CSEA.

The decision was described as one of the "strongest in favor of CSEA in a long time" by Terry Moxley, CSEA field representa-

Mr. Moxley said that Carl Thomas, a DPW employee was told by Mr. Williamson at the time of his application for a driver's job that he would be hired "if he kept his nose clean"

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What Will Be Impact If NYC Really Drops From Social Security?

NEW and serious threat A to the pension rights of public employees has been posed by the notice served the Beame Administration

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'I Want To Make ODA'S Viable,' Says Klepak

MANHATTAN - Daniel Klepak. new commissioner of the Office of Drug Abuse Services, looked astounded when asked about his reputation as a "hatchet man" who takes over state agencies on the verge of collapse and helps to dismantle them.

"Nothing I have ever entered has been dismantled," said Mr. Klepak. "I was in the Health Department as a Commissioner. I started the Office of General Services and it blos-

partment. I made a study of Social Services. I've been in the Budget Department. I don't recall any of them falling by the wayside.

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"I didn't take this job in order to wipe out an outfit and then look for another job. I took this job because I want to make this agency viable. I think L can do it. This is my 36th year in Social Services. I think they hired me because of my

somed. I've been in the Labor De- reputation and my health background. I want to merge both drug and alcoholism in the Office of Drug Abuse Services. I have redirected everything in the agency and I've been fighting in the legislature to get more money.

"My main objective is to eliminate the large facilities and go back to the community," Mr. Klepak explained. "There is a general feeling in all areas of health, that the best

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Carey Outlines Goals To Upgrade Quality Of N. Y. Criminal Justice

ALBANY Gov. Hugh L. Carey, in a special message to the Legislature, gave 13 specific goals in his campaign to improve the quality of criminal justice in the state.

The objectives are:

· More effectively regulate the licensing of handguns in the state and to provide increased and mandatory prison sentences for anyone convicted of unlawfully possessing a hand-

· Implementation of the recommendations contained in a report by the Commissioner of Criminal Justice Services concerning the use of deadly force by peace officers.

· Decriminalization of posses-

sion and not-for-profit transfer between adults of small amounts of marijuana

- · Provide for the resentencing of convicted marijuana offen-
- · Limiting second felony offender treatment to persons convicted of serious felonies committed within five years after conviction of a previous felony.
- ing in regard to Class A-III felonies and to restrict plea bargaining in regard to Class A and B felonies.
- · Provide guidance to a court in deciding whether to order release on recognizance or ball to persons charged with crimes.
- · Prohibit unfair discrimination against former criminal offenders in regard to licensure and employment and to establish reasonable standards for the issue of certificates of good conduct.
- · Protect the rights of individuals when criminal actions against them have been resolved in their favor.
- Transfer responsibility for the care and treatment of mentally ill patients from the Department of Correctional Services to the Department of Mental Hygiene and to authorize the establishment of psychiatric service units in correctional facili-
- · Continue the work release and prisoner furlough program in state and local correctional facilities for one year and to amend certain provisions of the state temporary release law.
- · Repeal the civil death provisions of the Civil Rights Law.
- · Provide statutory authorization for the impaneling of regional grand juries according to the recommendations of Bernard S. Meyer, special deputy attorney general for the Attica investiga-

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perience.

POUGHKEEPSIE - To mark the coming American bicentennial year, the Dutchess County Educational Employees chapter, Civil Service Employees Assn., is distributing free of charge decals of two historic United States flags.

The chapter has been distributing decals of the 50-star flag since Flag Day, 1967.

The two historic flags are the Bennington 1776 and the "Betsy Ross" colors.

The first, marked with a "76" in the canton corner, flew in a decisive battle between American and British troops in Bennington, Vt., Aug. 16, 1776.

The Betsy Ross flag, with a circular design of stars representing the 13 original states, is the more familiar Revolutionary War era banner.

The flag decals may be obtained by contacting Ray Rasmuss, 22 Center St., Beacon, N. Y. 12508, or John Famelette, 45 Meyer Ave., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. 12603.

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Lifeguard Test

HAUPPAUGE - Do you sometimes feel you're not in the swim of things? If you will be at least 16 years old by June 8 you can take a pool and stillwater lifeguard performance examination that day.

The exam, announced by the Suffolk County Department of Civil Service, will be held at 7 p.m. at West Islip High School.

For further information, write Suffolk County Department of Civil Service, H. Lee Dennison Executive Office Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge 11787. The telephone number is (516) 979-2266.

Metro Armories Schedule Meet

MANHATTAN - Members of the Metropolitan Armories Employees chapter, Civil Service Employees Assn., will hold their last meeting before the summer break at the Flushing Armory. 137-58 Northern Blvd., Flusheg. on Friday, June 4. The meeting is set to begin at 5:30 p.m.

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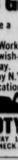
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IG AND MINGLING - An annual affair for Civil Serployees Assn. members in the union's Albany Region IV is the Mingle dance that enables rank-and-file members to meet The is the third year for the event, with Michael's Resin Latham serving as the location last month. Checking guest roster are members of the regional activities com-From left are Susie Pfaffenbach, of Rensselaer County; n Nonie Kepner Johnson, of Law Department; Mary Moore, inal Justice, and Warren Moloney, of SUNY at Albany. Missn photo is Marianne Herkenham, of Rensselaer County,

EA-Legislature Themes rmonize In Rensselaer

ROY-While "Remember in November" has become the cial theme of the Rensselaer County unit, Civil Sermployees Assn., "there'll be some changes made" seems e become the theme of members of the politically Rensselaer County Legis-

Legislature, at the urging County-CSEA unit, has to take steps to correct parts of the contract it the 1,100-member

have corrected the comory time section of the ain be allowed to accrue nd use up to 70 hours at discretion, with supervisor al, and can now be dito use time in excess of rs by their supervisor.

The lunch hour situation was also clarified. Employees of varlous departments once again are being allowed to take a halfhour lunch, rather than an hour lunch, to allow early departure.

The unit will bring up various problem areas to the Legislature as they arise and will continue to tell the public that it is not the public employees who have limited the various county services: The blame belongs to the County Executive Office, unit members declare.

CSEA calenda

nformation for the Calendar may be submitted directly E LEADER. It should include the date, time, place, ss and city for the function. The address is: Civil Leader, 11 Warren St., New York, N. Y. 10007. CSEA Calendar.

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racus Region V meeting: The Edgewood, Alexandria Bay. Vestern Region VI meeting: Regency Inn, Blasdale. tropolitan Armories Employees chapter meeting: 5:30 p.m., ushing Armory, 137-58 Northern Blvd., Flushing. est Seneca DC chapter general meeting: Veterans of Foreign ars Post, 299 Leydecker Road, West Seneca.

INY at Buffalo chapter 602 "Night at the Races. w York State Thruway chapter (Western Division) buffet dinner eeting: Becker's Family Restaurant, Bailey Avenue and William

reet. Buffalo.

NY at Buffalo chapter 602 bowling evening and supper party:

iburban Lanes, Niagara Falls Blvd., Buffalo. -Cooy Division workshop: Granit II, Sullivan County. udson River Psychiatric Center chapter 410 meeting: 8 p.m., heney Conference Room IA, HRPC, Poughkeepsie.

w York Metropolitan Retirees chapter 910 meeting: 1 p.m., oom 5890, Two World Trade Center, Manhattan,

ffalo District Department of Labor chapter 352 spring dinnerance: 6:30 p.m., John's Flaming Hearth. 1830 Abbott Rd.,

udson River Psychiatric Center chapter 410 Bicenfennial Ball: oliday Inn. Fishkill, ffalo chapter dinner-dance: 7 p.m., Statler-Hilfon Hotel,

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PERB Strongly Endorses Rights

(Continued from Page 1) and didn't talk about union this and that." The reward was to be a permanent job.

In addition, Daniel Griffen, city sewers superintendent in 1974, testified at the PERB hearing that sometime in early 1974 Mr. Williamson said, "I would like to see the AFL-CIO come in here," adding Mr. Williamson claimed "he'd like to organize that union, bring that union in there."

John Shatraw, a laborer foreman, in testimony said Mr. Williamson "got talking about the AFL, and he told me, 'You know, have a friend higher up in the AFL. It would be better for me and it would be worth a large sum of money if I could handle this, get the AFL in and get the CSEA out."

Mr. Shatraw also testified that Mr. Williamson told him that Ronald Knopp, a CSEA shop steward, was a troublemaker and wanted him fired.

Mr. Shatraw said he was offered the position of sewer maintenance foreman if he fired Mr Knopp and another employee

Mr. Shatraw explained Mr. Williamson later gave him the job and that the DPW chief said he was putting Mr. Knopp in his crew, and he wanted the shop steward given every dirty job Mr. Shatraw could find.

Mr. Williamson's anti-CSEA bias was also attestified to by Theodore Murphy, then CSEA unit vice-president.

Mr. Murphy said Mr. Williamson proposed "If I would aid and assist him in undermining and subverting the CSEA union, that he would personally assure me of an official capacity in the AFL-CIO union, the position of president.

This was to be accomplished by persuading the local membership, through failure to process legal grievances and to function as an aggressive union, that the local and chapter officers would not enforce the CSEA-City of Oswego agreement. "The people who cooperated with management, namely Commissioner Williamson, would be rewarded and those that did not would be penalized, reprimanded, suspended, terminated and de-

Mr. Williamson flatly denied the charges. However, Mr. Wellman found "When one considers these findings, together with the use by Williamson of harsh discipline for seemingly minor infractions in a discriminatory manner as hereinafter discussed,

one can only conclude that Williamson's actions were intended to cause the employees to withdraw their support of CSEA and coerce CSEA representatives into silence and inaction vis-a-vis his operational changes."

Mr. Wellman stated that a 30day suspension of Mr. Knopp for a coffee-break infraction, without seeking an explanation, and other testimony "compels the conclusion that but for Knopp's protected activity he would not have been treated in such a manner."

The hearing officer took note of the testimony of Edward Johnson, assistant public works commissioner, who said in effect that other employees who had committed similar infractions were only reprimanded.

Mr. Wellman also found in favor of a claim by Mr. Thomas. also suspended for an alleged coffee-break infraction and nonperformance of work.

The suspension occurred one week after he reported a threat by Mr. Williamson to a CSEA meeting. Mr. Thomas said he was threatened with disciplinary action if he "spoke about the

union." Mr. mended the city and the DPW head cease from interfering with and coercing employees because of their union activities; cease imposing discriminatory discipline, and reconsider the 30-day suspension of Mr. Thomas, awarding him any pay due. Mr. Knopp's suspension was handled through a settlement between CSEA and the city.

Mr. Moxley explained the importance of the case was not in "who did what" or "who said what."

"We've been as right before. but PERB has never come out so strongly in our favor.'

"Yet the case also demonstrated what an extremely unfair law the Taylor Law is," Mr. Moxley

"Even when we win, what have we gained? When we are found guilty, we can be fined or even iailed. There are 'recommendations' when a government unit is

Wellman didn't have the authority to impose sanctions. So when we win, what is it to us? We must make the Taylor Law

8% Boost Is Recommended For Utica Water Board

UTICA-A Public Employment Relations Board factfinder has recommended an 8 percent salary increase for employees of the Utica Board of Water Supply.

John H. Owen, of Cooperstown, is the fact-finder named by PERB in a contract dispute

between the city and the Board . . . No change in the grievance of Water Supply unit, Civil Ser- procedure vice Employees Assn. glant T

Mr Owen recommended that the salary increase should be retroactive to Jan. 1. He also proposed that effective that same date there should be longevity increases of \$100 for each five years of employee ser-

Other recommendations in-

· Continuation of the present 1112 holidays.

No change in the current work week of 3212 hours.

Deletion of provisions for full pay during disablement.

· Retention of provisions for promotion from within the ranks on the basis of the combined criteria of seniority and qualifi-

· Deletion of the section providing for augmented seniority rights for union officers and stewards in certain positions.

Order Orleans Back Pay Hike

ALBION-An arbitrator in a contract dispute between Orleans County and the Civil Service Employees Assn. has ordered the county to pay retroactive wage increases to 100 So-

cial Service Department workers. The county had frozen the pay hikes due Jan. 1, citing an unprecedented budget increase for

But Howard Forster, of Buffalo, the arbitrator, said the county was obligated to pay the 7 percent hikes. The Board of Supervisors said meeting the arbitrator's demand means a \$40 .-000 cost to the county.

\$200,000 Penalty Appeal

(Continued from Page 1) 1967, the fine amounted to \$150,-

Another teachers union, representing the Schenectady City School District, last fall received a fine of \$20,000 for a 14-day strike. This was the same length of time as the Orange job action. The number of employees involved also approximated those of the Orange action.

The CSEA strike was not undertaken out of feelings of malice," Mr. Bloom noted. "The Orange County employees had been provoked so long, and to such an extent, by the county legislature that their action was basically one of frustration. In such a situation, you just can't order people to discount their emotions."

A legal spokesman for CSEA said it would immediately file an appeal in the Appellate Division of the ruling by the State Supreme Court at Goshen

The decision also imposed a \$2,000 fine on CSEA's Orange County chapter for its part in the strike.

The impasse between CSEA and Orange County officials had come about during bargaining talks provided under a reopener clause on salary matters for the final two years of an existing three-year contract covering the county's 1.700 employees.

The CSEA attorney also de-

clared Dr. Wenzl's disenchantment with the Taylor Law reflects the feeling of the whole organization. He said CSEA will call on its 230,000 members "to rally their support for an intensified drive to gain some relief for all public employees in this state.

Included in this effort, he said, would be a renewed push to win passage this year of a CSEA-endorsed bill now in the State Legislature to provide for "Last Offer Binding Arbitration in public sector labor disputes. As an alternative, or perhaps in addition to LOBA, the union is also considering a thrust to legalize public employee strikes.

Main Objective To Eliminate Large Facilities And Go Back To Communities: Klepak

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health—mental or anything else— is in an individual's own community. I share that view with Governor Carey.

"So even if there weren't these dramatic cuts, I would have worked that way. I'm going to find out this year what the need is, and have the local facilities absorb as much as they can."

Mr. Klepak, is one of the few nonpolitical appointees the agency has had.

"I know everything possible about what's going on in this agency," he said. "If I'm responsible, I have to know. I spent weeks visiting every facility, talking with staff and directors. I have tried to restructure and redirect the entire program. We have a court referral system throughout the state that I am trying to evaluate. At the same time, every lobbying group seeks to spend half the day with me. Everyone is unhappy with my distribution of money. When you have a lot of money to give out, everybody likes it; when you have very little, it's a different story. How do you decide how much to give Daytop, or Harlem Drug Fighters, or school-based programs? Everyone is competing for the money and the pressure focuses on me."

From interviews with counselors. psychologists, narcotics correction officers, directors and assistant directors and other staff at ODAS facilities, one must come to the conclusion that, since its inception in 1966, as the Narcotics Addiction Control Commission, this agency appears to have been unlucky. It was mismanaged and had some commissioners who appeared to lack knowledge of clients and treatment policies within each facility. Some had never visited a facility. Thousands of dollars were wasted. The gap between the ODAS administration and its people in the field was enormous. Most directors and staffers felt that they had accomplished certain goals "in spite of" rather than "because of" administrative policy.

However, with the arrival of Mr. Klepak as new commissioner, the tide seems to be turning.

Although Mr. Klepak has a reputation of being—in his words—"a real hardnosed guy," if one looks closely at his background one seems to see that he really—also his words—"believes in this stuff."

In 1969, he won an award as the outstanding volunteer in the nation from the United Community Chest and Foundations of America for work in the ghettoes. He was president of the Clinton Square Neighborhood Assn. in Albany, and president of the Council of Community Services as well as being on the board of directors of the Albany Interracial Council. Immediately before he came to ODAS, Commissioner Klepak worked with the second deputy health commissioner where he was in charge of controlling all Medicaid costs.

Why The Cuts?

Mr. Klepak feels that the budget of ODAS was cut so drastically for many reasons.

"The state operation of ODAS is severely tarnished. The Senate Investigation Commission report was given tremendous publicity as to high cost, poor management and so on. I think it furnished the justification for those people who needed money to cut. And to a great extent, I feel the criticisms were true. I also think it's a product of the times; a product of the fact that drug abuse services generally have fallen into disfavor. People aren't as hysterical about the problem as they used to be, even though heroin use is actually on the rise in the U.S.

"Another reoson is that methadone was looked upon as a panacea, but it was oversold. It is by no means a failure. It does have limited value but does very well in a certain area. The previous administration threw money at the drug problem; money didn't solve it. And one last, very important thing is that the state was broke. They needed money and you have to cut somewhere. Other agencies got hurt badly too."

There are two types of money that

ODAS receives. The State Legislature appropriated \$50.6 million this year to be distributed to community programs of all kinds. In addition to that, a contract is negotiated for funds each year with the National Institute on Drug Abuse. In this case ODAS is given several million to make contracts with additional organizations which they supervise and evaluate.

"The cuts were made; they are not desirable but we must live with them. They are by no means sufficient, but it's what we have and it's what we'll have to do with," said the new commissioner.

"I'm trying to work the program so that it will do the maximum good, and I'm trying to see that nobody gets put back on the streets. The biggest problem in drug abuse is that no one has been able to show yet what you get for your money. In the absence of showing it, the people who provide money don't want to provide it.

"There is also very little agreement among authorities within the field of drug abuse itself as to which treatment modalities are the most successful and what the real problems are concerning the personality of the addict—why he started taking drugs in the first place. I always thought people took drugs because they needed a psychological crutch, because they couldn't face reality. Yet in the black ghetto there is tremendous peer pressure and many people get hooked that way."

Mr. Klepaks has some ideas on the way ODAS should travel. First, he seeks a partnership between the community and the state, in which the state operates facilities for those people serving a court sentence and who Daytop or Phoenix House with their open door policy and without security could not handle. There seems to be agreement that the psychotic, the very aggressive, the violence-prone individual cannot be handled at a community level.

For these people, ODAS will maintain three state-run contained programs at Manhattan Rehabilitation



commissioner daniel ki... "If I could fire the ones to fire immediately, I could have people permanently en

Center, Brooklyn Central R tation Center, and Masten Buffalo.

"If we see, as the year pro that there is a need for mo grams of this kind and if the lature will finance more, perl will be able to expand in the of treatment," said Mr. Kle

Another goal is to transfer adone maintenance to prive community based clinics. methadone clinics have beer down in recent years and the been a great deal of publici cerning diversion, the illeg tribution of methadone.

Last week Mr. Klepak methadone maintenance

Most of the participants that it was a highly successf of treatment; and that the been very little diversion, as it has not only been well rebut overregulated.

A third goal provides that care will be relegated to pr in the individual's communwill be supported by federa to ODAS. Lastly, Commission pak said, "I want to build

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WHERE DO THEY GO NOW?

(This is the fifth article in a Leader serie on addiction problems that must be faced in the of threatened cutbacks in aid at both the private the public levels. Leader staff member Susan Do has been interviewing addicts, administrators union leaders, joining them at protest rallies touring various facilities. Photography, original work and story are by Ms. Donner. The proble everyone's.)

ODAS Workers Feel Their Views Neglecte

BROOKLYN—The employees' view of the Office of Drug Abuse Services' administration over the past few years has been one of anger and frustration. Giles Spoonhour, senior counselor at Brooklyn Central Rehabiliation Center, noted, "Throughout the years, most commissioners, as well as all levels of deputy commissioners and various administrators down the line, have had no idea of what our clients have actually gone through, nor did they have much of an idea of what we were doing with the client."

"There's been very little feed-

back. They don't come to us and ask what are the problems with these people, what are you trying to do for them and how could we help you do better. They don't care for an input from the line people.

"This is a serious problem. Very often when we feel that the treatment philosophy is actually getting in the way of helping the client, we try to get the commissioner and say, 'Look this is wrong, it's not working.' Anything we are doing with this client is in spite of the system, but they never want to hear it. They say, 'We are the adminis-

tration, we set the pol carry it out. Period. I I met many administrate knew what the problem and asked for any inp the employees as to how help the client," Mr. Sp declared.

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k W. Blackburn, Greene planning director; John den, New York City Deent of Development Adration director; June M., Town of Greenburgh, diof the nutrition program e elderly and Youth Ement Service; Mark R. Monroe County personnel clan Candra G. Cato, New City acting director of Pro-Standard and Review;

Charles J. Clem, City of New Rochelle Human Rights Commission extecutive director; Terry M. Conroy, Syracuse Department of Public Works administrative assistant, and Patricia Chidland, Onondaga County Child and Adolescent Services program manager.

Also, John P. Decker, Town of Lloyd supervisor; Errol C. Fletcher, Buffalo Comprehensive Employment and Training Act assistant project director; John F. Garretson, Hempstead administrative assistant; Thomas J. Hroncich, Town of Islip assistant to the supervisor; David R. Kaczor, City of Lackawana Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program coordinator; Judith R. Kerr, Monroe County senior research planner; James W. Nugent, Binghamton personnel and safety director, and Paul M. Rood, Town of Penfield Parks, Recreation and Youth Services director.

Also, Peter D. Rosenstein, New York City Office of Neighborhood Services assistant to the director; Dorothy Serdenis, Rochester Bureau of the Budget and Efficiency principal staff assistant; Carolyn G. Seymour, Jamestown mayoral executive assistant; Donald D. Smith, Lake George project coordinator; Edward G. Wilbeck, Dutchess County principal welfare examiner; James W. Wright, Oswego County director of personnel; Eric Yergan, Dutchess County equal employment opportunity officer, and Robert J. Zenkel, Monroe County senior computer programmer.

In describing the program. Secretary Cuomo said: "Government must learn the lesson that the public has already learned: in times that are fiscally hard. we must do more with less. That's what the Public Administration Internship Program is really about. It's designed to help management people learn how to get more production at less expense to the taxpayer of this state. More specifically, it enables chief executives from local government jurisdictions to identify and encourage employees in management methods and techniques designed to keep down costs while increasing produc-

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Senior Pharmacist	\$14,880	20-194
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Specialists in Education	(\$16,358-\$22,694)	20-312
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\$200,000 Outrage

PART of Theodore C. Wenzl's strength as president of the Civil Service Employees Assn. is his ability to retain his self-control during a crisis, and then zing in when the circumstances are right.

News of the \$200,000 fine levied against CSEA, plus the \$2,000 fine for the union's Orange County chapter, must have rocked the CSEA leader like no other news in his nine years as head of the giant labor organization.

The fine is so outrageously out of proportion with penalties meted out in similar public employee strikes that it defies belief . . . all the more so since the Orange County employees had been provoked to the job action by a county legislature that was moving to withdraw previously negotiated benefits.

So unprecedented a penalty is enough to set off howls of protest-but what good would such hysteria and chestbeating accomplish?

Dr. Wenzl has, instead, issued a defense of CSEA's action in providing aid to the Orange employees as being "in the best tradition of unionism."

He has approved the union's going ahead with an appeal to the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court de-

The union president has also tagged the penalty as "grossly excessive and a glaring example of the basic deficiency of the Taylor Law," which does not provide for control of employers who take advantage of the Taylor Law's no-strike prohibition.

The State Legislature should realize this injustice toward public employees, and heed Dr. Wenzl's call for immediate action on the "Last Offer Binding Arbitration" Bill.

Kinds Of Pollution

POLLUTION—air and water, principally—has become an issue in almost every contemporary political campaign.

Even the most insensitive legislator will not mount the stump these days and declare, "I'm gonna pass laws that'll poison the water you drink!" or "I'm gonna introduce acts that'll make it impossible for the elderly to breathe!"

On the other hand, it isn't necessary that they make the above statements. Given the unholy marriage of some with special interests, the above results are guaranteed. Why talk about them? Why worry your constituents?

There is, however, another kind of pollution that the pols don't vote on-they produce it. We refer to the visual and aural pollution pols produce at election time with their posters and sound trucks.

Say what you want about Sun Myung Moon, the Korean Elmer Gantry. At least his followers take down his posters the day after a given appearance. Measure this performance of the Moonies against your typical legislator: The posters are smeared all over in November and there they are, the next March, April or May, ugly and flapping on the telephone poles.

Worse, though, are the sound trucks. These blatting vehicles move slowly through a given congressional, senatorial or assembly district baying mindless messages. The trucks interrupt your sleep or enjoyment of music, conversation or television. They rape silence.

Who do these people think they are, that they feel free to invade our privacy this way? Who told them they could do this? Where do they get this arrogance?

Don't Repeat This!

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upon the federal government of withdrawal by New York City and its employees from the social security system.

Under the law, a notice period of two years is required prior to withdrawal. It may well be that in the interval the Beame Administration, or a subsequent City administration, will withdraw the notice before it becomes effective.

While other municipalities have in the past withdrawn from the social security system. those have been small municipalities. The situation raised by the City of New York is different from those municipal withdrawals of the past.

Domino Effect?

This comes from the fact that New York City does hold a generally accepted leadership position in relation to its treatment of public employees. Thus, there is a distinct danger that withdrawal from social security by the City will have a domino effect, and stimulate other municipalities to follow suit as a technique for balancing their

Unfortunately, there has been spread rather widely the misinformation that retired public employees receive overly genercus contributions. The facts are otherwise, and countless public employees who are retired are compelled to resort to welfare benefits to keep a roof over their heads and to feed and clothe themselves.

The impact of the City's withdrawal would be disastrous. In the first place many public employees have contributed thousands of dollars of their money to the social security system. If at the time of the City's' prospective withdrawal, some employees have not met the minimum contributions for vesting of rights, then all of such employees' contributions go down the drain.

When Vested

Where rights have been vested but no further contributions are made by the employee and by the City in the employee's behalf, then a retired employee would be entitled to only minimum social security benefits.

In addition, the absence of social security benefits will mean that thousands of public employees will lose certain benefits that system provides for widows and dependent children, which are not provided for in the municipal pension system.

The notice of withdrawal has also created concern among top officials of the social security system. The funds that the system uses to pay benefits to eligibles are derived from the continued inflow of contributions from employers and employees still employed. Any sharp cut in the flow of such revenues may the soundn total social security system. Under the circumstances, it is not unlikely that Congress may change the law that would prohibit a public agency from withdrawing from the system.

Benefits Reduced

The irony about the action taken by the Beame Administration is that the controversial Kinzel report designed to cut down on public employee benefits for employees of the state and its political subdivisions seeks to





Mr. Gaba is a member of the firm of White, Wash as P.C., and chairman of the Nassau County Bar Assa Law Committee.

A Case Of Termination

The Appellate Division, Third Department, rece firmed Special Term, Rensselaer County, in a case i a police officer was permanently appointed to that in the Town of East Greenbush after having passed service examination. His appointment was made 11, 1974. Prior to his appointment, the officer had i required to take a physical examination. However, la year, in September 1974, he was required to have his examination, at which time his eyesight was meabe 20 70 without glasses in each eye.

ACCORDING TO THE provisions of the Civil Ser and Rules of the Municipal Police Training Counc uncorrected vision is the minimum acceptable s Two months later, in November 1974, the Rensselaer Civil Service Commission was advised that becaus officer's defective vision, he would not be qualified manent appointment. Later that month, the Re County Civil Service Commission notified the Cown visor to the effect that the officer was required t moved from the position of police officer. The offi commenced an Article 78 proceeding to annul th mination of the Civil Service Commission. His co was simply that having once certified him as eligible position, the Commission cannot thereafter revoke tification and terminate his employment on the gro he did not meet the physical eligibility requireme petitioner did not dispute the fact that at the tim original appointment he did not meet the physical standards required.

THE APPELLATE DIVISION discussed section Civil Service Law and pointed out that the statutor; of that section directs the Civil Service Comm examine fully an applicant's eligibility prior to the his appointment. In the event the Commission sho a disqualification prior to the appointment, the provides for the individual to be given a written s of the reasons for his disqualification and an op to challenge that reason. The statute goes on to sa tion 50.4: "Notwithstanding the provisions of this su or any other law, the state civil service depa propriate municipal commission may investigate t fications and background of an eligible after he appointed from the list, and upon finding facts known prior to appointment, would have warranted qualification, or upon a finding of illegality, irreg fraud of a substantial nature in his application, tion or appointment, may revoke such eligible's tion and appointment and direct that his employ terminated, provided, however, that no such cer shall be revoked or appointment terminated m three years after it is made, except in the case of

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What's Your Opinion

By JANE B. BERNSTEIN

QUESTION

Why did you become a civil servant rather than work for private industry?

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OPINIONS

John O'Connell, clerk, Federal Dept. of Justice:

"I got my job in 1950. Primarily, I went to work for the federal government because of the security and the pension system. I'm glad I made the decision then, because I'm a couple of years away from retirement. I wouldn't go to work for New York City today because of the fiscal crisis - it isn't as secure as it was years ago. But federal service is the

most secure, and if I had to make the decision even today. I would go to work for it."

Charles Rivers, police officer, NYPD: "I used to



work for the city as a deck hand for the Department of Marine Aviation. I entered the Police Department because of the 20-year retirement policy. I now have nine months until I retire. Working for the city gives you confidence and respect. You feel like you're really doing a job and helping people. I come from a long line of city employees. My father retired

after 33 years with the Parks Department and my grandfather retired with over 30 years in the Department of Sanitation."

Dolores Murray, key punch operator, Environmen-



tal Protection Agency, N. Y. "I entered civil service because it offered more job security than private industry. I used to work for a private firm, and there was much more pressure on the job than I've found in my job with the city. We used to have corporate deadlines and in civil service you're given so many days-sometimes a week -to complete a project. When

I took the job, you never had to worry about losing your position, and the pension system is good. I might not go to work in it today, because there is not as much security."

Alfred Ottime, bookbinder, Comptroller's Office:



"I spent 15 years in private industry, and I left a better job to go to work for the city. I like the pension and security of civil service. I've been working for the city for 11 years, and I don't regret a day of it. I would still begin a career with the city today, even with the crisis-because I enjoy the work and the benefits."

Linda Meo. police administrative aide: "I worked



in private industry for three years and the pay was low. So I took the test to be a police administrative aide and the pay is great and the benefits are great. For what I do-secretarial work-I make a lot of money. I couldn't make that amount in private industry. Plus I get a raise every year. even if the money has been deferred. It's interesting work-

ing with police officers. It's not your usual boring insurance company type job. I'm secretary to one of the deputy police commissioners and I think it's a terrific job."

Danny Rizza, detective, NYPD; "I was in the



United States Marine Corps when I was 17. When I was 19 I was walking down Broadway and a cop in uniform asked me if I'd like to switch uniforms. So I took the police test and scored a 99 I was number 48 on the police list. I got a letter that I would be appointed on such and such a date. So I went to my commanding officer and told him, and he said if I

decided to take the job, they would release me from the service a few months early. I figure anything that would allow me to leave the Marines early would be worth it. But that's not the only reason I took the job. I love being a cop for New York City and it gives me a lot of satisfaction."

RETIREMENT **NEWS & FACTS**

By A. L. PETERS

NYC's Retirees

The New York City Retirement Board last week approved 491 applications for retirement. Of these 136 were without options: 102 were under Option 1; 37 were under Option 2; 73 were under Option 3: 56 were under Option 4: 10 were under Option 4-2: 30 were under Option 4-3.

An unusual number of payments were made for refunds of accumulated deductions and reserve balances. Ninety-eight reserves were approved under Option 1 and 44 under Option 4. Twenty-six refunds of accumulated deductions were made. Loans amounting to \$7,833,740 were approved for 1,443 mem-

Older renters of apartments would benefit from the passage of a bill introduced by Rep. Herbert E. Harris (D-Va.) that would provide a 20 percent reduction in the property tax element in their rents. Most communities provide tax abatement for those over 65 who own homes and the bill would equalize this advantage.

Food stamps will be harder to get under a new program due to pass Congress and the President. Stamps will be denied to families of four with an annual gross income of \$7.800-\$8,000. The new law will affect 1.5 million recipients.

If you have trouble hearing, you should be aware that some new types of telephone-notably the trim line and other fancy phones-don't work with hearing aids unless you use a special adapter. These adapters are from the Telephone available Company or from hearing aid companies.

Where should you store your insurance policies? The answer to this common question is -NOT in your safe deposit box which may be sealed when you die. You should have a fireproof steel box at home. Keep a note of the policy numbers in your safe deposit box in case the policies are destroyed or stolen.

The Federal Trade Commission has issued a note pointing out IRA is not for everyone and there are several kinds not all alike.

Note that the investment in IRA is not tax free-you will have to pay the tax when you take the money out. Of course, most people expect to take the their tax bracket will be lower.

You can take all or part of your IRA fund out before you retire, but if you haven't reached the age of 591/2 you will have to pay a tax penalty. And if you die before you reach the age of 591/2 the money in your account will be subject to both income tax and an estate tax. You may have more than one IRA account but the total deduction for any one year cannot exceed \$1,500 or 15 percent of your income for that year, whichever is less.

When you open a new IRA account, you should know that anyone selling you a plan must give you certain information seven days before you sign a contract, or give you the right to cancel within seven days after you receive the information. Some plans have a fee involved. And remember, a "prediction" is not a "guarantee."

If you were not required to file an income tax last year, it may still be wise to file one. This year there is a new earned income credit which may entitle you to a refund up to \$400. If you have a dependent child who is a student or is under 19 years of age, living at home, you may qualify. Your earned income (or adjusted gross income) must have been less than \$8,000 in 1975. This gross income excludes Social Security payments and any part of your pension that is a return on your own investment. An IRS estimate indicates that the government expects three million claims for such refunds by people who are not required to file income tax. Less than a tenth of these have been received. You can still file even though the deadline is past.

As a public service, The Leader continues to publish the names of individuals who are beneficiaries of unclaimed checks from the New York State Employees' Retirement System and the State Policemen's and Firemen's Fund The Leader or the New York State Employees' Retirement System in Albany may be contacted for information as to how to obtain the funds.

Following is a listing of those individuals whose membership terminated pursuant to the provisions of section 40, paragraph 1 of the Retirement and Social Security Law on or before August 31, 1974.

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Castimore, Mariorie V
Conti, Richard N
Corbett, Joseph F
Cosey, Davis B
Pot
Costa, Paul
Chingari, Leonard J
Cole, James P
Cunningham, Janet A
Cunningham, Lorena R
Daggett, Frederick L
Dargaigoon, Margaret M
Davis, David A
Davis, Effie
Davis, Melville C Jr
DeWitt, Charlotte L

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Make ODAS Viable

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redirect the whole socio-science research operation here. The people involved were entirely devoted to writing articles to enhance their own personal reputation, and not doing a thing for the client."

There have been rumors among ODAS employees that the agency will eventually disappear. Commissioner Klepak does not feel that way. "I feel the agency can survive. It depends on your view of the mission. I know there is a terrible morale problem among ODAS employees these days. I would like to to each facility, draw people together and have meetings and tell them that I hope to make it a viable organization. I don't want to appear heartless, what's happening to ODAS employees is frightful. These are people who have devoted their lives to these jobs. The ODAS employees are getting murdered, and while I don't believe in wasting money, I had to fire about 1,200 people whom I never met and never evaluated. That was simply because we didn't have the money to keep them. So they have suffered terribly. It's cruel, but there's no alternative for us; we have just so much money.

"The union made a good deal and they got six months' notice. But its also a bad deal, because to give six months' notice to the employees in the facilities that I am closing, I have to close more facilities than I would have. It eats up a lot of my budget. If I could fire the ones I wanted to fire immediately, I could have kept more people permanently employed."

During the Rockefeller Adminisration, Mr. Klepak was given the task of looking into the field of social services to make some recommendations for change.

"My changes were organizational and the policies weren't dramatic, but services don't necessarily produce an outcome. Services usually exist for the server. You end up creating a mechanism to keep them surviving, but you forget about your client. And that's the whole history of social services in this country."

One of last chores performed by chapter leaders was a group photo Sunday afternoon after the Presidents meeting. All are presidents unless indicated otherwise. From left, front row: David Strader, first vice-president, St. Lawrence PC chapter 423; Ronnie Smith, Willowbrook DC 429; collective bargaining specialist Robert Guild; James Gripper, Brooklyn DC 447; James Moore, Utica PC 425; Charles Noll. Marcy PC 414; Francis White, Rome DC 422, and Robert Lee, Willard PC 428. Middle row: Gregory Szurnicki, Kings Park PC 411; Maye Bull. Gowanda PC 408; Dorothy King, first vice-president, Creedmoor PC 406; William Cunningham, Kingsboro PS 402; Victor Procoplo, Syracuse DC 424; William Anderson, Bronx PC 401, and Floyd Payne, execu-

tive vice-president, Manhattan Children's PC 413. Back row: William McGowan, past president, West Seneca DC 427; Robert Thompson, Harlem Valley PC 409; Alexander Hogg, Middletown PC 415; Ann Wadas, Institute for Research in Mental Retardation 438; Rick Recchia, Hudson River PC 410; Joseph Love, first vice-president, Suffolk DC 430; Edmond Gagnon, Gouverneur Hospital 407; Betty Duffy, Pilgrim PC 418; Lorraine Burrus, delegate, South Beach PC 446; Robert Watkins, Letchworth Village DC 413; Mick Stanton, Buffalo PC 403; Richard Snyder, Wassaic DC 426, and Martin Langer, Rockland PC 421.



Maye Bull, president of Gowanda PC chapter 408, accepts plaque from smiling Robert Guild for her long service on behalf of Mental Hygiene workers. Applauding are CSEA vice-president Joseph McDermott and his wife, Laura, and Jeanne McGowan, of West Seneca DC chapter 427.

(Leader photos by Ted Kaplan)



Plaque presentation was also made to William McGowan, CSEA executive vice-president, Mental Hygiene Council chairman, Western Region VI Mental Hygiene director and West Seneca DC chapter 427 past president. Making the presentation is a beaming Robert Guild, as CSEA counsel James Roemer applauds.



Tables are turned as collective bargaining specialist Robert Guild realizes that best-guarded secret of evening was special plaque presentation to him. Mental Hygiene Council vice-chairman James Moore reads the inscription, as Region II Mental Hygiene director Dorothy King and toastmaster James Roemer listen.



CSEA's director of education, Edward Diamond, second from left, chats with some of the speakers who participated in various panels at the labor seminar. From left are Jerome Thier, Dr. Diamond, David Harrison and Matt Kelly.



Explanation of "CSEA Legal Assistance Program" is made by CSEA legal committee chairman Joseph Conway, who conducted seminar Saturday afternoon.



Harlem Valley PC chapter 409's secretary Edna Kimbal, left, and Peggy Waterston confer on some of the issues that were debated by the delegates.



Binghamton PC chapter 441 president Leon Wilmot discusses views with Willard PC chapter delegate Gary Dougherty.



Willard PC chapter 441's Joseph McDonald, left, and president Robert Lee are caught in pensive mood as they listen to discussion at business meeting.

McGowan, Moore, Duffy Elected To Top Positions By Mental Hy Leaders

By MARVIN BAXLEY

CATSKILL—William McGowan and Betty Duffy were elected to their third consecutive terms as president and secretary, respectively, of the Mental Hygiene Presidents Council at a meeting here last month.

Joining them in the top echelon was James Moore, who handily beat two opponents in the vote for vice-chairman.

Mr. McGowan, of West Seneca Developmental Center, and Ms. Duffy, of Pilgrim Psychiatric Center, are the two senior members among the 16 CSEA directors representing Mental Hygiene constituencies. Both served when there were only four directors from the department.

Mr. Moore has been rising rapidly since he emerged on the statewide scene four years ago when he became chapter president at Utica Psychiatric Center. Since then he has been elected as a CSEA director (Mental Hygiene, Region V), vice-chairman of the union's State Division, chairman of the Central Region V State Workshop and chairman of the statewide Institutional Unit bargaining team.

In other action, the Mental Hygiene Presidents Council renewed efforts

last month to have a separate title set up within the union structure for someone whose responsibility would be Mental Hygiene affairs.

Currently the union has three titles for specific groups of its members. Directly under executive director Joseph Lochner, there are two equal-rank positions for assistant executive director. John Carey holds one of these posts: for State Division, and Joseph Dolan holds the other: for County Division. In addition, there is a separate title for director of retirees affairs, a position held by Thomas Gilmartin.

Although Mental Hygiene is the only department to have an exclusive collective bargaining specialist, Robert Guild, for some time Mental Hygiene leaders have been concerned about his growing workload, and the probability that other staff personnel would be assigned to assist certain chapters in a random manner.

The chapter presidents' conviction, expressed at their May meeting here at the Friar Tuck. is that they want all Mental Hygiene staff personnel to be under the direction of one person.

About one third of CSEA's State Division membership is in the Mental Hygiene Department. There are 44 MH chapters throughout the state.

Utica Psychiatric Center chapter president James Moore emphasized that they should base their continuing campaign upon establishment of a title, so as not to confuse the issue as one of personality.

Heated discussion was also (Continued on Page 14)



Overwhelmingly elected to positions of top leadership for Mental Hygiene Presidents Council are these three influential members of the Civil Service Employees Assn. William McGowan, left, was elected to his third term as chairman, Betty Duffy, her third term as secretary, and fast-rising newcomer James Moore, his first term as vice-chairman.



CSEA director John Clark (Mental Hygiene, Region III), of Letchworth Village DC, greets Dorothy Mariano, who is also a member of chapter 412.



CSEA president Theodore C. Wenzl was on hand to greet Mental Hygiene delegates at opening of their meeting.



Floyd Payne, left, Manhattan Children's PC chapter 413 executive vice-president, discusses chapter policy decision with other members of chapter delegation, Rosalind Edwards, Harold Robertson and Jimmy Payne.



Hoch PC chapter 442 president Alian Genovese, left, has attention of Central Islip PC chapter 404 delegates Sal Russo, Dorothy Russo, Elleen Gorski and Lynn Judge. At business session, Mr. Genovese had made plea to prevent merger of Hoch with Northeast Nassau.



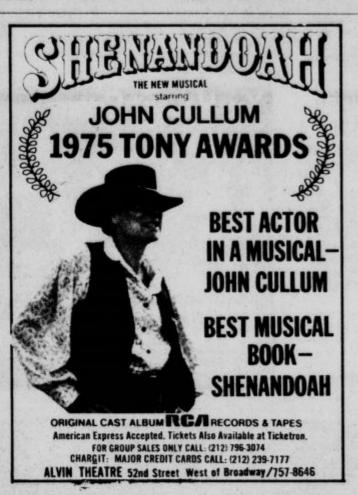
Kings Park PC chapter 411 delegation members check over agenda for weekend Mental Hygiene Labor Seminar in order to determine which sessions various delegates will be assigned to attend. From left are Kathleen Fennell, Carl Fennell, Barney Pendola and Martina Benjes.

SPECCHIO APPOINTED

ALBANY—Lewis Specchio, of Watkins Glen, was appointed by-Gov. Hugh L. Carey as a member of the Schuyler County Legislature.

SCARELLO NAMED

ALBANY—Gov. Hugh L. Carey has appointed Carolyn Scarello, of Scarsdale, as a member of the Board of Visitors of the Westchester Developmental Center.



Civil Service Law & You

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civil service commission cannot refuse to recognize an appointment made from its own eligible list merely because it erred in its determination of matters which it alone had jurisdiction to determine. However, a different question is presented in this case where a statute or ordinance defines required qualifications for appointment to office. In this case, the visual acuity standards were a matter of statute and rule. The faulty certification of eligibility did not result from any determination by the Civil Service Commission over which it alone had power and jurisdiction. The Legislature, in section 58 of the Civil Service Law, had expressly prohibited the employment of persons as police officers who do not meet specific physical requirements. Assuming for present purposes, the court went on to say, that subdivision 4 of section 50 of the Civil Service Law would constitute a waiver of the eligibility requirements on and after three years from the time of certification or appointment, the present record establishes that the illegality of the appointment was discovered and ceted upon before three years had passed." The court held, therefore, that since the appointment was in direct violation of section 58 of the Civil Service Law, the petitioner's termination from employment must be affirmed. Matter of Lockman v. Van Voris, 49 A.D. 2d 285.

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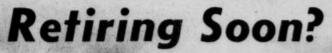
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CAREY TAKES CUT

In a statement of assets and liabilities released last week, it was revealed that Gov. Hugh L. Carey has followed through on his election campaign promise to voluntarily take a 10 percent cut in salary. Although it was not possible for the Governor to legally change the amount he is paid, the statement showed that he has donated the equivalent of 10 percent of his income to Roswell Park Institute, a state research facility in Buffalo. The statement said the Governor, who received \$85,000 annually, last year paid \$23,563 in federal taxes, \$9,867 in state taxes and \$2,300 in New York City taxes. The statement also showed that the Governor's net worth increased by \$35,573 during his first year in office, up from \$94,885 to \$130,458. The increase was largely due to improvements made at the Governor's Shelter Island summer home.

DMH PROBERS NEED CHARGES

A Mental Hygiene review board recently set up by Gov. Hugh L. Carey to investigate suspicious deaths in mental health facilities will conduct such probes only if allegations are made that patients died due to neglect or foul play. "If a person were to die under suspicious circumstances and charges of neglect or overt mishandling are leveled, one of the pathologists on the panel will conduct an autopsy," said Kevin Cahill, special assistant to Governor Carey on health affairs. A spokesman for the Department of Mental Hyglene said the agency is "in accord with the establishment of an independent pathology panel to study circumstances surrounding any deaths in state facilities which might occur under unusual circumstances. In addition to investigating deaths, the board is empowered to investigate and report on adequacy and quality of care provided to the mentally disabled by the Department.

GOLDMARK GLOOMY

In remarks to a Siena College seminar, State Budget Director Peter Goldmark Jr. said the state has not yet seen the end of the fiscal crisis and that a number of cities and counties "will find themselves in trouble. Mr. Goldmark predicted that "present reliance on debt in all levels of government in the state will have to continue" and that more outside controls will be imposed on governmental affairs as is now the case in New York City. The Budget Director added that he foresees a decline in state spending and that governments attempting to sell bonds will have to increase information about them to lure wary investors.

ATTICA FALLOUT

Some testimony heard by grand jurors investigating the 1971 Attica Prison riot has been ordered sent to State Police and Corrections Commission officials. This could cause disciplinary action to be taken against some state troopers and prison guards who were involved in putting down the insurrection.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

State Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz has ruled that student proctors on State University campuses are employees of the state and are thus eligible for indemnity benefits under the Public Officers Law. The proctors are usually known as resident assistants and act as dormitory counselors and perform certain clerical and office duties in return for free lodging.

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AG Lefkowitz: Job Must Be Abolished Prior To A Firing

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Said Mr. Lefkowitz: "In view

of the fact that the Civil Service Law makes express provisions for those cases in which tenured employees may be suspended . . . and makes no provision for suspension for economy reasons except in the context of abolition . . . I must conclude that the abolition of positions is a ne sary prerequisite.

"I find nothing to support contrary view . . . Nor do I is any basis for drawing differ conclusions based on whet suspensions are the result legislative or executive action

Milowe Named PERB Director

ALBANY — Harvey Milowe has been appointed director of public employment practices and representation for the Public Employment Relations Board, the position held by Paul E. Klein since the agency's inception in 1967.

Mr. Klein is now general counsel for the New York Educators Assn., a National Education Assn. affiliate.

Mr. Milowe, who began his career with PERB in 1968 as a trial examiner, most recently served as PERB's assistant director of representation. He is a graduate of New York University Law School.



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MH Seeks Special Status



rim PC chapter 418 first vice-president Joseph Noya, left, discusses oblems with other members of chapter delegation, Charles Salsman



rry Ahigian, president of Eleanor Roosevelt chapter 445 at Oswald Heck Developmental Center, exchanges views with Cornell Unirsity professor Ron Donovan, panelist at Friday evening seminar, served as toastmaster. A chapter 412.

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held on a proposed increase in housing rates for employees who live on the grounds of certain institutions.

There was also an update on progress being made to forestall mergers of several Mental Hygiene facilities such as Utica-Marcy, Hoch-Northeast Nassau and Adams-Gowanda. While financial savings for the state were recognized, the loss of service to the public was a matter of major concern.

The three-day Mental Hygiene Labor Seminar also included various discussions with numerous specialists serving as panel-

Among these educational sessions was "Arbitrators Criteria in Dealing with Efforts of the Parties to Settle Discipline Cases During the Grievance Process." This program on plea bargaining was moderated by Matt Kelly, of Cornell University's School of Industrial Labor Relations.

Another program, conducted by Jerome Thier, of the Public Employment Relations Board, was on "Unfair Labor Practices Under the Taylor Law." An explanation of "CSEA's Legal Assistance Program" was provided by Joseph Conway, chairman of the statewide committee.

Mint-sessions Saturday afternoon were conducted by Ronald Donovan, Joel Douglas, David Randles and Lamont Stalworth, all consultants in the labor relations field.

At a banquet Saturday evening, CSEA counsel James Roemer



West Seneca DC chapter 427 president and CSEA director James Bourkney (Mental Hygiene, Region VI) congratulates Gowanda PC chapter 408 president Maye Bull on her birthday. The lady declined to reveal her age, though.



Ter Bush and Powell's Ronald Lacey explains details of insurance coverage to Flo Covati and Marie Dupont, both of Letchworth Village



rolyn Chadwick, of Keene unit, spirited participant during eral business meeting of MH



Hudson River Psychiatric Center delegates compare opinions on what they have learned at labor seminar. From left are Shirley Palmer, John Carrera and Clara Franklin.



Manhattan Children's PC chapter 413's Samuel Brown, Willowbrook DC chapter 429 treasurer Irene Hillis and Anne Percoco are attentive listeners. Ms. Hillis is also president of Mental Hygiene Employees



ere seems to be a subject of some dispute between Brooklyn DC apter 447's first vice-president Nathaniel Flowers and Pilgrim PC apter 418 vice-president Robert Williams.



Rockland PC chapter 421 delegate Bernie Duprew, left, Craig DC chapter 405 second vice-president Jack Galbraith and Monroe DC chapter vice-president Mary Cartwright pause between meetings.



Brooklyn DC chapter 447 president James Gripper calls for public employees to be appointed to New York State committees.

ODAS Workers Feel Their Views Neglected *

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"Another great difficulty of our agency is that there was never a coherent treatment philosopy promulgated by our administration and carried out at the midlevel or the line level. Some facilities emphasize the correctional aspect, others the treatment and rehabilitation aspect. It's the director of each! facility that sets the standard," continued Mr. Spoonhour. "I feel we should be somewhat closer to the private, community-based programs thanwe are now, rather than the prison parole type of operation that we have had. The staff has tried to humanize it as much as pos-

sible and has met with great resistance from the administration. Since we have not been allowed to have an input into treatment planning and policy we do the best we can within the structure that has been set

"I think," said Mr. Spoonhour, "that our input would greatly improve the services available to our clientele. We have a labormanagement committee; we have local labor-management committees to deal with individual employee relations. We also have the statewide labor management committee which deals with state problems. We have attempted

through this committee to bring up issues for discussion regarding treatment planning. We have not had very much success in this area, but we're still trying."

Hank Winters, director of counseling services at the Manhattan Rehabilitation Center, felt that most of the commissioners were obstructionists.

"Some never even put their head into a facility, and, if they did, they usually messed something up. One commissioner tried to have a child who was under my care and supervision at the time, taken out of our facility as a favor to a friend. The client was in dire need of treatment. Removing her from our care would have had serious consequences for the patient. I fought the request, but it's a perfect example of interference from 'the top' which is destructive to the people involved."

Thomas Linden, Civil Service Employees Assn. collective bargaining specialist for ODAS, feels that in the past the commissioners sat in an ivory tower and refused to listen to the union or employee point of view. Mr. Linden also feels that, as an agency, ODAS has had a very difficult time proving itself as effective for many reasons.

"They wanted to see ODAS producing something," said Mr. Linden. "Taking people off the



ASS'RLYMAN ANDREW STEIN . . . his investigation helped

streets in one condition and put-

ting them back in another. The

Department of Correction doesn't

have to justify itself. In Mental

Hygiene they just have to take

good care of the patient. But

in drug addiction you have not

committed a crime against some-

one else; it's a crime against

yourself, so it's not considered

was so badly mismanaged. One

of our past commissioners who

knew absolutely nothing about

the client or the treatment at

the facilities, who probably

never even visited a facility, had

a 12-page 'dress code' made up

for employees and distributed to

the staff of ODAS. He somehow

thought that this would set a

fine example for the client which

would somehow speed up his re-

covery. It took 10 meetings to

straighten this ridiculous matter

out. Each meeting lasted about

half a day and there were three

or four very high officials pre-

sent on each of these occasions.

It just gives you an idea of

where the manpower went and

where the commissioner's head

Benjamin Goldman, director of

Cooper Rehabilitation Center,

Manhattan, said, "What is need-

ed is someone to help directors

to do a better job. There were a

number of desultory attempts to

effect change, but these attempts

were not thorough enough to

as the director who ran it. There

was no basic authority exerted

on me to help me to function

better, like periodic inspections

in which someone would come

down to ask me to evaluate my

own program or justify the

quality of work. Only now are

other forces entering the picture

which are attempting to change things. We now get federal funds

on a case-by-case basis under

Medicaid. We get funds from the

Department of Health, Educa-

BUFFALO - The close of

some programs at the Mas-

ten Park Narcotics Rehabili-

tation Center this month

means 250 clients of the center

will "in all likelihood have to

fend for themselves," said Ray-

mond Caruana, president of the

Center's Civil Service Employees

Assn. chapter.

Assail Masten Cutbacks

"Each facility was only as good

make any meaningful impact.

was at."

"Another reason is that it

as important as the other two.

tion and Welfare, through the State Department of Social Services, through the State Department of Health and down to our program for individual cases.

"We are now classified as a Health Related Facility which means that all of our programs are subject to federal and state regulatory codes governing programming, environment, sanitation, structure, safety and so forth. We are also subject to unannounced state inspections as well as to utilization reviews concerning programming. We have received a number of procedures growing out of our responsibilities in this area, such as setting standards as to how we have to program for residents, indicating the kind of services that are required, the intensity and frequency of service.

"So only now, because of outside intervention, are we beginning to establish uniform methods and procedures governing our program. This is the beginning. If we were to stay in business, I am sure with that as a foundation, we would start to develop uniform policies and procedures which would have to be coordinated on an overall administrative level. Before this we had none. These are all part of the new laws that the Legislature has passed as a result of Assemblyman Andrew Stein's investigation.

"I would like to see a lot of changes made," said Mr. Spoonhour. "From what I have heard, Commissioner Klepak as a state employee has been very effective in many areas as an administrator. I know that he has been in state service for almost 40 years. I've heard that he's very sharp, that he asks pointed and knowledgeable questions and expects very succinct and immediate responses. I also hear that be doesn't waste any time. I'm very eager to see what is going to happen."

CSEA'S THOMAS LINDEN "crime against yourself"

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Cutbacks forced a layoff of 20 percent of the Center's staff including counselors, parole officers and security personnel.

Mr. Caruana said the state passes strict drug control laws that have mandatory sentences. Then it shuts down drug programs that work."

He added the clients affected represent a broad spectrum of the community and have histories of chronic sociological problems. Center programs, he said. offered them "a sort of prevention program" through athletics. arts and crafts and basic skills classes.

We've Worked Out





AT SHANAHAN HALL — A number of Civil Service Employees Assn. officials were in attendance at a dinner honoring V.I. Bonafede, director of the Craig Developmental Center, who recently retired. The dinner was held in CDC's Shanahan Hall. Above, from left, are Ramona Gallagher, CSEA Western Region VI third vice-president; Robert Lattimer, Region VI president; William McGowan, CSEA executive vice-president; Charles Peritore, Mental Hygiene CSEA representative from Western Region VI, and John Schallenberg.

Submit Bill Easing Real Estate Tax Nip

Citing a need for an increase in the income requirement for senior citizens' real estate tax exemptions, State Senator Owen H. Johnson (R-

DOT Region Ten's Cleary To Retire; 48 Years'. Service

HAUPPAUGE — Joseph A. Cleary, principal right-of-way agent for New York State Department of Transportation Region 10, will retire June 23 after nearly 48 years' state service.

Mr. Cleary, who entered state service in October 1928, will be feted at a June 17 luncheon at the LaGrange Inn, Babylon.

A graduate of St. John's University and St. John's Law School, Mr. Cleary has been involved in nearly every land acquisition project undertaken by the Region. Mr. Cleary was a founding member of the Region 10 Civil Service Employees Assn. chapter and is also a charter member of the Empire State chapter, American Right Of Way Assn.

Suffolk, Nassau) is proposing to boost the level to \$7,200.

Mr. Johnson secured backing for his bill by getting 28 co-sponsors. Assigned to the Local Government Committee, the bill is numbered S10087.

"Recent cost - of - living increases granted in social security benefits will result in many senior citizens losing the 50 percent tax exemption on their homes," the West Babylon Senator explained.

"The social security increase will bring many senior citizens just over the \$6,500 kimit by just a few dollars, and it just is not equitable that they will lose the 50 percent tax break. For example, a retiree who now has less than \$6,500 in income, and because of the exemption is paying taxes on one-half of the property's assessed valuation, will face full taxes if the social security increase brings his total income even one dollar over the \$6,500 limit."

The Johnson bill is expected to be reported from committee and on the Senate calendar shortly. As with the original legislation establishing this ex-

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this change to \$7,200 and can

make it retroactive to tax rolls



HERBERT M. ENGEL

ALBANY—Herbert M. Engel, director of public employee training in the New York State Civil Service Department since 1968, and an employee with the State since 1946, has retired.

During his career, he has served as a trainer and consultant for numerous governmental and private sector organizations, including the United States Office of Education, Southern Illinois University, and the United States Civil Service Commission.

Most recently, Mr. Engel has been responsible for directing the implementation of the Civil Service Employees Assn.-State negotiated employee benefits training program initiated in 1969 and extending through the current contract until March 1977.

This program approximates \$2,100,000 in appropriations and includes tuition assistance, high school equivalency, employees benefits courses, and agency experimental programs, all designed to develop job skills and foster career aspirations for State employees.

Mr. Engel is now at the University of Madrid, Spain, directing a workshop for government officials on training techniques.

• RETIREE GRAPEVINE

With warmer weather just around the corner, some of our retiree chapters are planning some fun in the sun. Bill Mensel, president of Nassau County Retiree chapter, reports that his members will have a barbecue picnic at Lido Beach on June 30. Bill, by the way, was recently named by president Theodore Wenzl to be a member of the statewide retirees committee.

Another outing we have heard about is a boat ride on June 21 arranged by the Capital District Retiree chapter. According to secretary Deloras Fussell, they will sail the Hudson and the Eric Canal on a leisurely six-hour cruise. Those Capital District folks must like the water. Last July they spent the day on Lake George.

Tris Schwartz, president of Dutchess-Putnam chapter, tells us that their members also are looking forward to a cruise on the Hudson on June 15. Incidentally, Tris and a half dozen other retirees have lately been doing volunteer work in the Fishkill office of CSEA Southern Region III, helping with the fight against a challenging union.

George Butler, president of the new Madison-Oneida-Herkimer Tri-county Retiree chapter, is looking for a big attendance at their pienic at New Hartford Park, in Utica, on July 29.

Binghamton chapter's first vice-president Al Dexheimer and wife, along with secretary Florence Drew and husband, recently attended Broome County's first annual senior citizens month "Recognition Luncheon" in Windsor. Florence reports that "the meal was superb, and we were immensely impressed with the speaker, Evan Pritchard of Albany." Mr. Pritchard is chairman of the New York State joint legislative committee of the American Assn. of Retired People.

Arranging retiree meeting places so that members who live at some distance can attend more conveniently is a problem some chapters are trying to solve. John Tanzi's Syracuse chapter has for some time been rotating meeting places around the counties within the chapter. Rochester retiree chapter president, Ruth McFee, states that they have tried to do the same, and also have been experimenting with the unit idea, so that members who live quite a distance from Rochester can hold their own meetings. Their problem with attendance in the Rochester chapter is understandable, having eight counties. This is an even bigger problem in the Capital District chapter which has 12 counties within its chapter boundaries.

Regional meetings are proving to be helpful in giving retiree presidents and delegates a chance to get together to discuss common problems and to exchange workable ideas for successful chapter activities. Chapter presidents Don Buswell of Binghamton, Helen Music of Ithaca, George Butler of Utica and John Tanzi of Syracuse, accompanied by some of their chapter officers, met at CSEA Region V's meeting at Owego on April 23-24. On the 24th, the retirees had their own meeting and discussed many items of interest and concern to their chapters. It was such a good exchange that they decided it would be worth repeating. The next regional meeting will be held at Alexandria Bay on June 4-5. The host chapter will be Jefferson County chapter. Retiree coordinator Tom Gilmartin will try to make that one, as the Jefferson-Lewis-St. Lawrence Counties area is the territory labeled Retiree Chapter 915, still unorganized.

Mary Gormley is the new Buffalo-Niagara Frontier Retiree chapter president and she announces that her members will hold their second big meeting on June 15 at the Buffalo and Eric County Public Library auditorium. People who are familiar with Mary's long and active interest in CSEA, as well as with her charm and enthusiasm, are sure that this new chapter will soon be thriving and a pleasure to belong to.

President John VanDuzer's Orange-Ulster-Sullivan Counties chapter is noted for its civic achievements within those three counties. They really keep local legislators, county executives, public utilities people, and offices of the aging on their toes. John's current drive is to influence the state to convert its unused facilities over to the much needed use of the elderly. Equally active in the Middletown chapter is their secretary, Clarence Lokey. This same chapter recently sent nearly 1,000 letters to state lawmakers in support of CSEA retiree legislation.

George Celentano, president of Rockland-Westchester Retiree chapter, can be proud of a fine legislative newsletter he sent to all members of his chapter. He also mailed identification cards to each which enables his members to get extremely low dental rates. Some of our other chapters will want to contact George to learn how they managed to gain this benefit for members.

Metro Retirees

MANHATTAN—The New York Metropolitan Retirees chapter 910. Civil Service Employees Assn., will hold a meeting Tuesday, June 15, according to chapter president Nathaniel Ackerman. The meeting, which is set for 1 p.m., will be held in Room 5890, Two World Trade Center. Manhattan.

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ALBANY—Assemblyman Stephen R. Greco (D-Buffalo) has been appointed by Comptroller Arthur Levitt to the Comptroller's Advisory Council on Retirement Systems, an agency charged with helping Mr. Levitt in investing state pension funds. Mr. Greco is chairman of the Assembly Governmental Employees Committee which handles all pension legislation.

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