

Big Oregon Budget Deficit Facing State Legislature

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM (AP) — Oregon's Legislature, which meets in only five more months, probably will have to find at least 50 million dollars of new revenue to finance the state general fund for the next two-year budget period.

This bad news means that there probably will have to be 50 million dollars worth of new taxes. It will give the lawmakers a serious financial problem.

The picture looked just as dark at this time four years ago. But suddenly, the income tax yield—major source of state finances—took a big spurt with a pickup in business, and that balanced the budget.

But now, prospects are that income tax receipts will decline. With so many unemployed and with business suffering from the lumber strike, it looks like income tax receipts will drop. The deficit could be more than 50 million.

The 1953 Legislature had a surplus fund amounting to 44 million, but the surplus facing the next Legislature will be down to 7 million. That means the last Legislature was 37 million dollars better off than the next one will be.

On top of that, the new Legislature will have to find an extra 5 million for public welfare, and some money for new college and institution buildings.

Add this to increased costs in other branches of government, and you have the extra 50 million that are needed.

The two-year budget of the 1953 Legislature totaled 193 million. The new budget will be well over 200 million.

Where will the needed 50 million dollars come from?

The Legislature could levy 24 million of it by a tax on property. Oregon hasn't had a state property tax since 1940. There's a law that limits a state property levy to 6 mills, or about 24 million.

The rest of the needed money could be collected by new taxes. However, this would be difficult, because the voters have a habit of slapping down new taxes.

The property tax could be assessed without the voters getting a chance to defeat it.

People often blame the Legislature for spending money. But the people, who don't like new taxes, don't hesitate much when it comes to voting to spend money.

Of the 193 million appropriated by the 1953 Legislature, the people voted to spend 77 million of it. This latter amount includes 66 million in basic school aid to school districts.

Reducing state expenses is a lot easier than it sounds.

In the first place, 53 per cent of the budget is used for education. This includes 36 per cent for grade and high schools, and 17 per cent for colleges and the university.

Another 14 per cent goes for public welfare, and 18 per cent is used for state institutions.

Those costs are hard to cut, because the number of children in the schools is increasing, the population of state institutions is on the rise, and demands for state welfare help grow.

The cost of general government totals only 6.7 per cent of the budget, so you can't cut much there.

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Adjusted Air Regulations Planned For Jet Airliners

SEATTLE (AP) — Major changes in the nation's civil air regulations, to adjust them to jet-age flying, are in prospect.

This became evident Thursday following a conference between Frederick B. Lee, civil aeronautics administrator, and William M. Allen, president of Boeing Airplane Co.

Boeing has high hopes that its jet-powered, four-engine 707, for which the Air Force announced an initial order last week, also will become the first airline jet transport in the United States.

Allen told a reporter, after the conference, that Lee agreed that some major changes of U.S. civil flying rules may be required in order to certify jet aircraft for commercial use.

He said one rule made obsolete by jets is that a new type of airplane be flown 150 hours before being granted a certificate.

Allen said that while with an early-day Boeing airliner this meant the equivalent of five flights across the United States, and with the Stratocruiser it meant 12 such flights, with the 707 it could mean 30 transcontinental flights.

Allen estimated that it would cost Boeing more than a million dollars in insurance, crew, fuel and other costs to meet this requirement.

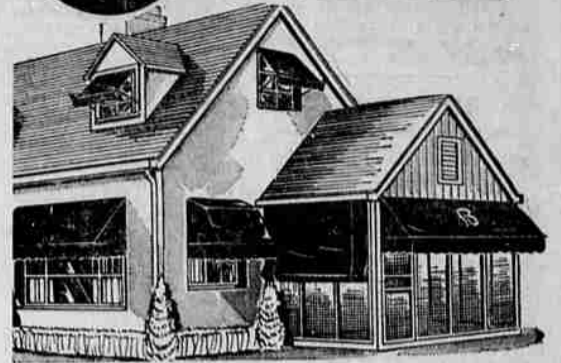
Allen said that while Boeing is greatly interested in commercial development of the 707, as an airliner, its first obligation is to the Air Force order for tanker versions. The Air Force has declared itself in need of jet-powered tankers for high-altitude, high-speed aerial refueling of jet bombers such as the Boeing B52.

"We won't be in a position to talk prices and delivery schedules with the airlines until we see where we stand on our military obligations and make certain that the Air Force is satisfied," Allen said.

"But we feel that our military order is recognition that the step we took in investing more than 15

million dollars to develop a jet tanker-transport prototype is something we should have done. "We think we are going to be in business on production of jet transports. It is primarily a matter of time until we get into the commercial field."

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Today's Women

By DOROTHY ROE, AP Women's Editor

American business men suddenly have found that it's fun to decorate their offices. As Miss Melanie Kahane, who tells them how.

"Just as everybody all at once seemed to discover the American home," says this decorative decorator. "Men have discovered offices as a field for personal expression. With all the current to-do about interior decor, anyone would think that up to now we've been hanging from trees."

Miss Kahane, known as one of the top figures in her field, arrived in New York's decorator's row from Sioux Falls, S.D., by way of Paris. She has designed interiors for homes, apartments, offices, showrooms, restaurants, hotels and factories. Says she:

"All this sudden office-consciousness really makes very good sense. Anyone can work better in pleasant surroundings. The Army can. Industry can. So can executives, but they were the last to discover it."

"A lot of the country's most important financiers were still back in the golden oak office era until recently."

"But all that is changing fast. The big boys have found that they can get more done in an office that is restful and functional, with everything planned for their convenience. They are discovering that it helps to have an easy chair or a couch where they can relax for a few minutes, or a television set where they can keep up with congressional hearings and other events which affect their business."

"Besides, a lot of men find that one way to be a success is to look successful—and a handsome modern office provide the right background."

"Today's smart office looks more like the library at home," says Miss Kahane. "It can come equipped with all conveniences such as kitchenettes, refrigerators, bars, dressing rooms and TV sets."

"A man's home is his castle," she observes, "but he spends more time in his office. In order to do his best work, he needs an office with facilities to meet whatever emergency arises."

Miss Kahane says the era of red leather chairs and steel desks has passed. Nowadays the men prefer handsome tweed upholstery and furniture that could fit in a modern living room. Some like modern decor, some are traditional, but the idea is to make the office look like a room at home.

Actress, Producer Plan To Marry

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Gloria Grahame, 35, who won an Oscar as the best supporting actress of 1952, and television producer Cy Howard say they plan to marry within a week.

Howard, 38, produced such radio and TV shows as "My Friend Irma" and "That's My Boy."

Miss Grahame has been married twice before, to actor Stanley Clements and film director Nick Ray, father of her son, David, 5.

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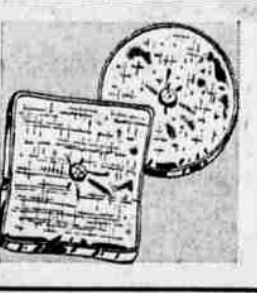
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Maybe it's not the H-bomb we should have been worrying about all this time. No, sir... it's the H-line.

That's the new style of 1955 as dreamed of by one Christian Dior, Paris (that's in France). And frankly, we cows have too much faith in you humans' nature to believe you would stoop to the extremes this Frenchman has plotted upon you.

Here's what he has done: The waistline goes clear to the hips, which are "just" permitted, and that's all. Sloping shoulders weakly hold up coats and jackets which reach just below the hips. The accent isn't on anything feminine at all. It's on a straight line, a "flat look", and something destined to turn men's eyes to elsewhere—anywhere else.

At least that's what we cows think. And Buster, my bull friend, tosses in his two-bits in agreement. If it ain't feminine, he says, it ain't worth it.

Now there's another French designer named Jacques Fath, and he has set his '55 fashions based heavily on femininity. And to show he's thinking of you girls and not fame (or notoriety), M. Fath has tried to design a fashion for every type of figure. This gets our vote, 5,000 to 0 in the Klamath Basin (that's how many of us dairy cows there are here).

The only trouble is, Dior's fashions have a habit of catching on.

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