

County Budget Hearing Postponed

BY JOHN DUPONT
CANTON—The St. Lawrence County Board of Supervisors, in a controversial hearing on the \$23 million county budget, voted this noon to adjourn the hearing until Thursday at 8 p.m. at the

supervisors' chambers in the court house. The action came after suggestions by board members and citizens that the hearing on the budget should be held at a time when more taxpayers could attend.

Francis Healey, Potsdam, made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Donald Livingston and Allen Rische, Ogdensburg.

At the beginning of the hearing this morning, citizens representatives of

organized labor and supervisors raised objections to the proposed budget and tax increases needed to finance it.

"The way this budget is proposed is out of all reason," Charles T. Lyle Jr., Canton, told the Board of Supervisors.

"The taxpayers are fed up with the spendthrift attitude of all public officials including those on the Federal, State and local levels," he said.

Terms Budget Shocking
Walter Basmajian, Massena,

chairman of the county Democratic Committee, said "There is nothing more shocking," than the way the Board is handling the financing for the budget. He suggested that the \$700,000 put into a

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"IT'S DISGUSTING"—Donald Livingston, Ogdensburg, chairman of the Finance Committee, tells the County Board of Supervisors that Francis Healey's changeover from the liberal to the conservative side on budgeting is

"disturbing and disgusting." The hearing on the budget was postponed to Thursday evening, following hot discussion this morning. (Staff Photo)

Telephone Company Strikers Stage Scene At Local Airport

"There were fewer who got on the airplane than got off at Massena, indicating that many had given up and gone home earlier on their own. They were being followed around by union members and got tired of it. But, they can't come in here and do any work in that short time. It's just a show by the company."

Richard Van Slyke, who was commenting on an incident at the Ogdensburg Airport last evening when he was arrested by Sheriff's deputies for speeding and failure to comply, explained the local Telephone Workers' Union actions. Van Slyke is President of Local No. 1128 of CWA, which has been on strike since July 14.

"It was a spontaneous response by my people," the union president said. "When they got word that the supervisors, not craft people, from Providence, were coming to leave from this airport, they gathered there. But the Sheriff's men got wise, I guess, and they decided to load them at the end of the runway. Several of our cars went over the end of the runway, and that's where the incident took place."

Sheriff's deputies had transported New York Telephone Company officials, here over the weekend to help with local repairs, from a Potsdam motel to the Ogdensburg Airport last evening. The Sheriff's department had received a call from the Ogdensburg Airport stating that trouble was expected from striking telephone workers. The airport had been designated as the embarking point, instead of Massena where strikers had staged a protest demonstration Friday

when the telephone men had come into the area.

At first, it was estimated that 25 strikers were at the local airport, however later reports stated that 50 were present.

In order to avoid a confrontation, the Sheriff's deputies obtained permission to cross a field to the end of the runway where the plane was met and the officials were in the air in about three minutes from the plane's landing, the Sheriff's Department reported.

However, when strikers became aware of what was happening, some reportedly tried to get to the plane and in the incident, Van Slyke was arrested by Sheriff's deputies for speeding and failure to comply.

The Journal talked with Alfred W. Simpkins, district manager of New York Telephone Company this morning. Simpkins, who works out of the Potsdam office, stated that there was "some activity" regarding the strike in Potsdam this morning.

When asked what "some activity" implied, Simpkins replied that it was just the normal picketing which has been taking place.

Van Slyke noted that in New York State some 38,000 telephone workers have been off the job since July 14.

"We rejected the contract that the company offered on July 18. One of our complaints is that if the company has money enough to bring in these supervisors by chartered Mohawk prop jet, why can't they put that money out for a session at the bargaining table and get things settled?"

He explained that since the start of negotiations for a new contract (their old contract expired July 28) a third party has entered the picture — the federal government.

"Now we have to deal with the Cost of Living Council, and after the 13th, the Wage Board. The company has tried to get the old offer put back, but they have refused to improve it. We won't go back to work until it is improved."

The union is making 12 demands including time and a half to work on Saturdays (the present 40-hour work week includes a day off during the week and Sundays); wage increase of 15 to 16 percent and in closer balance with the other two zones of the state; improvement on the hospital insurance plan; elimination of forced overtime; increase in the pension plan and reduction of retirement to age 55 without penalty. Currently an employee may retire at 65 with pension. The contract rejected by the strikers includes retirement at age 55 with 30 years service, but with a six percent penalty before age 65.

"Service is hurting," Van Slyke agreed. "There were some 550,000 orders not attended to, a recent report showed in the state, and the company has placed service on a priority system."

"Our workers are hurting, too. Of course after the 49th day of strike, we were eligible for unemployment. Others have taken jobs. But we must have a contract. And we'll stay off the job until an agreement can be reached."

Filipino Election Most Violent Ever, Death Toll May Reach 200

MANILA (AP) — The death toll neared 200 today as Filipinos elected eight senators and 15,093 local officials in the most violent election in their history.

Sixteen election-related deaths were reported by noon, raising some unofficial tabulations to 178 since the campaign started. Officially the death toll was put at 141 through Sunday night, but all news media reported much higher figures. The toll was more than double that in the most violent previous campaign, in 1967, when 75 persons were killed.

More than 50,000 troops and reserves were posted throughout the islands to combat violence and intimidation and guard ballot boxes.

The government took out life insurance policies for volunteer keepers of the polls, which opened under clear skies over most of the archipelago. Officials estimated that more than 80 percent of the approximately 11 million registered voters would cast ballots.

In addition to the eight senate seats, or one third of the upper house, the voters were choosing governors of all 66 provinces, mayors of the 1,490 cities and towns, including Manila, and other local officials.

Except for the Senate races, the issues were generally localized. But both President Ferdinand E. Marcos' ruling Nacionalista party and the opposition Liberal party waged active campaigns on national issues in an attempt to

create a party vote.

Marcos, who won a second four-year term in 1969, said the Communists were supporting the Liberal candidates and that the election would be a referendum for his programs of anticommunism and peaceful revolution.

The Liberals campaigned hard on issues such as inflation, pointing out that the price of rice is more than four times higher than when Marcos took office.

Election officials said they hoped to have complete results by late Thursday. Decisions in the senate races and the major mayoral and gubernatorial contests may be known by early Wednesday.

Nixon Urges State, Local Governments To Fill 70,000 Public Service Jobs

KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. (AP) — President Nixon, nearing the end of a weekend respite here, has called on state and local authorities to "move with speed and vigor" to fill 70,000 authorized but vacant public service jobs.

About \$1 billion has been available since August to create 100,000 jobs in an effort to ease unemployment. Only about 30,000 have been filled, however. Nixon, who planned to return to Washington tonight, sent letters to 14,000 state, county and local officials to urge an aggressive approach to the program he signed into law July 2. The Florida White House made the letter public Sunday night.

Nixon wrote: "I am sure that you share my com-

mitment to reduce the level of unemployment in our country ... Unfortunately, despite the fact that the Department of Labor made funding available almost immediately, hiring has not kept pace in some areas of the nation.

"Therefore, I urge you to move with speed and vigor to fill the job vacancies now funded in your jurisdiction."

Those hired work on state, municipal and nonprofit projects. The jobs are temporary and are intended to train workers for permanent employment in the private sector.

Nixon asked that a special effort be made to exceed a goal of assigning one-third of the jobs to veterans. He wrote: "This nation owes a great debt to those

who have served in the Vietnamese conflict and who have been returning home in increasing numbers. I have assigned the highest priority to the hiring of Vietnam veterans, and I hope that you will do the same ..."

The initial \$1 billion for the program is allocated for the fiscal year that ends next June 30. An outlay of \$1.5 billion is planned for the following bookkeeping year.

Nixon spent much of Sunday afternoon swimming and relaxing on the beach on front of his Florida compound.

The President will fly to New York and Chicago Tuesday night for appearances at \$500-a-plate Republican fundraising dinners.

154th Death In N. Ireland

British Soldier Killed In Ambush

BELFAST (AP) — Gunmen in a speeding car killed a British soldier out for a Sunday walk and wounded his companion. The attack in Lurgan, southeast of Belfast, raised the death toll from two years of violence in Northern Ireland to 154.

The soldier who was killed was 18 and

had been in Northern Ireland only two weeks.

Troops in Londonderry said they might have killed a gunman who fired on them during a riot Sunday, but they said the body was dragged away before they could retrieve it.

In the West London section of the

British capital a "firework type device" was set off early today inside the British European Airways terminal, a Scotland Yard spokesman reported. He said there was no damage, and there was nothing to link it to the troubles in Ireland.

Amnesty International, an organization concerned with political prisoners around the world, reported it had received personal statements and affidavits accusing British troops in Northern Ireland of torture and beatings. It called for an international inquiry into the allegations and said the British government had rejected its request for a British commission to investigate the charges.

On the political front, Premier Brian Faulkner of Northern Ireland came under rightwing pressure to resist any moves by the British government to trim the provincial government's authority.

Former Home Minister William Craig said he had created a group called Unionist Vanguard in the provincial parliament to press Faulkner to maintain the provinces' "constitutional status."

In the Irish Republic, Prime Minister Jack Lynch faces a vote of confidence Wednesday, and his government's survival depends on the votes of two former cabinet ministers he ousted and at least one independent.

Lynch's Fianna Fail party has just half of the 144 seats in the Dail, the Irish Parliament. He passed the word that either the ex-ministers—Charles Haughey and Neil Blaney—go along with the government or risk expulsion from the party.

Haughey and Blaney had been accused of plotting to smuggle arms into Northern Ireland, but Haughey was acquitted and the charges against Blaney were dropped.

Boonville Buried By Snow

State In Grip Of First Cold Wave

The weekend's snowfall moderately heavy in some spots, continued into early today in several snow-belt areas as the state remained in the grip of the season's first cold snap.

Temperatures around upstate New York were below the freezing mark this morning, with Buffalo registering a high of 30 at 7 a.m.

The town of Boonville, on the southwestern edge of the Adirondacks, was buried under 10 inches of new snow before the storm eased up Sunday night. Farther north, the snow continued falling this morning on Malone and Danemora.

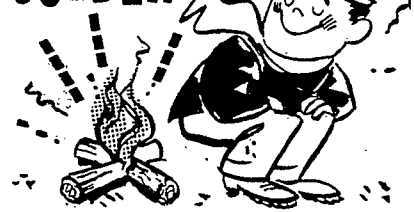
The National Weather Service said that snowfalls were around the ten inch

mark in the snow belt along the Allegheny plateau just east of Lake Erie. Heavy warnings were continued for the foothills east of lakes Erie and Ontario early into today.

Elsewhere in the state temperatures dipped into the 20s amid scattered snowfall that caused dangerous road conditions. An eight-mile section of the new Route 12 near Utica was blocked Sunday night as a light snowfall glazed the road.

Interstate 81 through Syracuse was closed by police Sunday evening after a light snowfall had iced overpasses, causing a rash of fender-bending accidents.

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Mostly clear tonight with diminishing winds and very cold, lows in the teens to near 20. Tomorrow mostly fair in the morning with increasing afternoon cloudiness. Highs in the 30s. Winds becoming light and variable tonight under 10 miles an hour.



FOLKLORICO HERE TOMORROW - National Dance of Mexico's Folklorico will appear Tuesday at 8:15 p.m. at the OFA auditorium. Tickets are available now at Frank's up to 5 p.m. today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or at the door at \$3.50 and \$4.50. Sponsored by the Ogdensburg Community Players and their first production this year, the richly colored ballet is a parade of a thousand years of Mexican history, compressed into two hours of breathtaking artistry and pageantry.

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