

Use Of Breakage Fees To Save Tax Bill Sparks Anger

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 SALEM (UPI) — A drive to get University of Oregon students to contribute their breakage fees to a campaign to save the state's tax measure Oct. 15 has sparked a wave of parent resentment, United Press International learned Saturday.

University President Arthur S. Flemming said students were being asked to pledge the unused balance of their breakage fees to the campaign.

State Sen. L. W. Newbry, (R-Ashland), commented "parents who have contacted me were highly incensed at the pledges."

A. L. Ellingson, director of the

Student Union, was in charge of the drive for pledges, Flemming said.

Ellingson confirmed that "more than \$5,000" worth of pledges have been turned in.

Money Will Be Borrowed

He said money for the tax campaign would be "borrowed from other funds, and repaid out of the pledges at the end of the school year."

Each student is required to make a \$15 breakage deposit, and the average refund to students is \$7, according to Flemming. The refund is paid at the end of the school year.

"They are entitled to get their money back if they want it," he said.

"It is a common practice here to permit students to sign over breakage fees to some cause. Last year many students signed their refunds over to the Development Fund. Students are not required to sign over their refunds," Flemming insisted. He said he did not think any other schools were following suit.

But Newbry said "I don't think it is in good taste. I think it shows poor judgment on the part of the university."

Parents Upset

"I've had lots of calls about this from parents in the past 24 hours, and they are upset," Newbry said.

"I doubt the propriety of this type of activity. I don't think youngsters just out of high school are well enough versed to know if they should make a political contribution."

"I think the students are pledging on an emotional basis. They are being asked to make the pledges at a time when they are confused because of the rush of entering activities. I doubt if many of the students even read the pledges, or if they had any real choice."

Flemming said he was "not sure of the technicalities, but the pledges would be used as security for a loan from other funds."

"I couldn't borrow money from a bank on that basis," Newbry commented.

Varying Stands Taken By Groups On Tax Measure

By United Press International
 Varying positions on the legislature's \$60 million tax bill which faces a special election Oct. 15 were announced by organizations in the state Friday.

The chairmen of both political parties called for a "Yes" vote on the tax bill, the House of Delegates of the Oregon Medical Society refused to endorse it and the Eugene Junior Chamber of Commerce went on record in favor of a "No" vote.

The chairmen of both Oregon's political parties today issued a joint call for a "Yes" vote at the Oct. 15 special tax election.

Republican State Chairman Phillip J. Roth of Portland and Democratic State Chairman E. D. Spencer of Salem released a statement, which said in part:

"The special election challenging the State Legislature's 1963 tax program, needed to balance the budget, presents a problem rising above partisanship."

"Without approving or disapproving of the form of this fundraising measure, we urge a 'Yes' vote for it because the welfare and the future of Oregon and its people would suffer if vital public services were cut or removed."

"A 'No' vote against the entire tax package would result in, among other things, immediate drastic cuts across the entire base of public education, hurting the future of many of Oregon's youngsters."

A medical society resolutions committee Friday recommended that the society support the ballot measure died when members decided to take no stand.

Dr. William Scott, chairman of the resolutions committee, said the majority report issued by his group reflected some displeasure with the tax program, but considered the situation would become more chaotic if the measure were defeated.

The society refused even to go along with that stand.

The Eugene Jaycees indicated they favored a special session of the legislature to consider sales and cigarette taxes.

Lumber Firm Agrees To Pay Damages

TILLAMOOK (UPI) — Williamette Valley Lumber Co. has agreed to pay Tillamook county \$324,000 in damages as a result of a dam collapse on the Nestucca River last November. The company's Meadow Lake Dam at the head of the river burst Nov. 20, sending a wall of water down the stream.



BROKE BLOOD OATH — Joseph Valachi gestures as he appears before the Senate Investigations subcommittee in public session Friday. Valachi broke his underworld blood oath to put the finger on his former bosses in the Cosa Nostra crime empire. (UPI)

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Commissioners Will Allow Birth Control Referrals

SALEM (UPI) — The Oregon Welfare Commission will allow caseworkers to refer women—both married and single—to birth control clinics, but only if the request is made by the recipient.

The policy was established

Medford Doctor Is Alternate Delegate

PORTLAND (UPI) — In action at the closing session of the convention of the Oregon Medical Association here Friday, the society voiced strong disapproval of recent U.S. Food and Drug Administration action removing certain antibiotics and other drugs from use as cold remedies.

Most physicians said they did not approve of the use of the drugs, but did not want their authority usurped. They asked Oregon's congressional delegation to investigate the powers of the FDA.

The society also changed its name officially to the Oregon Medical Association and elected Dr. James Seacat, a Salem surgeon, president-elect. He will succeed Dr. Daniel K. Billmeyer of Oregon City next year.

Other new officers are Dr. Murdoch E. McIntyre, Eugene, vice president; Dr. Ernest T. Livingstone, Portland, secretary-treasurer; and Dr. Glenn M. Gordon, Eugene, speaker of the House of Delegates.

The House of Delegates named Dr. Max Parrott, Portland, as delegate to the American Medical Association and Dr. Florian J. Shasky, Medford, as his alternate. Dr. Jon V. Straumfjord, Astoria, was elected to a three-year term to the committee on publication.

There are about 250 religious denominations in the U.S.

Duncan Said Uneasy About Porter's Trip

By A. ROBERT SMITH
 Mail Tribune
 Washington Correspondent
 WASHINGTON (Special) — Rep. Robert B. Duncan is visibly uneasy about the latest adventure of ex-Congressman Charles O. Porter with the Cuban dictator Fidel Castro.

Duncan and Porter were Democratic opponents for Oregon's 4th district congressional seat last year — and they are likely to meet again in next spring's primary.

Porter has gone to Cuba, ostensibly to do a magazine article for Look, but primarily to try to persuade Castro to release an estimated 75,000 political prisoners from prison. As a lawyer, Porter has been retained for this purpose by an incorporated group of the prisoners' relatives.

Almost Speechless

When asked what he thought of this mission, Duncan was all but speechless for the first time since he arrived here as a freshman congressman last January. He didn't want to damn or endorse Porter's mission as such. He knows that Cuba is still a touchy political topic.

Moreover, Duncan suffers from ambivalent feelings toward Porter. On one hand, he wants to be fair and treat this resident of Eugene with the same courtesy he tries to accord all his constituents.

Thus, when Porter came to

Washington last week en route to Cuba, Duncan's office provided the usual service of setting up appointments Porter had requested with State Department officials. To this extent, Duncan gave an assist in Porter's Cuban mission.

Wary of Political Aspect

On the other hand, Bob Duncan is not dedicated to the restoration of Charlie Porter's political fortunes. Porter held that congressional seat for two terms, lost it to Republican Edwin Durno for one term and failed to regain it last year.

As Duncan knows, Porter is preparing for another try and is telling supporters he can beat Duncan in a two-way race, that the only reason he lost out last year was that in a three-way race Robert Straub of Eugene took away enough votes to give Duncan the nomination.

For his part, Duncan publicly talks about not knowing whether he will seek re-election. But his behavior belies such a show of indecisiveness. He flies home to Oregon at frequent intervals to build his political fences; and

he has just bought a new home in one of Washington's classier suburbs, Lake Barcroft, Va., (where Pierre Salinger lives), after renting for months in more middle class Silver Spring, Md.

Given Duncan's deserved reputation for squeezing the dollar (he buys mail order shoes out of a catalogue because they're cheaper, and he claims better, than store bought), his investment in flights to and from Oregon and in a new home suggest that he expects to serve more than one term in Congress.

Pitched Right In

Nothing, indeed, indicates that Duncan dislikes his new job. Unlike many newcomers, he has pitched right into a number of debates, especially during House debate on the Northwest regional power preference bill. A national magazine in July rated him as one of the 10 most promising newcomers on Capitol Hill.

He has talked of running for governor, a natural aspiration for a veteran state legislator. The more time he spends in Washington the more his sights are likely to shift to the U. S. Senate, providing he can hold onto the most interchangeable congressional seat in Oregon.

As for Porter's mission to Havana, Duncan feels that if his rival can do some good, then more power to him. But he also believes Porter has taken a political risk in displaying his good relations with the unpopular Castro — and that if given enough rope, Charlie Porter will hang himself politically.

Negro Girls Deny PSC Discrimination

PORTLAND (UPI) — Two Negro girls said Friday they were not aware of any racial discrimination when they went through rushing activities of Portland State College sororities.

All six sororities at the school were suspended Thursday by President Branford Millar for alleged discrimination in failing to pledge the girls.

Kathleen Williams and Kathleen Gaskin said they attended open houses held by the sororities Sunday and received bids to invitational parties at some houses Monday.

Youth Injured On Meadows Road

Kenneth Bolds Leard, 18, of 212 South Grape st., was injured Saturday morning in a one-vehicle accident on Meadows rd. near the junction of Highway 234.

According to Oregon state police, the Leard vehicle was southbound on Meadows rd. about 10 a.m. when it went off the right shoulder of the highway, traveled back across the highway and turned over.

Leard was taken to a doctor's office for treatment of a broken arm by a passing motorist.

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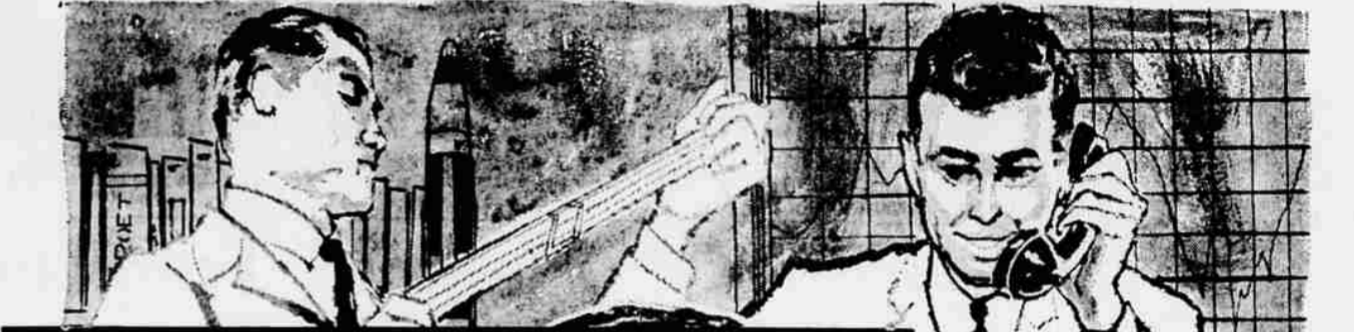
MONMOUTH (UPI) — Retired Army Gen. Herbert B. Powell, now U.S. ambassador to New Zealand, will be honored at a reception next Thursday. He was born here.

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