

Albany Editor Says Attempt Will Be Made To Refer Income Tax Increase To Voters

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Action Proposed To Put Constitution On Ballot in 1964

Portland - (UPI) - Action will be taken in the next few days to place the proposed revised Oregon Constitution on the 1964 general election ballot, the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Revision decided Friday night.

The group's executive committee composed of several members of the State Commission on Constitutional Revision and a number of other interested citizens, made the decision after a meeting here.

The first step will be to determine whether the initiative process can be used legally for the purpose, according to former Gov. Robert D. Holmes, a co-chairman of the citizens group.

Holmes said there is a question whether the present constitution can be amended in such sweeping form by a vote of the people. The committee hopes to substitute an entire new constitution for the present document.

Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton will be asked for a ruling, Holmes said. If the ruling is unfavorable, it will be appealed to the Oregon Supreme Court, the committee decided.

The committee voted to confine its efforts to passing the document drafted by the Constitutional Revision Commission, as amended by the Oregon House of Representatives and the Senate.

Salem - (UPI) - An attempt to refer the 1963 legislature's \$60 million tax increase package will be made "by several groups uniting together," the editor of the Albany Greater Oregon told UPI Saturday.

J. Francyl Howard, editor of the weekly newspaper, said he was not now in a position to identify the groups.

"There will be petitions, I can assure that," Howard said. If 23,185 signatures are obtained on referral petitions, a special election would be held in October so voters could either reject or put their stamp of approval on the tax increase.

The recently adjourned legislature adopted a revenue program which included a \$48 million increase in state personal income taxes.

The legislature also set aside \$300,000 and an October date for a special election in case the tax package was referred.

Howard said he expected former State Representative W. H. Gwinn of Albany to be active in the referral movement.

Gwinn spearheaded the successful 1959 referral of legis-

lative action which would have removed federal taxes as a deduction for computing state income taxes.

Gwinn was not available Saturday for comment.

Howard told UPI "If Gwinn asks our assistance, we will give it."

Howard's firm also publishes the Benton County Herald in Corvallis.

Both the Corvallis and Albany weeklies commented editorially this week that a referral action was pending, and offered to support the circulation of petitions.

Howard said the papers were not leading the referral drive, but were ready to support it because they feel "it was a disservice for the Oregon legislature to boost income taxes by \$60 million."

"People should have the right to vote on a sales tax, and we believe the legislature should have enacted a cigarette tax."

He said the fact that the legislature set aside money and a special election date indicated lawmakers' lack of confidence in the revenue program.

The income tax increase measure has not yet been sign-

ed by Gov. Mark Hatfield. The governor must take action before June 26.

Jack Thompson, head of the elections division of the secretary of state's office, said Friday that no referral petitions had yet been filed.

He pointed out, however, that it was unlikely that a petition would be filed until the governor took action on the measure.

If the tax increase were defeated by the voters, Hatfield probably would have to call a special legislative session this fall.

Lawmakers would then have to find other revenue sources to keep the state out-

of the red, and probably would order major cutbacks in state agency budgets.

Before the legislature adjourned, House Speaker Clarence Barton pointed out such cutbacks would probably have to be confined to education and welfare services.

These two items account for more than half of the state's general fund budget, Barton said.

He added "There would be no other place we could make major cutbacks."

At the time he made the statement, Barton called upon educators throughout the state to support the legislature's tax program.



MOON TEMPERATURES - According to a report from the University of Texas at Austin, Tex., temperatures on the moon are believed to range between 45.5 degrees above zero to more than 100 degrees below zero. The findings were made June 6 from signals received by a radio telescope. The

above map depicts the various temperature belts determined by the telescope, with figures given in Degrees Kelvin. Thus, 200 on the map indicates minus 100 degrees Fahrenheit and 280 is the same as plus 45.5 degrees Fahrenheit.

Jury Finds 11 Black Muslims Guilty Of Riot

Los Angeles - (UPI) - A Superior Court Jury which had deliberated for 18 days returned a guilty verdict Friday night against 11 of 14 black Muslims for participating in a riot April 27, 1962, outside the temple of the militant Negro sect.

Two men were cleared of all charges, including the principal defendant - the Rev. John Morris, pastor of the temple. A mistrial was declared in the case of a third man.

About 100 persons had participated in the riot, in which one cultist was killed and about a dozen black Muslims and police were injured.

The all-white jury found the defendants guilty of charges ranging from interference with police officers to assault on officers. Four who had been convicted last Monday heard their verdicts read again.

All those convicted were directed to return for sentencing July 16. Defense attorneys said they would appeal.

The 18-day deliberation was the longest in the history of Los Angeles County, surpassing the second murder trial of Dr. Bernard Finch and Carole Tregoff, in which the panel emerged deadlocked after 17 days of deliberations.

Pasadena Float Wins Top Honors In Portland Parade

Portland - (UPI) - The Pasadena Tournament of Roses float won the non-commercial top honors Saturday in the grand floral parade of the 55th annual Portland Festival of Roses.

The float, titled "Cinderella at the Ball" carried 1962 Rose Festival Queen Charlie Lynn Viggers surrounded by floral symbols of the fairy tale. It was centered on a huge flowered clock with the hands at midnight.

The Icoa Insurance Co., of Oregon won first place in the commercial category. The block long float featured marching units, several vehicles, Cleopatra and Zamba, Jr., the 400-pound lion from Hollywood.

The Vancouver, Wash., Rose Festival association won the governor's trophy. The mayor's trophy went to Pacific Northwest Natural Gas Co. of Portland.

The queen's trophy went to Meier and Frank Co. The Hillsboro, Ore., Jaycees won the rose trophy and Pacific Northwest Bell won the prize for the theme of the parade which was "Highlights in History."

The Seattle Seafair float, depicting seahorses in flowers, won first place in the division of cities over 5,000 population outside of Oregon. Battle Ground, Wash., won top honors in cities under 5,000 outside of Oregon.

In the special section, Harold Club, Reno, Nev., won first place with its comical covered wagon bouncing through a map of Nevada.

There were 41 floats in all in the parade which wended its way along a 5-mile route in bright sunny weather.

An estimated 350,000 persons watched from curbs as the mercury began its steady climb to an expected 90 degrees.

The chamber of commerce said 500,000 were on hand for the parade.

Queen Linda H, Linda Ann Jackson of Grant High school

in Portland, reigned over the ceremonies. Grand Marshal for the parade was Terry Baker from Oregon State university and winner of the Heisman trophy last fall.

The junior rose parade was held Friday with 125,000 people watching the kids do their part in the week's festivities. Junior Rose Queen Shannon Riordan of Portland reigned that day.

Grants Pass Swim Classes Open Monday

Grants Pass - Swim classes will start for the season Monday at Caveman Pool in Grants Pass. The first session will run June 17-28, with subsequent sessions July 1-13 and July 15-26, it was announced by Bob Wilder, city recreation director.

Swim team members turned out this week for their first session under new swim team coach Ralph Mohr, who will succeed Al Takashima, swim team mentor for past seasons. Diving coach is Phil Paquin.

Summer School Starts on Monday

Summer school starts in the Medford system tomorrow. Many students, with little more than one week of vacation, will return to classes for the morning hours. Registration will be held at 8 a.m. at Medford High school.

The elementary school schedule will continue through July 19 and the junior and senior high school attendance will continue through July 26. Both will be recessed, of course, for July 4

Rose Society Plans Show At Grants Pass

Grants Pass - The Rogue Valley Rose society will present its 18th annual Rose Show here today from 1 to 8:30 p.m. in the Grants Pass High school library.

Six new trophies will be presented this year in addition to the trophies given in previous years.

Judges for the show will be Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Axtell, of Trail; Mrs. Edith Updike, V. L. Quackenbush and Mrs. O. V. Poe, of Medford; Mrs. R. R. Troxel, of Salem; Mrs. L. C. Gordon and Mrs. Gaston Sloux, of Central Point. Rose Society president is Charles Bothwell, of Grants Pass.

Participation is open to the public, and entries will be accepted Sunday morning from 7 to 10 a.m.

Old Guns Found In Snake River

Vale - (UPI) - A young scuba diver working on a routine salmon migration problem for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has discovered a mysterious cache of old guns in the Snake river.

Jack Gallagher, a diver from Massachusetts, turned up nine guns from a water worn eddy a few miles downstream from Swan falls in the Snake River canyon.

James Brinda, Ontario, Ore., said the diver, a research biologist, was checking the river bottom for metal salmon tags when he pulled an old gun free from the mud and sand in about 11 feet of water.

On three additional dives Gallagher brought up eight guns, ranging from Revolutionary War vintage flintlock type to Civil War Henry repeaters. The metal parts of the weapons were well preserved.

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