

New California Governor Facing Difficult Battle When He Seeks Tax Boost

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Just exactly what will Edmund G. (Pat) Brown do when he becomes Governor next January? What does he stand for?

In the year he campaigned for governor, the 53-year-old Democrat made hundreds of speeches. Some dealt in generalities. Some were specific recommendations he promised he would make to the Legislature next year.

But the heart of his program for "moderate progressiveness" was contained in an eight-point program which he said repeatedly was the foundation for his goal of being a "bread and butter governor" for California.

This is the governor-elect's basic program:

1. Establish a department of economic development to bring new industries, new enterprises and jobs to California.
2. Provide small businesses with marketing data and other services which New York and other states now provide and which big businesses can afford but small firms cannot.
3. Appoint a public defender of the consumer interest to fight high prices, monopolistic price-fixing practices, loan sharks, hidden service charges, misleading installment contracts and high utility rates. Brown said he believed a woman should hold the position if the Legislature created the office.
4. Enact legislation to assure

equal job opportunities for all Californians without regard to race, creed, color or age.

5. Reorganize the executive branch of state government for the first time in decades.
6. Assure labor-management peace by enactment of a 23-point labor reform program.
7. Give "personal leadership" to provide greater public support and greater public resources for public schools.
8. Give "vigorous and specific leadership" to meet California's water problems and to solve the flood threats in Northern California and water shortage in Central and Southern California.

In later speeches during the campaign, Brown amplified his eight-point program. After an attack by his Republican opponent for governor, U. S. Sen. William F. Knowland, Brown explained his proposal for a "public defender of the consumer interest" by saying:

"I urge no price or wage controls of any kind for anybody. The primary job of my consumer counsel will be to assure that free enterprise stays genuinely free and competitive and that private colusions to control prices or rig markets are prevented."

As for his proposed department of economic development, he pledged that it should have "no regulatory or restraining functions."

But, Brown added, it should be a clearing house for information about California; it should be the contact point for out-of-state industry interested in moving to California; it should collect economic data about the state and analyze the economic impact of proposed legislation affecting business.

KNOWLEDGE, Tenn. (UPI) — Sheriff E. B. Bowles said no when newly-licensed beer dealer James B. Love asked if he could name his package store for the sheriff.



"Oh, oh! My cake dropped—I guess I'll have to make a pie out of it!"

Russia Leads A-Plane Race

WASHINGTON (AP)—Russia is given an even chance of beating the United States into the sky with an atomic powered airplane—possibly before the end of the year.

However, the director of the Pentagon's program for development of nuclear powered aircraft says this country is on the threshold of success in building an atomic plane.

Air Force Maj. Gen. Donald J. Keirn says if the Russians do win the race, the airplane they use might not be "too sophisticated"—that is, relatively crude.

Keirn expressed these views Thursday in talks to reporters and an ordnance group meeting.

He indicated that by using an atomic power plant in a conventional plane, the Russians might manage a nuclear flight before the end of the year or early next year.

But he made it clear the U.S. Air Force wants an airplane specifically designed for atomic power and capable of virtually unlimited range at supersonic speed.

Tennshh Hutt! 5-Year-Old Back In Uniform

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Davie Ragland is back in the Marines.

How much of a tour the 5-year-old will have is not known. His mother has had enough of life in the corps.

Davie's first hitch started in January before he underwent urethral surgery. He wanted to go into the serious operation in full dress Marine Corps blues.

His mother, Mrs. Maurice Ragland, wrote the Marine base at Cherry Point, N.C. The Marines came through with a tailor-made set of pint-sized blues that fit like a glove.

Davie, now a master sergeant, came home from his successful operation with new ideas.

A bugle was purchased. White gloves followed. Davie learned taps and reveille.

"We'd all wake up to Davie playing reveille. We went to bed with Davie playing taps. We ate to the chow call. I might as well have been living at a Marine base," Mrs. Ragland said.

"I thought it was cute for a while. I scolded Davie one day," she said. "He listened quietly. When I finished he looked at me and said—At ease."

That ended the sergeant's days in the Marines. The bugle disappeared. The uniform was set aside. Civilian life returned.

But old soldiers die with difficulty.

Last week the Marines at Cherry Point reminded Davie Nov. 10 was the 183rd birthday of the corps. They sent him a card 3 feet high and 2 1/2 feet wide.

It was a call to arms.

Davie found an old drum in his closet. After some practice he decided to be a Marine drummer.

"I need a sword for my uniform," he told his mother.

"I guess we're headed for another showdown," Mrs. Ragland sighed.

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