

# State Sales Tax Plan To Be Drafted, Printed in Bill Form for Further Study



**FREED FROM CARES**—Relaxing from the cares of state for the first time in many years, Sir Winston Churchill strolls through luxuriant gardens of the hotel where he is vacationing at Syracuse, Sicily. With him are Lady Churchill and two unidentified members of his staff.

## Program Would Be Contingent on Voter Acceptance

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Salem —(U.P.)—A plan to solve Oregon's money troubles with a three per cent sales tax, with food exempt, was put before the House Taxation Committee late yesterday and a majority of the members voted to have the plan drafted and printed in bill form for more study.

The plan came from a subcommittee headed by Rep. Ed Cardwell (R-Sweet Home) which also proposed a five-point package program which would be contingent on voter acceptance of the sales tax itself at a special election.

If the people declare at the polls that they would rather have a sales tax in Oregon than an increase of 50 per cent in their personal income tax rates, there would follow, under the subcommittee plan, several changes:

**Changes Listed**  
1. A reduction in personal income taxes by increasing the exemptions for a husband and wife from the present \$600 to \$1200 and \$600 for each child. That would be a total exemption of \$3000 for a man and wife and one child.

2. The tax withheld from paychecks would be kept at the present one per cent, instead of the two per cent that was part of the original tax program passed by the House Taxation Committee.

3. Basic school support would be raised from the present \$80 per census child to \$90. Half of that \$10 increase would be earmarked to help those distressed schools districts that have reached the limit of their bonding capacity.

4. County contributions for basic school support would be reduced by \$10 per census child with a property tax offset so that the savings could not be used for other county expenses but would be passed on to the county taxpayer.

5. The state would get out of the property tax field except for purposes of bond and debt service. That field of taxation would then be reserved to the counties.

The plan would raise \$75,000,000 the first biennium and \$90,000,000 thereafter. It would support a biennial budget for the 1955-57 period of \$224,200,000 and leave a cushion of some \$6,000,000 to begin the next biennium.

When the Cardwell subcommittee presented its plans at yesterday's meeting, there was immediate reaction from labor, farm groups and others in the audience.

Tom Scanlon, lobbyist for the Oregon Federation of Labor, repeated his organization's long-standing opposition to a sales tax, regardless of what he called "the sugar coating" that went along with it.

**Grange Opposition Unchanged**  
P. M. Laubenfels of the state Grange said his opposition to a sales tax had not been changed by the subcommittee plan.

R. E. Kerr of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation told the committee his group would favor a sales tax with the property tax offset feature.

Cecil Posey of the Oregon Education Association said the plan was the first put before the Legislature this session that would help schools.

The order to put the plan into bill form for introduction was passed by a six to three vote in the committee.

## 4-H Club

**Antelope Club**  
Antelope 4-H club held its annual box social April 15 at the Eagle Point Grange hall. George Barr of Medford Feed and Seed was auctioneer and the box social was a big success.

David Woolfolk, Wallace Ragsdale and Glenn Klein gave reports on the Junior Livestock Exposition held in San Francisco at the Cow Palace. Klein said he was very pleased the way Jackson county placed in representing Oregon at the fair.

Bob Taylor presented the club with a gavel and block which he had made in shop at school.

A tour was planned for May 28 when we will visit all livestock members homes and the monthly business meeting will be held during lunch hour. The two Cochran families are providing coffee and cold drinks.

After the supper a Hopalong Cassidy and Mighty Mouse film was shown by Earl Jossy.  
Bob Hayes  
Reporter

**SHOES FOR NO USE**  
Grand Rapids, Mich. —(U.P.)—Shoe salesman Fred Nordstrom told police someone broke into his garage and opened five cartons of sample shoes. But the intruder left empty-handed—probably because all of the shoes were for the right foot.

## Oakland, Calif., Extortion Try Linked With Aaron Frank Case

Oakland, Calif. —(U.P.)—Oakland police have linked an East Bay extortion threat to a similar case that resulted in a department store bombing in Portland, Ore.

"We have a particular suspect in mind," said Captain of Inspectors Anthony Bolger after conferring with Portland's Captain of Inspectors William E. Brown. "There are similarities in the two cases."

**\$75,000 Demanded**  
The East Bay threat involved Walter Boysen, a wealthy paint manufacturer. A note left in his office door on March 14 demanded \$75,000. It warned that failure to pay would mean "the death of you, your wife, or one of your little girls."  
Sheriff's deputies were keeping a 24-hour-a-day watch on

the Boysen home in Orinda.

In Portland last Friday, a note demanding \$50,000 appeared on the desk of Aaron Frank, president of the Meier and Frank department store. It warned of an impending bomb blast.

A few moments after Frank read the note, a bomb exploded in a washroom on the third floor of the store. Two persons

were slightly injured.

Frank offered a \$25,000 reward for capture and conviction of the extortionist.

Bolger said he and Brown found similarities in the two notes and in the methods used in both extortion attempts. He also pointed out that Boysen and Frank are close friends and that both recently returned from trips to Honolulu.

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## Hank Girl Took Own Life, Ex-Undercover Man Says He Was Told

Portland —(U.P.)—A bartender testified yesterday that while he was working as a police undercover man, Sherry Fong told him Diane Hank had taken her own life.

Robert Richards, testifying at the murder trial of Wey Him and Sherry Fong, told the jury Mrs. Fong told him the 16-year-old girl "took barbiturates because she was jealous of Sherry's power and money and because she was in love with a man who was in love with Sherry."

**Friends Helped Remove Body**  
Richard added that Mrs. Fong told him she took the body to Vancouver, Wash., with the help of two friends. The body was found wrapped in blankets near Washougal, Wash.

Sherman J. Marriott, a restaurant operator, and his wife told of a chance meeting with Mrs. Fong at a restaurant where Richards worked as a bartender. They testified Mrs. Fong spoke of a body in her basement.

Former District Attorney John B. McCourt would have sought a first degree murder indictment against the Fongs if he had had the proper medical evidence, former Chief Criminal Deputy J. Raymond Carskadon testified.

**Evidence Undetermined**  
"We could not determine the medical evidence necessary for an indictment," Carskadon said, but "we had enough other evidence to substantiate a murder charge."

On cross-examination, Carskadon told defense attorney Irvin Goodman that never in his 11 years with the district attorney's office had a first degree murder indictment been returned in

which the cause of death was not set forth.

Goodman has been trying to make the points that the indictment did not show the cause of death and that for almost a year, McCourt did not bring out a murder indictment.

## Americans Urge No Quemoy Defense

Washington —(U.P.)—Forty-seven prominent Americans, including Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, urged President Eisenhower today to declare that the United States will not fight to defend Quemoy and the Matsu islands. The group's plea was contained in a telegram to the President made public by Americans for Democratic Action.

The telegram asked Mr. Eisenhower "to use all the powers of your great office to prevent the United States from becoming engaged in hostilities over the possession of the islands of Quemoy and Matsu."

Among other signers were radio commentator Elmer Davis; Mrs. India Edwards, vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee; Socialist Leader Norman Thomas, and President W. P. Kennedy of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

## EVADES INCOME TAXES

St. Petersburg, Fla. —(U.P.)—A cafeteria owner apparently has taken steps to end his income tax worries once and for all. Lander Hiage was due in federal court here Monday on charges of evading \$10,000 in taxes. However, Hiage's lawyer appeared with a letter from his client. The letter was postmarked Sweden and in it Hiage said he did not intend to return to the United States.

## USED CARS

Chicago —(U.P.)—Three brand new automobiles became used cars Monday without leaving the showroom floor. An auto agency employee, Alec McQuire, lost control of a car outside and crashed through the showroom window. He banged in to a floor model car which smashed into two others.

## Poultry Clinic Planned In County for April 27

Dr. E. M. Dickinson, poultry veterinarian of Oregon State college, will conduct a poultry clinic starting at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, in the Jackson county court house at 1 p.m.

The clinic will be to acquaint local poultrymen with the more prevalent poultry diseases, and Dr. Dickinson will discuss modern methods of control and management of diseases.

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