

Secession



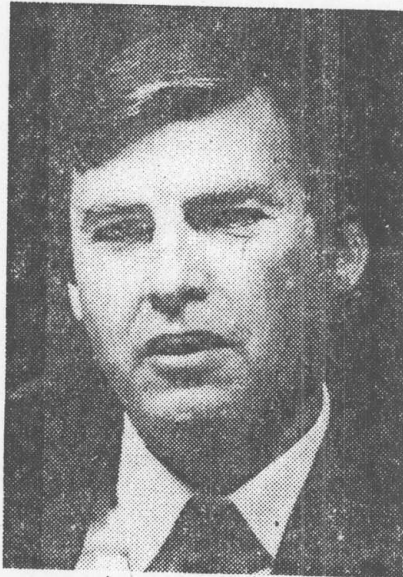
Rev. Terry Troia, director, Project Hospitality, on a potential secession: "What makes us think when we secede, that all of a sudden we're going to be totally concerned about the people in Park Hill ..."



Kenneth Popler, executive director, S.I. Mental Health Society: "I don't think Staten Islanders are any more afflicted with the Not In My Backyard Syndrome . . . We find Staten Islanders supportive of mental health issues compared to other areas."



Rona Solomon, director, S.I. AIDS Task Force: "If Staten Island were a separate city, it would have the second highest number of people with AIDS in any city in New York. Buffalo doesn't offer these services, and we have twice as many people with AIDS in Staten Island than there are in Buffalo ..."



Thomas Tierney, deputy director, S.I. Developmental Disabilities Services Office: "When you're 400,000 people out of 7 million (people), they don't see you. Our problems are overshadowed by the size of (New York City)."

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