

# Dooley Target Of Much Harsh Tax Criticism

### Speaker Resents Hints He'd Help Out Top Executives

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Taxation is the "hottest potato in Oregon today."

Nobody knows this better than House Speaker Pat Dooley, whose income tax program to finance a 265 million dollar budget has made him the target, in recent days, of some sharp criticism in letters to him personally and to newspapers.

His critics are people unhappy because he proposed increasing the tax of those in the middle income group.

The increase, as he points out, would be small. But any boost these days makes John W. Public see red.

**City, County Hikes to Blame**

That's the result, Dooley says, of city and county property tax hikes from which the state gets nothing.

But it takes money to run the state and Dooley believes that his income tax program will supply funds from the people "in accordance with their ability to pay."

The bulk must come from the middle income group because that's where most of the people are.

His plan also will have the "least repressive effects on our economy," he says. "We can't hit those in the upper brackets too hard, either, because they must have an incentive. And, in truth, if we levied a 100 per cent tax in the bracket above \$100,000, for example, we wouldn't raise enough money to run the state for two weeks."

But Dooley objects to the motives attributed to him by some of those who support his program. They contend that the reduction his plan would provide for those above the \$100,000 income level would create a more favorable climate for high-salaried executives who have the most to say about the location of new industries.

**Tax Setup Has No Effect**

Dooley, who has been working on Oregon's tax problems as a member of the Legislature and Interim tax committees for years, says studies show that the state's tax structure has virtually no effect on whether industries will be located here.

"The simple fact," he says, "is that industry operates where it can make a profit and for no other reason."

A 265 million dollar budget likely couldn't provide for a 50 per cent increase, to \$120 a pupil, in the basic school fund, as Gov. Holmes has called for. Yet there will be an increase.

"And even if it isn't the full 50 per cent," Dooley says, "education supporters should bear in mind that no past Legislature has given basic school support any increase."

The basic support program, he points out, was set up by a vote of the people. The only previous increase in the fund was made by a vote of the people, too.

"So whatever increase we can give, coming as it is under a Democratic administration, is evidence of our good faith," Dooley says. "And it will be a big step toward the goal of 50 per cent."

The 38-year-old son of a blacksmith, Dooley has been called a member of Gov. Holmes' "palace guard"—with possibly more influence with the chief executive than any other member of the Legislature.

**Questions Influence Extent**

While he agrees that he and the Governor, a personal friend, "talk things over," he questions the extent of influence.

"The Governor respects my judgment on certain affairs and asks my advice," Dooley says. "And, I might add, I feel it's a measure of the Governor that he's big enough to ask for advice. But he makes up his own mind."

Dooley, who worked in depression days for 20 cents an hour and once was a cargo checker on the Portland waterfront, says that since he's been speaker no less than 250 people have asked him to use his influence with the Governor to help them get jobs. He doesn't oblige.

"I give the Governor advice only when he asks for it and that never is about jobs."

As to rumors he will take a post in the Holmes' administration when the legislative session ends: "I can't afford it. I've got to think of my family's future."

As speaker—called one of the best in recent history by veteran observers—Dooley considers himself an arbiter of sorts, trying to resolve sectional differences within the party over legislation and keeping the Legislature working at the business to be done.

"Things are pretty well laid out as to what's to be done," he says. "The big problem is how to do it. Anyone with ideas on the subject is welcome to go in and talk things over."

"The door to my office is always open," he says.

**'Banjo' Missionaries Can't Visit N. Y. Jail**

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. (AP)—Suffolk County Sheriff Charles Dominy has barred what he calls "self-styled missionaries and banjo-playing evangelists" from visiting prisoners in the county jail.

Dominy said he took the action to prevent possible jailbreaks.

"It isn't any kind of feat to hide a submachinegun in a banjo case," he said.

# Italian Actress Meets the Press



LOS ANGELES—Italian actress Sophia Loren is interviewed by reporters after her arrival at Los Angeles International Airport yesterday. Miss Loren is in Hollywood to star in Paramount's "Desire Under the Elms." (AP Wirephoto)

## Tractor Crushes Lumber Worker

**COTTAGE GROVE** (AP)—A tractor, being driven up a ramp for loading onto a truck, overturned Monday and fatally crushed the driver, Thomas G. Howard, about 42, an employe of the Bohemia Lumber Co. The accident occurred four miles east of Cottage Grove.

## Soviet General Dies

**MOSCOW** (AP)—The Soviet army newspaper Red Star today announced the death of Lt. Gen. I. I. Zatevakhin, a senior instructor at the Voroshilov higher military academy. Red Star said he died in Moscow Sunday after a long illness.

## Youth Knocked Off Bike, Swept Up by Machine

**NORWALK, Calif.** (AP)—A 7-year-old boy was hospitalized with painful injuries after being knocked off his bicycle and swept up by a street sweeping machine.

Ronald La Rocque suffered severe cuts and brush burns when the whirling bristles of the sweeper plucked him from the pavement after the machine had knocked him down while making a U-turn.

The driver, C. W. Sibbach Jr., said he was unaware of the accident until he heard residents of the neighborhood screaming at him to stop. The boy was carried 125 feet.

## Portland Airport Granted \$172,805

**PORTLAND** (AP)—Portland's new airport terminal, now about 29 per cent completed, received another \$172,805 Monday.

The money came as a grant from the Civil Aeronautics Administration for acquisition of land. Port of Portland Manager John Winn Jr. said another \$821,557 allocation from the CAA is expected to be turned over to Portland later this year.

His father Loren La Rocque, 27, was slightly injured when the sweeper slipped from a jack as he pulled Ronald to safety. Both father and son were taken to Carobil Hospital, Norwalk.

## CHEMICAL COOLANT USED

# Cheaper A-Power Plant Developed

**IDAHO FALLS, Idaho** (AP)—A nuclear power reactor designed to lower the cost of producing electricity is being developed at the national reactor testing station of the Atomic Energy Commission near this eastern Idaho community.

It is called the organic moderated reactor experiment (OMRE). A carbon-hydrogen compound such as diphenyl will be used both as a coolant and a moderator.

In most reactors water or some other liquid is used as the coolant, which absorbs the heat generated by the fission process and uses the heat to produce steam which turns a power-generating turbine.

Another substance, such as graphite, is used as a moderator, to control and contain the atomic particles, neutrons, which produce and sustain the fission chain reaction.

Atomics International a division of North American Aviation, Inc. has been authorized by the AEC to develop OMRE.

In announcing the project, atomics international said Tuesday:

"Use of an organic compound such as diphenyl offers advantages which stem from the inherent properties of the material:

"1. It has a high hydrogen content which makes it an excellent moderator.

"2. It boils at relatively high temperatures, compared with water, so there is no need to maintain the compound under high pressures.

"3. It causes negligible corrosion with standard materials of construction.

"4. It does not react readily with uranium.

"5. It becomes only slightly radioactive upon exposure to nuclear radiation."

The announcement said the experiment will be concerned largely with determining the effect of heat and radiation to the organic coolant.

## Rita Won't Let Daughter Jasmin Visit Aga Khan

**HOLLYWOOD** (AP)—Rita Hayworth regrets that she won't be able to let her 7-year-old daughter Yasmin visit the ill and aging Aga Khan, the child's grandfather.

The actress received a cable from her former husband Aly Khan stating that his father was critically ill in Cannes, France, and wanted to see Yasmin, his only granddaughter.

A Columbia Studio spokesman said Miss Hayworth cabled Aly that she would be unable to go to Europe until she finished making a motion picture and that she couldn't let Yasmin travel alone.

The 79-year-old Aga Khan is reportedly suffering from pulmonary bronchitis.

# Javelin Hits Boy in Head

**ROSEBURG** (AP)—A 14-year-old Roseburg High School freshman was taken to a Portland hospital Monday night after having been struck in the head by a javelin thrown during track practice.

School authorities said Tuesday that Donald Backen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Backen, suffered a fractured skull, but didn't believe the injury to be critical.

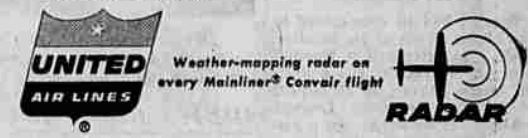
He was taken to a local hospital, then transferred to Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland for surgery, school officials said.

The head surgery was performed Monday night, hospital attendants at Portland said, and Tuesday the boy was reported "in good condition."



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