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fire insurance in the voluntary market. The Senate has acknowledged this fact. To correct it, they are creating a "market assistance" program within the FAIR Plan. In addition, the FAIR Plan, which provided much of the insurance coverage in arson-devastated areas like Bushwick, is being entrusted by our state legislators with an Arson Awareness and Prevention Program.

These are public relations gimmicks which are nothing more than self-serving bonuses for the FAIR Plan Board of Directors. The cost of these duplicated efforts will be passed on to the consumer in the form of higher premiums.

After weeks of inactivity, the Senate Insurance Committee has released the Dunne Bill on the floor, and all indications point to almost certain approval, regardless of the smoke-screen which has clouded the basic issue of compliance with the intent of Congress. We urge a resounding "no" vote on this bill in its present form.

Let the two houses effect a compromise that would assist the taxpayer. Arson programs and insurance industry reforms which are sorely needed should be handled in separate legislation that could intelligently deal with these community-destroying problems.

German Alps Festival  
Hosts Hummelwerk Show

The seventh annual German Alps Festival, a popular event for authenticity and colorful setting at the base of beautiful Hunter Mountains in New York's scenic northern Catskills, will hold its first Hummelwerk Show throughout the 17-day run, July 11 to July 26 (closed Mondays).

The Hummelwerk Show, which will occupy the entire spacious Colonel's Hall of the Ski Lodge, a division of Goebel Art Inc., Doralde, West Germany, and by Don Conover, festival president. The Hummelwerk Show, conducted under the direction of the German Alps Festival Store, a year around establishment in Hunter, will include displays, seminars, marionettes and a German artist from Germany who will demonstrate and autograph figures July 20, 21, 22.

There will be a hanging of original artwork from the Goebel gallery. A program sheet of the Show's special events will be available prior to the festival.

The 24-piece Lucky's Black Forest Band of Schoonhoven, Germany, which appeared at the festival two years ago, returns this year for all performances. Other groups will occupy the entire spacious Colonel's Hall of the Ski Lodge to present a special event each evening.

The don't miss event of the festival is the Hummelwerk Show. One of the largest and most impressive art shows in North America, it is divided into two sections: fine art and folk art. The fine art section features the work of Goebel, a German manufacturer of fine art figurines, while the folk art section features the work of Hummel, a German manufacturer of folk art figurines.

Attractions, appealing to all ages, are plentiful. They range from sky diving, falconry demonstrations, hot-air balloon ascensions, the German Products Exposition tent, the Kasper puppet, working craftsmen, the Buschweiser Clydesdale horses and a roaming mime.

At this stage of the festival, the German Alps Festival has already achieved a remarkable level of success. The festival has been well received by the local community and has become a popular event for tourists and locals alike.

The festival continues until July 26, with a full schedule of events, including concerts, dances, and cultural performances. The Hummelwerk Show is just one of the many highlights of this year's festival.

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Joseph A. Murphy of Division 14 in Richmond Hill serves as Subdistrict Deputy of the Queens County Ancient Order of Hibernians to the Grand Marshal of the 217th Annual New York St. Patrick's Day Parade.

SEMIPEROS OPEN  
DISTRICT OFFICE  
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The office is open Monday and Friday from 10 am to 8 pm, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am to 5 pm, and on Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm by appointment.

YMCA Has Flea Market Planned

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