

New State Tax Law Plan Would Hike Percentages in All Income Brackets

Barrington Official Agrees To Review Report On Classification of State Employees' Pay

Salem —(U.P.)—Told that the Barrington report on state employees salaries and classifications was unrealistic, Carl Robinson, vice president of Barrington Associates of New York, agreed today to review the report compiled here by his subordinates.

He also agreed to hear complaints of the Civil Service Commission.

All-Time Record Barley Crop Forecast

Portland —(U.P.)—An all-time record high barley crop for Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho was forecast today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's crop reporting service.

The USDA forecast the crop at 1,954,000 acres, 11 per cent over last year's production.

R. B. Hile, statistician in the local crop reporting office, said reason for the large crop is that small grain producers intend to plant barley on most of the land in excess of their smaller 1955 wheat acreage allotments.

Because most of the 1955 wheat allotment was fall sown, the USDA said Northwest growers plan to sow only 355,000 acres, some 32 per cent below last spring.

mission and to meet with Gov. Paul L. Patterson, members of the Legislature and members of the Civil Service Commission.

After the meeting a decision is expected to be made as to what disposition will be made of the Barrington report, made to the state at a cost of \$50,000.

Robinson was summoned from New York to Salem by members of the legislative ways and means subcommittee on salaries.

Phillip A. Joss of Portland, chairman of the Civil Service Commission, said the commissioners, sitting as a review board

Billy Graham Draws Capacity Audience

Glasgow, Scotland —(U.P.)—Billy Graham drew a capacity audience for the third straight night last night while a British minister was warning against preachers who might try to imitate the American evangelist.

Thousands of persons had to be turned away after Kelvin Hall's 15,000 seats were filled for the third meeting of the American revivalist's six week tour. Another 317 persons made "decisions for Christ" at the end of the meeting, making the three day total of converts 1160.

for employees under civil service, had heard again and again "that the structure of the Barrington report reversed the outline contained in the preliminary report" made by the New York firm in that it reduced the salary schedules for technical workers although those workers now are underpaid in relation to private industry.

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Job Not Completed

Charles Terry, Oregon civil service director, said the Barrington staff had not completed its job, had failed to complete specifications and also had not included necessary data in its notes.

Robinson said the Oregon project had been well planned and experienced and capable men assigned to it. He said that in such a large project, involving 17,500 employees, some errors were bound to creep in.

Another Tactical

Weapon Added to American Arsenal

Las Vegas —(U.P.)—The United States today added another tactical weapon to its atomic arsenal, a small, highly portable A-bomb which can be planted by demolition crews to wipe out bridges, dams and troop concentrations.

Army Engineers buried one of the newly developed pocket bombs in the Nevada desert yesterday and touched it off at 12:30 p.m. PST.

Fire Ball Winks

The ground erupted with volcanic force and a bright red fire ball winked briefly over the proving grounds. A dirty brown cloud, much wider than usual, boiled up to 10,000 feet before its own weight caused it to settle back, blanketing a 10-mile area.

It was the first underground shot since 1951. The AEC announced the bomb was assembled and planted by the Army Corps of Engineers and ordnance troops, rather than AEC scientists. Some 280 troops watched the blast.

Explosion Not Heard

Observers on Mt. Charleston, 45 miles from the test site, did not feel a shock wave or hear the explosion. They estimated the "satchel" bomb was equivalent to 1000 tons of TNT, considerably smaller than previous shots in the 1955 test series.

No nuclear tests were scheduled for today.

Tri-Hi-Y Members To Talk World Service

An assembly of Medford Tri-Hi-Y members, and others interested in the world service program of the YMCA, will be held at 7:30 p.m. today in the Methodist church.

Speaking at the meeting will be William P. Coston, who for the past three years has been YMCA world service man in Korea. He will show slides of that country, and discuss the world service program of the "Y."

PORTLANDER CHAIRMAN

Olympia —(U.P.)—Ellis Hatt of Portland was elected chairman of the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency committee at a meeting of the CBIAC here yesterday.

Less Exemption, Surtax Approved By House Group

Salem —(U.P.)—A new personal income tax law that would hike percentage rates in all income brackets and cut the dependency exemption from the present \$600 to \$500 won't thud the approval of a majority of the House Taxation Committee late yesterday.

In addition to the lowered exemptions and the higher rates, a surtax would still have to be superimposed on the basis tax to raise a needed \$24,500,000.

The plan which finally drew enough favorable votes in the committee session to be placed in the tax program was the work of Rep. C. Allen Tom (R-Rufus).

It met vigorous opposition from Rep. Pat Dooley (D-Portland) who said it would place a disproportionate burden on low income classes.

Two phases of the Tom plan—the lowered exemptions and the increased rates—would bring in about \$20,000,000 in new revenue to the state. The surtax would be used to raise the other \$4,500,000.

Passage Far Off

The plan—a compromise of committee ideas—was still a long way from final adoption. It must be put into bill form and will face more argument in committee. It will then have to go to the floor of the House. If it wins approval there, it will move over to the Senate where another taxation committee will hold hearings and offer amendments. The Senate version would then go to the floor of the upper chamber and, if it is passed, would have to go back to the House for adoption of the Senate amendments.

The tentative committee agreement simply meant that chairman Loran Stewart (R-Cottage Grove) had a program to show the House at a special meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. today.

At the beginning of the legislative session, the taxation committee estimated it had a minimum of \$55,000,000 to raise. Cutting that down to the point where only \$24,500,000 would have to be raised through the income tax, meant wiping out the utility exemption from the corporate excise tax and proposing a 4 per cent tax for two years; approving a three-cent-a-pack cigarette tax; raising liquor prices 30 per cent; increasing the withholding tax from one to two per cent, and taking back into the general fund \$1,000,000 appropriated last year to start an intermediate penal institution.

Would Cover Budget

Most of those plans are still on thin ice. Stewart said he was only assuming that the joint ways and means committee would drop plans for building the intermediate institution in the next biennium. That would mean that the unspent million could then be used for other purposes.

The total Stewart plans to raise with his program would total \$210,720,000. It would cover the governor's budget and provide \$10,000,000 for a building program. It also would assume \$2,000,000 in savings achieved by the ways and means committee on budgets.

In addition to the meeting with the tax committee today, the House calendar included 24 bills up for final passage, probably requiring an afternoon session to complete. In addition, 16 new pieces of legislation were introduced and were up for first reading.

The new bills included one that would prohibit the retailing of milk of less than 4 per cent butterfat, and another bill that would prohibit selling milk of less than 3.8 per cent.

Freight Bill Tabled

Another bill to raise legislators' salaries was introduced by Rep. G. D. Gleason (D-Portland). His plan would raise the pay from the present \$600 per year to \$2400.

The Senate Commerce and Utilities committee headed by Sen. Lee Ohmart (R-Salem) voted 4 to 3 late yesterday to table House Bill 121, which would give the public utilities commissioner control over a reduction as well as an increase in freight rates proposed by railroads, trucks and barges. Truck and barge line operators favored the measure and the railroads opposed it.

The Senate had nine measures up for final action today, including Senate Bill 266. It provides that the power to impose taxes based upon income or receipts is reserved exclusively for the state and no city or county in Oregon may levy such a tax.

A LA CARTE

Sioux Falls, S. D. —(U.P.)—Alden Johnson, a milkman, found this note tucked into an empty milk bottle on his route here: "Please pour about a cupful of milk out of one of the quarts into the dish in the entry for the kitten! Thanks a lot."



Law Catches Up With Changing Times

Sacramento, Calif. —(U.P.)—The California Assembly's Judiciary Committee has indicated its awareness that household needs change with the times.

To an old law stating that the necessities of life include three cows, four hogs, bed, bedding, washing machine, stove, furniture, shotgun and rifle, the committee added the words: "One television receiver."

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