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The Dilemma

Did you read Senator Phil Lowry's article about state taxes on Page 1 of yesterday's paper? If not, and if you're the least bit interested in the taxes you pay, we recommend it to you.

THERE are a few added background facts which might help put the matter into a clearer perspective.

First of all total taxation in Oregon takes about 32 per cent of total income. In other words, out of each dollar everyone in the state earns, 32 cents goes for taxes.

Secondly, the biggest part of this goes to the federal government, far more than half. Total tax "take" in 1953 was estimated at \$896,500,000 (out of a total income of about 2,750,000,000).

The rest of it was apportioned this way: To the state government, \$184,900,000; to school districts, \$64,767,000; to cities, \$35,497,000; to counties, \$30,327,000, and to special districts (for fire protection, water, sanitation, etc.), \$10,309,000.

SENATOR Lowry's problem is centered around that \$184,900,000 which goes to the state. It isn't enough to run the state and all the services the state provides.

The other day we heard a friend, a highly intelligent, thoughtful person, remark that he's against ANY new taxes until a way is found to cut down on present expenditures.

We sympathize. Taxes are high—terribly high, when 32 cents out of every dollar is drained off for taxes.

As far as the state is concerned, let's examine the proposed budget for a moment, and see where it might be reduced. The budget for the general fund (this does not include highway commission, industrial accident and unemployment compensation funds, which have their own budgets) totals \$200,753,684, as reduced and recommended by the governor.

Total available resources, including personal and corporation income taxes, liquor revenues, other miscellaneous revenues, state police transfers, unexpended balances and surplus, come to \$155,744,101.

BY subtraction we find that we are short about \$45,000,000. This may be reduced by some \$3,000,000 by beefing up estimated income. Assume this happens, and our deficit is still about \$42,000,000.

Maybe the thing to do is to cut down expenses. Where shall we start?

With education? This consumes approximately 53.5 per cent of the total budget. Overcrowded schools, increasing population, needed new classrooms—all these make it virtually impossible to cut down the total. If the basic school support fund is cut, the load goes back on local property.

On welfare? This is some 16.2 per cent of the budget. Few would suggest that Oregon, which is not overly generous with its old age assistance recipients and others getting welfare aid, should cut down on this program, with resulting misery.

On hospitals? These consume about 10.8 per cent of the budget. They're overcrowded now, and the state mental hospitals and Fairview home cannot accept all those needing attention.

On police protection? This is 5 per cent. The front pages of our newspapers tell us police protection is probably too little, rather than too much.

On correctional institutions? This costs us 3.4 per cent of the budget. The state penitentiary, boys and girls reform schools and a new intermediate institution cannot be abandoned, nor cut down.

Health and sanitation? This is nine-tenths of 1 per cent of the budget, and includes the State Board of Health and all its activities.

Veterans bonus? This represents 2.8 per cent of the budget. It was voted by the people, and the bonus has already been paid the veterans; what remains is to pay off the bonds.

On natural resources development? This is 3 per cent of the budget, and includes work of the agriculture and forestry departments, which are both vital to the state.

On libraries? These consume three-tenths of one per cent.

On general government? This, which is 4.2 per cent of the budget, is the "administrative overhead" which runs all the other programs, from the governor's office on down. Maybe this could be cut without drastically damaging orderly government; maybe it couldn't. But in any event it represents less than 1-20th of the total budget.

THERE are, as we see it, three alternatives: 1. Cut down on one or more of the items listed above, which are already checked, double checked and some of them reduced from the amounts originally requested.

2. Raise taxes, or devise a new type of taxation.

3. Go in the hole. (And if we do this, we'll still have to pay off sometime).

And we still haven't touched on any proposals (some of them with merit) which would add to the budget.

If you know of a way out of this dilemma, let Senator Lowry know. We are sure he'll appreciate it.—E.A.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

Taipei, Formosa—As these First Marines being slated to go home—plus twenty Korean divisions that are largely immobilized by our restrictions on their fuel supplies.

Joseph Alsop

DOWN here, where the danger of trouble is immediate, the Chinese Nationalists have one air wing equipped with obsolescent F84 jets, plus one more air wing which is only now receiving its complement of Sabrejets.

The project to evacuate the Tachen Islands is both a symbol and a prospective aggravation of this American weakness in the region where a new Communist aggression is mostly likely.

The radar warning station on the Tachens is not just any old early warning station. It is the only early warning station serving both the most vital part of the main island of Formosa and the chief American transpacific base on Okinawa.

The main Red Airfield complex has been said to threaten Okinawa even more directly than it threatens Formosa. The Chinese leaders have already told the Burmese and other Asians whom they are courting that they propose to take Formosa this year by preliminary softening by air attack.

A large representation of the Jackson county members of the Southern Oregon Bar association, attended the ceremony. The members had adopted the resolution by special session.

Following this, attorneys met with Judge Bain to set hearings on motions and trial dates for the next several weeks.

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Editorial Comment

WANTED: MORE 'PRECIPITATION' If we may be pardoned a mild hint to the weather man—we haven't bothered him much lately, since he's been giving us a very decent winter—we might say that what we seem to need now, for the general good of the Willamette valley, is some real, good, old-fashioned rain.

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Bar Association Resolution Honors Late Frank Newman

A resolution honoring the late Frank J. Newman, former Jackson county district attorney, was read in circuit court this morning and ordered placed in the court record by Judge James Bain, Portland.

Following this, attorneys met with Judge Bain to set hearings on motions and trial dates for the next several weeks.

Trailer Owners Select Delegates

Three members of the Organized Mobile Home Owners association of Jackson and Josephine counties will attend a state meeting of the organization Feb. 13, at Roseburg when pending legislation concerning taxation of mobile home owners will be the discussion topic.

A bill of revision of taxes for mobile home owners has been drafted and is to be presented to the legislature within 10 days officers of the association explained. A Medford attorney will represent the group at Salem.

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Sonja Henie Spends \$15,000 on Party

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Ice skating queen Sonja Henie was out \$15,000 today after throwing Hollywood's first big costume party in many years at Ciro's nightclub on famed Sunset Strip.

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Is That So?

A quiz. Answer five of these correctly and you're an outdoor expert; four is mighty good; three is only fair to middling. Answers follow questions. Let's go.

1.—Remember Ogden Nash's poem: "Oh weep for Mr. and Mrs. Bryan! He was eaten by a lion; following which, the lion's lioness, and swallowed Bryan's Bryaness?" Now, what would you call the male, female and young of the American deer; the red deer of Europe?

2.—About antlers: are there some animals in which both the male and female grow antlers? Are all antlers shed annually? 3.—About horns, what is the difference between a horn and antler? Are horns ever shed?

4.—Some animals are long jumpers. Pair up these animals with the longest recorded jumps: weasel, man, cougar, horse, kangaroo, rat—3 feet, 12, 26.7, 27, 38.

5.—Some animals are high jumpers. Pair up these animals with their highest recorded jumps: pronghorn antelope, American elk, klipspringer, man, lion—five feet, 6 feet 11 1/2 inches, 8, 9 and 25 feet.

1.—The male of the American deer is a buck; the female a doe; the young a fawn or a teg, if it is a female, and a button buck or spitler if it is a male. The male of the European red deer (European elk), is a hart or stag; the female, hind; the young a calf if it is a male and a fawn if it is a female.

2.—The deer family, including elk, moose, caribou and deer grow antlers which are solid and shed annually. In rare instances, a female may grow antlers or males be without them. However, the caribou (including the reindeer), both male and female, grow them—the male's usually being slightly larger and heavier.

A combination of reasons is seen for the change. But the main ones are believed to be the necessity of producing more tractors for the gigantic land reclamation program in Kazakhstan and Russia's military and industrial commitments to Red China.

According to official British sources, the size of the Soviet military establishment has not increased during the last 12 months. It is believed, therefore, that the additional money for defense will be used mainly to step up Soviet research and development of special weapons.

Observers point to Moscow's uncompromising support of Red China on the Formosa question and the violent anti-American campaign in the Soviet press as evidence of this. They expect no letup either in Europe on the question of Austria and Germany.

No matter how prominent a role some of the members of the party presidium play in the present session of the Supreme Soviet, it appears evident that the nine top men want to tell the world they are as united as ever.

So far, the entire "collective leadership" has appeared at the sittings of the Supreme Soviet and their names were given in the press in alphabetical order, as usual.

Whatever the intensity of the struggle for power within the Kremlin, no one seems to have suffered seriously from it so far. There is a new general party line now. But the men who will carry it out are the same.

5.—In the high jump, the pronghorn about five feet; man six feet 11 1/2 inches; lion 8; American elk 9; klipspringer, the all-time champion, 25.

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Road To Caves Needed

To the Editor: Concerning your column of the past, thirty years ago, I see that Mr. Gore of Medford was advocating a road to connect with the Oregon Caves.

The value and need of such a road was recognized then, when the tourist business was a mere fraction of the dollars it would mean today.

I wonder if the public knows that four miles of road in the National Forest would provide the tourist loop and keep many more tourist dollars in our counties.

Nixon Greeted On Havana Arrival

Havana, Cuba—(U.P.)—Vice-President Richard M. Nixon arrived here yesterday on the first stop of a month-long 7,500-mile good will tour of the Caribbean and Central America.

His Air Force Constellation landed with one of its four engines dead. The engine trouble developed 150 miles northeast of Jacksonville, Fla., while the plane was three hours away from here but Nixon decided not to make a forced landing at Miami.

The vice-president and his wife, Patricia, were greeted with a 19-gun salute and full military honors upon their arrival. Cuban Vice-President-elect Rafael Gussin and American Ambassador Arthur Gardner led the welcoming party.

Four Auto Mishaps Listed in Medford During Week End

Medford city police investigated four automobile accidents over the weekend, two of which involved cases of hit and run.

Early yesterday morning, an unidentified driver struck two parked cars on South Central ave., between Main and Eighth sts., police said. Both parked vehicles were damaged on the rear and right sides. The owners, who were eating in a restaurant at the time, were Leslie W. Casey, Box 74, Butte Falls, and Theodore L. Taylor, 733 South Hally st.

At 1:50 a.m. today, another unidentified driver struck a U. S. mailbox at the intersection of Fourth st. and Oakdale ave. The box was shattered and pieces of it and several letters were strewn about, police continued. The car had skidded about 50 feet, before striking the mailbox, they added.

Two other accidents occurred Saturday. One involved two vehicles at the intersection of Third st. and Central ave. The drivers were Harry Otto Swisher, route 1, box 180, Murphy, and Michael Francis Naples, 715 Laurel st. Minor damage resulted to both cars, police added. No citations were issued.

The other accident occurred at West Sixth and North Ivy sts. Drivers were Mary May Barnes, route 2, box 743, Central Point, and R. L. Taylor, 331 Melrose ave. No citations were issued.

Schools Order Pickup Of Dogs on Grounds

Owners of dogs found at any of Medford's four elementary schools during school hours will be called to pick up their animals, E. H. Hedrick, superintendent of schools, said this morning. In cases where owners are not known, the county dog control officer will be called.

Bulletins to this effect were sent to the principals of the four Medford elementary schools this morning, Hedrick said. The step was taken in an effort to halt a situation which has resulted in a few cases in which school children have been bitten by dogs.

Grange

Upper Rogue Grange H.E.C. will meet Feb. 10 at 1 o'clock at the Grange hall. Each member is asked to bring a Valentine. Chairman Dorothy Lockstone would like every member to take a loaf of home made bread to the February 17 meeting of Grange. They will be sold, and proceeds go to the H.E.C. fund.

Shady Cove Grange

Shady Cove Grange will meet Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. A comic valentine exchange will furnish amusement for the evening.

H.E.C. ladies will meet with Mrs. Edgar Vanderlip, Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. Ladies are asked to bring a valentine for exchange.

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Eyes Created

GEO. N. TAYLOR Spitting on a lump of clay, Christ made mud and this He plastered on the eyes of the man born blind.

"Go wash in the pool of Siloam." Christ told him. This the man did and he came seeing. John 9th. In spite of it, the law-folks had small use for Christ since He healed men on the Sabbath Day. In this case, Christ opened a new world to the blind. Mother's face; Dad's; flowers; trees; sky—a new world.

The man now made to see told the law-folks that it was God who gave him eye-sight, for God iddwelt Christ. At that the law-folks shut every door against the man. Next he received Christ into his heart as being God himself and so he came into eternal life. Sum It Up: He that has Christ has life. He that has not Christ, shall not see life but the wrath of God abides on him—see John 3:36. This message sent by a dairyman. —Paid adv.

Dr. RICHARD FREDERICK, Dentist Announces The Removal of His Offices From Oakdale Dental Clinic 815 EAST MAIN To PHONE 3-4132