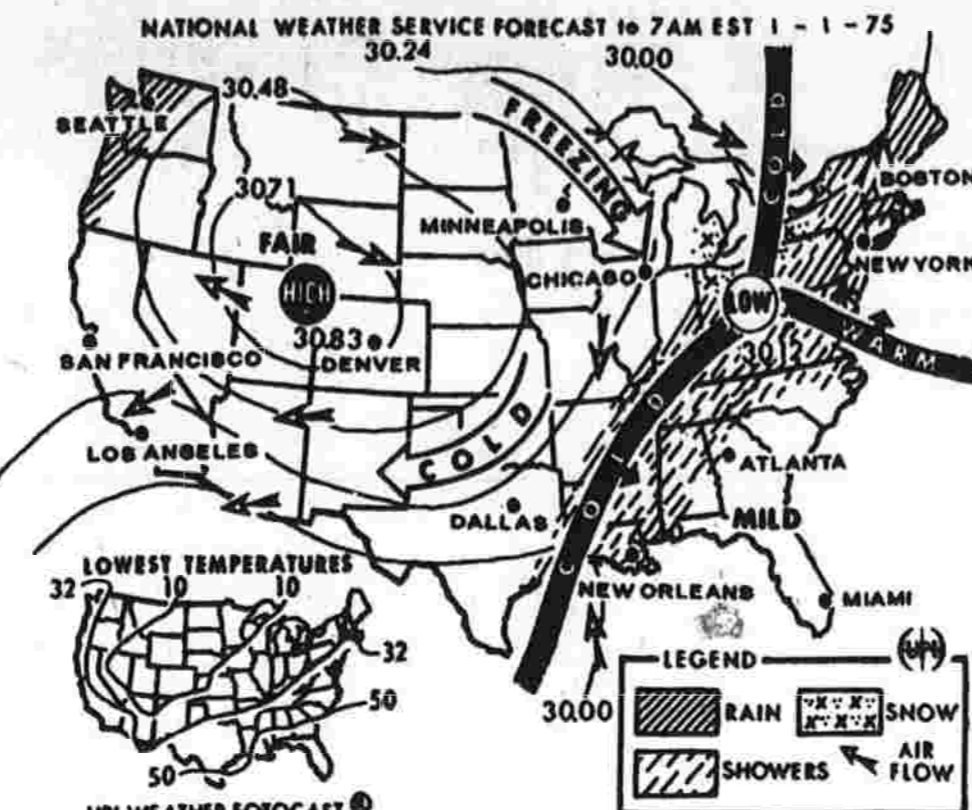


Education Funding Ruling No Excuse For Income Tax

By ED BUTLER HARTFORD (UPI) — Gov. Thomas J. Meskill says the Democrats will not "get away with it" if they try to institute a state income tax to comply with a recent Superior Court decision declaring education finance in violation of the state constitution.

NEWS CAPSULES

on education than more affluent communities because of disparities in taxable property. Some Democratic leaders say the Horton decision supports arguments for a state income tax or statewide property tax. Meskill said the issue over distribution of funds and not whether the state gives enough to municipalities.



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A MODERN PHARMACY James F. DiAmato B.S./P.H. It is useful to know something about the body and how it works in order to understand the things that it can do.

Board To Review School Contract

COLUMBIA Virginia Carlson Correspondent 228-9224 The contract between Windham and Columbia students to attend Windham High School will come up for discussion and review shortly, according to the contract terms.



Her Ninth Gallon Mrs. Veronica Irvine of 72 Baldwin Rd. is all smiles as she donates her ninth gallon of blood during the Bloodmobile visit Monday at the Knights of Columbus Home.

BARBERSHOP QUARTETS! Sat., Jan. 10th Bailey Auditorium Don't Miss Them! Tickets 968-5248

SHOWS TODAY at 7-30-11:00 FROM 12:00 ON ON THE FULL CINERAMA SCREEN! SIX TRACK STEREO SOUND!

IS BACK TO ENTIRE A NEW GENERATION. Includes information about Cinerama shows and ticket prices.

UA THEATRES EAST. Includes listings for 'AIRPORT 1975', 'The Island at the Top of the World', and 'The Towering Inferno'.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SHOWCASE CINEMAS 1234. Listings for 'The Towering Inferno', 'The Man with the Golden Gun', and 'The Towering Inferno'.

BURNSIDE 1-86 EXIT 91 Follow Burnside Signs. Listings for 'The Godfather Part II'.

For Period Ending 7 AM EST Wednesday. During Tuesday night, rain will fall in the Pacific Northwest, while showers will be expected from the mid Gulf coast, changing to rain in the Ohio-Tennessee valley.

UPI WEATHER FORECAST

TV TONIGHT. Lists various TV programs and their times.

NEW YEAR'S EVE 'OPEN HOUSE' Regular Low Priced. Includes a list of items for sale.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, JAN. 1. Lists various TV programs for New Year's Day.

THEATER SCHEDULE. Lists theater performances and showtimes.

There's a Family Feast every weekday at Howard Johnson's! Includes menu items and prices.

stake out. Advertisement for a steak house with menu items and prices.

Appeal Upheld In Zoning Case

VERNON In a six-page decision, Judge Arthur G. Williams of the Court of Common Pleas has upheld an appeal of Mayor Frank McCoy and Building Inspector Francis McNulty against a decision by the Vernon Zoning Commission.

120 Walk-ins Help Swell Blood Donors Past Quota

The Bloodmobile exceeded its quota of 150 pints per visit Monday at the Knights of Columbus blood drive when assisted with the donation is Helen Savers, R.N., a Red Cross volunteer nurse from West Hartford.

- Appointments: Lists names and appointment times for blood donors.

Walk-In Donors: Lists names and addresses of walk-in donors.

ABOUT TOWN. Lists various local businesses and services.

POLICE REPORT

Daniel C. Cahill, 19, of East Hartford was arrested Monday at noon on E. Center St. and charged with third-degree burglary (five counts) and fourth-degree larceny.

Other arrests: Guy E. Monsegllo, 20, of Birch St. was arrested today at 4:40 a.m. walking on Oakland St.

Recent breaks: A woman on Bradford St. reported hearing her doorbell ring at 9:18 a.m. but she did not answer it as she was dressing in a bedroom upstairs.

WESTTOWN PHARMACY. Advertisement for a pharmacy with services and contact information.

Mari-Mad's Youth Specialty Shop. Advertisement for a clothing store with a 40% savings offer.



Manchester Evening Herald OPINION

What's In A Date?

There is no reason why we observe January 1 as the beginning of a new year.

The ancients, in their closeness to and dependence upon the cycles of nature, were actually more sensible about this calendar business than we by marking each new year with the coming of spring and the return of life to the land, or associating it with some other important seasonal event, such as the flooding of the Nile.

It is only in relatively modern times that we have arbitrarily selected January 1 as New Year's Day. The Julian calendar, which began its year on March 25, was, in fact, used by Great Britain and its American colonies until the middle of the 18th century.

We could argue that January 1 is a logical choice because it comes shortly after the winter solstice, that point in the earth's orbit when the days slowly start growing longer in the Northern Hemisphere.

However, this is purely happenstance, and anyway, for those in the Southern Hemisphere it means just the opposite, that the nights are growing longer and that summer is ending — no particular cause for celebration.

But New Year's Day also falls hard

upon Christmas Day. Perhaps here is a clue to the reasoning behind our calendar, if reasons we need.

With Christmas comes the memories of Christmas past, that warm feeling of good will toward our fellows that always manifests itself at this season and infects even the Scrooges among us, as well as a sort of summing up in our minds of what we have done, or failed to do, for ourselves and for others during the previous year.

Some of that sentiment, that good will, that resolve to do better in the coming year carries over for at least a week. All the bills, of course, carry over.

Perhaps then it is highly appropriate that our New Year's Day, which in all cultures has been a time to straighten out old debts and make plans and resolutions for the future, should fall during the one period in the year when we are most receptive to thoughts of a new beginning.

Let the astronomers keep track of solstices and equinoxes and solar revolutions. New Year's Day, like Christmas, is something that happens in the heart. And in every heart this day is the same wish: May it be a Happy New Year.



"It's All Yours, Son!"



ANDREW TULLY

Our Popularity Obsession

Indian Friend Says 'Thanks'

To the editor,

A thanks to all the students of Buckley, Manchester Green and Bowers schools.

I would like to say thank you to all the wonderful people who have asked me to come to their school and also to the Center Congregational Church to talk about my Indian way of culture and about my life in Arizona.

I really had a good time in Connecticut and I am planning to go back there in the future. I have found many ways of life there different from the West. I will not forget the students from Buckley School, who have written me long wonderful letters.

Also the first school to ask me was Tolland's Parker Memorial School — my big thanks to them and also Miss Howard.

Now I am back in Arizona again and I am planning to go back to school in January. I am still planning to go back to Connecticut. You are a wonderful people.

Your Indian Friend,
Lorenzo L. Tosie
Box 731
Tosidena, N.M. 87324

Thank You

To the editor:

We would like to thank the many organizations, students, and private citizens who contributed canned goods, clothing, toys, dinners and money for our Holiday Fund.

The true spirit of giving was evidenced by their generosity and we are grateful for their help.

We would also like to thank The Herald for printing so many pictures of the students who helped us. Too often, the good that many of our young people do goes unnoticed.

It's good to know there are many kind and thoughtful people in our City of Village Charm.

Sincerely,
(Miss) Mary Della Fera,
Director
Social Services
Department

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MAX LERNER

How Sick Is The U.N.?

NEW YORK — The United Nations was born four years before the midpoint of the century. Now, three-quarters of the way through the century it was meant to save, there is a serious question of how sick the United Nations is, and how badly it has been damaged by the actions of its dominant current bloc.

My own feeling is that it has wounded itself deeply but not beyond retrieval. Its sickness is that of a battlefield mentality, sadly misplaced in an organization which was meant not for partisan battle but for peacekeeping and peace keeping.

When the League of Nations died, its death was widely ascribed to inaction at a time when action was needed. Arguing from this, the Third World-Arab-Communist alliance in the U.N. Assembly seems to have decided on a series of almost manic actions which change the working rules and even the character of the assembly.

They are well known by now and will be footnoted in the history books. One was to welcome gunrunner Yasser Arafat, the head of the terrorist Palestine Liberation Organization (P.L.O.), give his group observer status and support its claim to establishing a new Palestinian state. A second was to exclude South Africa from the assembly debates. A third was to set a 15-minute time limit on Israel's recognized right to answer each of its Arab opponents. A fourth, in another forum but dominated by the same alliance, was effectively to deny Israel a regional place in UNESCO and to cut off its small but symbolic subsidy.

More is involved here than a campaign against Israel by its enemies and their allies. The question reaches to the basic philosophy of the United Nations.

The South Africa issue is a serious one constitutionally. Earlier presidents of the U.N. Assembly had ruled that no member state could be excluded from the privileges of membership except by the action of the Security Council. But the president of the 1974 session, Abdel Aziz Boufelfel of Algeria, broke with the past and ruled that the assembly itself could do it by a majority vote. Hence the meaning of the phrase that John Scali, the American delegate, borrowed from Alexis de Tocqueville, calling the assembly action the "tyranny of the majority."

No one objects to majority decisions when they are reached in a mature, reflective way, after giving the minorities their rights of membership and debate. But the 1974 assembly broke not only with past U.N. precedents but with the essential spirit and purpose of the organization. You cannot have a functioning world organization if the majority uses its strength to achieve a take-over of it, for mastery and for riding herd on the minority rather than for healing wounds and preventing irreparable splits.

Fortunately, the assembly is not in itself the United Nations. The Security Council still functions and is still the medium through which the dialogue between the great powers and the other members can be carried on, using the built-in principle of consensus which the founding nations were careful to include in it. The technical organizations are still there and — unless they follow UNESCO's hapless example — they can still be useful. Even the assembly is useful since it furnishes a stage on which the newly liberated mini-nations can dramatize their sense of national identity.

DON OAKLEY

President And Vice President

After four months of intense congressional deliberation, the country again has a vice president, in the person of Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller.

As a number of observers have pointed out, for all those weeks and weeks be endured under the microscope of Senate and House committees, very little has been put on the record as to Mr. Rockefeller's views and ideas on the pressing concerns of the nation — inflation, recession, the energy crisis, détente — concerns which as vice president of the United States he will presumably have some role in addressing.

By far the greater brunt of the interrogation was directed toward one question: How might he in the past have used this vast family wealth in a manner to cast doubt upon his integrity and fitness to serve, and how might he in the future use that vast family wealth in a manner which God forbid, accede to the presidency?

Not only that, but we again have as the nation's second-highest executive a man who was not elected to that position but was appointed by a president (a man who himself was appointed and not elected) and who could through accident, which God forbid, accede to the presidency.

That both a president and vice president might be appointees was something not really contemplated by Congress or the state legislatures when the 25th Amendment on presidential succession was adopted in 1967. Certainly no one dreamed that there would be a Watergate and an Agnew scandal.

Because of the wholly unforeseen and unprecedented events of the past couple of years, there have been calls for another constitutional amendment to provide for special national elections to fill presidential or at least vice presidential vacancies in mid-term.

All the questions arising from the Rockefeller appointment, and in retrospect from the Ford appointment, notwithstanding, however, the fact is that virtually none of the men who have served as vice president in our history was ever directly chosen by the people. At least since the early 19th century, our vice presidents have been selected by the presidential candidate of either party and while such selections have had to be ratified by the party nominating conven-

ALMANAC

By United Press International

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 31, the 358th and last day of 1974. This is New Year's Eve.

The moon is between its full phase and last quarter.

The morning stars are Mars and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury, Venus and Jupiter.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Capricorn.

French explorer Jacques Cartier was born Dec. 31, 1491.

On this day in history:

In 1879, Thomas Edison gave the first public demonstration of the incandescent lamp in Menlo Park, N.J.

In 1890, Ellis Island in New York Harbor became the receiving station for immigrants arriving from Europe.

Get the gifts that are driving Manchester wild.



It started innocently enough. The eagle was opening his new Manchester office. So he thought he'd throw a little party.

But when he put on his Santa suit and started giving out gifts, the whole town went wild. Crowds poured in. Begging for blenders. Screaming for spice racks. Crying for comforters.

Come on down and get in on the gifts. They're free with any deposit of \$25 or more in a First Federal savings account.

If you don't have one, start one. Then take your choice.

\$25 deposit. Take home an elegant gravy ladle with matching cake server, or a handy combination screwdriver/wrench set.

\$100 deposit. Choose from: an 18-piece punch bowl set; an 11-piece table service; a powerful flashlight; or an alarm clock.

\$250 deposit. Choose any of these: a pair of regular tote bags or a single deluxe tote bag; a dutch oven; a spice rack; a distinctive salad set; a bridge chair; or a cozy comforter.

\$5,000 deposit. Take your pick: a versatile Black & Decker jig saw kit or a 3/4" Black & Decker drill; a GE digital alarm clock; a steam spray and dry iron; or a blender.

It can't last forever, so come in now. Save some money. Take home a gift from our Santa. And join the celebration that Manchester just couldn't hold back.

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Gifts must be picked up in person and are limited to one per family.

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