

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A WOMAN WHO weighs something over 300 pounds had an interesting experience while flying by jet from Denver to New York recently. Shortly after the take-off a stewardess tapped her on the shoulder and invited her to move from the tourist section to a seat in the first-class compartment. "I'm flattered," said the woman, "but wonder why you've singled me out for this V.I.P. treatment." "Madam," explained the stewardess candidly, "we have a weight problem."



Joe McCarthy tells of two robbers who made a gigantic haul in a bank stick-up. Looking at the huge pile of green backs on a table in their hideaway, one robber suggested, "Instead of counting all this money, let's wait till morning and look at the newspapers to see how much we got!"

Another Joe McCarthy story: A family group, having dinner at a Broadway restaurant, reached the dessert course. The 10-year-old daughter said to the waiter, "What kind of pastry do you have?" Then, before he could answer, she added, "And, by the way, what is pastry?"

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The Legislature—1

Millions Pared, Millions Added By Lawmakers

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The lawmakers cut millions from the Hatfield program, and added millions in new programs. They came up with a \$6 million one-shot fund for schools where Hatfield had planned to use general funds. And they decided to use \$10 million in general funds for college buildings where the governor had planned to borrow through bonds.

Hatfield insisted his program was the least Oregon could spend and still keep services at the same level. Educators, and many other state agencies, argued even Hatfield's proposals were too little.

The legislators insisted even their cuts would not impair state services.

In fact, they replied, by their long study they had improved on Hatfield's spending blueprint by removing the last vestiges of "fat" while fortifying some spots that were too lean.

Since money determines what the state can do, the committee was deciding policy for the next two years. And the committee didn't stop at sums of money. It also overhauled many budgeting procedures that spell out just how the money is appropriated and spent.

The \$404 million is a record, as budgets for this growing state have been for some years.

Other Money Spent
That doesn't represent all that Oregon will spend in 1963-65 - only the general fund portion collected from taxpayers.

In all, the spending program comes to some \$1.2 billion - the rest coming from pledged funds such as the gasoline tax, special fees such as those paid by fishermen or students, and federal grants of matching money.

It is in the general fund portion, however, that the big decisions are made.

Education, despite its qualms, fared better than some.

The legislature approved \$141 million for local school districts, \$5.8 million for special classes, and \$8.4 million for community colleges and the Department of Education.

Troubled higher education ended up with \$77.3 million in general funds, \$1.7 million for extra salary improvements, \$44 million in general funds and various bonds for buildings, and a new tuberculosis hospital with \$2 million to run it.

Requests Ignored
Higher education's own requests for more than the governor proposed were ignored.

Where else does Oregon spend \$680 per man, woman and child in general and special funds in two years time? - Perhaps the biggest sum in the \$241 million highway budget, most of it from fuel taxes and federal funds.

The legislature also provided for a \$106 million public welfare program, with the state paying \$41.9 million.

Other budgets range from prisons and the courts to agencies dealing with health, airplanes, forests and fish.

Cost Compiled for Increased Services Requested of State

Salem - (UPI) - Taxpayers who pleaded for more money for education, expanded welfare and other state services are about to get the bill - a tax increase.

Figures prepared Tuesday by the State Tax Commission show what the out-of-pocket cost will be:

- \$5,000 income: Single person, \$33 increase; couple, \$28 increase; family of four, \$28 increase.
- \$8,000 income: Single, up \$43; couple, up \$49; family of four, up \$66.
- \$10,000 income: Single, up \$57; couple, up \$65; family of four, up \$82.
- \$15,000 income: Single, up \$84; couple, up \$83; family of four, up \$115.

The rates reflect the "more-children-you-have, the-more-you-pay" philosophy urged by the Senate to help finance expanded education budgets.

Americans Mourn Death of Pope John

By United Press International

With singleness of heart, America's humble and mighty today mourned the passing of Pope John XXIII.

Catholic, Protestant and Jew, from cardinals to humble parish priests, from the President to the man in the street, all were saddened by the death of the son of a sharecropper who became the leader of the Roman Catholic church.

The eulogies poured in, some in prepared statements, some in telephoned calls. But perhaps most eloquent were the expressions of grief by men and women when word

was flashed that the Pope was dead.

"There really isn't anything you can say," Anita Sandoval, a concession stand operator in a Chicago train depot, said. "But God bless him."

President Kennedy led the nation in mourning. He said the Pope "brought compassion and an understanding drawn from wide experience to the most divisive problems of a tumultuous age."

There was unanimity among the three faiths in praise of the Pope, whose major contribution during his four and a half year reign was the Ecumenical Council.

"We who are of the Jewish faith have been blessed by his warmth, by his concern for all human beings and by the attributes of greatness he possessed," said the Chicago Federation of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The Rev. Fredrik A. Shioz, president of the American Lutheran church, said that "Christians everywhere grieve in the death of Pope John."

The lay president of the National Council of Churches, J. Irwin Miller of Columbus, Ind., said Pope John left as his heritage a re-awakened spirit of unity and love that will be felt forever by men of faith.

Vandenberg AFB, Calif. - (UPI) - The Air Force successfully launched an Atlas E intercontinental ballistic missile Tuesday in an evaluation of the overall weapons system.

Washington - (UPI) - The House Ways and Means Committee turned down an administration request Tuesday for tighter restrictions on the \$100 duty - free allowance from abroad. The committee approved without change a two-year extension of the existing allowance.

FISHERMAN DROWNS

Calhoun, Ga. - (UPI) - Louis Tibne, 65, drowned Tuesday when the rocking chair from which he was fishing in a rowboat over - turned and plunged him into a fishing pond.

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