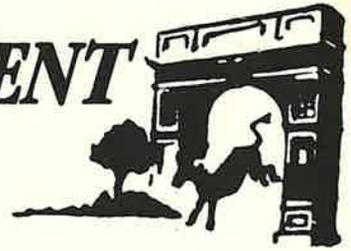


**VILLAGE INDEPENDENT  
DEMOCRATS**



**Twenty-fifth Anniversary Dinner  
April 2, 1982**

*We dare not just look back on great yesterdays. We must look forward to great tomorrows. What counts now is not just what we are against, but what we are for.*

*Adlai Stevenson*

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## From the VID Constitution...

### PREAMBLE

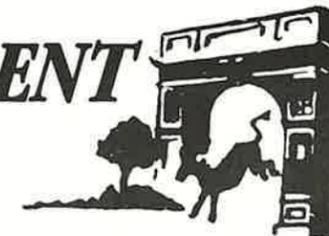
Because we believe, with Adlai Stevenson, that the true direction of political activity is the ceaseless examination and evaluation of local and national goals in the light of our democratic faith, and because we were inspired by the principled and humane leadership exemplified by Mr. Stevenson in his 1956 campaign for the Presidency, we, the former Village Stevenson for President Committee, have chosen to establish a permanent organization to satisfy a need in this community for a Democratic political organization that will represent and be responsive to the majority of voters in the area.

### ARTICLE II PURPOSES

The purposes of the Club shall be:

- a. to provide an independent, vigorous, liberal Democratic organization in the Greenwich Village area of New York;
  - b. to promote the basic principles of the Democratic Party on the national, state and local levels;
  - c. to encourage the participation of all people in the affairs of the Democratic Party;
  - d. to seek and support candidates for public and party office of ability and integrity who are dedicated to public service, to promote measures designed to serve all the people, and to encourage the appointment of qualified public officials and employees without regard to political sponsorship;
  - e. to further the interest and participation of all citizens in the civic affairs of our community;
  - f. to eliminate services, favors or contributions to a political party as a factor in the making of an appointment or assignment by a public officer, whether executive, legislative or judicial, and to eliminate the practice of permitting party officers to exert control over such an appointment or assignment.
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# VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS



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Member, United States Congress

Special Tribute      **ROBERT HAYES**  
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## VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS 1982

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Betsy Naylor	Fund Raising	Carol Feinman	Political Outreach
Rick Braun	Housing	Star Sandow	Voter Registration

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Larry Cary	Carol Reichman
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Rose James	Ilene Zucker

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Herman Greitzer	Robert Egan
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Eleanor Roosevelt Greets Jim Lanigan

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**The Bullies**

It is hard for those of us who were brought up in the American tradition of individualism to understand the mind of the Tammany professional. It became, however, a little clearer to us last week-end when a young woman from Ponca City, Oklahoma, decided to put up a poster in her shop in support of the Democratic insurgents.

Within a period of 24 hours she was insulted, threatened, warned that her window would be broken, told that the water in her photography studio would be shut off and ordered to quit the premises, which she had occupied for almost three years, by nightfall.

All this happened because one poster appeared in one window on Christopher Street. The idea that anyone for any reason could take it upon himself to oppose the Boss—and worse, do it openly—was so threatening to them that they knew the sign must come down at all cost.

The shrill, almost violent reaction seemed out of proportion to the act committed. One woman kept chanting: "We're going to take it down!"

The events of the week-end reminded us of what happened some months ago. After running an editorial attacking Tammany and DeSapio, we received a surprising number of friendly calls from native-born Villagers, most of whom were part of the Italian-American community.

**One Stipulation**

These people were highly appreciative, and one man even invited us to dinner. But, they all made—without exception—a single stipulation. Never, never use our names.

A small businessman from this group phoned again recently. He told us he had signed a DeSapio designating petition, but that he was going to vote for McGuinness.

"They can't find out how you vote?" He put it in the form of a question. We said no, and then asked him why he felt he had to be so secretive. He answered simply: "They'll put me out of business."

And they could have put him out of business, just as they could have put the young lady photographer on Christopher Street out of business if she hadn't had guts—and friends.

We have been hearing for a long time now from people who live in the old communities of the Village that they are afraid to talk, and we have since learned that our experience is not singular. Other newspapers and information media have told us the same thing.

Of course, this is not the way politics is conducted at Mr. DeSapio's Fifth Avenue headquarters. There the game is played with head tilted toward heaven intoning words of overpowering rectitude.

The truth is, however, that Tammany is involved in practically every scandal and corruption in the city. But what we never so completely realized is the climate of fear and stagnation the machine imposes on the people.

# At Lanigan HQ—Many Happy Returns

By EDWARD KOSNER

Just after midnight the man who really started it all strode into The Limelight in Greenwich Village to congratulate the man who finished the job.

The visitor to coffee house off Sheridan Sq. was Adlai Stevenson, whose fruitless 1956 Presidential campaign inspired the birth of the Village Independent Democrats, the scrappy reform club that finally dethroned Carmine DeSapio in yesterday's primary.

For the night, The Limelight had been transformed into VID headquarters and from the moment the first returns were posted on the big tally board at the back of the smoky room, it was bedlam.

The first flash was from the predominantly Italian 6th Election District. It gave DeSapio 196 votes in the race for district leader against 166 for VID challenger James S. Lanigan.

The room, jammed with young VID workers and supporters, exploded in a whoop. They'd cut deeply into the margins DeSapio enjoyed in the 6th in past primaries and they could scent the wounded Tiger's blood.

Within half an hour, the trend was clear. By 11, Lanigan, the Nebraska-born, Harvard-educated real estate man who'd helped run Stevenson's 1952 and 1956 campaigns, was ready to claim victory.

"It's a revolution," he exclaimed jubilantly, then mount-

**For Closeup of James S. Lanigan see Page 44.**

ed the platform to thank his faithful workers, many of whom seemed hardly old enough to vote themselves.

"We told the voters we would make this community a fit place to live in again," shouted Lanigan above the din, "and that's what we're going to do."

"We told them we are going to bust the machine. And we will."

"We told them they'd see a new kind of public servant—who cares about human beings, not jobs, and we are going to keep that pledge."

Cheers rang through the room again and Lanigan retreated behind the tally board to the press room to say it all over again to the crowd of reporters there to record his victory.

By midnight, the final tally was in. Lanigan and the VID had dealt DeSapio a stunning defeat, 6,165 to 4,745, and the happy crowd in The Limelight toasted the result with satisfied smiles and paper cups of beer.

Then pandemonium. Stevenson had suddenly appeared at the door and was moving toward the platform in search of Lanigan.

They stood together, finally, gazing down on the crowd. Stevenson said:

"I felt that since Jim had

suffered through two defeats with me that it would be only appropriate for me to suffer through a victory with him."

The crowd gave him the night's longest, loudest and most heartfelt salute.

"Where were you in 1952 and '56?" Stevenson quipped.

"We were here—working for you," came the reply.

And it was true. In 1952, when DeSapio's captains sat on their hands, it was the young independents, the volunteers, who carried the Stevenson campaign. They became the Village Independent Democrats and turned their fervor to defeating the Tammany chief. Now they had done it.

The outs were in at last.

# DE SAPIO IS UPSET BY LANIGAN;

## The New York Post Lauds Lanigan

### Lanigan vs. DeSapio: a Main Event

James Lanigan's fight to unseat Carmine DeSapio from his district leadership may be one of the memorable political battles in local history. It could, of course, have repercussions far beyond the Greenwich Village area where the contest will be staged.

For DeSapio, this could be the last big bout. Regardless of all other factors, a decisive defeat for him now in his own bailiwick would be an irretrievable blow. But our view of the clash is affirmative rather than negative. We have often said DeSapio's exile is no sure cure for the political sickness of the state and city. He is not the worst boss in our annals, and better than many we could name.

But Lanigan is an authentic, fiery and able spokesman for political reform. He mingles earnest conviction with political talent. A forthright liberal, he has served at key posts in both domestic campaigns and in important government missions abroad.

We have talked frequently about the need for a new form of Democratic leadership in New York, drawn from the Kennedy generation and capable of imparting to the political arena some of the intelligence and spirit now discernible in the U. S. government. Lanigan has strong qualifications for such a role.

In fighting for the chance to run against DeSapio when he might have chosen a more comfortable place on the new frontier, he displayed the resolve and concern so sorely needed in our political life. His victory in the September primary would be important news.



LANIGAN

## ...Blasts De Sapio

### Carmine Speaks His Piece

If Carmine DeSapio wanted to prove in his TV production yesterday that he could do a better job of character assassination than any of his opponents, or that he knows more sordid political stories, his show was an unqualified success. But if his intention, as advertised in advance, was to convince the voters that he was being unfairly criticized and that his continued leadership of Tammany Hall was in the best interests of the Democratic Party, he failed dismally.

As we have said in this space more than once, DeSapio is not the most benighted of men nor is he the most malevolent politician the Tammany machine has produced.

But long before the questions began coming from the reporters present, it was clear that his standard of political morality was on a level which justifies reformist demands for a change. The scurrility of his counterattack reflected more of a capacity for viciousness than for leadership; far from trying to show that the conflict between him and his opponents could be reconciled, he not only widened the breach enormously but did so with a tastelessness that was painful to behold. His plea for party unity under the circumstances was a pious gesture equally offensive.

DeSapio's "inside story" of what happened at the party's state convention in Buffalo was not without interest, but unfortunately the issue is not who did what to whom in Buffalo. The issue is how to make the Democratic Party of New York democratic so that it represents the voting membership and speaks with the voice of the people. DeSapio's play-by-play account of the machine's elective procedure was beguiling; only the most naive voter, however, would believe that the organization chart works in practice the way DeSapio had it working on TV. In asserting that it contained built-in guarantees against "bossism" and in dismissing "bossism" as a "synthetic issue" conceived by people who don't appreciate him, Tammany's star performer underestimated the intelligence of his audience.



DE SAPIO

Jim Lanigan and Carol Greitzer

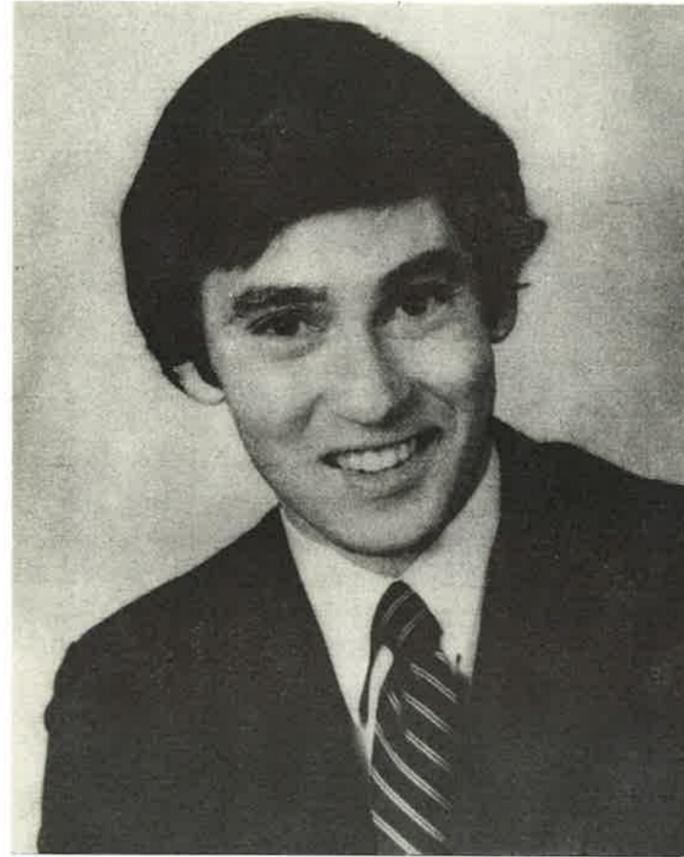


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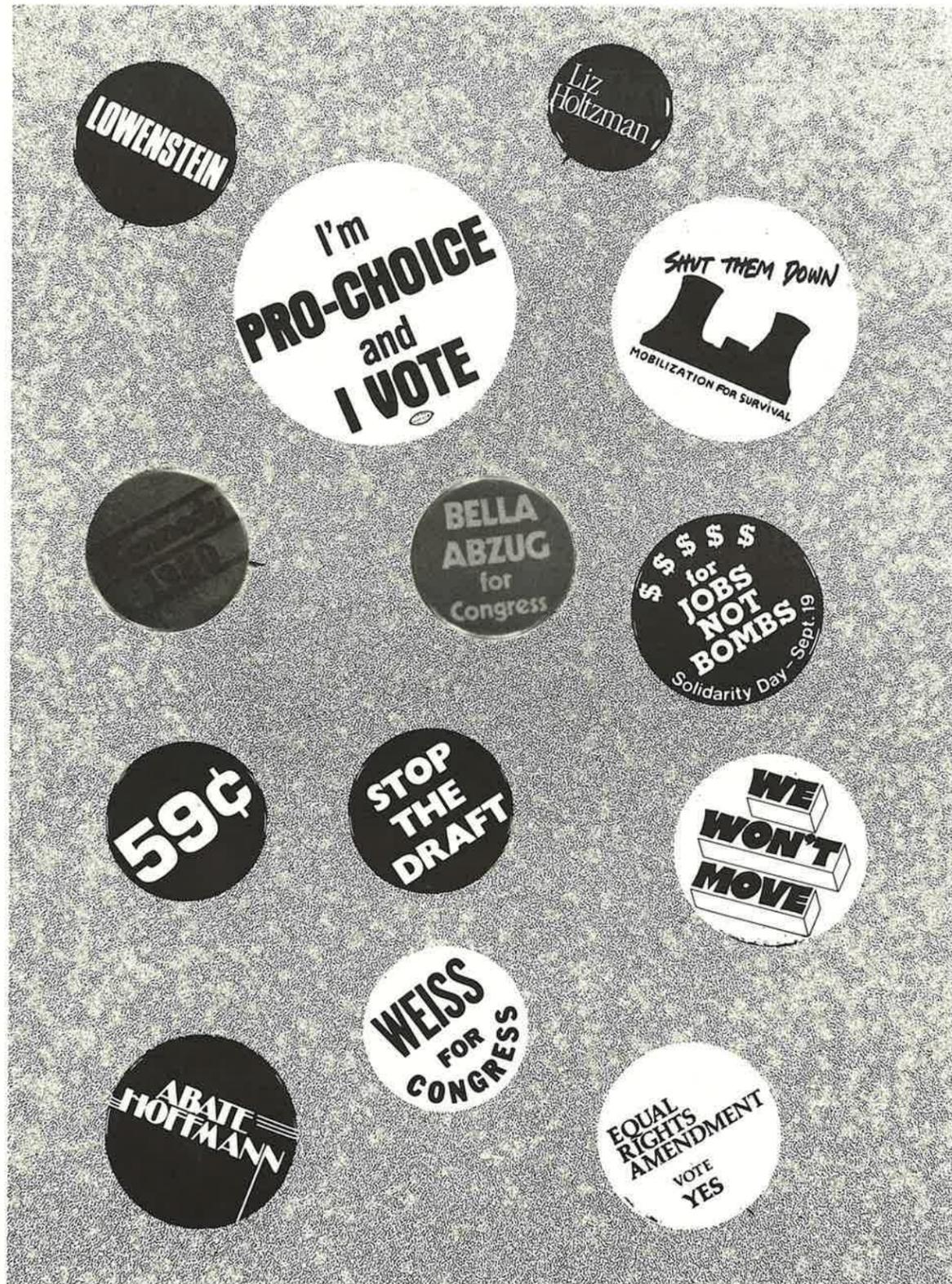
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