

Pearson Again Calls for Special Election to Determine Tax Form

State Sen. Walter J. Pearson, president of the Oregon Senate, this week again called for a special election to determine the form and amount of state taxes for the forthcoming biennium.

In a long letter addressed to Oregon's newspapers, Senator Pearson said he and others proposed during the recent session of the legislature that a vote be held on a plan to give the voters a choice on a sales tax combined with reduced income and property taxes.

Text of his letter follows: "Now that the referendum has been placed against the tax program passed by the recent Legislature, perhaps the public will understand why the Senate and I tried to hold down expenditures at the recent session."

Severely Criticized
"I have been severely criticized by the teachers and others connected with education for not pushing an increase in the basic school support. Early in the year I stated that I felt the public did not want any increase in taxes, would not stand for them, and undoubtedly would refer any increased tax program, if enacted by the Legislature. When one was passed it became necessary to keep down the expenditures so that if it was referred the state would not be in a financial crisis. Unfortunately higher education's salaries and other state employees' salaries had to be held at only a slight increase to accomplish this purpose."

"During the session I put in a bill which was cosigned by many Democrats and Republicans which would have referred to the people the question of whether or not they wanted a sales tax for education and at the same time would have reduced their property and income taxes. Had the people been allowed to vote on this question, which had never been submitted to them in this form

before, then the next Legislature would have had a mandate on how they should proceed to tax people in the way they might desire. It is my opinion that the Legislature should not make this decision for them. If they voted against this bill, the only alternative would have been to increase the income taxes approximately fifty per cent. Contrary to the statements made by some members of my party, neither I nor the other Democrats signing the bill were advocating a sales tax. We simply wanted to use the democratic method of letting the people vote on a proposition of how they should be taxed. In my opinion no legislator has the right to tell the people they have to be taxed by the method he personally favors."

Major Questions
"On practically every major question concerning the rights of the people in the State of Oregon they have been allowed to vote on the proposition. Certainly taxes are not something to muzzle the people's voices and restrict their voting privileges. As a matter of fact legislators usually receive very little mail regarding taxes. Personally I received over 800 letters from those connected with and interested in education wanting an increase in the basic school support but no suggestions as to how to finance it. I received less than 100 letters regarding taxes. Over 300 letters were received from persons interested in retaining trading stamps. As a result of this correspondence I felt that the only time the public ever expresses its opinion regarding taxes is at the polls. This was what we who sponsored this bill had in mind in submitting it to the people."

"As a result of this referendum I feel that the next session should call for a special election where the people will have the question put to them as to what manner of

taxation they want. If this is not done I am afraid that any tax measure passed by them will be referred much easier as a result of this last referendum on the subject. It is my opinion that the people should be given a choice as to whether they want to pay the necessary taxes under such as sale tax bill as we wanted them to vote on, a 50 per cent increase in the present income taxes, or the Hatfield plan of putting a gross tax on wages and salaries and eliminating all exemptions in the income taxes. It is quite evident that future legislatures will be much more cautious in increasing any expenditures for fear a referendum will be put on any tax program. It is very fine to economize but there are very necessary expenses that have to be paid - schools - welfare - institutions - government expenses - services. If these things are to be continued at their present high levels of service and expenses, the people must make a choice on how they want to pay for them.

Walter J. Pearson
President of the Senate

Halsey Burial in Arlington Cemetery

Washington—UPI—Fleet Adm. William F. (Bull) Halsey, World War II Pacific Fleet commander, was to be buried among the nation's other war heroes today at Arlington National cemetery.

Halsey's body, in a white coffin, has lain in state at the Washington Cathedral since it arrived by Navy plane from Brooklyn, N. Y., Wednesday. Funeral services for the five-star admiral were to be conducted at the cathedral at 4 p.m. (p.s.t.). Burial was to follow immediately at Arlington. Many of the nation's highest military and civilian officials planned to attend.

Halsey, 76, died Sunday at a vacation island in Long Island Sound. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Justice Warren in Bonn for Visit

Bonn, Germany—UPI—United States Chief Justice Earl Warren arrived here from West Berlin today on a visit as the guest of the West German ministry of justice.

Warren is just back from a brief trip to Moscow.

Hearing Scheduled On Gas Rate Boost

Salem—UPI—Public Utility Commission hearings into the application of Northwest Natural Gas company for a 10 per cent increase in annual revenue from Oregon gas sales will be resumed Monday.

PUC Commissioner Jonel C. Hill said at that time the Commission would present its case, evidence by other interested parties and there would be a cross-examination by utility lawyers.

Northwest presented its case in April, contending the increase was necessary due to the rising costs of doing business.



EARTHQUAKE CENTER—Policemen check section of Madison River which was hardest hit by the earthquake that shook the area on August 17. Extensive damage caused roads into Yellowstone National Park to be closed, a dam at Hebgen Lake was cracked and a section of mountain south of the dam slid down across the river and road. At least 17 to 19 persons were killed and 60 injured in one of the most powerful quakes to hit the U. S.

Ed Sullivan Show Opens in Leningrad

Leningrad—UPI—Ed Sullivan's American variety show opened here Wednesday night to the enthusiastic cheering of an audience of 1,400 Leningraders, 200 of them standing. Leningrad citizens had paid the comparatively high price of \$6 to \$15 to see impresario Sullivan's production. They liked singers Margaret Tyne, Charles Davis and Rise Stevens and accordionist Dick Contino.

But the jazz antics of the Barry sisters did not register on the audience.

VIOLINIST DIES
Los Angeles—UPI—Marshall G. Chashoudian, 57, conductor-violinist, died Wednesday at St. Vincent's hospital.

AVIATION PIONEER DIES—Nice, France—UPI—Claude Grahame-White, 79, a British aviation pioneer, died here Wednesday.
EX-CAN OFFICIAL DIES—Lake Placid, N.Y.—UPI—Carl C. Conway, 81, former board chairman of the Continental Can Co., died Tuesday.

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Changes on College Campus Noted from Files at Corvallis

Corvallis - The 3 R's of education may never change but take a look this Centennial year at some of these "old time" reports of college life.

Taken from the files of Oregon State college, Oregon's oldest state-supported institution, the reports point up some of the changes that have come on college campuses in the state's first century.

In the 1880's, for example, "ladies and gentlemen" of the student body did not "converse" on college premises. If they did talk to one another, they were subject to from 5 to 25 demerits. Only 100 demerits were cause for dismissal from school.

General disorder could cost you 5 to 100 demerits; leaving recitation periods without excuse, 5 to 30; and failure at recitation, 5 to 10.

Living Costs
Living costs in the 1890's ranged from about \$5 to \$9 a month. Total estimated expenses per year for students at the turn of the century were between \$140 and \$150.

In October, 1891, the study hours of Oregon State college were from "8 a.m. to noon; 1 to 4 p.m.; and 6 o'clock in the evening to 7 o'clock the following morning; during which hours students are not allowed to be on the streets of Corvallis, or to be loitering or playing on the college grounds, or elsewhere, without special permission."

Basketball was played by women students several years

before it was taken up as a sport for men. Foot races and field hockey were popular sports for college women until 1922, inter-school athletic competition was held for women.

Labor at College
During the administration of B. L. Arnold, second president of OSC, 1872-1892, one hour's labor on the college farm was required of each student on school days. There was no pay. Later, however, students were paid 5 cents an hour for work.

Seniors were required to deliver an oration before the student body until the custom was discontinued in 1907 at the "unanimous request on the part of the senior class." Hazing of new students was outlawed in 1906. The school of home economics was first named household economy and sanitation.

The shape of the ball was different then, but football competition for OSC dates back to 1893. The first building on the present campus, Benton Hall, was a gift of the citizens of Benton county in 1889. OSC is located now on the site picked in 1851 for a "territorial university" that was never built.

The first degrees were granted in 1870 to two men and one woman who had completed graduation requirements in either the "classical course" or the "scientific course." OSC graduates to date now total 33,070, with a new record enrollment of approximately 8,300 students expected this fall.

Des Moines, Iowa—UPI—Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev has been asked to watch a teen-age rock 'n' roll dance on his visit to this country next month. Tom Archer, operator of the Val Air Ballroom in West Des Moines, said he sent a telegram invitation to Khrushchev Wednesday. "I'm sure you will find it an enlightening experience," the telegram said.

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