

TAX INCREASE REFERRED TO VOTERS

**Special Election
Due Oct. 15; Over
20,000 Favor Vote**

**Less Than 3,000
Names Still Needed**

Salem—UPI—The 1963 legislature's \$60 million tax increase measure has been referred to a special election Oct. 15, a survey by United Press International revealed today.

A check of county clerks in each of Oregon's 36 counties showed more than 20,208 referendum petition signatures already have been certified, and more than 8,254 have been turned in but not yet checked.

A total of 23,185 signatures are needed before the special election can be called.

Anticipating a possible referral of the tax increase package, the legislature set aside \$300,000 and the Oct. 15 date for a special election before it adjourned last spring.

Clerks in several counties said they expected more petitions to be turned in. They reported they were finding from 80 to 90 per cent of the signatures submitted to be valid.

This would mean that the 8,254 still unchecked signatures would produce more than the total needed to require the special election.

When told of the poll results, Gov. Mark Hatfield told UPI "if the remaining signatures are valid, the people will have to face up to the reality of deciding the question of vastly increased property taxes or vastly decreased educational opportunities."

Circulation of petitions was begun Aug. 6 by J. Francis Howard, editor of weekly newspapers in Albany and Corvallis.

Deadline Sept. 1
Deadline for filing petitions with the secretary of state is 5 p.m. Sept. 1.

Education groups, organized labor and the Associated Oregon Industries are on record as opposed to referral, and a spirited pre-election battle could result over the issue.

At the special Oct. 15 election Oregon voters would either approve or reject the legislature's tax measure. If approved it would become law, retroactive to Jan. 1, 1963.

If rejected, Hatfield would have to trim \$60 million from the state's \$404 general fund biennial budget, or call a special legislative session so lawmakers could make the cuts or enact a new tax measure.

Scotland Yard Net Closes on Robbers

London—UPI—Scotland Yard closed today on a British receding train robbery gang and the remainder of its \$7.3 million loot.

"We certainly think arrests are imminent and we hope they will be," Det. Supt. Gerald McArthur in charge of headquarters for the manhunt at Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, said Tuesday night.

It was the most optimistic police statement to date in the search for the well-organized gang that robbed a Glasgow-London mail train near Cheddington two weeks ago. Five persons have been arrested so far in connection with the crime and \$667,420 of the loot recovered.

A London newspaper, the Daily Herald, reported that an underworld stool pigeon has given police full details on how the robbery was carried out and the names of 31 members of the gang including hijackers and accomplices.



PRESSES EAR—A rescue worker presses his ear to the six-inch pipe Tuesday through which communication and supplies are maintained with trapped miners David Fellin, 58, and Henry Throne, 51, some 300 feet below the surface. The two trapped miners communicated with the third miner, in another part of the shaft, by tapping on the wall and told rescuers that Louis Bova, 42, the third, was bleeding but not covered with rock. (UPI)

Crews Drill New Hole in Effort To Save Miners

Hazleton, Pa.—UPI—Rescue workers began anew today the grueling task of drilling through 331 feet of rock and earth to reach three miners buried for nine days by a cave in.

A 12-inch drill ground to within 138 feet of two of the miners Tuesday but the hoped-for escape channel had to be abandoned when one of the trapped men, David Fellin, 58, reported by telephone that pressure was causing cracks in the ceiling of the tiny chamber where he is entombed with Henry Throne, 28.

The third miner, Louis Bova, 42, is separated from Fellin and Throne by a wall of debris.

Sixteen hours were consumed in sinking the probe. Its withdrawal indefinitely prolonged the desperate effort to rescue Fellin, Throne and Louis Bova.

Suggests Removal
Fellin, communicating through a six-inch-wide hole drilled earlier, suggested that the probe be moved. Officials withdrew their equipment and planned a new probe 18 feet west of the present hole, to start as soon as the drill could be moved.

Fellin and Throne have been in good condition throughout their ordeal. They joked and conversed with their wives over the phone Tuesday. But for 39 hours—since 9 a.m., EDT, Monday—Bova had remained silent; he was feared dead.

Three taps—the traditional sign of safety in the Pennsylvania mines—disclosed late Tuesday that Bova still was alive. Fellin, who had shouted to his co-worker to "tap," relayed the dramatic news to the surface.

CONE APPOINTED
Salem—UPI—E. E. Cone, Eugene, has been appointed a member of the State Speed Control Board for a two-year term beginning Sept. 10, the governor's office announced today.

He was to speak at the National Press club in Washington today.

Soviet Troops Evacuate Cuba

Washington—UPI—Some 2,000 Soviet military personnel, mostly combat troops, appear to have left Cuba in the last three months, sources with access to U.S. intelligence reported today.

President Kennedy told his news conference Tuesday there had been "a decline" in Soviet forces in Cuba in the past two and one-half months. But he did not give the number.

Kennedy said the U.S. military intelligence community believed the troops remaining were mainly concerned with training the Cuban armed forces rather than being "concentrated military units."

It was variously estimated there were 21,000 or 22,000 Soviet military personnel in Cuba at the height of the October crisis. Kennedy said previously that 5,000 left in November and, taking into account some new arrivals, a net of some 4,000 left during March and April.

This would have left some 12,000-13,000 in late April. The departure of 2,000 more would leave 10,000-11,000 Soviet military personnel in Cuba. Most of the 2,000 recent departures were reported to have been combat troops. There have been 5,000 to 6,000 of these.

U.S. Preparing To Resume Tests If Ban Breached

Washington—UPI—The United States is making preparations to resume atmospheric testing in the "unhappy eventuality" that Russia should breach the nuclear test ban treaty.

President Kennedy told his news conference Tuesday that \$22 million had been allocated to prepare Johnston Island in the Pacific for a resumption of tests if they should be required.

He cited this preparation as one of four safeguards being carried out by the government to protect U.S. security under the test ban pact.

Kennedy said the three others were: "Activated and vital" nuclear laboratories to maintain testing readiness; continuation of a "vigorous series" of underground tests, and improved methods of detecting any clandestine nuclear tests.

The test ban dominated discussion at the wide-ranging news conference in which Kennedy also called for approval of his foreign aid program, reported a decline in Soviet troops in Cuba, ruled out a summit meeting with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, and rejected job quotas for Negroes.

The President rejected a charge by Dr. Edward Teller, "father of the H-bomb," that the administration curtailed atmospheric tests in 1961 for political reasons, Kennedy said. "I don't think that charge is valid."

He said that every atmospheric test produced fallout and "we would, it seems to me, be remiss in not attempting to keep the number of tests to the minimum consistent with our national security."

Kennedy noted there were 36 atmospheric tests in the 1961 series plus 97 underground blasts in the last two years.

Brown Says Treaty Would Better U.S. Military Position

Washington—UPI—The Pentagon's research chief told the Senate today that the limited nuclear test ban treaty would "actually improve somewhat" rather than damage the U.S. military position.

Dr. Harold Brown testified that even if the Soviet Union cheated on the treaty "to the maximum extent possible" with secret tests, they could not obtain "any substantial military gain" compared with unrestricted nuclear testing.

The Defense Department research engineering director fully supported the treaty and the general views given previously to the Senate Foreign Relations, Armed Services and Atomic committees by Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara.

Brown's testimony followed assurances by President Kennedy to the Senate that he would carry out "safeguards" to protect U.S. security against possible Soviet treaty violations.

The President, at his news conference Tuesday, also rejected a charge of physicist Edward Teller that the American series of atmospheric tests in 1961-62 was curtailed for political reasons by the administration.

Jail Administrative School Is Slated

A jail administrative one-day school will be sponsored by the Jackson county sheriff's office Sept. 3.

The training will be conducted by Harold R. Swenson, correctional program officer, U.S. department of justice, bureau of prisons.

The classes will be held in the courthouse auditorium, and will cover all phases of jail operation.

City, county and state law enforcement agencies from Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties plan to send representatives.

Police Press Search For Holdup Suspect

Portland—UPI—Police today pressed their search for a well-dressed gunman who held up the Walnut Park branch of the Willamette Savings and Loan association in northeast Portland Tuesday morning.

The man, who was reported carrying a chrome-plated revolver, escaped with \$3,163.

Commission Asks Court to Refer Problem to DA

Residents of the South Talen interim zoned area and individual members of the Jackson county planning commission are disturbed over the lack of action to correct alleged violations of a wrecking yard in the area, the planning commission has written the county court.

The county court referred the matter to the district attorney for investigation. The letter signed by C. O. Lovejoy, planning commission president, advised the county court that the wrecking yard is a non-conforming use within the interim zone ordinance.

State statute provides that non-operating vehicles for sale or display outside of a wrecking yard enclosure shall be in an area of not more than 5 per cent of the total wrecking yard area. However, the wrecking yard in question has an area as large or larger than the enclosed area and 90 per cent of it contains wrecked vehicles, the commission charged.

Also, auto parts and junk are scattered outside the premises, although state law says the wrecker must keep the outside premises clear and clean, it charged further.

"If found to be in violation, the county court is asked to request the state motor vehicle department to revoke the license to operate this wrecking yard unless the wrecker agrees to, and does comply with the provisions of state law," the commission urged.

30 Projects Are Under Way in City

There are 30 public works projects now going on in Medford in the area of street improvement, and installation of sanitary and storm sewers, Vernon Thorpe, city engineer, announced today, reporting two more paving projects which will get under way this week.

One is on Siskiyou Blvd., and the other on Olwell Way. The Siskiyou Blvd. project calls for paving base rock on part of the street and regular paving on about 150 feet, Thorpe said. The contract, granted to M. C. Liminger and Sons, was for \$3,697.50. The project was started from 10th st. to Willamette ave.

On Olwell Way, one block is to be paved and gutters and sidewalks installed.

Portland Firm Low Bidder on Project

A Portland firm submitted the apparent low bid for the construction of three duplexes in Crater Lake National park, according to National Park service officials.

Roy Berg, Portland, bid \$138,582 for construction of the two-story building which will include six living units each. An additional bid of \$52,009 was for installation of utilities.

Garage and utility areas will be on the first floor with living quarters on the second floor. Each unit will include three bedrooms, living and dining rooms, kitchen and bath.

Other bidders were Loren S. Ritchie, Medford; Thomas J. Parker and Associates, Ashland; and Ausland Construction company, Grants Pass.



PATROL STREETS—South Vietnamese soldiers patrol street in provincial city of Hue, which has been under martial law since last Friday, following the fifth Buddhist suicide by fire to protest religious policies of the Ngo Dinh Diem government. Today, the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo announced that all of South Viet Nam has been placed under martial law, as police and soldiers raided four Buddhist pagodas. (UPI)

Diem Declares Martial Law Throughout South Viet Nam

Armed Troops Hit Headquarters of Buddhist Leaders

Washington—UPI—The United States today denounced in blunt terms what it called "serious repressive measures" by the Diem regime in South Viet Nam against Buddhist leaders.

Said South Viet Nam—UPI—President Ngo Dinh Diem declared martial law throughout South Viet Nam today and sent his heavily-armed troops storming through pagoda headquarters of Buddhist opposition.

At least 100 Buddhist monks were arrested in raids carried out under a state of siege decreed by Diem amid reports that a coup d'etat was imminent.

In a massive crackdown on anti-government elements, the president appointed a new military governor of Saigon and a new chief of staff. He also imposed press censorship. The long-smouldering religious-political crisis in this Southeast Asian country exploded suddenly early today when thousands of soldiers and policemen swept into the main Xa Loi pagoda and rounded up more than 100 monks.

The government forces fired pistol shots and used tear gas bombs and hand grenades as they swarmed into the center of Buddhist opposition to Diem's authoritarian regime.

Raid Other Pagodas
Soldiers also raided at least three other pagodas in the most serious flare-up of violence in the 15-week dispute between the government and the Buddhist majority over alleged religious discrimination.

Thousands more troops were deployed at vital points in and around Saigon—at the airfield, the national radio building, the presidential palace, telephone and power stations and road intersections.

It could not be determined immediately whether there were any casualties in the raids.

Ashland Receives \$45,000 From State For Hospital Site

Ashland—The City of Ashland has received \$45,000 from the state board of higher education for the property on Siskiyou Blvd., the location of the old hospital.

City Attorney Harry Skerry announced at the Tuesday evening meeting of the city council that the title to the approximately two acres of property had been cleared. The city has been attempting for about three years to clear the title to the property so it could be sold.

The property will now be added to the Southern Oregon campus. The old hospital building last year was used as a supplemental men's dormitory. No plans have been announced for the use of the property.

In other action, the council heard a request by Allen Porter, Medford, to establish a business at the Ashland airport to sell gasoline, service planes and give flight instructions. The city currently holds the lease on the property.

After considerable discussion the council took the request under advisement. It was noted that the city was in favor of having someone at the airport at all times.

The offer by Pacific Power and Light company to purchase Ashland's light system is being studied by the city's electrical committee, it was stated. The committee will report at the next meeting of the city council, Sept. 3.

The council accepted the resignation of John Reed from the city planning commission. Reed, a long time member of the group, resigned due to ill health.

Friday is the last day of the workshop, but no television presentations have been scheduled since the workshop will be evaluated through a testing procedure for students participating and discussions among the teachers participating.

Two Arrested for Shoplifting in City
Two adults were arrested for shoplifting in Medford Tuesday and three juveniles were apprehended and released to the custody of their parents, city police reported.

Dick Paul Dice, 38, of 1501 North Riverside ave., was lodged in Jackson county jail on a charge of petty larceny after his arrest at the Big Y Shopping Center at 6:10 p.m., police said.

Roselee Galey Harrington, 68, of Boise, Idaho, was arrested for shoplifting at the Pay Less Drug store at 585 East Jackson st. Two juveniles also were arrested for shoplifting at the same store. They were released to their parents. Harrington is lodged in Jackson county jail.

Another juvenile was taken into custody for shoplifting at Singler's Auto Supply at 220 East Jackson st. He was released to his mother upon the advice of the juvenile officer, police said.

Recent Rains Lower State Fire Threat
Recent rains and cloudy conditions have reduced fire danger slightly in Western Oregon, forestry officials said today.

The State Forestry department reported 12 fires burned 20 acres of state-protected land Tuesday. The largest was a 10-acre blaze near Roseburg. All but one were man-caused and all have been controlled.

The U.S. Forest Service reported 10 fires in Oregon and Washington in the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. They burned less than an acre.

NEWS BRIEFS

SOVIETS ISSUE WARNING TO CHINA
Moscow—UPI—The Soviet Union warned Communist China today to abandon its dreams of producing nuclear arms in quantity before the effort ruins the country's economy.

UN TEAM RUSHES TO FLARE-UP
Jerusalem, Israel—UPI—United Nations truce observers today rushed an investigation into the latest flare-up between Israel and Syria in anticipation of an emergency U.N. Security Council meeting on the tense situation.

U.S., RUSSIA WEIGH ADVISABILITY
Geneva—UPI—The United States and the Soviet Union appeared today to be cautiously weighing the advisability of opening serious negotiations on means of preventing surprise attack.

KHRUSHCHEV URGES ECONOMIC COOPERATION
Belgrade, Yugoslavia—UPI—Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev urged the Socialist countries today to work out a program of "economic cooperation" which he called the best way of outproducing capitalism and insuring communism's eventual triumph.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Fair tonight. Partly cloudy and cooler. Thursday. Low tonight 51, high Thursday near 80.
Highest Yesterday 83
Lowest This Morning 48
Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 5:03 p.m.
Moonset tomorrow 4:23 a.m.
First Quarter 9:41 p.m.
Full Moon Aug. 26
PROMINENT STAR Vega, high overhead 9:13 p.m.
Visible Planets Mars, low in southeast 9:42 p.m.
Saturn, low in east 10:31 p.m.
Jupiter, low in east 10:31 p.m.