

# Holmes Criticized By Lowry for Calling Special Legislature

Criticizing Gov. Robert Holmes for calling a special session of the legislature this fall, Sen. Philip Lowry Monday declared "After all of the facts are known to the public it would seem that the conclusion is inevitable that the only emergency which exists is a political emergency confronting the governor and the political faction which surrounds him."

Senator Lowry made the statement during an hour-long talk for Jackson County Republican Women and others attending the September meeting of the women's group Monday noon at Rogue Valley Country club.

The senator said the emergency which has arisen results "from the excessive taxation program adopted by the Democratic controlled legislature at its last session." He also said it is interesting to note that many prominent and responsible Democrats do not share the governor's opinion. He named Lew Wallace, Boyd Overhulse and Senator Ben Musa as among those who do not.

The speaker said he believed that state problems should be approached in a non-partisan manner, and added that "the problem of taxation at the regular 1957 session did not, in my opinion, receive non-partisan treatment and that is probably why we are now to the point of going into special session to correct what, according to the surplus figures released by the governor, amounts to a colossal blunder."

Senator Lowry declared that prior Republican administrations in Oregon had provided "efficient, clean and honest government" and that its primary concern had been good government, rather than the furthering of any individual political ambitions.

The speaker reviewed opening events of the 1957 session and said Governor Holmes had not lived up to his promises to advise the legislature of the fiscal condition of the state. "The promised repeal of the 45 per cent surtax took place in name only," he said "and was replaced by a change in the permanent tax rates which in effect embodied a 51 per cent surtax."

"I have no hesitancy in saying that I think the 45 per cent surtax passed under a Republican controlled administration in 1955 was a bad mistake. I opposed that bill, as well as the personal income tax bill of the 1957 session. The net result of the 1957 tax program has been

to give Oregon the severest tax program in its history, and probably the most severe in the United States.

"To implement this tax program, full withholding rates were put into effect and it is now being realized that such stiff withholding rates, which are completely unjustified, have broad political ramifications."

The speaker said he believed that because the Governor is now being criticized by his own party he has "seen fit to select the State Tax commission as the scapegoat for the tax debacle of the 1957 session." The senator added "It is charged that the State Tax commission grossly underestimated receipts which were anticipated under the 1957 tax program."

"Any experienced legislator or any legislator who bothered to scrutinize these figures will know that they are purposely kept on the conservative side in order to avoid the threat of a property tax at the state level. The task of attempting to estimate receipts is most difficult. In the final analysis, the responsibility for the excessive taxation imposed by the 1957 regular session must be assumed by the Governor and those legislators who voted for the bill."

**Citizens Misled**  
Senator Lowry said press releases had led citizens to believe that there is now on hand and available for the legislature to "play around with" a surplus in the amount of \$69,000,000, whereas in reality "the simple fact is that the commission has now seen fit to predict that the current revenue program will produce a surplus of this figure as of July 1, 1958."

He pointed out that the chairman of the tax commission, testifying before the Senate Special committee last Saturday in Portland, had stated that the surplus now on hand was not in excess of \$20,000,000, and since the legislature had planned a balance of at least \$10,800,000, only \$10 million could be deemed surplus at this time. He also said that the income tax is extremely sensitive to economic changes, and since many were predicting a high unemployment this winter, it would seem that no legislative action to give away a "paper profit surplus" should be made until we know it is on hand.

The senator was also critical of the commission chairman for refusing to make available the figures on which the Governor was basing his surplus estimates.

## Charles Schulz to Speak at Conference

Eugene — Charles Schulz, creator of a popular comic strip, "Peanuts," has been invited as guest speaker for the annual banquet of the Oregon High School Press conference. The conference will be held at the university campus Oct. 11 and 12.

Schulz, voted "cartoonist of the year" by the National Cartoonist Society in 1956, is from Minnesota. He also is author of four books based on the strip.

"There is no place for secrecy of any kind in any government, and particularly when the taxpayers are being called upon to bear increasingly heavy burdens," he added.

Concluding that "the worst possible thing that could happen would be for this special session to engage in a political auction contest to see who can make the most political hay out of a bad situation," Senator Lowry offered a five-point program to rectify the errors which have been made.

He said Oregon should "take the state out of the real property tax field once and for all; the special session should refuse to make any further appropriations; any available surplus, except for a reasonable balance for emergency purposes, should be used to effect a permanent reduction in the rates retroactive to Jan. 1, 1957; consideration should be given to automatic application of any future surpluses to the reduction of the public debt and persons over the age of 65 should be given a double exception for personal income tax purposes."

Schulz concluded by saying "Fine words and fancy phrases from the Governor or anyone else will not solve our problems. We must pursue a course which will keep existing capital at work, attract new capital and thereby create jobs and produce incomes so that people can afford to pay a reasonable tax. Responsible Democrats and Republicans alike should be prepared to work together to produce such a program."

Mrs. Wayne Stine, president, introduced the speaker.



**PROTESTING MISTREATMENT**, Mrs. Grace McKinly weeps as she tells Patrolman Ed Searcey she was forcibly prevented from entering Fehr School, Nashville, Tenn. Later she was arrested for carrying knife. (International)

Wednesday, September 18, 1957

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

## 21st Nuclear Shot Postponed by Winds

Las Vegas — The Atomic Energy commission early today called off the firing of the 21st nuclear shot of the summer nuclear series because winds would have carried fallout over populated areas.

It was the third straight day that adverse winds forced a 24-hour delay in the test, dubbed "Whitney," from a 500-foot tower. The AEC rescheduled the shot estimated to equal 15,000 tons of TNT for 4:30 a.m. (p.s.t.) Thursday.

However, scientists originally scheduled the final shot of the series, an underground blast, for Thursday. The AEC said it would meet later today to decide which shot to fire Thursday.

East Hampton, Conn. — When Fire Chief Paul P. O'Connell's phone rings it isn't necessarily a fire. He has the same number as the Boston Red Sox and often receives ticket requests which irk him no end. He's a New York Yankee fan.

**JUDGE SUES**  
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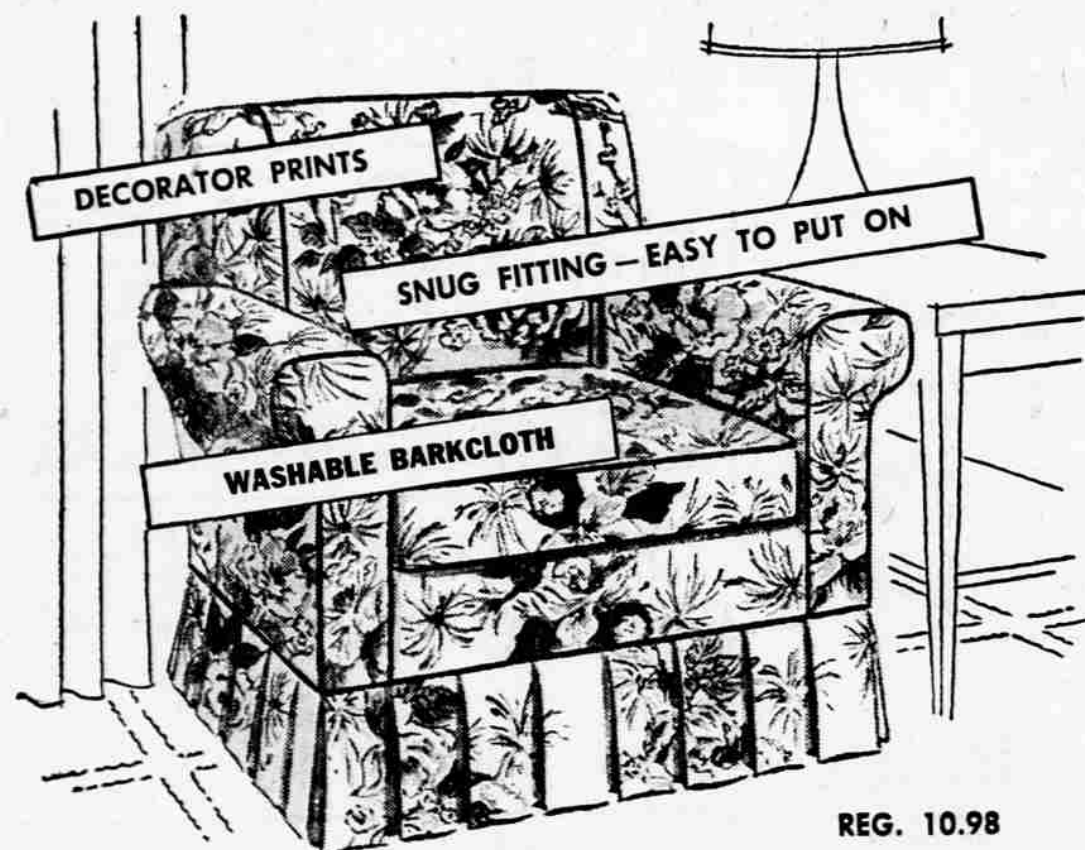
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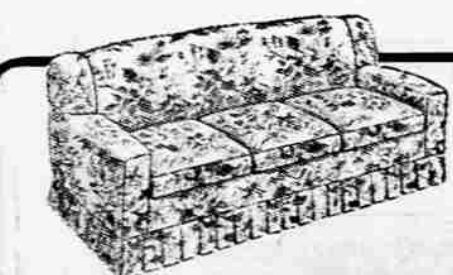


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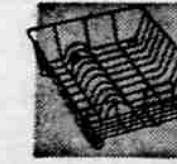
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