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## Oregon Income Tax Hike Bill Introduced

### \$27,000,000 Seen As Revenue From Key to Tax Plans

Salem —(U.P.)—A new income tax bill, largest revenue producer in 1955 legislation in Oregon and the key to this session's biggest headache, was introduced in the House today.

If approved, the measure would raise nearly \$25,000,000 and, with a series of smaller revenue measures, would balance Ore-

**TAX FORUM SLATED**  
The Oregon legislature's efforts to solve a multi-million dollar deficit facing the state will be described here Thursday by State Sen. Lee Ohmart, Salem.

Senator Ohmart will be the speaker at a public tax forum, slated for 8 p.m. at the senior high school auditorium. The non-partisan forum has been arranged by the forum committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

A feature of the forum will be what committee members call "a no holds barred" question and answer period following Senator Ohmart's talk. Sponsors of the forum have expressed the hope that all viewpoints will be represented in the question and answer period.

Members of the committee on arrangements are Ray Johnson, chairman; Frank J. VanDyke, Elwood Hedberg, and Robert Root.

gon's budget without a sales tax and without a state property tax. Bulk of the corollary revenue bills passed the House yesterday and were sent to the Senate, thus speeding the session toward adjournment as the lawmakers neared what they hoped would be their last month in Salem.

Although the House Taxation Committee voted to introduce as a bill the income tax plan proposed last week by Rep. C. Allen Tom (R-Rufus), they still had under consideration the so-called "universal income tax" plan offered by Rep. Walter Pearson (D-Portland).

The committee learned yesterday that Pearson's plan, in some income brackets, would levy a heavier tax than that proposed by Tom. It would raise \$27,000,000 per biennium and would not require the surtax on top of the base rate as the Tom plan would. Pearson argued that the best recommendation for his idea was its simplicity and its repeal of the federal income tax offset.

On the floor of the House yesterday, members gave strong support to bills increasing the withholding tax from one to two per cent and including farm workers; repealing utility and skyscraper exemptions; and increasing the tax on insurance premiums one-half of one per cent.

The withholding tax increase and inclusion of now exempt farm workers would put the state \$3,700,000 closer to a balanced budget. It will not mean new revenue, but will bring it in faster—leaving a new headache for the 1957 legislature. Tax committee members conceded it simply meant borrowing against the future. It also will mean that taxpayers will have less cash to pay each April 15 with their tax returns since a larger amount will be withheld from their paychecks.

The increased tax on insurance premiums will create \$1,200,000 in new revenue.

**Actress Judy Garland Becomes Mother of Boy**  
Hollywood —(U.P.)—Actress Judy Garland, nominee for "best actress" in tomorrow's Academy awards, gave birth to a 5-pound, 8-ounce boy today. Both were reported doing "just fine" at Cedars of Lebanon hospital.



**VISITS WHITE HOUSE**—Italian Premier Mario Scelba shown at White House here where he had lunch and a one hour conference with President Eisenhower. Seated (left to right): President Eisenhower; Clare Boothe Luce, U. S. Ambassador to Italy and Scelba. Back row: Gaetano Martino, Italian minister of foreign affairs; Secy. of State Dulles and Italian Ambassador Manlio Brosio.

### New Ground Water Code, Resources Board Bills Get Nod

Salem —(U.P.)—A new code governing the use of ground water and a Water Resources board to control water use in the state are provided for in two bills (HBs 25 and 26) reported favorably out of the House Commerce and Utilities Committee late yesterday.

The two bills, recommended by an interim committee on water resources, were amended by the committee to remove most of the objections of irrigation interests, farmers who felt they had vested rights in water, and well operators.

Eastern Oregon now has a ground water code but the bills reported out yesterday would set up a statewide code limiting indiscriminate well drilling and other uses of ground water.

The board proposed in the bill would have wide powers over water conservation but many of the powers included in the first draft of the proposed bill were eliminated by the committee after weeks of hearings and conferences.

**Siamese Siamese-Twins Separated by Surgery**  
Chicago —(U.P.)—Siamese twin girls from Thailand, Siam, were successfully separated today in a 3½-hour operation.

The 22-month-old twins, Prissana and Napit Polinyo, "survived the operation in good condition," the chief surgeon reported.

The children were joined by a band of flesh, bone and muscle from the chest to the stomach.

The operation disclosed that only one vital organ was shared. It was the liver. The surgeons cut the liver in half, giving each twin a chance at a normal life.

**Fruit Developing Rapidly; Heating Still Unnecessary**  
Despite rapid development of fruit buds over the past week end, it appears that orchard heating will be unnecessary in the Rogue valley for at least five days, according to Don Berry, county agent for horticulture and Roy Rogers, federal meteorologist.

### Ike Doesn't Think China Will Attack Matsu and Quemoy

Washington —(U.P.)—President Eisenhower does not believe that Red China is prepared to attack Quemoy and Matsu islands in the near future.

He disagrees emphatically with those U. S. military and naval leaders who have recently been saying that war may begin in the Formosa strait by mid-April.

On the basis of all the military and political intelligence reports available to the White House, he feels that Red China does not yet have enough airfields along the coast to undertake a full scale attack soon.

**Doesn't Discount Danger**  
The President does not discount the danger of war in the Formosa strait at some later date, when Red China has massed more strength, particularly

air power, on the coast opposite Quemoy and Matsu. His objection is to recent news stories reporting that some of his top military advisers regard the conflict as imminent.

The White House believes that it knows who inspired these reports, but the President does not plan, at present, to administer any direct personal rebuke to the sources.

He feels that public knowledge of his displeasure at the war-scare talk should be a sufficient warning to the officials concerned.

**Warn of Red Attack**  
A senior naval officer met privately with some reporters here last Thursday night. On Saturday morning, dispatches were published reporting that some high military officials expected a Red attack on Matsu around April 15, with an assault on Quemoy likely to follow within a month.

This set off a sharp debate in the Senate yesterday, in which Republican Leader William F. Knowland of California and Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.), took a stand in favor of a firm U. S. pledge to defend Quemoy and Matsu.

**Official Fire Season Will Start April 1**  
The State Forestry department announced today that the official fire season will start April 1. All regulations pertaining to the season will go into effect at that date.

Logging and sawmill operators were warned that all requirements pertaining to fire tools and equipment must be met in order to keep operating.

Should operators be in doubt as to the necessary requirements they should contact their forest inspector at once.

All operators must have an operation permit before they begin logging or sawmilling. Failure to secure this permit will result in action as prescribed by law.

**Two Juveniles Charged With Curfew Violation**  
Two Medford area juveniles were picked up by city police early this morning and were jailed on a charge of violating the curfew, according to police records. The arrests were among the first on a curfew violation charge in several months.

The boys, 15 and 17 years of age, were arrested at 3:50 a.m. and were lodged in the county jail under authorization of the county juvenile officer.

Portland —(U.P.)—Mrs. Edward A. Bloom, supervisor of adult family education for Portland public schools, died yesterday. She was 54.

**Weather**  
FORECAST: Partly cloudy and cooler tonight. Increasing cloudiness Wednesday with beginning in afternoon. Low tonight, 32-35, high Wednesday 55-58.  
Highest Yesterday Temp. 39  
Lowest this Morning Temp. 39  
Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today .21

### Swedish Engineer Reveals Malenkov Sent to Siberia

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The Kremlin silence on his whereabouts touched off speculation his disgrace was more serious than generally thought.

**9 Ministers Quit Indochina Cabinet; Diem Crisis Grows**  
Saigon, Indochina —(U.P.)—Nine ministers resigned today from the Ngo Dinh Diem cabinet, plunging free Viet Nam deeper into its political and military crisis.

Eight of the ministers were members of the three religious-political sects which have been feuding with the premier and which have threatened to use their private armies in a civil war to bring down Diem's government.

**Conciliation Impossible**  
The Nationalist minded sects, grouped in a loosely knit anti-government "Nationalist united front," took the decision to leave the cabinet after a hurried meeting. They said "any conciliation with the premier is impossible and harmful."

Pham Cong Tac, "Pope" of the Cao Dai sect, sent an urgent message to absent Emperor Bao Dai on the French Riviera urging him to form a new government.

The Premier called an emergency cabinet meeting to examine the new developments which followed by one day his efforts to seize control of the Saigon police from the rebellious Binh Xuyen sect.

**Hunger May Force End of Prison Riot**  
Lincoln, Neb. —(U.P.)—Gov. Victor E. Anderson predicted today that hunger will force rioting convicts who hold two prison guards as hostages to "make an offer soon."

The governor, in personal command of the strife-torn Nebraska State Penitentiary, also revealed he believes one of the nine convicts holed up in the stone maximum security building is actually a captive of his fellow prisoners.

The rebel convicts probably have not eaten since shortly before they staged their outbreak early Sunday.

Anderson said there is nothing the convicts can gain by holding out.

The governor said he will not compromise with the rebels and repeated his refusal to act on their list of grievances until guards Warren Miller, 43, and Eugene Swanson, 34, are released.

**Interceptor Missiles Said in Test Stage**  
Seattle —(U.P.)—The first official disclosure that long-range superonic interceptor missiles have reached the test-firing stage was made yesterday by the Boeing Airplane Co.

The firm's annual report did not specify the testing site for its IM-99 Bomarc missile, but it was presumed to be at the Air Force missile-test center at Coconino, Fla.

It also was confirmed that the missile, designed to seek out and destroy attacking planes still some distance from the intended target, is powered by a rocket to get the missile off the ground and by ramjet power for sustained flight.

**Canada Receives Most Of Pacific NW's Fruit**  
Portland —(U.P.)—Most exports of Pacific Northwest fruit went to Canada between July, 1953 and July, 1954.

The United States Department of Agriculture crop and livestock reporting service said Canada was the largest importer of Northwest apples, grapes and pears, dried peaches, canned cherries, canned plums and prunes.

An estimated 46 per cent of its fruit imports came from the United States, according to the USDA.

Eugene —(U.P.)—Funeral services for Marine Capt. Martin P. Olson, 27, will be held here Thursday. Olson was a member of the Navy's Blue Angel jet flight team who crashed in his death last Thursday in Texas.

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**Rearmament Pact Ratification Urged**  
By UNITED PRESS  
Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today said arming of West Germany will enhance hope of progress toward peace in a big-power meeting.

The secretary urged the Senate Foreign Relations committee to approve quickly the German rearmament treaties which already have been ratified at Paris and Bonn. The committee and the Senate are expected to do so later this week.

He said final ratification of the treaties making West Germany a part of the European defense system would make it possible to meet with Russia "with greater hope."

Dulles said there have been no talks so far with Russia about the prospects of a Big Four meeting. Apparently referring to U.S. and British-French discussions on the subject, he said there has been "only parleying about parleying."

But if such a meeting is arranged, he suggested, it will have to be a "Big Five" meeting, with West Germany included.

**U.S., Russ Delegates Exchange Hot Words**  
Tokyo —(U.P.)—The United States and Russian delegates to the Far East Economic Conference exchanged heated words today over the American trade embargo on Red China.

M. A. Menshikov, Soviet Ambassador to India, charged the hardships experienced by Far East countries in foreign trade "to a great extent are the results of the policy pursued by the U.S.A." John Allison, U. S. Ambassador to Japan, immediately replied, "the Soviet Union apparently believes that aggression should be rewarded."

They spoke at the second day session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.

The Philippines delegate protested against the presence of six Chinese Communists as observers at the conference. They are part of the eight man delegation from the Communist run World Federation of Trade Unions.



**WILL CONTINUE SERVING**  
Peering over his glasses, Prime Minister Winston Churchill sits with hands on knees during meeting of his constituents. Referring to rumors of his retirement, Sir Winston said he has every hope of serving his constituents in Parliament "longer still."

### Sheriff Transports Two Men to Salem; 3 in District Court

Two men were taken to Salem this morning by Sheriff Howard Gault, and three others appeared in district court yesterday on misdemeanor charges.

Those taken to Salem were Charles Robert Quackenbush, 41, of route 1, box 539, Talent, and Eugene Allen Crandall, 20, of 209 North Grape st.

Quackenbush is scheduled to undergo 30 days of mental observation at the State Mental hospital before being sentenced on a sex crime charge.

Crandall will start a one-year prison term on a charge of parole violation.

**In District Court**  
The three men who appeared in district court were Oliver Bryant Hinge, 49, of 1978 Table Rock rd.; John Lamont Davidson, 58, of Little Butte Star route, box 135, Eagle Point, and Ralph Waldo Bridger, 44, Sacramento, Calif.

Hinge pleaded guilty to a charge of angling with prohibited methods, and was fined \$25 and court costs. The court suspended \$20 of the fine.

Davidson entered an innocent plea through Attorney Edward Kelly to a charge of driving while intoxicated. Trial was set for June 9.

Bridger pleaded guilty to a petty larceny charge involving theft of a jar of coffee valued at 73 cents from Luman's market. He was fined \$10 and court costs and was jailed in lieu of payment of fine.

**Plane's Crew Member To Remain in Seattle**  
Miss Natalie Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carol J. Parker, 610 South Central ave., who was a member of the crew of the Pan American plane which ditched off the coast of Oregon Saturday morning, will remain for the present in Seattle, Wash., her home station, her parents said today.

Miss Parker, though not critically injured did receive bruises and shock, and some ill effects from oil spilled at the scene of the rescue, according to a telephone conversation last evening with Mr. and Mrs. Parker. She also needs to remain in the city until investigation of the accident has been completed. Later she plans to visit here with her parents.

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**INVESTIGATE ENTRY**  
Sheriff's deputies today were investigating a reported break and entry at Hunter's tavern, Crater Lake Four Corners, according to Sheriff Howard Gault. The amount of loss was not reported. A second break and entry, in the Talent area, was reported this morning.

### 'Granddaddy' Burst Seen in Medford; Other is Air Drop Ceiling 75 Miles Away Split by Blast

Las Vegas —(U.P.)—Two atomic bombs were exploded in a single day today for the first time in Nevada test history.

One was a whopper so powerful it split a ceiling 75 miles away. The other was a "baby" air burst of an undisclosed secret weapon in America's expanding nuclear arsenal.

First the Atomic Energy Commission triggered in the pre-dawn darkness the mightiest blast of the 1955 testing, estimated as packing the punch of 25,000 tons of TNT, the kick of the bombs that leveled Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The flash from this morning's "granddaddy" atomic blast in the southern Nevada desert was seen in various parts of the Rogue valley.

It was disclosed in the log at the airport control tower by CAA Operator Warren Broemmer as a very, very bright flash of light, 15 to 30 degrees wide on the horizon toward Mt. Ashland and Wagner butte. The time was listed as 4:55 a.m.

Mrs. O. T. Heyerman, Winema way, reported the blast "lit up the whole sky," and looked like a sudden coming of the dawn.

Weather conditions here generally were good for seeing the flash from the blast. There were only a few clouds at the time.

It was noticeably felt over a 150-mile radius in three Western states, the AEC reported.

This was from a 500-foot steel tower at the Nevada Proving Grounds at 4:55 a.m. PST. Its shock wave, as though from a Vesuvius eruption, roared 75 miles into Las Vegas and cracked a ceiling, the first report of A-bomb damage in the 1955 experiments.

**Dropped From Plane**  
Five hours and five minutes later, an Air Force B36 flying at 15,000 feet dropped a compact device in the "baby" A-bomb class. It burst at 10 a.m. PST, right on schedule, at an unannounced height over the desert rated at some 5,000 tons of TNT.

The white flash of the air burst was seen in Las Vegas, lasting for less than a second, or a "small instant," observers said.

Compared to the ceiling-cracking blast earlier, the air burst merely quivered some windows in Las Vegas, even though its detonation height was believed to be much higher than the tower shot.

The exact nature of neither of today's devices was detailed by the AEC.

**Much Speculation**  
Both experiments were labeled merely as "of primary interest" to the Defense Department, leading to speculation among veteran observers that the military either was testing new-type weapons or perfecting ones already past the prototype stage.

An AEC spokesman forestalled speculation that today's air burst was an atomic airborne missile by declaring the drop was "not similar" to last Friday's 30,000-foot non-nuclear detonation.

Las Vegas —(U.P.)—The Atomic Energy Commission said today that there would be no more nuclear detonations in the present test series for at least four days.

**Senator Neuberger Urges Airline Approval**  
Washington —(U.P.)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) today urged federal approval of an application by Alaska Freight Lines, Inc., as a common carrier on the grounds it would benefit the economy of Oregon cities.

Sen. Neuberger said favorable action by the Interstate Commerce Commission would aid the economy of "Portland, Oregon coastal cities and the entire state."

He said that lumber trade with Gulf of Alaska ports, "once a big market for Oregon lumber, could also be reestablished."

**Col. McCormick Ill; Takes Turn for Worse**  
Chicago —(U.P.)—Col. Robert R. McCormick, editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune, is seriously ill and his condition has taken a turn for the worse, his physician announced today.

Col. McCormick, who is 74, was operated on Jan. 19. He is suffering from an internal ailment.

Washington —(U.P.)—The Senate Armed Services Committee today unanimously approved a \$745,000,000 selective pay increase for military personnel.

**DOW-JONES AVERAGES**  
New York —(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 413.73 up 0.83; 20 railroads 151.36 up 0.57; 15 utilities 63.85 off 0.09, and 65 stocks 154.39 up 0.30. Sales today were about 2,770,000 shares compared with 2,540,000 shares yesterday.