

Rockefeller's Proposal for Higher Taxation Draws Boos

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Editors note: Following is the second of two articles comparing Nelson Rockefeller, governor of New York, California Governor Edmund Brown, both mentioned as possible presidential candidates in 1960.

Albany, N. Y. — (UPI) — Little more than three months after Nelson A. Rockefeller was elected governor of New York in what was considered a tremendous tribute to his personal popularity, he made a public appearance at which his words were drowned out by boos.

Nor was Rockefeller surprised. He said he hardly expected any "dancing in the streets" over the top priority item of his legislative program: higher taxes.

Rockefeller's victory last November—a Republican winning when Democrats were capturing practically every other political prize across the nation—made him a prime contender for the GOP's presidential nomination in 1960, despite his refusal to describe himself as a candidate.

Effect not known

What effect his tax program will have on his chances for the nomination is not known. Rockefeller himself says all he wants to do is put the state of New York on a pay-as-you-go financial basis.

The multi-millionaire governor told New Yorkers that they would have to pay the biggest tax bill in their history—about 277 million dollars a year more than they're paying at present—to help finance a budget and "avert fiscal disaster."

"No one likes to pay more taxes any more than I like asking the legislature to im-

pose them," Rockefeller said. "But you can't get something for nothing and we have to stop living beyond our means."

He said the state's 1959-60 outgo would be about \$2.4 billion dollars beyond its income. He plans to close the "gap" by imposing the higher taxes, drawing 50 million dollars from reserve funds and borrowing the rest.

Firm Believer

"A government is only as strong as its financial structure," Rockefeller told the legislature. "I am a firm believer in this policy."

At a recent news conference, reporters asked him whether he thought his increased tax program would

affect his political future.

"I am not worried about my own political future," he said. "I am worried about the state's financial condition."

When a reporter persisted in asking whether his move for "unpopular" taxes would change any plans he may have as a presidential nominee, Rockefeller said he expects to spend the next four years in Albany.

Hits Most Areas

The governor's tax program would hit most areas in which the state can levy taxes, except for industry. An adviser said Rockefeller has excluded higher business taxes because he doesn't want to drive industry out of the state. His philosophy is that an improved economic climate will furnish more job opportunities and the tax bill will be spread among more persons.

Rockefeller began tackling the state's financial problems even before he arrived in Albany. Within a few weeks of taking office, he jammed through the legislature a bill to increase gasoline taxes by two cents a gallon and diesel fuel taxes by three cents a gallon.

Tax Hikes Proposed

Then, he proposed a hike in income taxes, cigarette taxes, cigar taxes, estate taxes and gift taxes, as well as an increase in the state's hunting and fishing license fees.

He also asked for an income tax withholding system similar to the Federal government's which would take effect April 1. This, said the governor, would not only give the state the money it needs when it needs it, but would also catch about 400,000 persons who hadn't been paying to pay their state income tax before now.

To "sweeten" the withholding system, Rockefeller proposed a "forgiveness" on 1958 income taxes, which otherwise would be due on April 15.

Rockefeller's tax program ran into stiff opposition from Republicans as well as Democratic legislators. He finally quelled GOP revolt by agreeing to a compromise over details of his plan.

Permanent Credit

He accepted a change that would grant married taxpayers a \$25 tax credit instead of the \$10 he originally proposed, and agreed to make this a permanent provision of the tax law.

To "sweeten" the new withholding system, Rockefeller proposed forgiveness of all taxes on 1958 income, but later accepted a compromise under which this forgiveness would not apply to capital gains.

The governor also assuaged his fellow Republicans by pledging there would be no attempt to increase taxes again next year, when there will be an election for every seat in the state assembly.

Called 'Soak-the-Poor' Plan

As for the Democrats, they grumbled that Rockefeller's tax plan was still designed to "soak the poor," and charged he had overestimated the state's financial needs in the first place.

Whether the taxpayers will eventually conclude that the governor had no other choice remains to be seen. Even political experts are not sure whether he will regain the popularity that earned him a victory by more than 350,000 over Averell Harriman in November.

But maybe the governor doesn't care. Maybe, as a rural Republican leader put it recently, Nelson Rockefeller "would rather be right than president."

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Kingsport, Tenn.—Pilot William Mullen of Tourville, Tex., on giving up his attempt to fly a single-engine plane non-stop from California to Rome when ice formed in his fuel lines over the Appalachian mountains:

"I'm glad it happened over land. Three more hours and I would have been out to sea."

Boston—Mrs. Catherine Byrne, lady lord mayor of Dublin, on her intention of attending the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York:

"I'm looking forward to the parade there. It certainly will be different than in Ireland. We have only a small parade."

Hollywood—Actor Kirk Douglas, in a telegram to editors of the Harvard Lampoon on being named worst actor of the year for the third straight year and thereby retiring the trophy:

"Please send the trophy prepaid."

Miami Beach—Singer Nelson Eddy, on his fondness for Elvis Presley:

"I even like Presley in that he's interesting in being the crown prince of his particular kind of music."

HILTS Founder's Day Observed

By MRS. M. F. CAVIN

Hilts—Founder's Day was observed by the Hilts elementary Parent-Teachers association at the regular meeting held Thursday evening, Feb. 19, at the schoolhouse.

Presentation of the colors was by Boy Scouts Larry Black and David Whittaker of Troop 25. Past presidents present were Mrs. W. E. Tolis, Mrs. V. Van de Weghe, Mrs. W. A. Rutledge, and Mrs. D. Ward.

During the business meeting it was voted to contribute \$5 to the Siskiyou County Science fair, to help with the awards for participating students.

A nominating committee to select officers for the coming year was chosen. They are Mrs. Robert Goodwin, Mrs. Robert Preston and Mrs. Doug Whittaker.

Unit historian Mrs. Rodney Eastman gave a report of the year's activities and an honorary life membership pin was presented to Viv Van de Weghe for his service and interest in community projects and his part in reorganizing the Boy Scouts after they had become inactive locally.

The seventh and eighth grade students presented a skit based on the objects of PTA. Barbara Rainwater was the announcer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Revall and son, Stevie, of Ashland visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Italo Marin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stickey and daughter, Alanna, of Medford were Sunday visitors at the Vic Van de Weghe home.

Mrs. Joe Vieira was a patient at the Ashland General hospital for several days recently.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Powers and son, David, on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clyburn of Hornbrook and Charles Powers of Yreka.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cain and family recently were Mrs. Cain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Miller of Bakersfield.

Mrs. Don Powers underwent major surgery at the Ashland General hospital on Wednesday morning.

Here to care for the family during her stay in the hospital is Mrs. Anna Budnick of Pasadena, who arrived Sunday and will remain for several weeks to care for Mrs. Powers when she returns home.

Several friends and neighbors called at the home of Mrs. Grady Rabjohn on Friday afternoon, Feb. 20, to surprise her on her birthday.

A gift was presented her by the group. Cake and coffee were served to Mrs. George Hamilton, Mrs. M. M. Sief, Mrs. Donovan Ward, Mrs. Vic Van de Weghe, Becky and Kathy Hamilton and Rhonda Rainwater.

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dettmar arrived home Wednesday night from Westwood, following funeral services for Mrs. Dettmar's mother, Mrs. Beatrice Clyde, who passed away in Oroville on Feb. 14.

Services were held in Gridley and interment was in the family plot in Westwood.

Girl Scout Troop 224 anxious for camping season, rushed it a little and staged and overnight stay in the scout hall on the night of Feb. 20.

They were chaperoned by

Wall Street Chatter

New York—UPI—Bache & Co.

holds that the market's refusal to back away in the face of adverse developments indicates higher levels are to be witnessed.

International Nickel, aided by higher copper prices and a bright outlook for nickel, should show a substantial advance in 1959 over the \$2.60 estimated share earnings for 1958, says Alfred L. Vanden Breeck & Co.

Reynolds & Co. says current prospects are promising for Hart Schaffner & Marx whose 1958 net declined to \$4.17 a share from \$4.33 in 1957.

Stocks Undervalued

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Miss A. Savage of Yreka.

Prizes in pinocle went to Mrs. E. Spannaus, ladies high; Mrs. Art Blanchard, ladies low; M. G. King, men's high, and Al Simmen men's low.

Canasta prizes were won by Mrs. O. Bernheisel, ladies high, and Mrs. O. Rife, ladies low; Italo Marin, men's high, and Walt Laustolot, men's low.

On Friday afternoon, Feb. 27, Mrs. Don Ward was hostess to a surprise party for Mrs. Frank Ayris.

She was presented with a stainless steel bread box by the group. Games were played and coffee and pie served to Mrs. H. G. Thompson, Mrs. M. G. King, Mrs. Gwen Evans, Mrs. Ozzie Bernheisel, Mrs. Dick Williams, Mrs. Joe Caston, Mrs. M. F. Cavin, Mrs. M. M. Sief, Mrs. Fred Haynes, Mrs. Louis Dettmar and the guest of honor, Mrs. Frank Ayris.

Miss Lena Foggliato, a student at Yreka High school, was among those receiving a Certificate of Merit award presented by the Bank of America.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foggliato.

Mrs. R. D. Wyatt and children, Paul and Teresa, of Medford and Mrs. Fred Bloomingcamp of Hornbrook, called Friday at the M. F. Cavin home.

Conscience Bothers Rider of Subway

New York—UPI—The con-

science of a longtime subway fare evader finally has got the best of him.

The New York City Transit Authority reported Tuesday it had received a \$10 bill from an anonymous hitherto free-loading passenger. Enclosed

was a note which said:

"I am sending to you here enclosed, a payment for rides on the transit system for which I did not pay. Will you please put it in the conscience fund?"

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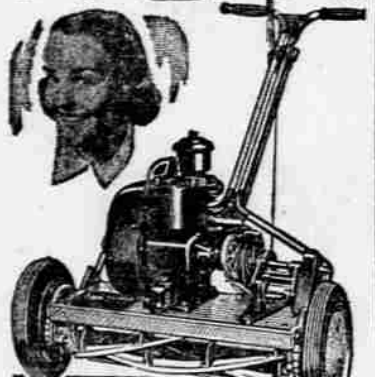
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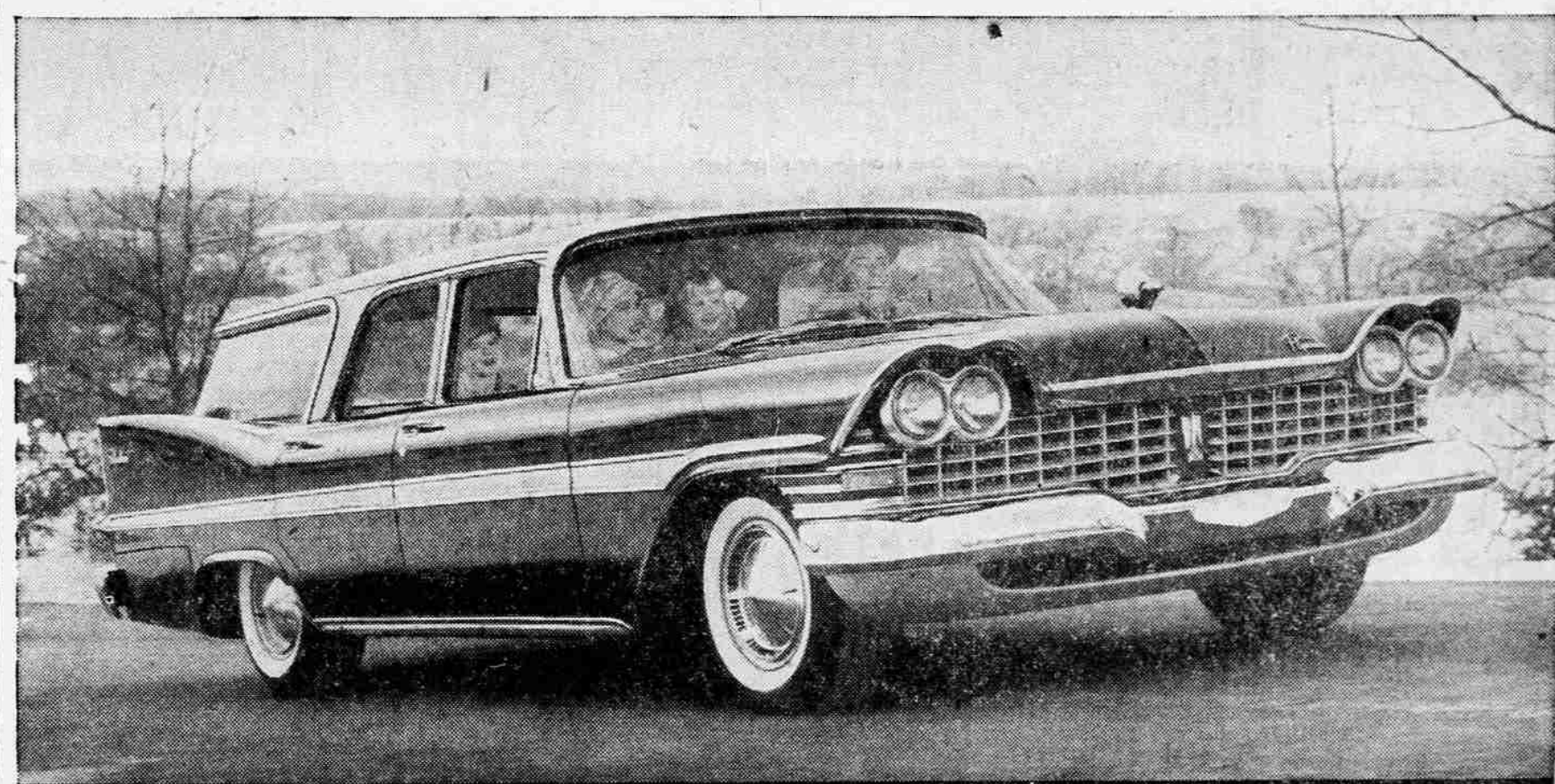
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