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FACING THE FACTS

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It appears that voters will again be called upon to decide whether or not Oregon is to have a sales tax. The House has passed a sales tax proposal in the State Legislature and it is assumed the Senate also will give approval to the measure, which then must come before voters. Present plans are for a referendum November 8.

Opponents to the sales tax already are gathering their forces and are dusting off their old arguments.

One of those arguments is that the sales tax, having been rejected five times, should not again be submitted.

An individual is foolish indeed if he becomes so prejudiced that he refuses to change his mind in the face of changing conditions. The same is true of individuals acting together in the capacity of electors.

Conditions have changed tremendously in Oregon in recent years. Our economy, once based almost entirely on agriculture, now has turned to industry, offering a completely different tax picture than was viewed even a few years ago. Consequently, while we may justify rejection of a sales tax five times in the past, we must look at it now in a new light.

Oregon's resistance to a sales tax has been largely prejudice—a politically inspired prejudice.

Organized labor traditionally is opposed to a sales tax. In the early days of the sales tax battle, labor negotiated a political alliance with agriculture. This alliance has continued through habit and sentiment rather than from reason, in my opinion.

Farm Labor Status Changed

Labor's opposition to the sales tax came about principally because so many workmen were transient. Few owned property. Because wages were low, they paid little or no income tax. A sales tax would have resulted in a cut from comparatively small pay checks.

Farmers, too, were willing to go along. They would pay a sales tax on goods they purchased, but would get no increased price for their production.

But this situation is vastly different today. We have little transient labor. A great majority of workmen own their homes and have roots in the communities where they are employed. Steadily growing wage scales have put most workmen into the income tax brackets.

Property taxes, both on homes and farms, have almost reached the point of confiscation. Oregon already has one of the highest income tax rates in the nation. The 60 per cent boost proposed in income taxes would put Oregon's income tax rate well above that of any other state.

Distress in school districts imposed an almost intolerable burden on property. Thus the laborer and the farmer no longer can fall back on the old argument of discrimination. The farmer, in fact, would probably benefit more than any other resident from the passage of a sales tax, through relief on property taxes.

More Money Needed

Everyone would like to have taxes reduced rather than increased. Everyone wants governmental economy. But everyone also wants more and more service from government. We can talk all we please about reducing the size of government, but we also find one pressure group after another demanding more benefits and services.

A person would indeed be naive to believe that a state growing as fast as Oregon could reduce its budget. As the state grows in population, it demands more government. More government costs more money. We have reached the limit of imposts on property and income as sources of revenue. More money must be raised for purposes of state government. At the same time there must be an easing of property and income taxes. It also is advisable that money be raised in the most painless manner. The sales tax meets these requirements.

The argument also is heard that the sales tax hits the person least able to afford it. Here again we must face reality.

The "Soak the Rich" policy has a great appeal to the small wage earner, but it is an economic fallacy. Money must be raised from the place where it is available. If we confiscated all wealth in the upper brackets it would be only a drop in governmental requirements. The bulk of the national income is found in the millions of comparatively small wage earners. Consequently it is from this principal source of income that taxes must be raised. We would, perhaps, like a different situation, but we can't close our eyes to facts.

If the sales tax proposal is submitted to voters, as it now appears it will be, we should discard old prejudices and base decisions on facts as they now exist.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA) — The effects of "automation" on American industry and labor are just beginning to dawn, but nobody really knows what the answers are for this new, second industrial revolution.

This was the net result of a one-day automation conference in Washington. It was arranged by Congress of Industrial Organizations to arouse public interest in the issue. All it did was to bring into sharp focus the lack of knowledge about it and the sharp conflict of opinions among experts.

"Automation," as most people have learned in the last year or so, is the coined word that stands for the new technology in manufacturing. It's machines doing the work of men and women—doing it better and faster and more of it with fewer people at greatly reduced costs.

Charges that automation will displace millions of workers—or that it won't are now being hurled around rather loosely.

THE MOST OPTIMISTIC statement came from Prof. Walter S. Buckingham of Georgia Tech: "If properly understood, applied, de-

veloped and controlled," he said, "automation, together with atomic energy, may provide the means to eliminate poverty for the first time in the world."

This was obviously a long-range prediction. Every CIO official, surprisingly enough, was inclined to go along with this as an objective. They say they welcome automation.

But what bothers them particularly is the short-range transition from the present, human hands assembly-line technique to the new automated production. What they fear is temporary unemployment and forced retraining in new skills for literally millions of workers displaced by machines.

Speaking more from the management point of view, Dr. Donald P. Campbell of Massachusetts Institute of Technology declared he did not know of a single automation installation that had replaced a workman. Always, said this 35-year-old automation consultant and expert, more men are required to service the new machines than are displaced by them. INCIDENTALLY, NONE OF THE

Orchardists Fight Tree Appraisals For Tax Purposes

MEDFORD (AP) — Jackson County orchardists served notice Thursday they intend to fight a proposal to include the value of orchard trees in land appraisals.

Their statements came at a public hearing called after Samuel Stewart, a member of the State Tax Commission, proposed a plan to have County Assessor Robert Fowler include the value of trees. "Mr. Stewart probably has some egotistical notion he is going to force this down our throat," said the chief spokesman, Raymond Reier, a Medford packing plant operator.

He also noted that Stewart had said persons who do not own orchards should be concerned because they will have to pay higher taxes if orchard trees are not assessed. "Setting up one class of taxpayer against another," Reier said of this.

"Discriminatory and invalid," commented William McAllister, former speaker of the House of Representatives, who was representing the Rogue Valley Traffic Assn.

Other speakers said trees change in value yearly, and a just appraisal would be impossible. They also said an increase of \$5 to \$6 an acre in taxes could bring the fruit industry to the point of diminishing returns.

Two other members of the State Tax Commission, Ray Smith and Carl Chambers, were present, and promised to study the matter closely before taking any action.

Indirect Blow Aimed At Diem

CANNES, France (AP) — Vietnamese Chief of State Bao Dai Thursday delegated his military powers to Gen. Nguyen Van Sy and summoned beleaguered Premier Ngo Dinh Diem to his Riviera villa for a conference.

The two moves are an indirect blow at Diem's powers. He is in the midst of a bloody crisis to save his regime, threatened by street fighting in Saigon.

Nguyen Van Sy is army inspector general and not known for his friendliness to Diem. It is not clear just how the powers delegated by Bao Dai will affect the military powers now exercised by Premier Diem and his army chief of staff.

The ex-emperor, now called the chief of state, made the moves in cables from his villa. He asked Diem to come to France before May 3 for an urgent meeting to be followed by a conference by Vietnamese leaders beginning May 2. Lai Van Sang, whose ouster as head of the Surete was a major factor in Thursday's bloodshed in Saigon, would also attend this conference.

Eden Ready To Participate In Top Big Four Meetings

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Eden said Thursday he is ready to participate in a Big Four meeting "at the summit" as soon as the treaties to rearm West Germany are ratified.

Replying to Laborite questions about when he proposed to meet with Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin, Eden told the House of Commons:

"It was agreed by the Allies that before there could be useful talks with Soviet Russia, the Paris agreements (rearming West Germany) must be ratified and progress has been made with both these matters."

"... As a result of the recent progress, the way is now clear so far as we are concerned and we are anxious to explore with the Soviet government the possibility of reaching agreement on all outstanding matters between East and West."

"We shall be ready to take part in talks at any level, whether heads of government or foreign ministers."

The Paris agreements are due for final ratification May 5. The last of the 15 nations to act on the treaties—The Netherlands—reached a final vote Thursday.

Recently the Soviet Union expressed desire to conclude an Austrian independence treaty—an act which the Western Big Three always had set as a test of Russian sincerity in relaxing world tension.

The Big Four ambassadors in Vienna will meet there May 2 to settle outstanding questions on the experts in this field is over 45, so new is the science.

John Diebold, who is 28 is head of his own engineering consulting firm and editor of Automatic Control, takes the Campbell prediction a step further. He says there is likely to be a labor shortage along with automation. He bases this on a belief that retirement age is decreasing while the age at which young people enter the work force is increasing.

All these rosy predictions are questioned, however, by union labor reports from their local of men laid off by machines.

James E. Carey, president of International Union of Electrical Workers, cited automated TV and radio assembly machines where two workers now take the place of 200, to make 1000 sets a day.

OTIS BRUBAKER OF UNITED Steelworkers cited figure of 60 to 75 per cent increase in steel production in 15 years, with a net employment decline of 10 per cent.

Mr. Campbell answered this by saying that while fewer men might be required to roll the steel, more men would be required to distribute it and make new machines. But he admitted that no one had the figures to prove this.

Walter Reuther, CIO and United Auto Workers president, admits there are no simple answers to these questions and no panaceas. He urges a congressional investigation to find a new national economic policy to keep people from being hurt by automation.

Reader Opinions

AF of L Union Did Not Endorse Any Candidate

ROSEBURG (AP) — It has been erroneously reported that the AF of L unions supported Ira Byrd against Joe Haystead. The AF of L unions to our knowledge did not endorse or support any of the candidates for county sheriff. However, since the County Court has made its decision it is the opinion of the AF of L unions that all the citizens of Douglas County should uphold the County Court's decision for the sake of harmony and welfare of the people of Douglas County.

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Bethlehem Steel Producing At 100 Per Cent Capacity

NEW YORK (AP) — Bethlehem Steel Corp. is producing steel at 100 per cent of capacity and expects to continue doing so through July, according to board chairman Eugene G. Grace.

"You can't get a pessimistic statement from me today," Grace told newsmen Thursday as he disclosed record-breaking first quarter figures for net income and sales of steel.

Grace had nothing but optimistic statements about the current and long-term prospects of the steel industry.

His board of directors declared a dividend of \$1.50 a share on common stock, payable June 1 to holders of record May 9.

This was higher than the three \$1.25 dividends paid in three quarters last year but smaller than the record \$2.25 dividend paid last January and the \$2 dividend paid in January 1954. Grace explained that a high dividend is paid at the start of a year if the profits during the preceding year justified it. He declined to commit Bethlehem to any regular dividend policy on common stock but said he would be "terribly disappointed" if his firm does not pay \$1.50 a share in this year's remaining quarters.

Bethlehem's first quarter net income was \$35,313,262, or \$3.51 a common share, compared with the previous record for a first quarter, \$33,130,000 set in 1949.

Heirs To Large Fortune Elated Over Report

SEATTLE (AP) — Four young members of a Seattle sheetmetal worker's family learned Wednesday that they will share with two California cousins the major part of a \$3 1/2 million dollar estate.

One of them, Elizabeth Brennan, 21, took Thursday off from her office job at her boss' suggestion. "And I wasn't sure I had a bus token to get home on," said the elated new heiress - to - be (and bride-to-be, too).

Elizabeth and her sisters, who also will share in the estate of a wealthy aunt, Mrs. Lucille M. Tyler, who died Sunday in Los Angeles, are: Joseph, 19, a laborer for an ice company and a former athlete at O'Dea High School here; Patricia, 22, an airline stewardess, and Joan Marie, 18.

They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Brennan, Brenna, 47, a brother of Mrs. Tyler, was her only living immediate kin. Mrs. Tyler was the former wife of an insurance company founder.

Another of the sisters also took the day off. Joan Marie stayed home from school to contemplate her fortune.

She and Elizabeth said they had not seen their aunt for about 14 years and remember her only from pictures.

Elizabeth said she plans to be married June 11.

"My aunt had written to ask what I wanted for a wedding present," she said, "and I wrote back that all I wanted was for her to come to the wedding."

Mrs. Tyler left 3,000 shares of insurance stock to her brother. Her jewelry goes to the three Seattle nieces, their mother and two sisters-in-law of Mrs. Tyler in California.

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sian boy who voluntarily went over to the West in Berlin in late March of this year. Zhukov told Eisenhower that he (Zhukov) recognized him (Ike) as a great humanitarian.

Laying it on with a trowel, Zhukov said in his letter that he knew the President would realize the anxieties of the Russian boy's family and would do his best to lighten these anxieties.

And so on.

Ike got the letter.

Presumably he leaned back in his chair and scratched his head, and possibly said to himself: "What's Grigori (his full name is Grigori Konstantinovich Zhukov) up to now?"

At any rate (according to "informants" who are a numerous tribe in Washington) Ike is said to have replied that he could recognize the anguish of the (communist) Russian boy's family.

But— He is said to have added— He hoped that Zhukov could realize THE ANXIETY OF AMERICAN FAMILIES OF AMERICAN MEN WHO ARE BEING HELD IN THE JAILS OF COMMUNIST CHINA.

I hope that is exactly what happened.

And I can't help thinking that maybe it IS what happened.

Ike has been around a lot. He has had a lot of propositions put up to him—propositions with a CATCH to them. He has had plenty of experience in sizing people up. He knows a baited hook when he sees one.

When he acts on his own judgment, in matters in which he has had experience— He nearly always DOES THE RIGHT THING.

It is only when he has fancy political propositions put up to him by skilled politicians, and—realizing that politics is a field in which he hasn't specialized—relies on the advice given to him by the politicians by whom he is surrounded, that our President sometimes seems to fumble.

In the critically important fields of soldiering and international diplomacy in which his life has been spent, his instincts are nearly always sound and wholesome.

House Probers Sniffing At Navy Hamburger Supply

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Thomas says the same goes for the Hoover Commission report that the Navy has a 35-year supply of canned bacon stored away. Thomas' figure: 18 months.

Brownell To Proceed In Antitrust Allegations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Atty. Gen. Brownell announced Thursday he is preparing to proceed under the antitrust laws against certain advertising practices in the publishing industry.

The attorney general said that "a draft complaint" will be drawn up in relation to advertising agency commissions, which he described as "uniform."

Brownell expressed the hope that the practices which he said the Justice Department found objectionable could be adjusted through conferences and negotiations leading to a consent decree acceptable both to the government and the publishing industry.

Brownell told a news conference that letters had been sent to the American Newspaper Publishers Assn. and the American Assn. of Advertising Agencies notifying them that a study of advertising commissions, which was started last year, indicated that action was necessary.

Idaho Police Put 10 p.m. Curfew On Juveniles

KELOLOG, Idaho (AP) — Police put a 10 p.m. curfew on juvenile motorists Thursday after picking up some young drivers. They said were "playing tag" with their cars.

Police Chief Harold Gibson said juveniles found driving after 10 without adult supervision will be apprehended.

Officers picked up 22 juveniles Monday night. Seven were arrested, three on driving charges and four on charges of contributing to the delinquency of minor girls.

There was no explanation of how "car tag" is played.

Air Force To Avoid Both Coasts In Locating Plant To Build Guided Missiles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force said Thursday it will avoid both coasts, and existing industrial concentrations as well, in locating production plants for its big guided missile program.

Secretary Talbott told reporters that he has "no idea of decreasing aircraft activity, contracts or employment on the West Coast," but added that the Air Force wants "further expansion or duplication of product to be moved, probably to the Middle West."

After saying that this policy appeals to the East as well as the West Coast, Talbott said:

"If we were being attacked by Russian bombers I would rather be in St. Louis than in Seattle, Wash., or Hartford, Conn."

The secretary took the stand that the policy of dispersion is economically wiser as well as strategic.

Polygamy Data Will Be Sent To Attorney General

PHOENIX (AP) — Detailed evidence of polygamy in the community of Short Creek on the Arizona-Utah border will be sent to Atty. Gen. Brownell along with a request for state investigation by federal authorities.

Sen. Langer (R-ND) received the testimony Thursday night in a closed session of a Senate subcommittee here to investigate juvenile delinquency.

"I want to get the names, dates and ages of the teenagers involved," the senator said before the closed session began.

The senator promised Mohave County officials that the full resources of the federal government would be thrown into the fight to stamp out the practice of polygamy in the Northern Arizona community.

Bernard T. Caine, Mohave County attorney, and William J. Faulkner, retired superior court judge, testified that the morals of nearly 300 children in the area, many of them girls under 15 years of age, were endangered by the practice.

Caine said that despite recent efforts by state officials to crack down on the colony, the men of the community still claim the right to practice polygamy under the freedom of religion provisions of the U. S. Constitution. He added that recent reports indicated "recruits" were arriving at the colony from Canada, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado and other areas.

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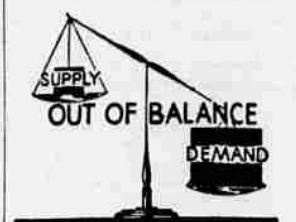
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