

Farewell Mary Murray—she was 'good girl'

By ED BASSETT
NEW YORK (UPI) — Some 200 years ago Mary Murray allegedly detained the British so George Washington could escape from New York. Now her namesake is up for grabs, and may be headed for the scrap yard with the two highest bidders tied at \$25,000 apiece.
"She was what we used to call a good girl," Theodore Costa said Wednesday of the 2,126 ton, 252-foot-long ferryboat named for the woman of Revolutionary War fame.
"She's the last of her kind,"

said Costa, a ferryboat captain for 25 years who commanded the 38-year-old former Staten Island ferry during her last two years of service before she was docked permanently in early 1974.

"I'VE SEEN the fleet go from 18 to six ferryboats," recalled the 52-year-old Costa. "She was built in the WPA era. She's all steel and hand riveted. None of this prefab construction."

He explained that one of the boat's two wheelhouses and the whistle tube used for communications between the

wheelhouse and the engine room have been removed for a museum due to open later this year.

"Being named after a woman, she handled like a woman," he said. "You couldn't push her too hard or she wouldn't back (go into reverse) for you. Now, I'm here to see she has a friend. It's not just a machine."

ACCOUNTS OF the War of Independence mention Mary Murray as the beguiling woman who detained British Gen. William Howe and top aides at

her farm while Gen. Washington and his troops made good their escape from Manhattan.

Costa was present when nine sealed bids for the vessel were opened and Clara Levine, chief of the city's Bureau of Administration, announced two persons had tied for the high bid.

"I'd like to see it has a future ahead of it and not just a scrap yard," Costa said.

But Arnold Jacobs of Brooklyn, one of the two who submitted \$25,000 bids for the boat, indicated he had other ideas.

"WE'RE INTERESTED in selling it to someone as a floating restaurant — or failing that — scrap it," said Jacobs who has been in the naval scrap business for 2½ years.

"It's not seaworthy and it can't be made seaworthy — that is — the cost would be prohibitive," Jacobs said.

Because of the tie, a final decision on who gets the boat will be up to Robert I. Cohen, commissioner of purchases. "Many times when we have a tie bid, they draw straws," Mrs. Levine said.

Teacher aid bills okayed

ALBANY, N.Y. (UPI) — Gov. Hugh Carey Wednesday announced his approval of two bills which will enhance the state Teachers' Retirement System and cost taxpayers about \$20 million a year.

One of the measures will allow a teacher to "buy" up to three years of pension credit if they served in World War II before becoming a teacher. The other increases the size of teachers' pensions.

The Teachers Retirement System, at the request of Carey, earlier this year invested \$418 million of its funds to help the state through a fiscal crunch.

A member of the system's board, Ellis Ostrove, has claimed the board used the state's fiscal problems to push for the improved benefits.

Officials of the Carey administration and the Teachers Retirement System have vigorously denied that any trade-off of the pension

sweeteners and the investment was arranged.

Under the old law, teachers whose careers were interrupted by World War II service were able to "buy" up to three years' of pension seniority by paying their annual contribution as if they had been teaching instead of in the military.

The new law would expand this to allow teachers who began their careers after the war to pay up to three years' pension dues and expand the length of service upon which their pensions will be based. The cost of the change was estimated at \$3.75 million.

The other measure will increase the size of teachers' pensions by an estimated \$16.7 million a year.

The law will increase from 1.2 per cent to 1.8 per cent the amount of a teacher's final average salary he will be able to collect for each year of service.



MORTGAGE HEAD: Michael A. Hanna of 116 Calvert Blvd., Town of Tonawanda, has been elected a senior vice president of the Western New York Savings Bank, where he will be in charge of the bank's entire mortgage operation. Mr. Hanna joined Western's mortgage origination department in 1968, was elected assistant secretary in 1969, assistant vice president in 1971 and vice president in 1975. His memberships include the Town of Tonawanda Planning Board.

Sirica desegregation ruling shocks NYS school officials

By United Press International

New York State public schools officials, on both a local and state level, have, without exception, expressed shock and "complete surprise" at a ruling by U.S. District Judge John Sirica which, in one case, ordered a cut-off of federal funds, and, in two others, ordered possible enforcement procedures by the Health, Education and Welfare Department.

Sirica's ruling, made public Wednesday, involved 46 school districts across the country which, the court found, were in violation of school desegregation requirements.

A group of six school districts, including Rochester, had been found ineligible to receive federal funds under the Emergency School Aid Act because of "various discriminatory practices" under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Rochester Schools Superintendent John Franco was surprised.

"We just were awarded Emergency School Aid Act money this year," he said. "We've come into compliance with the law. At one time we were not in compliance but we came in this year and we got two awards under the act. We are using the money for ongoing programs."

In another section of his ruling, Sirica ordered HEW to begin enforcement proceedings against any of 26 school districts which had been found previously to be in violation of Title VI. Both Lackawanna and Utica schools were named as among the 26 districts.

Utica Schools Superintendent Edward Perry, whose district last month had a school

desegregation plan approved by State Education Commissioner Ewald Nyquist, said he couldn't "fathom a guess as to what the problem might be."

"By federal regulations we are absolutely in compliance right now," he said. "We have white and black youngsters in all our schools. Our plan was approved. We closed the one school which was more than 70 per cent black. I feel we have nothing to worry about."

Utica Board of Education President Joseph Hovika said the Sirica ruling was "total news to me. I'm at a total loss to understand it." Hovika said the school district had received no notice that it was even a party to a federal court case involving the Civil Rights Act.

"I don't feel we are in violation," he said. "No one has

ever made the allegation we are in violation."

Utica School Board lawyer Kenneth Ray also said he was "completely surprised."

"I have no idea where it came from," he said. "I can't see how Utica could be guilty of something it was never charged with."

The surprise spread all the way to the State Education Department. Robert Stone, Department Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs, said he "was not even aware of a basis for the ruling."

"I would guess that the facts before the court relate to some prior time, some past case. Perhaps they relate to the current school year, but certainly not the coming school year. The facts wouldn't even be in yet."

Obituaries

K W A S N I K — Bronislawa (Bernice) (nee Hatlos) Kwasnik, Wednesday (July 21, 1976). Born in Poland, she resided in North Tonawanda the past 27 years and was a former employee of DeGraff Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Kwasnik is survived by her husband, Alexander Kwasnik; two sons, Joseph (Ann) Kwasnik of Hamburg, N.Y., and John Kwasnik, at home; one daughter, Mrs. Ted (Stella) Sliwinski of Buffalo; three brothers, Wladyslaw, Jozef and Alexander Hatlos; one sister, Mrs. Piotr (Helena) Pomietto, all of Poland; one cousin, Mrs. Maria Gozdzik of Detroit, Mich.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday (July 24th) at 9 a.m., from the Larango-Pawenski Funeral Home, 652 Oliver St., (Cor. 5th Ave.) North Tonawanda. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 9:30 a.m., in Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, Interment in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Vigil prayers will be recited Friday evening at the funeral home. (22-23)

PANNIER — Ida P. (nee Maurer) Pannier, 67, of the Town of Tonawanda, Tuesday evening (July 20, 1976) at DeGraff Memorial Hospital after a long illness. Born in Wendingen, Germany, she had been a resident of the Town of Tonawanda for more than 45 years and was the wife of Adolf F. Pannier, who died in 1966. Mrs. Pannier was a member of Salem United Church of Christ, North Buffalo Social Club, UAW

Local 686-1 and the Senior Citizens of the Town of Tonawanda.

She is survived by a son, Maj. Richard (Valerie) Pannier, USAF, of Omaha, Neb.; a daughter, Mrs. Siegfried (Sonja) Reiberger of the Town of Tonawanda; a sister, Miss Johanna M. Maurer of the Town of Tonawanda; three brothers, Hermann (Emilie) Maurer of Tonawanda, Karl and Robert Maurer of Germany and five grandchildren.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday only at John O. Roth Funeral Home, Morgan and William Sts., Tonawanda where services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday by the Rev. Patricia M. Ludwig. Burial will be in Acacia Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. (21-22)

In Memoriam

CAMPBELL — In loving memory of Edward Jack Campbell, who passed away two years ago today, July 22, 1974.

Sadly missed by, Wife Bette and children, Kathy, Sandy, Jim & Dusty Also Son Pat & Daughter-in-Law Wendy, Also Daughter JoAnne and Son-in-Law Tim and grandson Billy

NIMETZ — In loving memory of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, William Nimetz, who passed away seven years ago today, July 22, 1969. Seven years have gone by, And what can we say, There's still no one to replace your strong hand today.

Happy memories are our only thoughts on this day. Sadly missed by, Wife Mary, Children Betty and Bill Grandchildren Cindy, Billy, Melody, Darryl and Rick

Congress Report

Israeli raid offers food for thought

By REP. JOHN J. LaFALCE
36th Congressional District



FOR NEARLY A DECADE, the U.S. and many other countries have been joining together to try to end the deadly political game known as international terrorism. Up until the recent and dramatic Israeli commando rescue of 102 hostages held in Uganda by pro-Palestinians, the thrust of the counter-terrorist movement led by the U.S. has been aimed primarily at reducing the number of countries that will serve as safe or neutral havens for hijackers.

In comparison to the July 4 success of the well-orchestrated Israeli rescue mission, the U.S. approach of eliminating sanctuaries in order to reduce terrorism seems mild and dilute. The spectacular intervention of Israel's intelligence organization has now opened up new avenues of response when dealing with "air pirates." And the new approach is clearly more assertive and punitive.

Israel is to be commended for its quick and appropriate reaction to the terrorists' kidnaping of her nationals. Under the circumstances, Israel had only a few viable alternatives. Her government could have refused to negotiate with the terrorists and thereby remain helpless in determining the future of the Israeli hostages. Or, the Israeli officials could have negotiated with the pro-Palestinians, thereby reconfirming the strength of terrorists attacks. Instead, Israel chose the most daring of possibilities in maneuvering an immediate and hazardous raid on the Entebbe Airport in Uganda.

GIVEN THE REPUTATION and previous actions of Uganda Dictator, Idi Amin, plus the largely-confirmed reports that Amin was supportive of, or even involved with the terrorists, the Israeli raid was justified, according to many international law experts.

Certainly, Israel has widened our eyes and she has struck an important victory against the barbaric behavior of terrorist forces. In the process, Israel has further emphasized the monstrous state of affairs in Uganda and has served as a painful reminder of Americans of similar U.S. rescue missions which were far less successful. The sharp and calculating Israeli intelligence agency has pointed out to the world that it can perform counter-terrorist operations with surprising precision, both now and later. This posture should give the U.S. much food for thought.

In the United Nations, the confrontation which ostensibly began in Uganda, continued in a verbal form in New York. Two conflicting resolutions emerged from this highly-explosive discussion of the Uganda-Israeli affair. One draft, introduced by the U.S. and Britain, condemned the crime of hijacking while the other resolution did just the opposite in condemning Israel for an alleged violation of Uganda's sovereignty.

THIS SECOND RESOLUTION was merely a diversion from the real crux of the matter. The fundamental question here revolves around whether or not free nations will tolerate other countries who harbor terrorist criminals. It is obvious that these skyjackers hold no reverence for the laws created to foster civil and humane behavior around the world. It is equally obvious to me that they should not be sheltered by any country.

I hope this most recent terrorist incident will spur the international community to plainly and swiftly pronounce its commitment to end international

3 youth bills inked; Murphy one of authors

ALBANY, N.Y. (UPI) — Gov. Hugh Carey said Wednesday he has signed three bills designed to improve the handling of young persons who need supervision.

The bills were sponsored by Assemblymen Richard Gottfried, D-Manhattan, and Mathew Murphy, D-Lockport, and Sens. Joseph Pisani, R-New Rochelle, John Dunne, R-Garden City, and Donald Halperin, D-Brooklyn.

Carey said two of the measures would result in the removal from state institutions of "persons in need of supervision," or PINs.

The third was a technical measure designed to increase federal reimbursement in some cases involving aid to families with dependent children.

Carey said the new laws would "require the state to cease the practice of placing children who have committed no criminal acts in training schools which, experience has shown, are ultimately detrimental to their well-being."

PENNSYLVANIA LOTTERY

DERRY, Pa. (UPI) — The winning numbers selected Wednesday in the Pennsylvania lottery were:

Double Dollars: 710587, 78116, 4794, 157, and 0 in the double your money.

Bakers Dozen: 589469, 25700 and 766.

Weather outlook

Sunny and pleasant this afternoon; high near 80. Mainly clear and cool tonight; low about 60. Mostly sunny tomorrow with some cloudiness by evening; high in 80s. East to southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain is near zero today; 10 per cent tonight and 20 per cent tomorrow.

Extended outlook—Saturday through Monday: Chance of showers Saturday and Sunday; partly cloudy Monday. Daily lows 60 to 65. High in mid 80s Saturday; near 80 Sunday and Monday.

How's our weatherman batting? Yesterday's forecast for today: Mainly sunny; high near 80; low 55 to 60. (Overnight low was 55.)

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