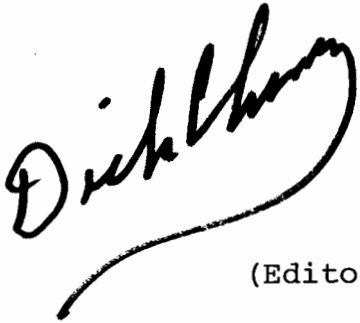


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Thanks for Nothing  
(Editorial, excerpted, Manchester Union Leader)

Those Republicans in the state who voted for President Ford in the presidential primary now have their thanks. A Coast Guard Admiral waltzed into Governor Thomson's office last Friday and announced that the Coast Guard is taking over the control of Lake Winnepesaukee and other waters in N.H.

So, you see, after the President gained you votes, he didn't need you any more -- and now you see what happens to you. As this newspaper has said before, the grab for power in N.H. by the Coast Guard is the most outrageous example conceivable of the arrogance of the Washington establishment and its determination to control every segment of our lives.

No one in N.H. has complained about conditions on the lakes. No one in N.H. has requested the Coast Guard to come in. They simply decided that here was another place where they could gain power and have some nice cushy jobs, so they moved in.

The great battle of our day is to stop the expansion of the federal government. Otherwise, one of these days freedom as we know it will be as dead in this country as it is in Communist Russia, where they also run everything from one central government with disastrous results. -- (3/16/76)