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Chernenko appearance reported

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko, who has not been seen in public for nearly seven weeks, addressed the regular meeting of the ruling Politburo this week, the official news agency Tass said Thursday.

Tass did not say when the meeting occurred, but the Tass story was dated Thursday, the day that the Politburo normally meets.

The report that Chernenko spoke at the Politburo meeting came the same day that a journalist for the Communist Party newspaper Pravda, Vladimir Bolshakov, said publicly that Chernenko was sick and that his condition was "stable."

Chernenko, 73, had not been seen in public since Dec. 27, when television showed him at a Kremlin awards ceremony.

Property, income tax reductions included in proposed sales tax bill

SALEM (AP) — The House Revenue Committee is making major revisions in Gov. Vic Atiyeh's sales tax plan, including earmarking revenue from the proposed 5 percent tax to reduce both property taxes and income taxes.

Atiyeh wants all sales tax proceeds to go to schools to cut pro-

perty taxes. But foes of that idea say it would give businesses a disproportionate tax break at the expense of homeowners.

The committee on Thursday began discussing ways to put a lid on school spending as part of the sales tax plan.

The panel earlier agreed to use an as yet unspecified share of the sales tax money for income tax cuts and also decided all sales tax proceeds should go to elementary and secondary schools.

The panel scrapped the governor's proposal to give some of the revenue to community colleges.

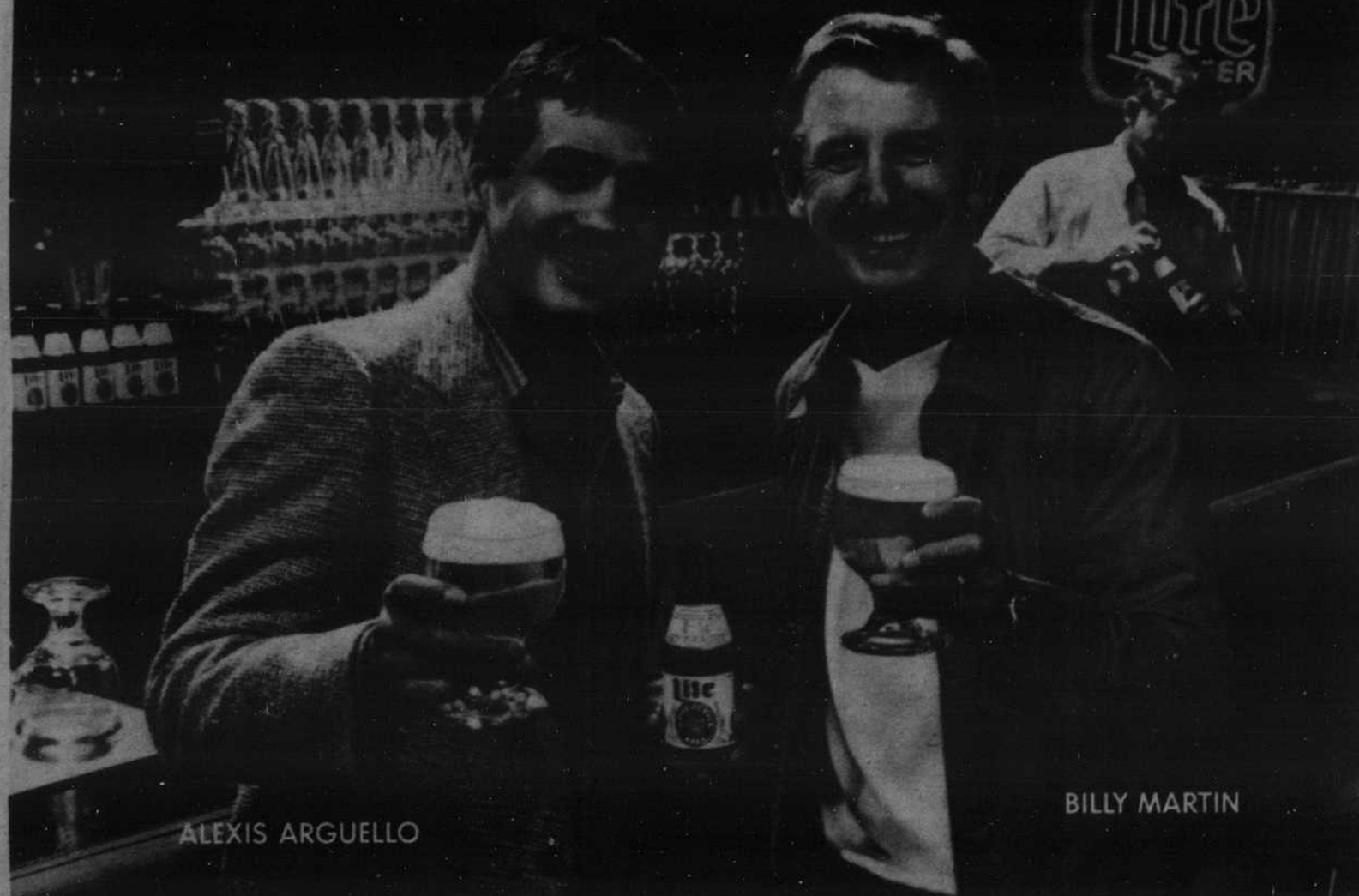
Including income tax relief in the plan is the most dramatic departure from Atiyeh's version.

Lissy convicted

(AP) — A jury Thursday convicted Michael Lissy of aggravated murder in the strangling of his wife at Eugene's Valley River Inn last summer.

The Lake Oswego businessman was accused of having plotted and paid for the July 1984 murder of his wife, Kathryn Martini-Lissy.

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