

JFK Pledges Greater Aid to Central America

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Educators Look To State for Local Tax Relief

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of three articles reviewing the problem of state basic school support and the possibility of increasing taxes on the state level.)

Increasing school budgets, along with expected higher budgets for other taxing units, will push already high property taxes in Jackson county to higher levels next year unless the state legislature provides relief.

But whether some relief comes apparently is a question only taxpayers can answer.

State legislators have received letters from constituents, expressing a desire to have the lines held on increasing taxes on the state level, but at the same time have received pressure from school administrators and the Oregon School Boards Association for additional basic school support to help relieve the property tax load.

Problem Discussed

This problem has been, and will be, discussed by school budget committees, school boards, and representatives of other taxing units dependent upon property taxes for operating expenses.

But unless something is done, and done soon, the problem will remain: how can the local property tax be relieved through additional basic school support from the state when state legislators are reluctant to increase the base from which state funds are derived, or increase taxes from present sources?

Several state legislators have indicated to local school officials they would favor increasing basic school support, but do not now actively support higher taxes. There has been no indication from their constituents, they have said, to support higher taxes.

Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent of School District 549C, and Frank Bash, a member of the Medford school board and president of the Oregon School Boards Association, have urged people to write their state legislators asking them to do what they can in relieving local property taxes, even to the point of supporting a sales tax with the stipulation that any sales tax would be used to offset local property taxes.

Bash, who has talked with several legislators in recent weeks and has testified before the state House Education committee, said many of the legislators privately are in favor of a sales tax.

But they all are reluctant about publicly supporting a sales tax, even with the property tax offset stipulation, because of the many letters they have received asking them to hold the line on increasing taxes.

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Earlier last week at a regular school board meeting, six residents attending the meeting concerning another item expressed interest in supporting a sales tax if it would relieve local property taxes.

Need to Hold Line

At the public hearing, one resident indicated that there is a pressing need "to hold the line on increased budgets," and wondered what district patrons "had to look forward to" since the proposed budget was considered an austere one.

All of the school budgets for next year may be considered austere, for budget committees in each of the districts are aware of the problem. School budget increases, which are necessary to meet increased costs, range from about 3 1/2 per cent in the Eagle Point district to about 10 per cent in the Medford and Jackson county rural district.

Not all of the budgets have been completed, but of those which have, the increases in the general funds are:

Eagle Point, an increase of \$30,349, up 3.6 per cent; Applegate, \$2,890 increase, 3.7 per cent; Ashland, \$77,119 increase, 5.6 per cent; Phoenix-Talent, \$50,274 increase, 6.9 per cent; District 6C (Central Point, Gold Hill, Sams Valley), \$126,525 increase, 9 per cent; District 549 C, \$429,165 increase, about 10 per cent; Jackson county rural school district, \$30,801.85 increase, about 10 per cent.

Additional Support

Dr. Mayfield told residents at District 549C's budget hearing recently that the property taxpayers' only hope is additional state support. School officials and legislators "realize that it's a real problem," he said.

"Every dollar we get from the state reduces the property tax that much," Dr. Mayfield said. He pointed out, however, that "we (all school districts) can't get additional money from the state without additional sources, either a sales tax, or revised corporate and income taxes."

Bash, at the house education committee hearing recently, said property taxes have "reached the limit, and something has to be done." He strongly urged a broader tax base.

He pointed out at a recent school board meeting, however, that the only way a sales tax would be approved by voters would be a stipulation, and assurance, that local property taxes would be reduced.

"That is the only way we'll get any relief," he said.

EDUCATORS TO MEET

Portland—UPI—An estimated 6,000 educators will gather here Thursday for the 80th annual convention of the Oregon Education Association, whose theme is "Education with Courage."

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TOP BILLING—Pentagon Information Chief Arthur Sylvester has won early top billing by name and implication in a Congressional investigation of federal "news management." The hearing yesterday featured a panel discussion by 11 news industry representatives who generally agreed that the Kennedy administration is over-managing news. Sylvester won attention for his statement after the Cuban crisis that it was the government's "inherent . . . right, if necessary, to lie to save itself when it's going up into a nuclear war." (UPI)

'News Management' Hearings Focus on Information Chief

Washington—UPI—Pentagon information chief Arthur Sylvester has won early top billing, by name and by implication, in a congressional investigation of federal "news management."

Sylvester's name and comments were repeated frequently, and seldom favorably, Tuesday in the opening round before the House Government Information subcommittee headed by Rep. John E. Moss (D-Calif.).

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But opinions ranged from cries of "shame" and "deceit" to a view that the situation is "not as black" as some people paint it and is better than in the last 20 years.

Moss began and ended the first session by calling for "formulation of guidelines" for any future crisis so there will be no repetition of mistakes made during the Cuban emergency last fall.

Hearings Resume Monday
The hearings will resume Monday with testimony by Sylvester, who is assistant secretary of defense for public affairs, and Robert Manning, assistant secretary of state for public affairs.

References to Sylvester mainly centered about his statement last December that it was the government's "inherent . . . right, if necessary, to lie to save itself when it's going up into a nuclear war." The statement referred to some events in the Cuban crisis.

The hottest attacks on Sylvester were made by Clark Mollenhoff, Washington correspondent for the Cowles Publications and a representative of the Freedom of Information Committee of Sigma Delta Chi SDX, professional journalism society.

Ben Hilton, Grants Pass, association president, is now in Washington, D.C., seeking this money. When he returns the association will be out of funds for the current fiscal year.

County Judge Earl M. Miller said the county court could not withdraw \$450 from another budget to restore to the flood control budget as requested by the association. This money will have to come from the emergency fund, he said. The \$450 had been taken for flood relief this winter.

Education Heads Ask New Buildings
Salem—UPI—College and university presidents launched higher education's pitch for new buildings Tuesday night before the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education.

It was the first hearing on higher education's building program for the coming biennium. Several members of the full Ways and Means committee joined the subcommittee members.

A battery of higher education officials and their architects testified at the hearing.

Eloquent pleas for buildings they want on their campuses were made by University of Oregon President Arthur Flemming, Oregon State University President James Jensen, Portland State President Branford Millar, and Leonard Rice of Oregon College of Education. Chancellor Roy E. Liguallen made the presentation for Oregon Technical Institute.

King Saud's Plane Crashes in Alps; 16 Feared Dead

Weather Hampers Rescue Workers

Santanna Di Valderi, Italy—UPI—Saudi Arabian King Saud's multimillion-dollar jetliner, equipped with an airborne throne, crashed in the Alps near Crazy Mountain early today, apparently killing all 16 persons aboard. Saud himself was not in the plane.

Driving snow and dense fog prevented rescue workers from locating the wreckage, although an Italian National Police spokesman said "there are not likely to be any survivors."

Chances Slim

A spokesman for the rescue center in this mountain village near the French border said, "Unless the weather improves, the chances of finding the wreckage tonight are very slim."

The same British-bull Comet IV had taken King Saud—along with four legal wives, 26 concubines, bodyguards and staff members—from Geneva to Nice on the French Riviera Tuesday for a convalescent vacation.

The plane had returned to Geneva to pick up other members of his party and was on its way back to Nice when it lost contact with the Nice control tower and disappeared.

Not Disturbed

Saud was at the swank Hotel Negresco in Nice at the time of the crash. He slept through a bomb scare there when an anonymous telephone caller said at 5 a.m. that an explosive had been planted in the building. Police found no trace of a bomb.

But when he awakened he said through a hotel spokesman that he was "upset" about the crash of the plane, which was carrying nine crew members, seven members of his suite and some of the King's baggage. Several domestic workers, including an unidentified German cook, were reported aboard.

Street Work Starts In Downtown Area

The cutting of the pavement on West Main st. and Central ave. in preparation for excavation work to improve drainage along the streets was started this week by Hughes and Dodd company.

The state highway department project will be on Main st. between Front st. and Central ave. and Fir and Holly sts.; Riverside ave. between Sixth and Ninth sts.; Central ave. south of 13th st. and at the intersection of Court st. and Central ave.

All of the engineering is being done by the state highway department, it was noted. The city of Medford pays 25 per cent of the cost of the project except for work done on Riverside ave. between Sixth and Ninth sts. which will be paid for entirely by the state.

The present pavement will be removed eight feet from the curbs and new curbs, gutters and pavement will be installed. The work is expected to take about two months.

Duncan Slates Week End Visit

Washington—UPI—Rep. Robert B. Duncan (D-Ore.) plans to visit his home state this week for the first time since he took office.

Duncan said he would leave after the close of business Thursday and arrive in Portland late that afternoon. He will speak Thursday evening to the Oregon Education Association in Portland. He said he would spend part of Friday morning in Salem visiting the legislature, attend a Chamber of Commerce meeting in Eugene Saturday and a dinner at Springfield Junior High school Saturday night.

Duncan will be in Douglas county and Medford Sunday, leaving Sunday evening for Washington.

Sports Bulletin

Eugene—UPI—Pendleton won its first round game in the Class A-1 state high school basketball tournament today, defeating Molalla 61-46 on the crest of a 25-point fourth quarter surge.

Favored Astoria survived the loss of three players by fouls today to defeat Tillamook 58-53 in a first round class A-1 high school tournament basketball game.



No Promise Given On Stiffer Action Against Castro

Conference Titled 'Success' by U. S.

San Jose, Costa Rica—UPI—President Kennedy climaxed his historic visit to Costa Rica today with presidential meetings on how best to speed Central America's economic progress and strengthen the area against Communist subversion from Cuba.

The heads of state of six Central American countries who signed a declaration with Kennedy Tuesday night, were unanimous in their delight at a U.S. pledge of stepped up aid under the Alliance for Progress, but some were disappointed at the failure to obtain a promise for stiffer action against Fidel Castro's Cuba.

New Measures

Kennedy scheduled a series of meetings with each of the presidents to put in motion the "declaration of Central America" pledging increased U.S. aid and new measures to halt the flow of men, money and propaganda from Cuba.

The president planned to hop by helicopter from the meeting to the University of Costa Rica for a speech in late afternoon.

From the university the chief executive will take a helicopter directly to El Coco Airport for the return to the United States.

The official United States attitude was that the three-day conference of Kennedy and the presidents of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras and Panama had been a success. U.S. officials said the United States had three objectives, and all of them had been accomplished.

"To focus attention on the increased importance of the Central American nations.

"To encourage increased economic integration of the region.

"To study steps which might be taken to interrupt the flow of money, people and propaganda from Cuba into Central America."

Community Hall Has Been Repaired

Phoenix—The Phoenix Community hall is being repaired for greater, not less, service, the Phoenix city council announced today. It had been rumored that the hall might close since the club's board was disbanded.

During the past three months the council has provided for repairing the roof and ceiling, stoves, varnished the floors, broken windows, and cleaned up the grounds. A custodian has also been hired, it was stated.

The rent of the hall has been reduced to \$5 per day for use of the fireproof room and \$10 per day for the main hall.

The city council has asked that all people of the area take advantage of these new facilities and equipment.

Boy and Girl Scouts are not charged for use of the building, the council stated, and no one has been asked to remove equipment from the building.

DRIVER KILLED

Albany, Ore.—UPI—Roy C. Rodman, 42, Albany, was killed Tuesday when his car struck a bridge pillar here.

PILLS SWALLOWED—Following two infectious Meningitis fatalities in the past month, the Army has announced that Fort Ord personnel, particularly basic trainees and all in contact with them, shall undergo immunization by means of two Sulfadiazine pills, taken before each of four meals. Here, yesterday, E/1 Richard Boddy, 27, Sacramento, Calif., downs his dose (left), given to him by Sgt. Cleophas Atwater (right), Atlanta, Ga., while Sgt. Peter Schielke (center), Montclair, Calif., checks off names. (UPI)

Senate Probes into Award Of Fighter Plane Contract

Library Board Presents Requests To Budget Group

"Do you have a book over there to tell us how to prepare a deficit budget?" County Judge Earl M. Miller asked representatives of the library board yesterday afternoon.

Budget requests are approximately \$100,000 over the anticipated receipts for the next fiscal year, it was explained.

Dr. John Brandenburg, library board president, said the board is asking for more money, \$87,752 from Jackson county, up \$13,809. Overall requested budget total is \$151,933 compared to the current budget of \$131,332.

Berry Processing Plant Locate in GP

A committee of interested growers and horticultural research people will meet with David Irving, Pacific Power and Light company, to formulate information for attracting fruit and allied processing plants to this area, it was reported this morning.

"I am sure in the next five years or so, with completion of dams on the Rogue river to provide more irrigation for farms here, berry, vegetable and possibly poultry processing plants will move into this valley, Irving, head of the firm's Copeco industrial development division, commented this morning.

Irving's comments follows an announcement in Grants Pass yesterday that the Paul A. Mariani Fruit company, Cupertino, Calif., is studying the possibility of locating a \$2 1/2 million plant in Grants Pass for processing strawberries and canberries, such as raspberries. If the operation should prove satisfactory, tentative plans call for expanding to a \$5 million investment, it was explained.

Survey teams from Mariani, which also has plants in Sonoma and Santa Clara county, Calif., are expected in the valley soon to talk to existing commercial growers and possible future ones. Plant officials will have to decide whether they want to risk a pioneering development in this valley or go to the Salem or some other Oregon area first where many more berry growers are, it was explained.

Lumber Workers End 8-Day Strike

Arcata, Calif.—UPI—More than 1,200 lumber workers employed by the Georgia-Pacific Corp. returned to work today following agreement to a 60-day moratorium in an eight-day strike.

Some 280 members of the AFL-CIO Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union employed at Georgia-Pacific's plywood mill at Samoa had walked out March 12 in a complaint over distribution of overtime during the change of shifts.

Another 1,000 employees in Humboldt county on the far northern California coast stood off the job in sympathy.

High Pentagon Official To Be Investigated

Washington—UPI—A Republican member said today that a Senate investigating group is making an inquiry into possible "self-interest" of civilian Pentagon officials in the controversial award of the TFX fighter plane contract.

Sen. Karl Mundt (R-S.D.) said one of those being checked is Deputy Defense Secretary Roswell Gilpatrick.

Gilpatrick told UPI meanwhile that before taking his job at the Pentagon he severed all connections with a New York law firm, Cravath, Swaine and Moore.

The defense official made the statement when asked about a copyrighted story by Charles Bartlett, a Washington correspondent for the Chicago Sun-Times, saying that the Senate permanent investigations subcommittee is looking into the relationship between Gilpatrick and the law firm and General Dynamics.

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara later issued a statement voicing his "full confidence" in Gilpatrick. The secretary said the decision on the TFX contract "was mine and I assume full responsibility for it." He said Gilpatrick's "integrity and devotion to public service are unassailable."

Mundt said the subcommittee is "checking on personal self-interest" of all civilian personnel in the Pentagon involved in award of the multi-billion dollar contract to General Dynamics.

Asked if Gilpatrick was one of those being checked, Mundt said: "I am sure Gilpatrick is one of them. Certainly we want to get the background of all persons involved" in the contract.

The TFX contract was awarded to General Dynamics although some top uniformed military officials favored giving it to the Boeing Aircraft company.

Highlights of 'Declaration Of Central America' Revealed

San Jose, Costa Rica—UPI—The presidents of the United States, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Panama, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua Tuesday signed an historic eight-page "Declaration of Central America." Here are highlights from it:

Cuba
"It is essential to reinforce measures to meet aggressive intentions in focal points of Communist agitation which Soviet imperialism may maintain in Cuba or in any other part in America."

The presidents urged a ministers' meeting in April to secure stricter travel and passport controls, including appropriate limitations on passports and other travel documents on travel to Cuba."

Homes
"The presidents also agree that opportunities should be given to the people of Central America to build and purchase their homes."

They suggested a "regional home loan department" within the Central American Bank for Economic Integration and the President of the United States agrees to offer technical and financial assistance to it."

Scholarships
Recognizing that "trained manpower at all levels is needed for economic development the presidents agree to a proposal of the President of the United States to establish a multi-million dollar scholarship fund for vocational training in agriculture and in industry for young people of outstanding ability."

The President of the United States "proposes the fund for Central American economic integration to which the United States would make an immediate substantial initial contribution to assist in carrying out regional development projects in accordance with various sectional plans now being developed by regional organizations."

Long Term Aid
When an overall regional development plan has been formulated and favorably evaluated, "the United States will enlarge and expand its participation in the fund and will work with the Central American countries in obtaining other free world resources so that the agreed plan can be effectively implemented."

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 6:23 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:15 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow 4:58 a.m.
New Moon March 23
The Sun is now rising due east and setting due west all over the world. And winter will end and Spring will begin tomorrow at 12:20 a.m.

NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

PASSMAN URGES BUDGET SLASH
Washington—UPI—The chairman of the House foreign aid appropriations subcommittee today called for a \$2.4 billion slash in President Kennedy's aid budget.

Rep. Otto E. Passman (D-La.) said such a cut would show the world "we are no longer going to be suckers." He made his comments in an interview.

FRENCH ELECTRICAL WORKERS STAGE STRIKE
Paris—UPI—Electrical workers staged a four-hour nationwide strike today, cutting off power to all of France. The strike was a demonstration of sympathy for 200,000 miners who have been striking for wage increases.

PRINTERS MOVE CLOSER TO AGREEMENT
New York—UPI—Striking printers moved closer today to deadline of "several days" set by their international union leaders to end the stalemate in the city's 103-day newspaper shutdown.

UDALL OPTIMISTIC ABOUT DUNES
Washington—UPI—Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall said Tuesday that agreement on the proposed Oregon Dunes National Seashore was closer than ever before.