

Officials, Taxpayers Surprised Lower Springfield Tax Rate

SPRINGFIELD—This city's 40 percent drop in millage came as a complete surprise to city officials and taxpayers alike. Everyone suspected the 1948-49 millage would decline because of increased valuation and a lower city budget, but no one expected it would dwindle from 96.4 to 58.3—lowest in Lane County.

The explanation for the spectacular drop came from County Assessor George Stock. Stock said for the new tax rate was established last February when a group of some 40 Springfield residents appeared before the county assessor requesting that money be transferred from the county's emergency fund to the assessor's fund for additional appraisers to work the Springfield area.

Stock said the Springfield assessor's office and five additional appraisers were assigned the assessor's office. Stock said Springfield's large jump in evaluation could be attributed directly to additional help in his office.

All Springfield tax levying bodies showed a large increase in assessed valuation. The city jumped from \$4,197,924 to \$7,454,632.

2 col 3-Official, Taxpayers ... School district 19 valuation skyrocketed to \$14,133,740. Last year before consolidation, district 19 valuation was \$7,868,992 and district 15 was \$7,616,627. E. H. Silke, superintendent of schools, said inclusion of Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. properties in the school district was responsible for much of the district's increased value.

Following is a chart of millage decreases for all Springfield tax levying bodies:

City	New	Last Year
School District's	18	34.8
15, 19	29.2	47.5
Park District	3.2	5.2
County and State	7.9	8.9
Total	58.3	96.4

Public Power Senate Battle Due Tuesday

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A Senate showdown in the battle for public power lines is due Tuesday.

An attempt to force a vote Friday failed. Advocates of private distribution of government power were not ready.

Senator Thomas (D-Okla.) delayed action with a series of 30-minute speeches. He repeatedly suggested an agreement to vote Monday when senators away for the weekend would be present.

Public power line exponents told reporters at least nine of the missing senators would vote with Thomas. On Monday, they said, some of their own supporters will be missing.

Both sides apparently will be ready Tuesday. A close vote is indicated.

The first test of the public power question will come on funds in the \$590 million Interior Department appropriations bill for the transmission line program of the Southwestern Power Administration.

The House voted to give SPA \$9 million. The Senate Appropriations Committee cut it to \$3,874,020, eliminating certain transmission lines.

Thomas said it's time the nation developed a public power policy in proper legislative manner instead of voting on policy questions in an appropriations bill.

The Oklahoman introduced a bill which he said could be used as a basis for hearings by the Senate Public Works Committee on the power policy question. Chairman Chavez (D-NM) of that committee said it would be considered and that his group may visit some of the nation's hydro-electric dams this fall to study the problem of

handling government power. The Thomas bill would provide for development of power incident to other public works, such as reclamation and flood control projects. The projects would have first call on such power as needed for operating use. Revenues from sale of surplus power would be used to repay costs of the power installation, then applied to the cost of other features of the projects, including irrigation units.

No transmission lines could be constructed or acquired except by congressional authorization and no projects could be constructed primarily to produce power. The Federal Power Commission, rather than the Interior Department, would be the sales agent for surplus power, but existing contracts would not be interfered with.

Excess power could be sold only at wholesale from the dam or from federal transmission lines. Preference, after needs of the project, would be given to REA cooperatives, non-profit irrigation and water projects, federal agencies for their own use and to persons or corporations engaged in power distribution. The Tennessee Valley Authority would be exempt from provisions of the bill.

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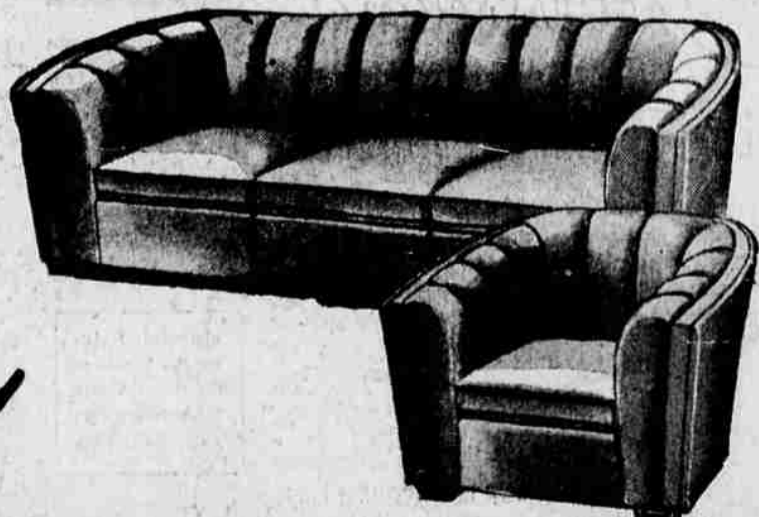
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Douglas Sees Need for U.S. Far East Aid

PORTLAND—(AP)—The United States cannot afford to let the Far East go the way China is going.

That is the warning from Justice William O. Douglas of the U.S. Supreme Court, during his six-week tour of Asia Minor.

The whole area can be saved, he said, if this country will "throw weight behind the honest and moral forces" there, Douglas said in his first speech since his return.

America's Mission is America's great mission, he said. No other bulwark against Soviet political expansion can be built, he told the annual conference of the American Unitarian Assn. here last week.

Douglas said he found America carried surprising influence in the Far East—and not dollar influence alone.

America stands for something good and idealistic not only in the capitals but in the villages, he said.

Public men in this part of the world gain prestige and recognition, he said, when we give them respect.

He quoted an Arab leader as saying "The Arab needs American counsel and encouragement more than he needs American dollars."

Chase told him, "don't tell people that they must choose between Democracy and Communism. The people of the Far East are not free to make any choice at all. They are slaves. They are illiterate. They have no way to escape from their misery."

But America can offer an escape, Douglas continued. Encouragement, advice and recognition to young, democratic leaders would do much, the jurist said.

Help Them "We must use our own ingenuity to invent ways to aid them so that politically they may become masters of their own fate..."

Disease, poverty and illiterate as well as misgovernment have been the arch foes of mankind throughout all time. Last century they were local problems. Now when they enslave the people of any one nation, they imperil the security of free men everywhere," Douglas said.

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