

Farmers And Ranchers Back Bill To Eliminate State Property Tax Requirement

By HECTOR L. FOX
SALEM — Farmers and ranchers told the House Tax Committee Monday they could cut down their county taxes if beset by poor times, but they couldn't do anything to prevent the state from collecting a property tax if one were levied.

The agriculturists, supporting a Senate-approved bill that would prevent the state from automatically imposing a 6-mill property tax if revenues fell below expenditures, said their tax load is "reaching the saturation point."

In the nine-county Eastern Oregon wheat belt, county taxes have increased 250 per cent in the last 15 years, they said.

And they were unanimous in asking the committee for assurances that the state could work out a tax program for the next two years that would remove any possibility of a state property levy.

Rep. Eddie Ahrens (R), Turner, said the state-wide tax increase on farm properties has risen 368 per cent since 1945. The increase

in urban areas, he said, has been only 185 per cent.

"The more the state becomes industrialized, the greater the tax burden on agriculture," he asserted.

A sponsor of the Senate measure, Sen. Harry Boivin (D), Klamath Falls, said the state shouldn't collect the property tax even "if the state winds up with a deficit."

"And if we have a recession or depression," he added, "the people should have a guarantee that the levy won't be imposed."

Boivin argued the 6-mill levy is the only revenue raiser the people can't reach. He said its automatic imposition deprives the people of a resort to a referendum, which is open to them under the Constitution with all other revenue-raising measures.

Boivin denied he was "alarmed" by any possibility the levy would be collected.

Sen. Rudie Wilhelm Jr. (R), Portland, sponsor of the bill, said it did not reflect a lack of confidence in the Tax Commission. "But the people actually have given the Tax Commission a blank check," he said.



CIRCUS SCHEDULED—The traditional clown will be one of the many features of the Rudy Brothers Circus which will be at the Fairgrounds Tuesday. Appearance of the circus is sponsored by the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce, and proceeds will be used for Jaycee youth activities. Performances will start at 4 and 8 p.m., with doors opening one hour before each program. Tickets for the circus can be purchased from Jaycee members.



HONOR WRITER—In a new series of four stamps, Portugal honors one of the immortals of Portuguese literature, Joao Baptista de Almeida Garrett, who lived from 1790 to 1854. The one-escudo stamp, shown above is dark sepia. The others are violet, green and red.

Morrow Sportsmen To Free Wild Turkeys

HEPPNER — A sportsmen's group Tuesday will release in Morrow County 15 wild turkeys it hopes will reproduce to the point they can be hunted as game birds.

The group is headed by Orville Cutsforth and Gar Leyva. They said the Oregon Game Commission is protecting these birds from hunting.

Cutsforth said his group purchased the turkeys in the hope they will develop in a few years into large flocks in sparsely settled Eastern Oregon.

Chilean Students Call 48-Hour Protest Strike

SANTIAGO, CHILE — University students called a 48-hour strike Tuesday to protest a police crackdown on demonstrations against soaring living costs. Three persons have been killed and 25 arrested in clashes during the past four days.

Reinforced police units patrolled the downtown streets of the Chilean capital Tuesday to check fresh outbreaks of violence. An official spokesman said troops might be called in from the interior if the situation becomes worse.

The third death resulting from the disorders was that of a 20-year-old girl, Eliana Ramirez. She was wounded fatally Monday night when police opened fire on a shouting, stone-throwing student group near Santiago's main square. Another student was wounded seriously.

A student wounded in a similar clash in Valparaiso died last night. Another was killed earlier.

British Union Bosses Call Off Crippling Strike

LONDON — Union bosses Tuesday called off costly strikes in Britain's shipbuilding yards and factories pending the outcome of a government inquiry into their pay demands.

The strikers—1½ million in the factories and 200,000 in the shipyards—were ordered to go back to work on Thursday.

The Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions made up of 40 unions which has been running the strikes decided to call them off after a recommendation by its executive.

The decision was taken as the walkouts threatened to cripple Britain's automobile production and factories producing 40 per cent of the nation's exports.

The three-man court of inquiry begins its work Wednesday. The unions have demanded a 10 per cent wage increase. Last week they offered to call off the strikes for an interim increase of 5 per cent if the rest of their demand was left to a commission of inquiry. The government asked them to go back to work while the investigation is in progress.



CHORALAIRES CHOIR will give two concerts Sunday, one at the Church of the Open Bible at 11 a.m. and the other at the Roseburg Church of the Open Bible at 7:45 p.m. The 23 voices in the choir are taken from the Bible Standard College of Eugene. The college features courses in ministry, missionary work, Christian education and sacred music.

Sell America, Speaker Tells Chamber Group

The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce was told at its noon luncheon Monday that it should "sell America" as well as "sell Roseburg."

Jess Mason, a public relations director for Zilka, Smith and Co., and Tigard, Ore. farmer, told the group that in the present age, Americans are "destroying more than they are creating." He was referring to fundamental principles that he stated the country was built on.

Within one generation, Mason told the chamber, the American people have cast over the ideas of their forefathers and replaced them with "social ideals" from Europe.

Americans now talk of a "social democracy," he said, in which the traditional relationship of the people and their government has been destroyed.

Mason cited the growth of government and its role in American life including a tax structure which means "the confiscation of all wealth" and destroys the ambition of productive workers and helps only sluggards.

What we are seeing, Mason told the chamber, is a return to Caesarism in which power is placed in the hands of one person by popular acclaim. He cited the growth of the executive branch of the Federal government since 1898.

The American people cannot

Another General Strike Threat Hangs Over Haiti

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti — The threat of another general strike hung over Haiti Tuesday as forces opposing provisional President Franck Sylva tried to topple his regime.

Most of the 10 presidential candidates competing for Sylva's job have been reported maneuvering for a general shutdown, the weapon which has brought down two governments in four months.

Daniel Fignole, presidential candidate spearheading the fight against Sylva, controls most of Haiti's trade unions, but it was not certain how far he was prepared to carry his battle.

trade liberty for security and keep faith with their forefathers, Mason explained. He stated that although people change and times change that principles remain constant.

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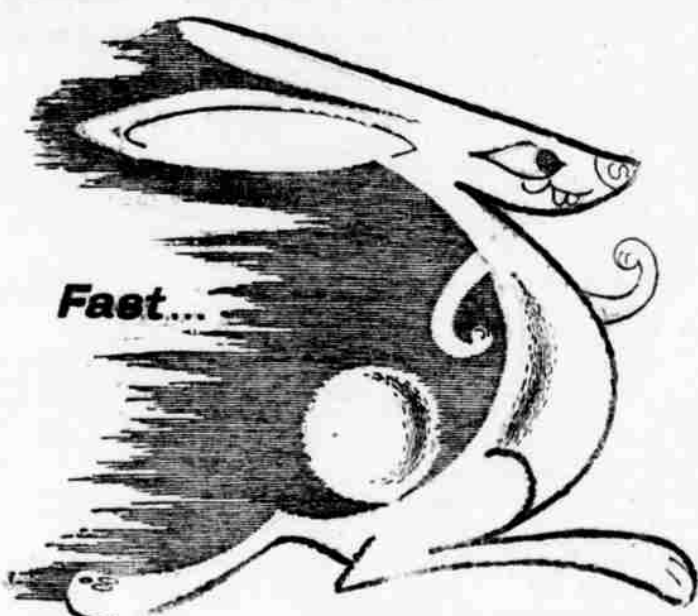
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