

NEWS FROM THE LEGISLATURE

Lawmakers Open Sessions On Hot Issue of Sales Tax

By JAMES D. OLSON Capital Journal Writer Members of the house taxation committee, composed of six Democrats and three Republicans, were urged Monday not to vote down the proposed sales tax package until a careful study had been made of the report submitted by the legislative interim committee on taxation.

Sen. Rudie Wilhelm, Jr., Portland, chairman of the interim committee, made the request pointing out that \$30 million of the revenue from the sales tax during a biennium would come from both incorporated and unincorporated businesses.

While Ohmart said he was not too enthusiastic about a sales tax he felt that if the Oregon tax structure was to have flexibility, he was to provide needed revenue, and also be equitable, a sales tax must be a part of it along with the income tax.

Africa Moving To Smash Bus, Beer Boycotts

Authority Test Looms Between Whites and Voteless Negroes

By ARTHUR GAVSHON JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP)—South Africa's white supremacy government is determined to smash a spreading bus and beer boycott by tens of thousands of Negroes in the restless slum towns that ring Johannesburg and Pretoria.

Basin Compact, Libel Repeal Bills Offered

A bill calling for ratification of the proposed Columbia River Compact was introduced in the Oregon Legislature Monday.

libel damages can be limited only to actual damages provided there is a retraction. Punitive damages can't be collected.

Increased state spending is alarming, according to Rep. Allen Tom, Republican, who advocated that the only way to bring about economy in state spending was to provide the money.

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Measures to create two interim committees were introduced in the Senate Friday.

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Refusal of some AFL-CIO union officials to give testimony by invoking the Fifth Amendment at recent preliminary Senate hearings into alleged labor racketeering is what prompted the new AFL-CIO stand.

In Washington Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.), whose Senate investigations of alleged racketeering in labor unions brought the issue to a head, told his colleagues Monday and congratulated the council for the action it has taken.

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Sen. Lee Ohmart, Marion county, also a member of the interim committee, declared that the sales tax would not prove to be a panacea but property tax had reached

Chairman Barton announced that the hearings on the sales tax will continue at 1 p.m. Wednesday afternoon when opponents of the measure will be given first chance to testify.

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