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TAX SNEAK PREVIEW

By George Castillo

One of the reports which will probably be drawing some of the most heated discussions at the 1959 Oregon Legislature is one now being compiled about the status of Oregon's tax structure.

The survey is being taken at the governor's behest under the direction of Dr. John F. Sly, a professor of political science at Princeton University.

At a meeting of the Portland Chamber of Commerce late last month, Dr. Sly explained the bases on which he would make recommendations to the Legislature.

These are the choices he sees which will face the lawmakers in any structure revisions.

1. If Oregon wishes to meet its increasing service costs on its present income and property base, it must be prepared for still higher income and property tax rates.

2. If it wishes to supplement these bases, it has the choices of increased excises, additional sales taxes or non-property taxes at the local level.

Dr. Sly points out that Oregon state and local general revenue per capita ranks lower than that of neighboring states of California and Washington. The differences are in the sources of the states' revenues.

Income Taxes High

He relates that Oregon has one of the highest personal income tax rate structures in the United States. This, he says, possibly only reflects that Oregon believes more deeply than most other states in the income tax as its chief source of revenue. He points out that Texas has the highest severance taxes, New Jersey, the highest property taxes and Indiana, the gross receipts taxes, reflecting a different philosophy.

A consideration of the income tax that may need revision, he points out, is the result of what appears to be a combination of belief in progressive taxation based on ability to pay and the necessity to broaden the tax base to collect enough money for services.

He says 40 per cent of tax collections in Oregon come from incomes between \$10,000 and \$50,000. At the same time, the state taxes lower incomes at higher rates than any other state. "If this discourages risk capital, retards savings and restrains top management from coming to the state, something should be done about it," he says.

About the corporation excise tax, Dr. Sly says the Oregon structure "shows no extreme departures from similar taxes in other states."

Another tax which affects business is that of unemployment compensation. Dr. Sly intimated that it might be necessary to revise here also. He pointed out that a survey in 1952 indicated that a 2 per cent rate of taxation on employers was necessary to support the unemployment compensation program. The average rate for all employers, however, wasn't raised to an average of 1.85 until 1958. He concludes that a rate structure must support the commitments behind the tax. "Expenditure is the first problem of taxation," he says.

Ranks With Neighbors

Comparing Oregon's tax structure with that of Washington and California, the doctor says both have lower rates in terms of sales and income taxes. But Oregon ranks between them in terms of state and local general revenue per \$1,000 of resident individual income and ranks below both in terms of per capita state and local general revenue from its own sources.

He concludes that "public acceptance" and "public policy" will be the factors in determining the Oregon tax structure in developing the state as a "good place to prosper."

Significantly, he cited other considerations besides taxes which will be examined closely by prospective business, industries and new residents. They included transportation costs, local marketing areas and seasonal employment factors.

—Peter Edson—

The administration decision not to cut taxes at this time, a choice well supported by congressional leaders, reflects two chief calculations as to the country's economic condition.

One is that the nation is close to the bottom of its business decline and soon will turn toward better times without the stimulus of a tax cut.

This judgment must underlie the decision, because otherwise the determination to employ either a reduction in taxes nor a heavy public works program could be interpreted as a policy of tolerance for continuously sagging business.

The second is that a substantial cut would evidently so enlarge the prospective federal deficit as to raise considerable threat of renewed inflation. Reinforcing this fear is the fact that despite the drop in the economy, living costs have gone on soaring to new highs.

In other words, President Eisenhower and those within his official family who support this decision against a cut have made a choice for what they hope will be a "natural" recovery. They are concerned that artificial stimuli may produce another disease worse than the current recession.

They take the risk that the natural adjustment they favor may be terribly painful for some millions of Americans, that it may come more slowly than they hope.

If that should be the history of the coming months, the political consequences to the administration and its party could be severe. But if Mr. Eisenhower and his supporting advisers have guessed right, and an upturn does soon begin, they may be hailed for their economic wisdom and rewarded at the polls.

Elmer Brown To Head Typographical Union

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Elmer Brown of New York will take office June 15 as president of the International Typographical Union.

Brown was named Wednesday to succeed Woodruff Randolph, who is retiring after 14 years as president. He has been Randolph's assistant, and his election assured continuation of the policies of the union's progressive party, which Randolph heads.

Brown polled 44,725 votes to 34,934 for the independent party nominee, Howard C. Murray of Richmond, Va.

The entire progressive slate won in the mail election. Other results included:

Second vice president — A. (Sandy) Bevis, Vancouver, R.C., 40,629; Glenn H. Hays, Detroit, 37,431.

Granny, What Big Teeth You Have!



Reader Opinions

Stand On Reciprocal Trade Stated By Geddes

It is most gratifying to have Sen. Richard Neuberger of Portland, use your columns to oppose me in my bid to unseat the Democrat incumbent representative from the 4th Congressional District, as he did in a recent letter to the editor.

The "big guns" from outside the district usually are not called in to help defend the record of an incumbent unless that record is vulnerable and difficult to defend. The senator's intervention is an indication to me that my campaign must be going well. I trust that he soon again may attempt to tell the people of Southwestern Oregon what to do.

When he does so, however, I trust that he will get his facts straight, and not misrepresent my position as he did the last time. For his information and yours, I do not oppose the reciprocal trade program and have never stated that I do. It provides an administrative procedure to promote foreign trade and to limit or restrict foreign imports when necessary for the protection of our own economic welfare. One other method of accomplishing these purposes is through quota or other direct legislation.

I strongly favor foreign trade and believe that it should be encouraged. Under present conditions, I do not favor "free trade," which would permit imports without any limitations. I have and do strongly criticize the position of my incumbent opponent which is stated in the April 24 issue of the Congressional Record. I quote him: "So far as it came up, I have always been for free trade."

The position of the 4th District congressman is also criticized by Lumber & Sawmill workers, Local 2029, of Grants Pass and by the Western Council of Lumber & Sawmill Workers, AFL-CIO, who find that unlimited imports of Japanese hardwood plywood are affecting our local economy and losing jobs for our workmen, and

have petitioned our representatives in Congress to do something about it. I agree with these unions.

Plywood imports from Japan increased from 13 million square feet in 1951 to 596 million in 1957—a 52-fold increase. At the beginning of 1957, Japan promised to limit its imports to a voluntary quota of 435 million square feet, but exceeded it by over 250 million square feet (the equivalent of the output of five large plywood plants). This year, 1958, Japan has put a voluntary quota on herself of 679 million square feet (the equivalent of the output of 12 large plywood plants), or an increase of 250 million over the quota. Accordingly, it is very clear that we cannot rely upon voluntary quotas.

It seems to me that our Democrat senators and congressmen should try to stem this ever-increasing tide of unfair competition. Our \$2.16 per hour minimum plywood labor cannot hope to compete with the 11¢ per hour wage of Japan. Our workers do not ask that those who represent us in Congress prohibit Japanese plywoods imports, but merely that they quit spending their time trying to justify the lack of a limit or quota. They should work with the administration under the reciprocal trade program or through quota legislation to apply sufficient restraint on the importation of foreign plywood to permit our own industry to survive and to maintain our wage structure and standard of living in Oregon.

Incidentally, it was interesting to note that the senator still refuses to recognize that it is the Democrat-controlled Congress that fixes the money policies of the national economy, the amount of federal housing loan funds, the rates of interest to be charged, and the loan policies. At least the Congress finally did act on these matters in passing the new Federal Housing Act—but only in April of this year. It is to be regretted that they sat idly by during the last year or two of the lumber market decline and used criticism of the administration as an excuse for their own inexcusable inaction.

Paul E. Geddes Republican Nominee for Congress 4th Congressional District

10 Employees Kept Away As Gunman Loots Safeway

TACOMA (AP) — Nine men and one woman were nervous prisoners of a soft-spoken armed bandit in a seven-hour reign of terror preceding a Tacoma supermarket hold-up before it opened Monday.

The gunman robbed the Safeway store of an undisclosed amount. Half-smoked cigarette stubs in the ladies' lounge, Police Lt. William Fulghum said, gave evidence of the unhappy situation of the 10 "graveyard shift" workers who were herded one at a time into the room while the store manager slept at home.

The "parade" started about 11:45 Sunday night when the night watchman, Daryl R. Schinnell, found himself hailed from a dark spot in the supposedly empty store. A moment later he faced the robber's gun.

Schinnell, upon disclosing he knew nothing of the safe combination or anything of hidden funds, was marched into the lounge.

The other employees came in at intervals during the night and early morning hours and were herded into the lounge.

At 6:32 a.m. the arrival of the store manager, Carl Harstead, spurred the bandit to new action. At gunpoint, he compelled Harstead to open the safe, took a final sweeping glance of the store, and stepped outside and presumably drove away.

In a similar holdup last Aug. 5 at another chain grocery store, a robber lay in wait and held three employees and deliverymen hostages as they arrived one at a time.

Younger Generation Has Its Good Youths As Well

As time passes by, people are always talking about our juvenile problem and how the kids are getting to be more of a problem every day.

I would like to take this time to tell you about a surprise my husband and I had the other day when I am through, I wonder if you can still say the younger generation is "getting worse."

My husband and I own and operate a drive in ice cream establishment and through the whole school year, we have had our regular school kids who come in for lunch. Every day we would look forward to their visits of the day at noon. And through the year, we have tried to express our gratitude towards them for coming over to our store.

As school began drawing to a close, it of the boys began to wonder what they could do for us as a token of their friendship and the fun they had had at our store.

They found out we had a 10th anniversary coming up the 29th of May. So these boys all went together and bought us a beautiful tub chair for our home. They brought it down themselves with a card they had all signed and presented the gift to us, saying they wanted to thank us for all we had done for them.

We were deeply touched over this. We felt that every one should know just how this younger generation acts if given half a chance to express itself.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In two Algerian cities — Constantine and Algiers — General (now Premier) De Gaulle pledged that Algeria's NINE million Moslems and ONE million Europeans will henceforth have the same RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

That is to say— If he means what he says and is able to make good on his pledge—

BOTH will have the right to VOTE in free and unhindered elections.

So far, so good.

But here is the catch: In Constantine, the speech was received with clamorous applause by the crowd, more than half of which was made up of MOSELEMS. In Algiers, where the crowd was made up almost entirely of ALGERIAN FRENCH, his pledge was received with marked coolness.

Over the years, this has been the situation in Algeria: About a million French have been running the affairs of about nine million Moslems.

If De Gaulle makes good his pledge of EQUAL rights and duties (including, presumably, FREE elections) the nine million Moslems WILL RUN THE AFFAIRS OF THE ONE MILLION FRENCH.

That's where the rub will come. Will the French stand for it? We'll have to wait and see. At the moment, it looks a little doubtful. If De Gaulle can make good his pledge and can MAKE THE FRENCH LIKE IT, he will be entitled to a place in history among the world's GREAT leaders.

Algerian Sees No Letup In War To Get Freedom

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Spokesmen for the Algerian Moslem Nationalists here Thursday saw no letup in the rebellion against French rule as a result of Premier de Gaulle's promises of integration and equality.

Tunisian editorial comment on de Gaulle's speech in Algiers Wednesday was caustic.

The spokesmen for the National Liberation Front (FLN) said De Gaulle's offer reflected only his incomprehension of the Nationalist cause.

Al Anfal, newspaper of President Habib Bourguiba's Neo-Destour Party, commented that De Gaulle "does not seem to understand that times have changed and that it is no longer possible to diminish a people which, for four years, has been fighting for its independence."

"Is it in this man that the British and Americans have put their hopes, and is it on these principles they hope the difficulties in North Africa will be solved?" The independent daily "As Sahel" commented that "history will say that on June 4 Gen. de Gaulle has declared war anew on the Algerian People."

Neuberger Asks GOP Stand On Columbia R.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oregon Republicans should make clear the party's position on a bill for a Columbia River Development (D-Ore) says.

Neuberger said William Niskanen of Bend, Ore., earlier had endorsed the bill. The senator said Niskanen was chairman of the Oregon GOP's Water Policy Committee.

Later, though Neuberger said former Oregon Gov. Elmo Smith said Niskanen was not authorized to speak for the Republican Party on the bill.

Neuberger said he asked both to clarify the GOP's stand for the Senate Public Works Subcommittee.

A similar request also was sent to James Short of Salem, the GOP's state chairman.

—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK — The scene is a future war. The American infantry is attacking.

Suddenly one platoon breaks away from the advancing line and zooms rapidly forward like a swarm of angry bumblebees.

They take one hill... two hills... three hills... as the startled enemy panics and flees.

Later the whole platoon is called before the beaming general who says:

"There has never been an exploit to match this in the entire annals of warfare. It's fantastic. I am proud of you men, and I'm recommending every one of you for the Medal of Honor."

The members of the platoon look uneasily at one another. Finally an honest private blurts out: "Aw, hell, general, we ain't no heroes. We just set our rear rocket motors too high—and couldn't stop. If we hadn't run out of fuel, we'd still be going."

This little fantasy could come true if a new portable rocket developed by an ex-army technical sergeant works out. Strapped to the rear of a doughboy it holds promise of turning him into a combination racehorse and antelope.

Impossible Made Easy

"He can run faster, can jump across rivers, scale walls and cliffs, jump extraordinary heights—and not be tired when he gets there," said Alexander H. Bohr, the inventor.

The rocket, details of which are still secret, doesn't quite enable a soldier to fly, apparently, but does give him the exhilarating feeling he's a human cricket.

Several infantry veterans I discussed a doughboy rocket with were on the skeptical side. "They're always thinking up ways to get a dogface into battle faster," said one. "What the dogface himself wants is a way to get him out of battle altogether—and for this, there's no better gadget than a general peace."

"If this rocket thing really makes it easier to get about," said a second, "it'll take it at least two generations to filter up to the front lines. And even then the rear area boys will keep all the latest models for their own convenience."

Aid To AWOL

"One thing you do have to admit," remarked a third. "It sure is a hell of a handy instrument for going AWOL in a hurry."

"No, it won't," said a fourth. "The military police will have rockets with double motors."

And a fifth veteran observed: "Well, the fly-boys have engineers to go along with them. This rocket idea might not be so bad if they assign a technician to every dogface—to carry his pack and fix his motor. Lots of times in the last war I could have used a valet."

The army, of course, is testing dozens of ideas to make it easier for the doughboy to do his task in battle.

But no old infantryman ever believes anyone will ever make his job comfortable. Throughout history he knows the problem of the dogface has always been the same—a scattered group of men with a thousand-yard stare in their tired eyes stumbling up a forlorn hill to root out a dug-in enemy.

So it was on Normandy 14 years ago this Friday—behind the beach stood the first of a thousand hills. And so, the optimist believes, it always will be for the infantry as long as there are wars.

Former Riddle Instructor To Serve Idaho Missions

By ERMA BEST

Hugh Wintersteen, former Riddle teacher, and family spent Memorial Day weekend in Riddle as guests of Mrs. S. R. Nichols. Wintersteen was graduated recently from the Episcopal Church of Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, Calif., and the family was en route to Burley, Idaho, to live.

Wintersteen will serve two missions, Burley and Pocatello, following his ordination at the cathedral in Boise June 11. He spoke Sunday to the congregations of the Riddle Church of the Ascension and St. Anne's in Myrtle Creek.

Other Guests Arrive

Other weekend guests at the Nichols home were her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Nichols and four children of Portland; a brother, Frank Speer of Bellflower, Calif., and his daughter, Mrs. Bob Rice and children of Seattle, who were en route to San Diego, Calif., to meet their husband and father, a returning marine; and a brother, Rev. Speer from Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Stuart and children, accompanied by Stuart's father, Hugh A. Stuart, visited the family plot in Belcrest Cemetery, Salem, Memorial Day. The family spent two days in Portland with Mrs. Stuart's sister, Mrs. J. B. Crook and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dayton and Mrs. Asa Lawson were in Corvallis Saturday to attend the wedding of Miss Marion Bradstreet and George Lester, which took place at the First Baptist Church. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Frank Bradstreet, the family formerly residing in Riddle. Mrs. Lawson visited in McMinnville with her

Foreign Producers Seeking To Exploit Aluminum Market

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — Foreign aluminum producers, taking advantage of low wage rates, are seeking to exploit the U. S. market, Donovan Wilmut, vice president of Aluminum Co. of America, says.

The foreign invasion comes at a time when this country's aluminum capacity is in excess of demand, Wilmut said at the spring meeting of the Aluminum Extruders' Council. He said the primary aluminum industry must remain strong and will find it increasingly difficult to do so unless the government provides adequate protection against the competition of subsidized or state-owned foreign producers.

Domestic aluminum industry average hourly wages range from \$2.50 to \$2.65 an hour, excluding fringe benefits, he said, while aluminum workers in such countries as Japan, Italy, France and West Germany get 24 to 48 cents hourly.

Wilmut also noted that American aluminum producers had created additional capacity at a cost of \$1 to 2 billion dollars in order to assure ample metal for both military and civilian needs.

Bulk Petroleum Motor Carriers Can Raise Rate

SALEM (AP) — Motor carriers of bulk petroleum products were granted permission to increase their rates 12 per cent effective June 15.

The permission was granted by Public Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan. It will not apply to residual oil commodities and asphalt.

Morgan said the last bulk petroleum increase was granted 10 years ago.

Morgan said he received no protests against the increase.

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D. D.

(Written for NEA Service)

When children do not obey or when adults do not pay us the heed which we think is deserved we sometimes raise our voices. The reason for our doing this is to gain attention and to assure acceptance of our wishes. Somehow, we feel that a loud voice will penetrate the barrier which seems to exist between us and the ears of our audience.

Actually we raise our voice because we are exasperated with someone else. If others pay attention to our shouting, it is more to stop the noise or to quiet our nervous tension.

When we fail to heed God and to obey His commandments He does not shout at us. Surely He is more justified in being disgusted with most of us than we are justified in being frustrated by our neighbors. God wins man with His quiet persistent love. We could do well to pause and follow his example.

English Bosom Class-Conscious, Writer Maintains

By EDDY GILMORE

LONDON — "In America, a bosom is quite simply regarded as a good thing. English bosoms are class-conscious."

That's the verdict of 30-year-old Mary Tuck, Oxford graduate and onetime English teacher at the University of Pittsburgh. Her views are advanced in a new book, "The Intelligent Women's Guide to Good Taste."

Miss Tuck's theory of class-conscious cleavage is based on bias, background and upbringing and gives the biggest boost to the lower-class bust. Put another way, she says the upper-class bust needs a big boost.

Super Droopers

Look around a fashionable hunt hall, she says, and you will find the upper class are super droopers.

"The reasons for this are an interesting subject for speculation," she continues. "I think the most probable is that starchy feeding at fashionable girls' schools produces unusually hefty figures in the adolescent upper class female."

The heavy strain put on percutaneous muscles at a comparatively early age causes the sag, she said, and "no one bothers to see it is properly corseted."

So when this girl reaches the age of debutante parties and hunt balls, her figure is permanently damaged.

But: "Her working class sisters, who have been buying themselves properly fitting brassieres out of their wages since the age of 15, have far less to contend with."

INSIDE JOB

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — Warrant officer Norman Lyon complained to police that someone took some military vehicles joy-riding inside the National Guard Armory. Lyon found skid marks on the armory floor.

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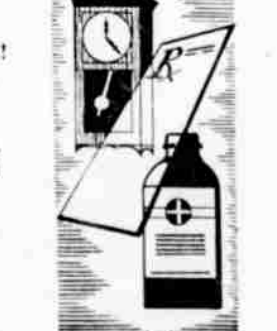
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