



DECEMBER, 1997

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

On a rainy Sunday morning in May 1971, a group of Local 198 musicians gathered in a gymnasium hall on Federal Hill. They invited me to participate in a breakfast. Unbeknown to me, they had a purpose in mind.

Their purpose, I found out, was to entice me to run for the office of President of our Local.

Reasons and discussions prevailed as to why I should run for the Presidency of our Local. They held me hostage for four hours with locked doors. I kept saying, "No, No, No!"

Dinner time was approaching and all I could think of was my family waiting for me and the "Macaroni" was getting cold!

So, I finally said "Yes, and let me out of here!"

It is now 1997 and still, on a rainy Sunday morning, I decided that it is time to go 'home'. But this time, there was no 'Macaroni' waiting for me!

However, I must admit that during my tenure, I have learned an encyclopedia full of experiences on how to proceed, advise or reject issues. I, also, have to admit that I have met many friends, musicians, Union Officers and City, State and National legislators.

I have tried my best to make the Providence Federation of Musicians, Local 198-457, a recognizable organization among all others. The kind of governing that would be of great help to all the musicians and not for any special interest group.

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## SECRETARY'S CORNER:

Sisters/Brothers: This is the last message I will be writing to you in the Fanfare! As most of you know, I ran for President of this union and lost by a close margin (9 votes) and have decided to move on!

I want to thank the entire membership for the opportunity to serve you since 1994 as your Secretary. I tried to do the right thing to help all of our 500 members. I certainly hope that fact is self-evident!

I also want you all to know that my words, my thoughts, and my deeds, were always advanced with the idea of truthfulness ...along with an attempt at wanting to do the "just" thing in everyone's eyes!

As a candidate for President, I had done a lot of thinking and planning about the future of this union and the many things it must do to take it into the next century, but I'm sure the new group of officers will tackle those problems in their own way. I congratulate them and wish them well!

Again, it has been an honor and a pleasure to have served every one of you!  
BANK DOIRON, SECRETARY

QUARTERLY DUES ARE PAYABLE IN ADVANCE: (on, or before:

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1) December 31 | 3) June 30      |
| 2) March 31    | 4) September 30 |

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES ON TIME!!!

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### AMERICAN LEGION POST

### LEGION WAY \*\* CRANSTON, R. I.

### SUNDAY \*\* JANUARY 11, 1998 \*\* 10:30 A.M.

## ELECTION RESULTS/NOVEMBER 16th

In accordance with our By-Laws, Article IV, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS, Section 2, Elections, letter (L), the results of our biannual election shall be published in the next issue of the official bulletin of the Local (Fanfare).

**PRESIDENT:** Artie Cabral.....160✓  
Hank Doiron.....151

**VICE-PRESIDENT:**  
(1) Al DeAndrade.....114  
Manny Mignanelli..... 38  
Robert Sagnella.....157✓

**TREASURER:** Bennie Pazienza (ran unopposed)

**SECRETARY:** (no candidate ran)

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:**  
(2) Eliot Porter.....153  
Dick Salzillo.....218✓  
John Worsley.....191✓

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:**  
(1) Al DeAndrade..... 92  
Hank Doiron.....156✓  
Eliot Porter..... 26  
John Worsley..... 73

**NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE:**  
(2) Al DeAndrade.....218✓  
Hank Doiron.....216✓  
Eliot Porter.....122

**AFL/CIO CONVENTION:**  
(3) Artie Cabral.....210✓  
Al DeAndrade.....242✓  
Hank Doiron.....237✓  
Eliot Porter.....153

**PROVIDENCE CENTRAL UNION:**  
(3) Al DeAndrade.....252✓  
Hank Doiron.....252✓  
Eliot Porter.....156  
John Worsley.....206✓

**PAWTUCKET CENTRAL UNION:**  
(3) Al DeAndrade.....✓  
Hank Doiron.....✓  
John Worsley.....✓

(No opposition for these 3 positions.)  
HANK DOIRON, SECRETARY

### "THIRTY-SECOND NOTES"

#### ATTENTION ALL ACCORDION PLAYERS!!

There is a guy by the name of John Pinter in Milwaukee (where else?) that wants to put up a huge statue of a polka musician (probably playing an accordion) 20 to 30 stories high, complete with high-speed elevators, an observation desk and lasers!

Mr. Pinter is the vice-president of the Polka Hall of Fame and he sent letters to the Mayor and Milwaukee festival officials suggesting the monument be built on a Lake Michigan island just off the city's Summerfest grounds.

He says - "It would be the epitome of the polka world. It would make Milwaukee a household word around the world."

He would also like it to be the home to the offices of the Wisconsin Polka Hall of Fame, with space for shops and restaurants and maybe even a polka museum.

Is the world really ready for a "squeeze-box" statue and museum?!?  
(Maybe we should ask Al Marano, Alex Mansour, Joe Cerito, etc.) ha ha

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### "THE AMERICAN BAND"

The American Band traces it's roots back to the 1830's and has appeared in just about every town and city in R.I. (as well as near-by states) and does about a dozen concerts each season.

They have chosen Gene Pollart, the URI Band Director, as their new director. He has been acting director of this 60-piece ensemble since the death last year of Francis Marciniak. Gene was one of four finalists for the job. He has taught at URI for the past twenty years, played with the Fresno Philharmonic, and performed with various jazz combos.

Congratulations Gene, we know you'll do a great job!!

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### "WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME!!"

Anna Lelkes has played the harp for the Vienna Philharmonic for 26 years, but was always an outsider. She recently became a full member when the orchestra decided to admit women for the first time in it's 155-year history. It had been the last world-class symphony orchestra to bar women.

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### "MUSIC FOR YOUR OPERATION?"

What will it be? What music would you like to select to be played while your operation is going on? This is what's happening. Surgery patients can select what they'd like to hear during their operations and it can improve their experiences markedly, researchers from the University of Buffalo found in a study of 40 people undergoing outpatient eye surgery.

Those patients who listened to their music had lower heart rates, blood pressure and cardiac workload than those who didn't hear music, the researchers reported to the annual meeting in Santa Fe of the American Psychosomatic Society.

I don't know if I would like my surgeon cutting to a strong rap-beat! (yikes!)

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"AFTER 55YRS - WHITE CHRISTMAS 2ND!!"

Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" has just dropped into second place after selling 30 million copies since its release 55 years ago. The song "Candle In The Wind '97" (which is Elton John's tribute to Princess Diana) (after just 37 days after its release!!) has been declared the world's biggest-selling single recording. The Guinness Book of Records said that nearly 31.8 million copies have been sold. AMAZING!

HANK DOION, SECRETARY

AFM ASSESSMENT:

In the September FANFARE, I gave you my report on the June International Convention. As part of that report I mentioned that we would have a one-time \$10.00 assessment instead of the \$12.00 Per Capita raise which would have been a permanent raise in everyone's dues!

The way the Resolution that was accepted at the Convention reads is as follows: "Each Local shall pay to the Federation a special assessment of \$10.00 per member to be paid in two parts: \$5.00 in the first year (1998) and \$5.00 in the second year (1999). The first \$5.00 assessment (which is to be used exclusively to pay for outstanding Federation debts) shall be based on the number of Local members in good standing on January 1, 1998, and shall be paid to the AFM no later than February 15, 1998. The second \$5.00 assessment (\$1.50 of which is to be expended for organizing and recruitment and \$1.00 of which is to be expended for headquarters relocation) shall also be based on the same number of Local members reported in good standing on January 1, 1998, and shall be paid no later than February 15, 1999."

"Locals shall pass the assessment through to their members"

"A Local may seek prior written consent from the International Executive Board to absorb any portion or all of the assessment."

[In other words, if we would have held a fund-raiser (like a Cavalcade of Bands, etc.) and raised \$2,500.00. Then, we could have picked up this first \$5.00 assessment for the membership. We didn't do that, so the members will have to pay the \$5.00 assessment by February of 1998.

Maybe we can hold some sort of fund-raiser next year and pick up that second \$5.00 assessment for the membership.]

One other thing to point out:

"A member of more than one Local may petition the International Secretary-Treasurer in writing for a rebate equal to the amount of the assessment paid by that member in excess of \$5.00 in each year (1998 and 1999.)"

So, bottom line, pay Bennie \$5.00 extra in the first quarter of 1998 for your special assessment placed on you by International law.

HANK DOIRON, SECRETARY

(President's Address continued)

All musicians have had an equal voice on all issues during my tenure. All the decisions I made were for and in the best interest for all musicians.

I will miss you!

Nonetheless, I will be a performer as in the past and still take part in all meetings, events, union matters, etc. with the help of God!

I wish the new administration the best in their endeavors and I know they will be successful!

Bless you all! Arrivederci!

THANK YOU!

To all my brother musicians who participated in a beautiful evening at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet on December 2nd.

To the wonderful musicians of the AL CONTE ORCHESTRA, HORACE MAGNAN DIXIE-LAND BAND, the STRING QUARTET and RONNIE ROSE.

Also, MAYOR VINCENT A. CIANCI, my toastmaster, the COMMITTEE and last, but not least, thanks to all of the wonderful guests that were present.



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#### DEATHS:

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Joined: 3/22/39  
Died: 9/19/97

Joseph McSoley  
Joined: 12/7/38  
Died: 9/28/97

Harold B. Turner  
Joined: 7/3/97  
Died: 11/2/97

Paul Belisle  
Joined: 1/2/41  
Died: 11/21/97

Ventura Souza  
Joined: 12/9/50  
Died: 11/4/97

#### REINSTATEMENTS:

Richard Lamy  
Michael Marra, Jr.

#### EXPELLED:

Paul R. Borrelli

