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Governor Making Responsible Budget Cuts

It's going to hurt—cutting all those millions from the state budget. But it certainly isn't going to be a wholesale smashing of state agencies as many spokesmen predicted before the rejection of the \$60 million tax increase.

This is indicated in the cutbacks being ordered by Gov. Mark Hatfield. The cutbacks are selective and far from the across-the-board slashing predicted by many a gloom-gathering agency head.

In many cases, as Zan Stark, United Press International correspondent at Salem puts it, the cuts were far less severe than had been expected.

For example, last month, the state Library Board in a fit of panic, slashed its budget by \$122,000. The governor this week ordered only \$68,850 in cuts.

Two general fund appropriations—for orphans, foundlings and wayward girls and for the Patton Home for the Friendless—were untouched.

Operating fund cuts were less than expected, but the same wasn't true for proposed construction programs. The entire \$1.3 million community college construction allotment was wiped out. This won't affect Douglas County now, since no district has yet been formed. But it may in the next few years delay construction because those included in that \$1.3 million will no doubt be put under construction first. Because it would have served such a vital role in relieving the growing pressure on the four-year colleges, this was a grievous cut.

With two exceptions, all other construction projects not already under way were eliminated. The exceptions were a new cell block at Oregon Correctional Institution and two cottages

at MacLaren School for Boys. These projects will cost about \$300,000.

In all, the total construction cutbacks amounted to about \$12 million. Also wiped out were \$4.7 million for state employees' and higher education pay raises. These raises have already been granted, however, and the Civil Service Commission says they cannot be withdrawn. The increases will be offset by layoffs of personnel.

These cuts seem pretty big, but there were no 25 per cent cutbacks as some state officials threatened. Higher education was cut 7.6 per cent (\$6.2 million from an \$80 million budget), public welfare 7.1 per cent (\$2.9 million from \$41.9 million budget), state institutions 7 per cent (\$3.5 million from \$49.9 million budget) and Department of Education 11.6 per cent (\$1.5 million from \$13 million).

These cuts made by the governor are based on the hope that the legislature will authorize a \$10.8 million cutback in the \$135 million basic school support fund and allow the one-shot withholding tax collections to add \$12 million to the state's income this biennium.

The governor acted responsibly in making the reductions. He has every reason to think the legislature will be cooperative and just as responsible.

We're not underestimating the damage the cuts will do to a forward-moving state, but as one woman asked a senator before the election, "Why shouldn't we expect the legislature to do the very best it can." The governor has set the pattern, and the legislature will, no doubt, follow suit, doing "the very best it can."

"I'll Trade Ya Headaches Any Time"



The Editor's Corner

By Charles V. Stanton

Political War Predicted For Legislative Session

Gov. Mark Hatfield has called the Oregon Legislature into special session starting Nov. 11. That's Veterans Day. We used to call it Armistice Day. It is a day upon which we celebrate the termination of war. It is a day when we honor our fighting men.

But, insofar as the Oregon Legislature is concerned, I fear that this coming Nov. 11 will mark the start, rather than the end, of another "war." This "war," however, will be one of political theory and opinion, coupled with political ambition and party manipulation.

Already we find many different interpretations being placed upon the vote at the recent special election. People defeated a proposed state budget most decisively.

But why? Sen. Al Flegel and Rep. Sid Leiken of our own county legislative delegation have appealed to people to tell what they want.

But I'm ready to gamble that even though they get thousands of letters—which I doubt—they'll never get a clear opinion of what the "mandate" was all about.

Desires Differ

Some people want a sales tax and expect such a tax to emerge from the special session. Others look for a cigarette tax. Many demand a reduction in all taxes. Some feel we must accept a drastic cutback. Others contend we must retain services but must find new sources of revenue. And, so it goes. Already there is a reported rift between the Governor and the President of the Senate concerning what the people want.

And the people want many things. The negative vote was, it seems to me, based upon various philosophies, coupled with a degree of anger because of a feeling the public was being threatened by proponents.

I question very much that from all this diversity of opinion the legislature can find out what people actually "demanded."

Directions Many

This, then, will cause legislators to head off in various directions. We can look for a good deal of discussion concerning whys and wherefores. Gov. Hatfield has presented a plan which would whack a substantial sum off the budgets of all state services. But, will a Democratic legislature go along with proposals coming from a Republican governor? On the other hand, does the governor offer his program, knowing it will be beaten by the legislature, though he will have a lot of public support and thereby will add to his political image?

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Clutch of banana democracy politicians. The Arabs teach us daily. Maybe we are getting smart, but, oh, my Lord, how much hypocrisy in terms of love-thy-neighbor cost us in the past!

Whatever DID happen to Korea, not to mention Chiang Kai-shek?

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Opinions From Readers

Mental Health Group Is Often Misunderstood

To The Editor:

I am writing to you with the hopes of correcting some of the misunderstanding about the Mental Health Association of Douglas County.

Question: "How many emotionally disturbed persons did the Mental Health Association treat during the last year?"

Answer: "None." Treatment is by professionally trained people only! Treatment by the unskilled is not only ineffective but can be dangerous.

Question: "Well then just what does the association do?"

Answer: "The association is working to see that professional help is available to all Douglas County residents." The association is a non-profit, educational, organization. It is composed of lay people, having the advice of a professional advisory committee, who are interested in promoting mental health. Seriously troubled people should be able to find help when needed.

Question: "Is it not true that the association's first interest is in the care of the mentally ill?"

Answer: "False." Less than one per cent of the population becomes sufficiently disturbed that they need hospital care. Naturally, the association is interested in the care and treatment of such persons. The first interest of the association is the prevention of mental illness. Latest figures show that one out of eight, or 12 per cent, will at some time during their life need professional help. It has been proven that such professional help can keep little troubles, in most cases, from growing so big that the person must be sent to the hospital. The association is working to keep people mentally healthy and to keep people out of hospitals.

Question: "Am I mentally well?"

Answer: "Not all the time." There is a ridiculous idea that only those in a mental hospital are "mentally ill" and everyone on the outside is "mentally well." No one has good mental health all the time, anymore than he has good physical health all the time. All of us have colds, toothaches, etc., and all of us have days when everything seems to go wrong.

Question: "Does the United Fund give support to the association?"

Answer: "Yes." It has been definitely shown that people who have a better understanding of themselves realize that many of their problems are caused by their own attitudes. They in turn will seek professional help, which in most cases, can keep them from being seriously handicapped. The United Fund knows that the association is working for a healthier, happier, community and that is why it gives support. By giving to the United Fund you too can help!

Answer: "No paid employees."

The association is strictly voluntary, and members give of their time and money. The small budget of the association is used for stamps, stationery, films, and the free literature which is distributed to the public.

The association has arranged for Dr. Joseph H. Treleven, administrator of the Mental Health Division of the state of Oregon, to come to Roseburg and speak at a public meeting.

As administrator, he is responsible for all State Mental Hospitals, for the Home for the Retarded, for the Alcohol Studies and Rehabilitation Center, and has some responsibility for the 17 mental health clinics throughout the state.

The association feels very fortunate to have a man of his ability coming to Roseburg to speak to the community on "The Revolutionary New Concepts in the Field of Mental Health." Dr. Treleven will be explaining the reorganization of the State Hospital in Salem and what this means to Douglas County residents.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 24, 1963.

WHERE: Roseburg Woman's Club, 747 SE Mosher.

TIME: 8 p.m.

Note: No admission charge—free literature available.

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Taxation Is Too Heavy; Amendment Is Needed

To The Editor:

Tuesday was election — the people have spoken! They were not protesting education or of taking care of the aged or needy. It was not an expression against duly authorized constitutional authority.

The people of Oregon gave out the mandate that the total load of all taxation is too much.

I have said this speaking publicly, and have written it many times. Now is the time to emphasize it—there is but one solution — The Liberty Amendment.

I now urge all citizens to take time to study and evaluate this proposal that Willis E. Stone has spent half a lifetime on. A proposal that is endorsed by such recognized newspapers as the Indianapolis Star, and more than 6,000 organizations such as the American Medical Association, the Texas Medical Association, House of Delegates of the Association of Physicians and Surgeons, the Republican Party of Wisconsin, The American Farm Bureau, The Mississippi Cattlemen Association, and the New York Grange to name but a few.

Mr. "Wally" Lee won the

nomination last year of Oregon State Senate, 12th District, in the Republican Party by a 5,000 vote margin. The Liberty Amendment was his only platform. He said then "I am confident that candidates for the State Legislature in any State in the Union can win on the Liberty Amendment issue alone. This can be done only if the candidates will get the text and benefits out to the people."

Mr. Citizen you have spoken; Now insist on a thorough study of this measure that was stopped in committee last legislative session, by your elected representatives there.

Fellow citizens, study this yourselves, without bias, and let's join the six states that have approved it to make our national leaders as cognizant of our tax problem on a national basis, as we have made our state cognizant of our burden on the state level here in Oregon.

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Petitions Called Proof Against Sewer District

To The Editor:

There has been a great deal of pressure by certain groups to form a sanitary district in the Winchester area. This has met with a certain amount of opposition. To determine the extent of this opposition petitions were circulated on the two principal streets of Winchester proper with the following results:

The petition on Pioneer Way was signed by 27 persons opposing the district and only one in favor.

The petition on Page Road was 39 against and six for the district.

The results of these petitions should convince anyone that the residents of that portion of the proposed district do not favor the proposal.

Much has been said about sewage from another section running into an open ditch, eventually emptying into the Umpqua River from which Roseburg gets its water supply. But the writer forgot to state that the ditch, which, it is true, does carry sewage, empties into the river about a quarter of a mile downstream from the intake of Roseburg's water supply and, therefore, doesn't contaminate the city's water.

We are being asked to join with two other districts who alone are unable to finance such a large undertaking. These districts are seatons. They include many acres of vacant field. It would be extremely costly to carry sewers through these unoccupied areas. The excessive cost of such sewer system would lead to delinquent payments plus high taxes. Doubtless some property owners eventually would lose their homes. This already has happened in some other sanitary districts in the county.

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By ROBERT C. RUARK

Spending Offers A Stop Moral

chum Sukarno in Indonesia has felt the grievous wound in the hip pocket, and I also notice that the French are pulling out of my favorite North African suburb, Bizerte.

At the same time we have eliminated overseas pay for 375,000 troops who never had it so good since the big war ended in Europe, and all of these things, lumped, make a powerful moral.

The moral is written better than I can do in the headline on a recent Richard Starnes column from Saigon. The copy reader did it simply: "Is It Worth Saving?" asks the man on the newspaper copy desk, and the answer from a long ways away is: "No. It Ain't."

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of the News-Review

40 YEARS AGO

Oct. 21, 1923
Ray, Hugh and Roy D'Autremont and Barnard LaChance are suspected of holding up a Southern Pacific train in Tunnel 13 in the Siskiyou mountains Oct. 11. Twins Roy and Ray are 23; Hugh is 19; and LaChance is 30. Establishing the identity of the alleged bandits is regarded as one of the greatest achievements of detective work in the history of the West. A reward of \$19,200 has been offered for the quartet.

On a field that resembled a duck pond rather than a gridiron, the Roseburg Elks football team today defeated the National Guard team of Cottage Grove, 6-0. In a game that deserves a prominent place in the annals of football history in the state, Roseburg players showed they hadn't passed their prime. They displayed a scientific and skillful manner in winning.

25 YEARS AGO

Oct. 21, 1938
David Lloyd-George of Britain declared today that in making the Munich accord "we handed over a little democratic state in Central Europe wrapped in the Union Jack and tricolor to a ruthless dictator who will deny freedom to both Czechs and Germans alike." He was speaking of the agreement with Hitler dismembering Czechoslovakia.

A little more than half the \$53,421 distributed in Douglas County in compliance with the state unemployment compensation law up to Aug. 1 went to lumber and timber products workers, it was reported.

10 YEARS AGO

Oct. 21, 1953
Of the 26 school districts in Douglas County, 23 showed student enrollment population increases this year over last, according to the report from County Supt. Kenneth Barneburg. The number has jumped from 13,368 to 14,470 since last September.

Drain's football Warriors held tenaciously to first place in District 5-A-2 last night by defeating Junction City, 30-0.

Roy Campanella, Brooklyn's slugging catcher, heads the 1953 major league All-Star Team, one of the strongest squads ever put together. "Campy" hit 41 home runs and batted 142 runs this year.

The current migration of silver salmon in the North Umpqua River is the second highest since records were started at Winchester.

fight metropolis next door to Haiti. We are phony for saying "naughty" to that dreadful old global playboy, Sukarno, just because he hijacked half of New Guinea (with United Nations permission) and is now trying to move into the Malaysian turf. Howcome we are so mean to this geisha-chaser with the bankrupt country?

The cessation of overseas pay for those hardship G.I.s in the fraulein and madeoiselle belt is a terrible thing to do to fighting men who never heard a gun or felt a wound. How can you keep a man happy in the Place Pigalle if you knock off his overseas allowance for standing sentry-go at the Embassy? Are we to admit that we've just been throwing the dough, with no war to justify it?

What we are admitting is also what we owned up to when we said goodbye to the big airframe carriers the other day, simultaneously shifting a lot of troops out of France.

Man Sick

Starnes says, speaking of the war in Viet Nam, "The sick man of Southeast Asia is just as sick as he was in 1954 when the late John Foster Dulles gave his assurances that Dien Bien Phu was impragable. Generals have long realized that capturing geography was meaningless so long as the enemy's power remained undestroyed."

Two major points enter into this prognosis. One is that geography, in the sense of a buffer state, has been rendered meaningless because of jet planes and rocket gadgetry, combined with nuclear weapons. Who really needs Madame Nhu and her covey of in-laws? Who needs Bizerte? Who needs Ahmed Ben Bella and Algeria?

What we used to figure as a need is now a liability. Who needs most of sub-Sahara Africa? So you say if we don't feed and water the incompetents, they'll run off to Russia. Run off to Russia? Holy moly. The Russians are trying to buy outside wheat to feed themselves, and they need a pauper dependency in Africa like they need Red China. That Africa is a bit bugabear in the old sense of "if we don't the Communies will." It's even bigger when you start to measure it in terms of control and supply line. The Russians have more trouble at home, and with China, than they can handle without adopting some mangrove swamp run by fugitives from an old-fashioned baroque show.

Program Phony

That is one point. To other point is the complete phonyhood of our giveaway program, for the greater good of all the thieving politicians in countries which own a clear record of nothing but military takeovers and gangster leadership.

How dare we cut off monetary aid to Honduras and the Dominican Republic? Is not the safety of the Caribbean endangered thereby? They are still liable to Russian absorption. Surely, if we give a mess of money to that old murderer, Trujillo, we ought to keep on giving dough to his military images that just knocked Bosch who might conceivably be a little left of a lieutenant colonel) out of the presidential palace.

We're Phony

This makes us very phony indeed for not continuing to pour money down the kind of drain which made it possible for Ramon Trujillo to spend more money on yachts and female companions than we were giving his old man to run that cock-

Fear Stilled

Hatfield has urged the forthcoming session to confine itself strictly to the matter of taxes. It is indeed to be hoped that nothing else gets into the hopper.

Some of the state's conservationists had feared that Hatfield would renew his demands for a state Department of Natural Resources. But the Governor's insistence that only the tax issue be considered seems to rule out a renewal of one of his pet projects.

When the special session meets the first act, I believe, should be a joint resolution ruling out of consideration any legislation other than that directly connected with the state budget and needed revenue.

Again, I question that the legislature can interpret the recent vote as a clear mandate for anything, other than a realization that the public didn't like what the legislature did at its last session and afterward.

Who are you?

A person is much more than meets the eye. How deeply have you pondered this question of who you really are? Basically, a man's identity is spiritual. It depends upon God. When you stop to think about it, a clearer idea of who you are can change your life. You're invited to join us for a one-hour talk on this subject by Lenore D. Hanks, a member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship. The title: "Do You Know Who You Really Are?"

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