

Surplus Taxes Move Planned

Definite School Sum Proposed; McKenna Sales Tax Bill In

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tribution would be simpler and surer than that proposed in the teachers' amendments.

In case the tax-planners frown upon the reserve idea, this alternative may be suggested: A rebate, uniform in percentage as among taxpayers but variable from year to year, aggregating approximately the amount of the previous year's surplus receipts. There would be a slight surplus even so, as some taxpayers would not take advantage of the rebate.

Though these ideas are incubating, that they are not universally held was evidenced by introduction Friday of Sen. Coe A. McKenna's 3 per cent sales tax bill. As such legislation must originate in the house, it appeared there under the names of Reps. A. W. Meyers, Clackamas, and E. Riddell Lage, Hood River.

Sen. McKenna said the bill would produce about \$20,000,000 a year, of which 30 per cent would be devoted to old age assistance and other public assistance, 50 per cent would offset property taxes; 10 per cent would be held as a post-war reserve fund and 10 per cent would fund the purpose contemplated in the surplus-to-schools law.

Rep. Burt K. Snyder, Lake, introduced for Sen. McKenna a bill to remove the surtaxes from the personal income tax. McKenna said these were "nuisance" provisions, revenue from which has shrunk to about \$125,000 a year. He said bills to follow would reduce the income tax and gift taxes, and provide a 40-mill property tax limitation.

Meanwhile the legislature headed into its third successive Saturday session. The house, with a calendar of 18 bills, longest to date, set 9 a. m. as its meeting time. The senate had only one bill for final disposition but may attend to other business.

The first legislation of any importance affecting Marion county exclusively appeared with the introduction of two bills at request of the county court. One would provide for a deputy district attorney at the state's expense rather than that of the county, declared to be just in view of the fact that eight such deputies are provided in Multnomah county; the other would increase salaries of the county treasurer and recorder from \$1900 a year to \$2100. (Additional legislative news today on page 7.)

Rolls, Funds Said Shrank At Colleges

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College of Education said there was danger of a serious shortage of competent elementary teachers, inasmuch as enrollment of those preparing for such a career had declined about 30 per cent. The cause, he said, was the lack of incentive in view of low salary scales for teachers in the west.

The state system's budget request for the 1943-45 biennium is \$6,776,644, in comparison with \$5,895,598 appropriated for the previous two-year period. In the budget prepared late last year, Gov. Charles A. Sprague had recommended an appropriation of \$6,530,183. The higher education millage levy will provide 4,589,953 and other appropriations not requiring reenactment will add \$365,960.

Chancellor Hunter asked restoration to \$213,200 of the item for salary adjustments which had been reduced to \$200,000, declaring over 700 of the system's employees, who include many instructors with master's or doctor's degrees, receive salaries of less than \$200 a month.

Time Saver

The Statesman's new system of identifying stories carried over from the front to inside pages has attracted considerable favorable comment. Here's how the system works:

At the bottom of the story on page one is an inscription bearing a number referring the reader to the particular inside page and a letter denoting the particular story. An example:

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On the inside page, the continuation of this story would be labeled:

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The system was designed to save time in getting the paper to press, time that helps you get your paper earlier; many readers are saying, too, that it's a better plan than the old one of referring to inside columns of news rather than to the individual stories by the letter method.

Lobby Hobnobber

Quips, "Angles" And Personalities At the Capitol

Salem's Sen. Fred Lamport, asking withdrawal of his resolution for payment of clergymen who pray at the opening of each morning's senate session:

"Instead of bowing our heads in prayer, we should bow them in humiliation. It is appropriate to note here that the old Circuit Rider out on the capitol lawn has turned his back on us."

The resolution was recalled because the state constitution provides that "nor shall any money be appropriated for the payment of any religious services in either house of the legislative assembly." And here comes that Mahoney again:

"I sympathize with Sen. Lamport. I told the senator, however, not to worry about that constitutional provision, because you can turn to article VII, section 1, and find where it says we shall pay the governor \$1500, and I wouldn't even ask a republican to work for that salary."

The legislature raised the governor's salary to \$5000 in 1905 and to \$7500 in 1921. The supreme court held in *Jory* (Ed Jory of Salem) vs. *Martin* (Gov. Charles H.) in 1936 that such matters were of temporary concern only which upon changed conditions would be peculiarly within the discretion of the legislature and, anyway, the \$1500 proviso was ambiguous. The late Judge Rand, father of Sen. Rand, wrote the court's 28-page opinion and Justice Percy Kelly took 19 pages more to write a dissenting opinion.

Sen. Mahoney again. . . "I don't care what they say about me in the papers as long as they put it in great big type and spell my name right."

Mrs. C. C. Chapman, invaluable aide to her husband, the Oregon Voter man, is back on the job in the senate, keeping track of proceedings for him. She types with her left hand, because she slipped on Portland's ice last week and broke her right wrist, which she'll be carrying in a sling for awhile.

Before it was passed, SB11, declaring a returned soldier to have reached his majority, regardless of age, brought objection from Sen. Walsh, who said there'd be "plenty of wolves watching for these boys." He felt that 21 was young enough for a man to become legally responsible.

"There are two views of this, that of the older generation and the youthful view," countered Sen.

Nazis Sweat To Mobilize

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ler's newspaper, that the concentration on efforts to win the war would necessitate the closing down of many industrial plants and commercial firms which are still doing work not definitely important in a military sense.

This will be necessary, he said, in spite of the fact that "many thousands of firms already have closed down by command in connection with industrial rationalization and standardization measures."

Funk estimated that "about 10 per cent of all German commercial enterprises already have been closed."

Informed diplomatic sources in London said that propaganda minister, Joseph Goebbels, was acquainting the German people of the reverses on the eastern front by "virtue of necessity" and by "telling some of the truth" was trying to get greater effort from the German masses.

Goebbels will read the proclamation at 4 p. m., Saturday (8 a. m. PWT.)

Fire Damages House

The residence at 732 North Front street, occupied by Dr. Robert C. Smith, was "considerably damaged," by the fire which called out the city fire department shortly after 6 o'clock Friday night, firemen said.

HOLLYWOOD Last Times Today
Continuous Today, 1-11:30 P.M.

Shirley Holmes
VOICE OF TERROR
Small Redhead—Miguel Bruce

Plus Second Feature
WILLIAM BOYD

STICK TO YOUR GUNS
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Sunday - Monday - Tuesday
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GLORIA JEAN
JANE FRAZER ROBERT PAIGE

Yanks Plaster Tunisian Port

Bombers Hit Sfax; RAF Sweeps Over Occupied Lands

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of the Tunisian frontier. Rome's big guns were replying—an indication that while his advanced elements were far ahead and into Tunisia he yet had withheld forces of considerable weight to harry the British pursuit.

Indicating that the axis army was withdrawing from the Zuara area, a German radio commentator said Friday night that "the movement of the army of Marshal Rommel, disengaging itself from the enemy at Zuara in north Africa, is continuing in accordance with plans."

The Sfax raid, which was delivered Thursday, was driven home by the largest number of planes ever sent by the 12th US air force against a single target. Flying Fortresses led off, followed and supported by medium bombers, B-25 Mitchells and B-26 Marauders and escorted by P-38 Lightning fighters. Six axis planes rising to the defense were shot from the sky.

Allied fighter planes were thrown against enemy troops in the Ousselta valley and against axis armored forces to the north of that sector.

All these widespread operations in the Tunisia theatre cost only two allied planes. An overnight enemy bombing attack in the Algiers area cost him three bombers.

The axis radios, nervously anticipating the major allied blows which were believed in preparation, continued to broadcast reports of this or that allied offensive action, all of which were invalidated by the announcement of the allied command:

"There is no change in the ground situation."

LONDON, Jan. 29 (AP)—American-built Boston bombers joined in the air offensive against axis U-boats Friday when, as part of big daylight sweeps over occupied territory, they struck at the railway lifeline running across France to the German submarine base at Brest.

Their target was the important 300-foot high viaduct at Morlaix in Brittany, over which runs the main rail track to Brest. An air ministry communiqué did not disclose the results of the raid.

In other daylight sweeps—which cost Britain one bomber and three fighters and the Germans five fighters, including two Junkers 88s in the Bay of Biscay—American medium bombers smashed at objectives in Ijmuiden, Holland; Spitfires kept up attacks on communications in northern France and Belgium, shooting up trains and barges; and torpedo bombers sank a large German supply ship off Norway.

Authoritative sources disclosed

On the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

To the vast majority of men who claim they cannot understand the fascination sales have for women I issue this challenge: Resist a "deal!"

—V—

Because there was slush underfoot and, momentarily, before me a crosswalk unthreatened by oncoming traffic, I did not turn to look at either the boy or the man. The former, I'll wager, had bristly hair, spots where freckles were last summer and will be again—for his voice was lusty and had not yet reached the cracking stage.

As for the latter, he might have been 30 or 60—I can only say that the response to the newsboy was in a man's voice.

"Say, mister," said the boy on the corner, "I'll make a deal with you." There was an eagerness in the quary as to what the deal would be, and an undertone of temptation in the grunt that followed the lad's outline of his proposed business transaction.

"You give me a nickel and I'll give you a paper," said the newsy.

To the apparently still inexperienced lad, I give this word of advice. When you're making a deal to sell papers to a man, Buddy, make an offer something like this: "There's a shortage of paper, yet I'll give you two—a full 24 sheets—get it for 15 cents, a dime if it's in cash. Make the deal sound like something."

Next year he'll remember it and know he got something.

Realty Board Favors Murphy

Salem Realty board Friday directed to Gov. Earl Snell its assurances that should he decide to reappoint Claude Murphy as state real estate commissioner his action would have the organization's approval. No attempt to place Snell "on the spot" as to the appointment was intended, the motion's backers emphasized at the luncheon meeting.

Salem chamber of commerce housed more than 600 families through its service last summer and fall, operating as a service bureau with cooperation of realtors, Clay Cochran, chamber manager, told the board, which voted to send the chamber a notification of its appreciation and to approve closure of the bureau there.

Conference Canceled

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, president of the general federation of women's clubs, announced Friday that in compliance with requests from the office of defense transportation, the federation has canceled its convention scheduled for May 10-15 in Indianapolis.

that Britain has a new naval torpedo aircraft which will be an additional improvement in her fleet air arm.

FR, Vargas Agree on Safe Sea

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of the problems of the war as a whole and especially the joint Brazilian-United States effort. President Roosevelt informed Vargas of "the very significant results" of the Casablanca conference.

Summing up, the two presidents were quoted:

"This meeting has given us opportunity to survey the future safety of all the Americas. In our opinion each of the republics is interested and affected to an equal degree. In unity there is strength. It is the aim of Brazil and of the United States to make the Atlantic ocean safe for all. We are deeply grateful for the almost unanimous help that our neighbors are giving to the great cause of democracy throughout the world."

Since all the American republics except Argentina are at war with the axis or have broken diplomatic relations, the references to equal interests and strength in unity possibly were addressed particularly to that country.

Following the joint statement was a "memorandum for the press" from Mr. Roosevelt. This explained that he believed his African conferences with Prime Minister Churchill were "so vital to the war effort" that he should delay his return to the United States to talk informally about it with Vargas.

He had also had opportunity, he noted, to inspect vital operating points of the ferry command which speeds supplies by air to all war fronts.

Finally, the White House added: "The presidents of the two nations—United States and Brazil—are old friends and their talks were timely and profitable in every way."

News Circulation Reaches New High

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (AP)—News-paper circulations reached an all-time high in 1942, the international year book of Editor and Publisher, issued Friday, disclosed. The net paid circulation record for morning papers reached a total of 17,110,611, while evening papers totaled 26,264,239, and Sunday papers had a circulation of 35,293,543, the book stated.

Stanley Aids Dies

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 29 (AP)—George Welch, 95, last survivor of the Stanley expedition to Africa which found the long-missing explorer Dr. David Livingstone, died in a hospital Friday. Welch was one of the bodyguards on Stanley's hazardous trek through the jungle.

Nazis Use Big Tanks

LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 30 (AP)—Germany's monster 62-ton Tiger tanks equipped with 88-mm guns have now appeared in Tunisia, a Reuters dispatch from that front said Saturday.

Worker Tells About Hiring

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29 (AP)

—A Kaiser shipyard worker testified at a national labor relations board hearing Friday that he was advised before Oregon Shipbuilding corporation signed a closed shop contract with the American Federation of Labor that he would have to get his job through AFL headquarters.

The witness at the hearing into Congress of Industrial Organizations' charges that the corporation and two other Kaiser yards in this area negotiated illegal AFL contracts was Clemens John Scheve.

"A man in the Oregon shipyard employment office had stated late in March or early in April, 1941, that Kaiser expected to sign a contract with the AFL soon," Scheve testified. The yard's AFL contract was signed May 12, 1941.

Indications that the hearing might be extended for some time as NLRB attorneys said they were considering broadening the complaint against the Kaisers to include some 2000 workers who have been discharged from his yards.

Roads Closed To Log Trucks

Until repairs can be made to broken places, all gravel county and market roads are closed to log hauling, Marion county court ordered Friday. Approximately 15 log haulers had been operating more than one truck on those roads prior to the snow.

Only such action could ward off possible severe damage to the thawing thoroughfares, Commissioner Ralph Girod declared. As rapidly as possible the roads will be put back into use, but lack of equipment and manpower may limit the work, it was said.

Reichstag Extended

LONDON, Jan. 29 (AP)—The German radio announced Friday night that a decree has extended the present reichstag until January 30, 1947.

Johnson to Tour South America

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)

Eric A. Johnson, of Spokane, president of the chamber of commerce of the United States, has been named chairman of the US national committee of the inter-American development commission and shortly will begin a five-week tour of South America, it was announced Thursday.

Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles, chairman of the inter-American financial and economic advisory committee, reported the establishment of the North American committee following a meeting at the Pan-American union.

Yank Plane Explodes

MADRID, Jan. 29 (AP)—The official Spanish news agency reported Friday that an American-type four-motored bomber exploded in the air Thursday night over the Sidi Rahni quarter in the outskirts of Cueta, Spanish Morocco, killing seven members of the crew. The explosion occurred shortly after the plane passed over Cueta with landing lights turned on, the dispatch said.

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