GOVERNOR REFUSES TO ACT ON AUTOMOBILE EXHAUSTS

Exhaust fumes from the two million autos on the City's streets are a prime source of the air pollution that threatens the health of our citizens and on bad days shuts out the sun.

The State of California is doing something about this problem.

I have written Governor Rockefeller requesting him to call a special session of the legislature to enact a law to require the control of automobile exhaust fumes, as has been done in California.

The automotive industry is going to provide safeguards on all new 1966 cars sold in California, but spokesmen for the industry testified before a Senate sub-committee and also before the Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Board of California that such safeguards would not be provided on vehicles sold elsewhere.

Governor Rockefeller says my request for action now is premature. I say the people of this State are entitled to the same protections that will be afforded the people of California, and the automotive industry should be placed on notice now by our legislature that we in New York insist that this be done.

URGE MORE POWER FOR CITY'S METER MAIDS

A meter maid can place a ticket on a car that is parked beyond the time limit in a metered parking area, but she cannot place a tag on a car double-parked alongside.

That is the ironic situation existing under present law that I pointed out recently for CBS-TV News.

I have introduced a bill into the City Council, which has the support of Traffic Commissioner Barnes and Police Commissioner Murphy, to extend the powers of meter maids to:

* double parking
* parking by fire hydrants
* parking in "no standing" zones
* parking in bus stops

Giving jurisdiction over double parking to the meter maids should help discourage this practice and thereby keep traffic flowing on many of our streets. And by giving these duties to the meter maids, policemen will get help in traffic problems which will relieve them for their primary duties of crime prevention and detection.

FRANCES WILSON SMITH

Frances Wilson Smith of the Fourteenth Assembly District, passed away early this month. We shall miss a warm and dear friend.

Robert Kennedy throws first ball at Softball Tournament following introduction by Councilman Low.
**RESOLUTION HONORING LEHMAN**

*SUBMITTED AT CONVENTION*

I submitted the following resolution, adopted by the standing of the entire delegation in a moment of silence, at the New York caucus at the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City:

"WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of the State of New York has brought forward over the years many of the nation's most distinguished public servants, and

"WHEREAS, among these giants of our party stands Herbert H. Lehman, who served his state and nation in public capacities over some 30 years - two terms as Lt. Governor, four terms as Governor - tenure as Director General of the UNRRA - and a full term plus a year of another as U. S. Senator, and

"WHEREAS, Herbert H. Lehman's strength of purpose, toughness of character, and gentleness of heart will be remembered by millions the world over, and

"WHEREAS, he dedicated himself to the affairs of our party and was a member of each delegation but one to a National Convention between the years 1920 and 1960 - serving ten delegations, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

"RESOLVED, that the 1964 New York State delegation to the Democratic National Convention notes with sadness and respect the passing and absence from this delegation of its honored colleague and friend, Herbert H. Lehman."

**IDEAS GIVEN DEMOCRATS**

*AT ATLANTIC CITY*

As co-chairman of the Platform & Resolutions Committee of the State Democratic Committee, I took part in hearings across the State last spring to get recommendations from the grass roots for our national platform. Some of these presented at Atlantic City:

* Tie social security benefits to cost-of-living index.
* Ex-President Truman to chair Hoover Commission-type body to recommend Congressional reforms.
* Job centers for nation-wide data, using electronic computers.

**RFK FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR**

Many of my friends have asked me how I felt about Robert Kennedy's nomination for the U. S. Senate.

I support Bob Kennedy wholeheartedly. I believe he will make a great Senator.

He understands that the great domestic problems of our time--education, mass transit, air pollution, civil rights, etc.--are no longer state problems, but regional and national problems. He served both his brother, the late President and President Johnson in crucial roles overseas, and he has played a part in foreign policy decisions at the highest level.

He will, I believe, attract to politics and public life many earnest and dedicated men and women. He displays qualities of leadership that are rare on the American scene.

To quote a recent column of Joseph Alsop:

"The Senators whose examples excite Robert Kennedy are the giants of a generation ago-old George Norris;... the younger LaFollette;...salty Jim Couzens; and the elder Wagner...."

"These men achieved great things, by great patience, great persistency and a great capacity for hard, untiring, dusty, detailed work. This is the kind of Senator Kennedy wants to be, and if he can summon the patience, he clearly has the other needed qualities."

**"WORKERS UNITE" at EAST SIDE DEMS**

Anne Brown and Paul Dunn, two of the hardest workers in the East Side Democrats, have announced their engagement. Our congratulations and best wishes. And ditto for Gertrude Madden who is now Mrs. Stephen Hlatky, and to Norman Ryp who marries Ellen Stern on Oct. 1st.

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