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Welfare Reform

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CONCORD — In a brief ceremony in the Executive Council chambers yesterday, Gov. Meldrim Thomson Jr. signed into law SB 249 which overhauls the present welfare system in the state and gives the Commissioner, Health and

Welfare the power to

and prosecute welfare cases. Present at the ceremony were Gov. Thomson, Health and Welfare Commissioner James J. Bauman, Manchester, chairman of the N.H. Health and Welfare Advisory Commission.

An Editorial

John Stark — Hero of Bunker Hill

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ZLE BLASTS, THE PUBLICATION OF THE NATIONAL MUZZLE LOADERS RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF P.O. BOX 67, FRIENDSHIP, INDIANA, CONCERNING THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL AND JOHN STARK. THIS ARTICLE WAS CALLED TO OUR ATTENTION BY JOSEPH BLEHA, DUNBAR HILL, GRANTHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

John Stark was a typical New Hampshire man. He had quite a fearsome reputation. For instance, before the Battle of Bunker Hill, the British general, Gage, was asked if the provincials would dare attack. He replied, "Yes, if John Stark is amongst them — he served under me at Lake George and he is a brave fellow."

General Stark never took anything from anybody. So after the Battle of Bunker Hill, when he was bypassed by the Continental Congress for promotion by several junior officers who had more political pull, he simply went back to his home on the shore of the Merrimack River.

He didn't enter the battle against British again until the New Hampshire Legislature offered him the rank of brigadier general and complete independence from the Continental Army. Thus, New Hampshire had a separate army of its own. With that problem settled, General Stark marched his New Hampshiremen across the state to the Battle of Bennington, Vermont, where he and his 1,400 men gave the British a thorough beating.

After the Battle of Bennington, the Continental Congress made up for the error it had made after the Battle of Bunker Hill and promoted Stark to the rank of a brigadier general in the Army of the United States. Thus ended New Hampshire's independent army, the only other American army to have existed simultaneously with the United States Army.

It is also to be remembered that New Hampshire was the only colony that was not invaded by enemy forces. Some slanderers say that this was because New Hampshire had no military value, but others more accurately argue that New Hampshire was at that time mainly populated by trappers, hunters, farmers and backwoodsmen. The British knew enough to stay away from the Granite State, rather than be decimated by the crack shots who lived in the shadows of the White Mountains and in the hills of New Hampshire.

In the end, Congress promoted John Stark to the rank of major general and today we remember him on every New Hampshire automobile license plate for what he wrote when he was invited to attend a reunion of his old war companions. Stark was forced to decline the invitation because of his ill health in his later years. Instead, he wrote to his former comrades and offered a toast:

"LIVE FREE OR DIE; DEATH IS NOT THE WORST OF EVILS."

So, on this day, Bunker Hill Day, the Massachusetts people should say a prayer of thanks for New Hampshire, because without New Hampshire they would have had the pants beaten off of them at Bunker Hill.

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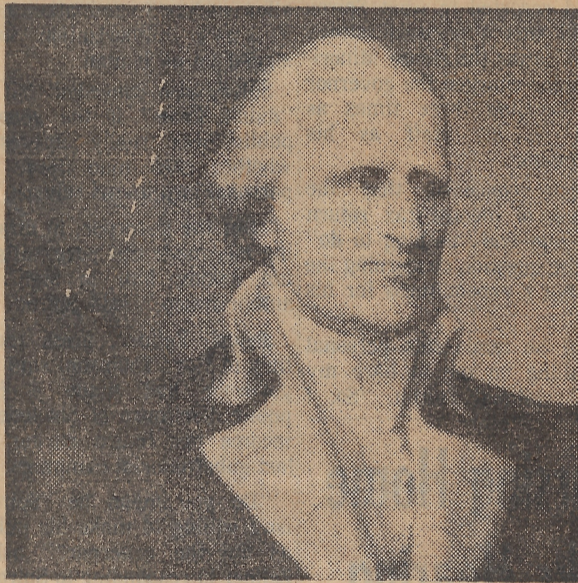
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GENERAL STARK

On this anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, it is well for New Hampshire men and women to understand one fact that many people don't know — i.e. that, of the 1,600 men in the actual fighting on the American side against the British, 1,200, or all but 400, were from New Hampshire.

It is quite obvious that without the New Hampshiremen the Battle of Bunker Hill would have been a terrible defeat for the Americans and the whole course of the Revolution might have been different.

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Citizens Oppose School District, College Merger

By ARTHUR C. EGAN JR.
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CONCORD — A number of North Country citizens have

Ford Declares Running Mates

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford made clear yesterday that Vice President