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## In The Day's News

### Ballot Measures - No. 3

## Voters Have Chance To Limit Taxation

(This is the third of a series of articles discussing the various measures to appear on the Nov. 4 general election ballot.—Ed note.)

**By HALE SCARBROUGH**  
It's not often in this day and time that the taxpayer gets a chance to stand up and tell the government, in effect, this far you shall go, and no farther.

Here in Oregon this coming Nov. 4, the taxpayer gets such a chance. The question is, should he do it? Or shouldn't he?

There are 18 measures of one type or another on the state ballot this fall, and none surpasses this one in importance.

316-317. An act limiting the state property tax, okayed by the legislature and referred to the voters. If approved, this measure would forbid collection by the state of a property tax in excess of six mills on the total valuation of real and personal property within the state without special legislative or voter sanction for a higher levy. There's one exception. The six-mill limitation wouldn't apply in the matter of raising money to pay off bonded indebtedness.

Here in Oregon property, real and personal, is the great basis of taxation, and originally all taxes were an obligation against property. The main source of revenue for the state government was the property tax up until 1929, when income tax and excise tax measures were passed.

Those income and excise taxes gradually built up to where they were enough to offset the entire state levy against property, so that for the past 13 years, since 1940, the state has collected no property tax whatsoever.

However, property taxation remains the base. When, at the time comes that income taxes, excise taxes and other state taxes do not equal the state's expenses, the burden of making the difference will fall right back on property.

That doesn't mean that property owners are getting off light. Not at all. Property taxes are the principal source of income for all the local governmental units—county, city, school district, fire district, park district, etc. In fact, the costs of those local governmental units have grown so tremendously in recent years, a good many people feel that property is carrying more than its rightful share even if the state isn't taking a cut at it.

**TREND**  
Because property generally is the tax source for the various smaller units of government, there is a general trend in a good many states to leave that source to the local governments, and look elsewhere for state government income.

That, in effect, is what the Oregon legislature had in mind when it passed this particular act. Only it didn't pull out entirely. The six-mill provision keeps one foot in the door.

If times get tough, and income taxes and excise taxes aren't producing as much money as the state government needs for its general operation, the state could turn back to property and levy up to six mills, even if this measure is approved.

It has been estimated that a levy of six mills on property valuation would bring in about \$10,000,000 a year. That isn't so much, considering that the 1951-52 biennial state levy against property was over \$41,000,000. Fortunately, the state didn't have to collect that money. Personal income tax collections were sufficient to offset it.

**PROTECTION**  
Theoretically, this six-mill limitation plan is designed as a protection to property, to ward against some future time when the property tax load might be just too much to carry, a time when property taxes might be so high that owning a home or a piece of ground in Oregon just wouldn't be worth it.

This property tax limitation plan isn't without opposition, though. It is seen as an attempt by the legislature or by certain like-minded individuals within the legislature and outside to work the state into such a financial hole that the people will have to come to the rescue by passing a sales tax.

If enough of the state's sources of revenue are lightened up or pinched off, it can be argued, and the people of the state continue to demand the services the state provides, sooner or later they're going to come to the conclusion that Oregon has to have a sales tax to stay even.

**THUMBS DOWN**  
The people of Oregon have turned thumbs down on the sales tax about half a dozen times. But the issue isn't dead by a long shot.

Opposition to this property tax limitation plan also takes a personal turn, as voiced by Jim Farr, executive secretary of the Oregon Federation of Labor, in the official voters' pamphlet.

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Apparently that's a slap at some members of the legislature who, during the early stages of the two most recent sessions of the legislature, maintained that the state budget couldn't possibly be balanced without a whopping big property tax collection or some lucrative new taxation, only to find later on that the budget could be balanced without either.

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**Court Denies Spies Hearing**  
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court denied Monday a hearing to atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, the husband and wife sentenced to die for giving American A-bomb secrets to Russia.

The denial lets stand unchanged the conviction and death sentence of the New York City couple—and puts them another step closer to execution in the electric chair in New York's Sing Sing prison.

Only a commutation of their sentence by the President can now save them.

The high court's rejection of the couple's appeal was announced in a brief order, which noted that Justice Black favored a hearing.

The court's vote thus was 8-1. The high tribunal at the same time and by the same vote denied a hearing to Morton Sobell, a radar expert convicted with the Rosenbergs. He escaped the death penalty, but got a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison.

Mrs. Rosenberg's brother, David Greenglass, testified for the government and helped send his sister and brother-in-law to the death house. Greenglass got a 15-year sentence for his confessed part in the spy plot. No appeal was filed in this case.

The death sentence given the Rosenbergs has been described as the first ever imposed in peace time by a civilian court in this country for espionage.

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## ROK Troops Hold Crest Of Mountain

**By GEORGE A. MCARTHUR**  
SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Frenzied Chinese suicide troops with demolition charges tried to blow a hole in the Allied defenses on White Horse Mountain Monday night. South Korean gunfire mowed them down short of their target.

A front line Allied officer said about half a dozen fanatical Reds with satchel charges and Bangalore torpedoes charged up the north slope in complete disregard of their own lives.

They fell with their charges exploded. Satchel charges are bundles of explosives packed in a satchel-like bundle. Some are covered with a sticky substance so they can be quickly stuck to the target. Bangalore torpedoes are lengths of pipe packed with explosives.

At the same time two Chinese platoons jumped off in a futile attack. The South Koreans drove them back, then launched an assault of their own. At last report they were pushing up the slope of one of three knobs the Reds captured earlier in the day.

**EIGHTH DAY**  
As the savage battle for White Horse entered its eighth day the South Koreans were in firm control of the commanding crest.

The "stair fight" troops of the Republic of Korea 9th Division entrenched in confident anticipation of renewed Chinese assaults. A front-line officer said ROK positions were in better shape than they had been since the big battle started almost a week ago.

Gen. James A. Van Fleet, commander of the U. S. Eighth Army, predicted the savage fighting for the vital high ground surrounding the sprawling Chorwon Valley may taper off.

Van Fleet told AP correspondent Milo Farnett the Chorwon area has been a sensitive part of the front "but I don't think it will be any longer."

South Koreans estimate the Reds have lost more than 10,000 killed or wounded. Elements of three Chinese divisions have been used in the bitter struggle.

Van Fleet praised the South Korean troops and said they had done "a beautiful job" against "about the best" Chinese army on the front.

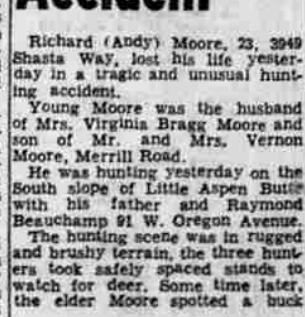
## Oregon Polio Record High

**PORTLAND (AP)**—There have been 320 cases of polio in Oregon this year, the State Board of Health reported Saturday.

Worse, there is no indication that the disease is on the decline. Dr. Harold Erickson, state health officer, said. The total is 100 more than at this time last year.

Malheur County, with one of the worst epidemics in the state's history, has had 20 cases. Most new cases have been reported there and in Jackson, Josephine and Klamath Counties.

Fifteen victims are in respirators in hospitals here.



R. A. (ANDY) MOORE

with his glass and drew a bead with his .270 rifle. The line of fire was well out of range of the two stands taken previously by Moore's son and Beauchamp.

**LEFT STAND**  
But Moore's son, unknown to his father, had left his stand. Apparently he had spotted the same deer as his father and was trying to work his way up for a better shot.

The father fired at the deer over dense brush. At the instant he squeezed the trigger, his son abruptly raised up directly in the line of fire and the bullet ripped through his throat, severing the jugular vein. Later examination showed that if the bullet had been only a fraction of an inch to the right side, it would have missed the young man. He was conscious.

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Republicans will rally at Lakeview Wednesday night and a caravan of Klamath Falls Republicans will make the trip to greet Sam Coon, candidate for the House from the 2nd Congressional district, Earl Newby, candidate for Secretary of State, and Sig Underwood for State Treasurer.

Floyd Wynne, KFLW will be the speaker. Marshall Cornett, Republican National Committeewoman for Oregon will emcee the program.

A no-host dinner is planned for the Lakeview hotel at 7 p.m. followed by the rally, open to the public at 8 o'clock.

Anyone interested in joining the caravan, which will leave the Balsiger building between 4:30 and 5 p.m., is asked to call Republican headquarters, 2-1467.

A tape recording of the stop the Eisenhower Special made here last week will be presented during the rally.

## Deer Season

The recent decision by the State Game Commission to close the special either-sex deer season in parts of Klamath and Lake Counties applies only to the Mule Deer Refuge in the Quartz Mountain area, Oregon State Police Sgt. Earl Tichenor reported today.

All the rest of the area east of U. S. Highway 97 will be open, as previously indicated, for the special three-day season.

## Auto Wreck Injures Two

Two Chinese from San Francisco were injured early Sunday morning in an auto mishap at 11th and Main.

An automobile driven by John Allen Roush, 23, of Chemult, struck a vehicle driven by Paul Yin Hui of San Francisco, and the two passengers in Hui's car, a woman, Pearl Wong, and a man, Hui Sue Kay, were hurt. They were taken to Klamath Valley Hospital by Kaler's ambulance.

Roush was cited to Municipal Court on a charge of running a red light, pleaded guilty this morning and paid a \$5 fine.

## Distance Mark Set By Jets

**AN AIR BASE**, Northern Japan (AP)—Forty seven U. S. F-84 Thunderjets flew here from Midway Island Monday in the longest over water flight ever made by single-engine jet fighter aircraft.

At the end of the lonesome 2500 mile trip the flight leader, Col. Donald J. M. Blackledge, declared: "With enough refueling you could fly a Thunderjet nonstop around the world."

The jets were timed at six hours and two minutes, an average speed of about 400 miles an hour.

Twenty-eight others are due in Tuesday. That will end the second mass flight of jets from the U. S. to Japan.



SCHOOLGIRLS—Three Fremont students were snapped by the photographer this morning. They are (l to r): Hilda Stanley, 3308 Derby Street; Patricia Sellers, 329 Broad Street; and Pat Hulbert, 501 Market Street.



**MRS. DOUGLAS MCKAY**—First lady of Oregon, will be here October 17 at Republican headquarters, Balsiger's, to greet all Klamath women at the "comp. as you are" coffee hour, 2 to 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Sam Coon, wife of the Republican candidate for Congress, will also be present at this strictly informal get-together.