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The Board of Freeholders of Burlington County in southern New Jersey voted unanimously on Wednesday [8 July] to require all county-owned vehicles to carry decals with the slogan "Our Flag, Love It or Leave ~~it~~." The decals were provided by an Elks Lodge in that county as part of an Americanism project and will be placed on about two hundred vehicles, including maintenance trucks and sheriff's patrol cars. Several citizens had objected to the decision, calling it an infringement of their patriotism, and their principal spokesman was the director of the south Jersey unit of the Concerned Citizens for a Sane World. He said, "We all support the American flag and what it stands for, but in my opinion the slogan indicates support for the Vietnam war and the killing on campuses." Following their decision the chairman of the Board of Freeholders said, "A little old-fashioned patriotism won't hurt."