

Solons Over-Reacting To Tax Bill Pressure

(Editors note: State officials have become so sensitive to voter reaction that they are inadvertently contributing to the possible defeat of the legislature's \$40 million tax increase measure at the Oct. 15 election. Second of five-part series.)

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SALEM (UPI) — Legislators and state agencies are so fearful of defeat of the \$40 million tax increase bill at the Oct. 15 election they are unintentionally contributing to its defeat.

They seem to be over-reacting to public pressure for economy. An example is the Sept. 6 meeting of the State Emergency Board. This is a group made up of legislators. They serve as fiscal watchdogs when the legislature is not in session.

When state agencies need more money because of emergencies or because the legislature forgot to appropriate funds for certain jobs, they take their case to the Emergency Board.

Reservations Are Open For Writers' Banquet

Reservations for the Roseburg Writers Club's annual banquet scheduled for Sept. 29, are now being taken and are requested before Sept. 21.

The banquet is open to the public, and persons interested in attending should make reservations by calling Hilda Peterson, secretary, 673-5321 or Mrs. William Bladorn 673-4240.

The affair will take place at The Bamboo House, 2475 NE Diamond Lake Blvd. at 2 p.m., with a coffee hour preceding. Thomas E. Gaddis, author of "Birdman of Alcatraz," will be the speaker for the occasion. Gaddis, currently on the staff of Reed College in Portland, has achieved considerable fame for his writings, and his book, which tells the strange story of Robert Stroud, sentenced to life in solitary confinement for two killings. The story has been further popularized by the recent movie of the same name.

Movie Showtime

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1963
INDIAN THEATRE — Doors open 7:00. One complete show at 7:30. "The Longest Day" at 7:50 only.
STARLITE DRIVE-IN — Open Thursday through Sunday.
PINE DRIVE-IN — Open Fri-Sat-Sun.
GRAND THEATRE (Sutherlin) — Open Fri. and Sat.
CLOVERLEAF DRIVE-IN (Sutherlin) — Box office opens at 7:30. Show at dusk. Buck Nite, "Walk the Proud Land" and "In the Cool of the Day."
TRI CITY DRIVE-IN — Box office opens 7:15 p.m., show starts at 8:00. Buck Nite, "Midnight Lace" and "Against All Flags."

Thursday, Sept. 12, 1963
INDIAN THEATRE — Doors open 7:00. One complete show at 7:30. "The Longest Day" at 7:50 only.
STARLITE DRIVE-IN — Open 7:30. Shows start at dusk. "Jason and the Argonauts" and "Island of Love."
PINE DRIVE-IN — Open Fri-Sat-Sun.
CLOVERLEAF DRIVE-IN (Sutherlin) — Box office opens at 7:30. Show at dusk. "The Young Racers" and "California."
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At the Sept. 6 meeting the Emergency Board refused to grant appropriations asked by the Justice Department and the State Tax Commission to implement new laws.

Told to Juggle Resources
Both agencies were told to juggle the money and people they already had, and to get the job done without any more money.

Emergency Board members told the agencies a "tax revolt" was underway, and that they had to economize.

The reaction of the man on the street's is that the only reason economy is being stressed is because the tax increase measure has been referred. He wonders if the legislators would have been as economy-minded if a referendum were not pending.

The legislature set aside \$300,000 to finance the Oct. 15 special election. The Emergency Board cut this to \$275,000.

This was pure window dressing, because the law sets aside the full \$300,000, and the full amount will have to be spent if it is needed. If that amount isn't needed, it won't be spent, regardless of the Emergency Board's action.

But the man in the street thinks it is an economy move.

Salary Cut Eyed
At the previous Emergency Board meeting salary increases for state workers were approved only through the end of this year. The idea was if the tax measure is defeated, the salary increases would be withdrawn.

But it may not work this way. The state can't play ping-pong with an employee's paycheck. If the tax bill is defeated some workers may be fired, or all may be forced to take days off without pay. But the basic salary rates will stay up unless the Civil Service Commission adopts a lower salary schedule.

Emergency Board members are worried. They're afraid of what can happen to the state's government if the tax bill is defeated.

They're sincerely concerned about the state's education program, which will be the hardest hit.

Tomorrow: The crisis in education.

YMCA Program Resumes Monday

Roseburg YMCA in Stewart Park will resume its program next Monday, Sept. 16. The facilities have been thoroughly cleaned and certain repairs have been made during two weeks of closure.

Activities during the next two weeks will feature the following recreation swim times: Monday, Wednesday and Friday—9 a.m. to 10 a.m. (Early Birds); noon to 1 p.m. (men only); 1 to 3 p.m., 4:45 to 8 p.m. and 8 to 9 p.m. (adult and high school only). All instruction classes will begin the week of Sept. 30.

Also starting Monday will be Inge Hansen's evening exercise group from 7 to 8 o'clock. This year her "Motions to Music" class will include high school girls and women.

Wednesday morning from 10 to 11 is Jackie Morgan's ladies' exercise time. This hour is followed by a recreation swim from 11 a.m. to noon.

The new fall and winter program schedules are available at the "Y" or persons interested may call 673-5501 and ask to have one mailed to them.

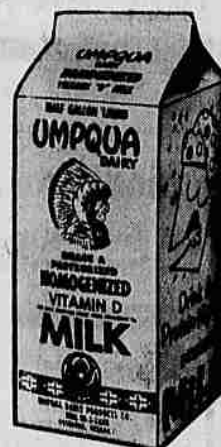
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