

Minority Report

Democratic tax relief

FROM HARL H. HAAS, HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

If you are a member of Oregon's upper 10% in income, if you are earning \$75,000 a year and have enjoyed the recent tax reductions and exemptions on income from capital gains, inheritance and municipal bonds you have the Republican leadership in the Legislature to thank for that.

And, of course, if you are a senior citizen or retired or living on a fixed income; if recent assessments on your home forced you to move or consider moving; or if you are a child in an overcrowded classroom trying to learn from antiquated texts and an overworked teacher—you will have the same Republican leadership in the Legislature to thank for that too—

When the Republicans sit down and begin talking about tax relief, their conversation revolves around an unspoken premise: tax relief is imperative, particularly for those Oregonians who need it the most; those whose annual incomes are in top 10% of Oregon's population.

And in past sessions the Republicans have had some success in their efforts to provide "tax relief" for the wealthiest people in Oregon via reductions in taxes on capital gains, inheritance and municipal bonds.

This approach to "tax relief" however, has been small comfort to the homeowner who works to meet his ever-growing tax obligations. It has been particularly unfair to retired citizens and others on fixed incomes.

WHAT'S IN A NAME Call it the "Republican tax relief" concept as proposed and defended by Governor McCall a few years ago—then it's a good idea.

Project Equality

Twenty-seven Oregon citizens concerned about equal employment opportunity in this state have agreed to form an advisory panel for Project Equality, an interfaith program designed to open up job opportunities for minority persons.

Panel members will provide a pool of expertise on the Oregon employment situation which staff members can draw on as specific problems arise.

Those on the panel are: George Rankins, Concentrated Employment Program; Chalmers Jones, Oregon Employment Division; David Nero, Nero Industries; Cleveland Gilcrease, Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee; Lois Williams, Metropolitan 4-C Council; Bob Rogers, Associated General Contractors.

Warne Nunn, Pacific Power & Light; Ira Blalock, Multnomah County Community Action Agency; Frank Martinez, Valley Migrant League; Tom Sloan, Tektronix; David Judd, National Alliance of Businessmen; Pablo Ciddio, Valley Migrant League; Jack Mills, U.S. National Bank; Peggy Hill, Northwest Personnel Service.

Russell Peyton, Portland Metropolitan Human Relations Commission; Carl McLean, United Indian Action Center; Jerry Haggin, Laundry, & Dry Cleaning workers; John Gray, Omark Industries; Lyle Eller, AFL-CIO Human Resources Development Institute; Carl Sandoz, Tri-County Community Council; Isadore Maney, North Branch Oregon Employment Division.

Charles Ganter, Urban League Project Outreach; James Brooks, Urban League; Eleanor Meyers, Oregon State Bureau of Labor; Carlos Rivera, HUD; Don Hayashi, Japanese-American League; and Charles Jordon, Model Cities.

On July 27, 1966 appearing before the Legislative Tax Study Committee, Governor McCall was quick to point out that any tax plan which failed to include the cherished Oregon test of ability to pay was irresponsible and "nothing more than a gimmick."

However, when it is the "Democratic Tax Relief Plan" with many of the same features and objectives as the concept McCall advocated a few years ago then the Republicans seem to have trouble looking at it objectively.

It's too bad really that the great majority of Oregonians may be denied the property tax relief they desire and it's too bad that retired and senior citizens, and people on fixed incomes are going to have to keep shouldering so much of Oregon's tax load, all because the Republican leadership in the House is so caught up in word games and partisan jealousy.

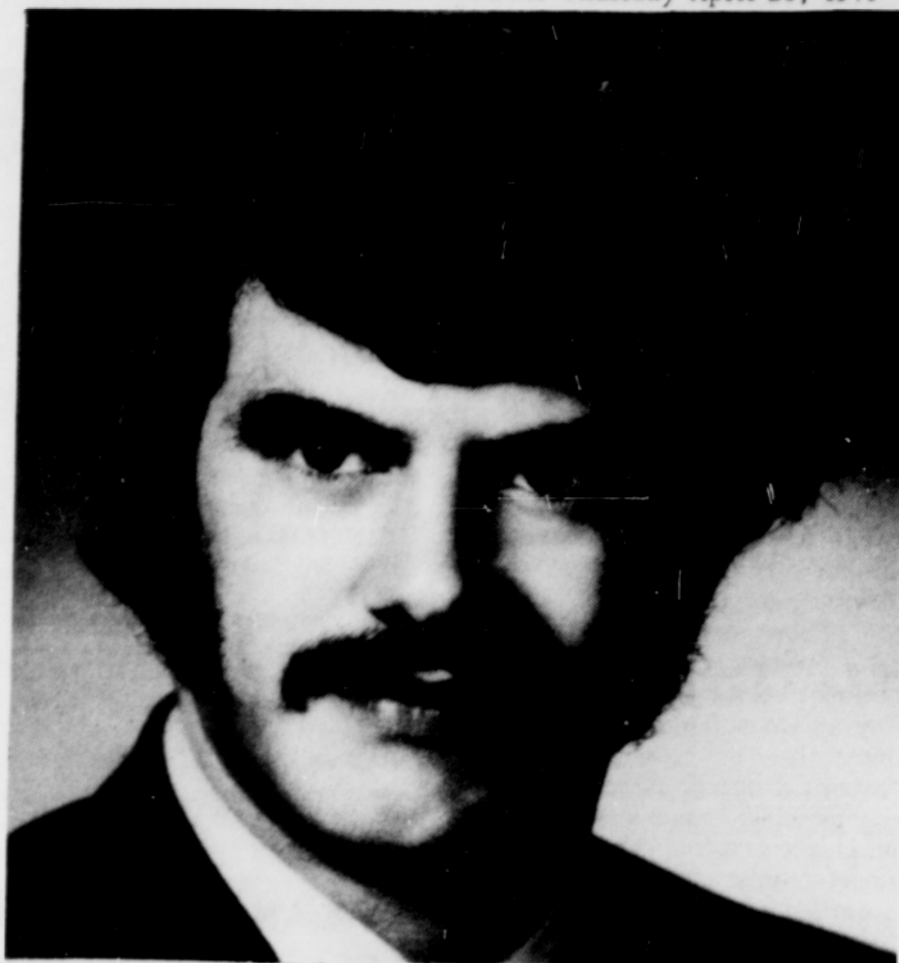
It is becoming increasingly apparent to observers of Oregon's political scene that far from

viewing "with objectivity" the Democrats' proposed tax relief proposal, the Republicans seem content to protect their own interests where they conflict with the interests of the majority of Oregonians.

The Democrats, however, are not so much concerned with a plan's name or origin, as we are with the merits of its impact on the people.

The Governor is a man of integrity, not given to switching political poles for partisan purposes.... We need his support if the tax relief package we have offered is to succeed. The tax relief proposals offered by the Democrats in this session to the people of Oregon are not gimmicks; they are based on the concept of "ability to pay" which the Governor has endorsed.

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Nudelmans new manager

Michael M. Mendelson has been named to the position of manager for Nudelmans Brothers new Hollywood men's store, according to an announcement by E. R. Nudelman, President. Mr. Mendelson attended Beaverton High School and Portland State University and recently returned from overseas duty with the U. S. Army in the Far East.



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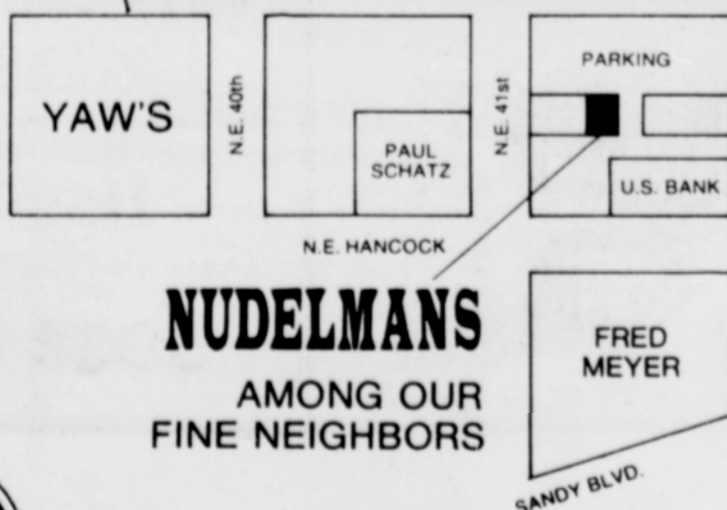
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