Mayor Raps Road Tax

YREKA—Yreka was singled out by "certain" supervisors for criticism on how many prisoners are boarded at the county jail, according to an accusation made by J. E. Cummings, Yreka mayor, at the council session held December 18.

Cummings also criticized the new 20-cent road improvement tax, levied in both rural and city areas in this year's Siskiyou County budget.

In reference to a recommendation made by Sheriff A. B. Cottar, that a substantial increase be added to the $1-a-day charge for city prisoners made by the county, Cummings stated that Yreka residents are paying double for the service, since they pay both city and county taxes. No particular supervisor was mentioned by Cummings as having made the criticism against Yreka's use of the service.

The issue was raised by the recommendation made by the 1958 grand jury, that the city jail should be modernized and made available for use to help relieve the overcrowded conditions of the county jail, and it was after the grand jury report that the supervisors and Sheriff Cottar discussed the increase of the charge to cities.

City Attorney J. P. Correia offered the explanation to councilmen at Thursday evening's session, that the charge for the prisoners is only levied for those arrested for violation of city ordinances. That prisoners arrested on charges of state law violations are fed by the county regardless of where they were arrested.

Correia also pointed out that the expense for maintaining guards and feeding facilities would be more than paying the county.

Cummings then returned to the discussion relative to the 20-cent road and bridge tax passed by the county supervisors this year for both rural and city areas, and asked what people within the city were receiving from the $1.60 in county taxes which goes into the county general fund. He also asked what contribution was being made by rural residents for maintaining city streets.

ADVISER HONORED

Tulelake residents who attended a December 20 meeting at Gridley in honor of the grand worthy adviser of California, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Hollace Hammond, included Mary Jane Ager, worthy adviser of the Tulelake Assembly, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ager, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Reinmiller, Edna Maharry, Janice Haug and Dale Bowen. Mrs. Reinmiller is mother adviser of the local assembly.

Revolutionary Situation Grows Tense In Havana

By JACK V. FOX
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The once gay Cuban capital of Havana is a somber place today. It appears quite possible there could be large scale bloodshed in the city and throughout Cuba within the next 60 days.

The revolutionary army of Fidel Castro has swelled in two years from a band of 25 men to something like 10,000. They control large chunks of the eastern end of the island.

President Fulgencio Batista, dominant figure on the Cuban political scene for 17 of the past 25 years, has made Havana almost an armed camp. Military police prowl cars roam its streets, each carrying five men armed with five tommyguns. Tank reinforcements arrived this week at nearby Camp Colombia.

Batista's term of office ends Feb. 24. His hand-picked successor, Andres Rivero Aguero, is to take office then. But Castro and other opposition elements have refused to recognize the validity of his election several weeks ago. It is believed they may strike before Batista leaves the presidency.

The central highway which bisects the island from west to east can no longer be travelled past the mid-way point because of snipers. It is impossible to go by railroad across the country. Some 200 railroad and highway bridges have been dynamited.

In the three eastern provinces of Cuba, Batista's army garrisons patrol the towns by day, then hole up at night. Then the rebels take over. In Oriente, the easternmost province, large Castro forces are fortified in the mountains.

Many of the sugar plantation operators have made a "deal" with Castro. It is estimated 75 per cent of the crop will be harvested with his permission. The sugar men are paying Castro 10 and 15 cents per bag of sugar as royalty in return. The crop is the backbone of the nation's economic life—a $650 million business this year.

Half the island has no phones—the poles were cut down. So daring is the rebel movement that it seizes airliners at gunpoint; kidnaps and holds American citizens.

The lavish luxury hotels and gambling casinos like the Riviera, the Habana Hilton and the Nacional, are losing as much as one million dollars a year. December is the beginning of the tourist season but it will be an abysmal one.

Batista has put about 10,000 teenagers under arms in the past year and sent them into rebel territory after 30 days training. The Castro men call them "bocaditos"—little mouthfuls.

There is talk among Cubans of asking U. S. help to end the fighting, which has already taken thousands of lives. Both Batista's government and the rebels profess to abhor any hint of outside interference. But some sort of mediation to avert a widening of the civil war may be a last resort.

NEW ADDITION

A near-Christmas present arrived in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin (Buzz) Thomas, now residents of Watsonville, California. Paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Thomas, Tulelake, received the news by telephone of the birth, December 20, of Karen Louise, 7 pounds, 8 ounces. The little girl is the first child for Marvin and Roxie Thomas who were guests here last holiday season. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kasparian of Fresno.

Officers Seek Killer Of Man

SEATTLE (AP) — Detectives were searching for a killer Friday who fatally shot a Seattle man Thursday night and injured a Portland woman in front of a tavern in the Beacon Hill district.

Robert L. Johnson, 46, divorced father of three children, was killed when hit by at least two bullets.

Johnson had been drinking in the tavern for about two hours and left the establishment alone.

Shots were heard outside shortly thereafter. Johnson then staggered back into the tavern and collapsed. He was pronounced dead on arrival at King County Hospital.

Agency Employes Receive Awards

Several Klamath Indian Agency employes were recipients of cash awards for participating in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Safety Hazard Elimination Contest. Klamath Agency placed second in this contest within the Portland area, having competed with eight other agencies. The contest was held from June 1958 to October 15, 1958.

Four agency employes were recipients of the Department of the Interior service pins for length of service with the government. Ten year service pins were presented to Virgil Wilson and Randolph David. Twenty year service pins were presented to Glenn E. Smith and Richard Sanderville.

The awards and service pins were presented to the employes at a staff meeting held at the agency December 18.

GET-TOGETHER

The annual Christmas get-together for members of Tulelake Post, No. 164, American Legion and the auxiliary, including a potluck dinner for 100 was held at the fairgrounds. Mrs. Clyde Todd was general chairman. Junior auxiliary girls waited on tables and were in charge of gifts. On the program were Beth Prenger, Woody Chambers, Wilma Price, Donald Burgess and members of the Tulelake High School German Band directed by Johnelle Takacs.

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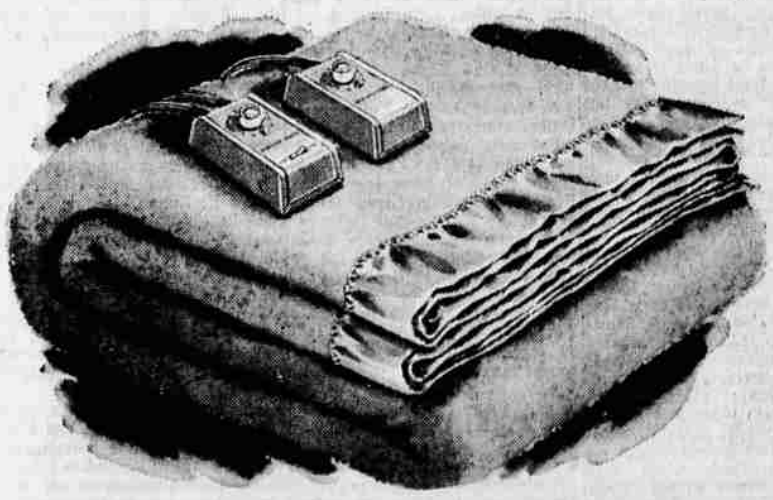

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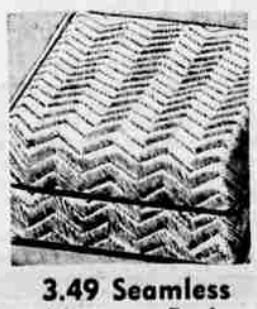

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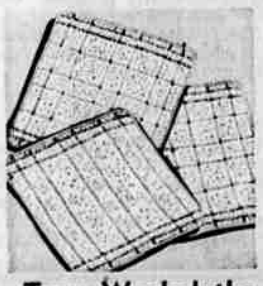

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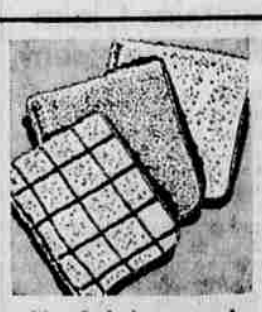

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