

By FRANK JENKINS

In San Francisco, where the tourist business is big business, they are trying with an interesting proposal. The proposal is to levy a three per cent tax on transient hotel room rates and use the money to finance a stepped-up campaign for more tourist visitors and more conventions.

There are two schools of thought. It is expected that the tax would raise about \$800,000. One school holds that the hotel room tax should be used to the extent of \$300,000 to replace that amount of property tax money now being spent for tourist promotion, thus helping to lighten the property tax burden. That would leave \$500,000 of the hotel tax money with which to go after more tourists and more conventions—which would be an increase of \$200,000 over what is now being spent.

The other school is somewhat more ambitious. It would use not only the \$800,000 of property tax money but would UP it to \$500,000 to be added to the \$800,000 to be raised by the tax on hotel rooms—thus increasing the tourist and convention promotion fund to \$1,300,000.

With that amount of money available, it is argued, it would be a cinch to hold the Pacific Festival this year. The Pacific Festival—a variation of the world fair idea—has been regarded as out of the range of possibility for 1961 if more money isn't found somewhere.

From the standpoint of money and where it is to come from, it is pointed out that the property tax is beginning to bite in San Francisco. It is alleged that because of the high property tax industry is already beginning to move out of the city.

A sales tax on transient hotel rooms, it is contended, would get around that objection.

What of the hotel people? Well, so far, they are lying dog-go—which is to say, they are keeping still and listening hard. And, of course, doing some thinking.

Assuming for the sake of easy figuring that the hotel rate for two persons might average out at \$15.00 per room, a three per cent sales tax would mean a cost increase of 45 cents. The question would be whether to absorb the increased cost or to up the price of rooms. And, if the price were increased, would it mean fewer customers? Would more tourists tend to stay in the surrounding suburbs and commute into the city?

This tax business, you see, has many angles.

Getting closer home—Suppose San Francisco decides to go after more tourist business for all it is worth. Suppose the Pacific Festival is launched in 1961. Suppose it is a great success. Suppose the visitors run up into the hundreds of thousands.

What would that mean to us up here in Southern Oregon and Far Northern California?

It could mean quite a little. It must be presumed that a very considerable number of the visitors to San Francisco would come by automobile. It is fairly certain that a reasonably large number of them would come on up into our country—whose scenic beauties are unexcelled.

That would be very nice. It would be especially nice if we could handle our tourist promotion activities so intelligently as to induce an INCREASING NUMBER OF THEM TO STAY LONGER in our area.

Figures compiled by Oregon's Travel Information Division of the Oregon state highway department indicate that each tourist car spends an average of \$23.00 per day. If we could induce a million tourist cars to spend one day more in our area, it would mean the addition of \$23,000,000 to our economy.

We could use it—very nicely.

Trailer 'Roof' Is Ripped Away By Hefty Wind

When the wind blew the roof from the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Boylin, 2824 Watson, Friday morning, they still had a roof to spare.

A wooden roof and porch arrangement built over the Boylins' trailer home was lifted by the wind and dropped about 10 feet from the trailer house, which was virtually undamaged.

The extra roof was 30 feet long, 20 feet wide and weighed close to 1,000 pounds. The Boylins discovered the damage when they returned home at about 4 p.m.

Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity — Partly sunny today. High 40-46.
High yesterday 46
Low last night 34
Precip. last 24 hours .33
Since Oct. 1 6.91
Same period last year 4.32

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Weather

Northern California — Today partly cloudy with showers and snow flurries continuing in extreme northern portion. Snow level ranging from 3,500 feet in Siskiyou to 5,000 in southern Sierra Nevada.

Mt. Shasta-Siskiyou area—Intermittent snow today with snow level about 3,500 feet.



THE GOVERNOR'S REORGANIZATION program was outlined to members of the Klamath Falls Rotary Club Friday noon by Wayne Nunn, administrative assistant to Gov. Mark Hatfield. Following the luncheon meeting, Nunn held a press conference. He is shown here as he was being questioned on points of state government by interested women of the community.

Governor's Aide Says Revamping Won't Centralize State Powers

Reorganization of the executive branch of the state of Oregon will not result in accumulation of an unwarranted amount of power for the governor, Wayne Nunn, Salem, told Klamath Falls Rotary Club members here Friday. Nunn is executive assistant to Gov. Mark Hatfield. He spoke at a luncheon meeting of Rotary.

Nunn said historic balances and checks will prevent any governor from exercising too much power if reorganization proposals are made effective by the 1961 legislature.

Under the reorganization proposals suggested by the Advisory Committee on Reorganization, and later revised by Governor Hatfield and his staff, the number of state departments, agencies, commissions and boards would be drastically reduced. There are now more than 170 different auxiliaries in the executive branch, and the plan would reduce this to six major departments, Nunn explained. The present situation calls for more than 700 different individual appointments by the governor—more than two per day, the speaker said.

Reorganization would provide a means of making departments of the executive branch responsible and responsive to the wishes of the governor. A present weakness of the state government system is that the governor actually has little or no control over the actions of the various agencies. As an example, Nunn cited the welfare commission, which he said, is acting contrary to the wishes of the governor and the intent of the legislature in some instances.

Nunn also cited the example of the budget which in the past 25 years has grown more than 2,000 per cent over what it was at that time, when the budget was only 15 million dollars. In budget items, the governor can exercise authority over only about two per cent, while, actually, he is held responsible and accountable for the entire fiscal policy of the state.

SIX DEPARTMENTS
Reorganization would sharply define duties and responsibilities of the six major departments outlined in the proposal. They include Labor, Commerce, Social Services, Public Safety, Transportation and Utilities, and Natural Resources. In addition, but not included in this reorganization proposal would exist the departments of Education and Governmental Services.

The proposal would abolish the present Board of Control which consists of the governor, state treasurer and secretary of state. Department heads would be appointed by the governor, with approval of the Senate. The various department heads would be responsible for appointments within their departments, with approval by the governor.

Nunn emphasized that the plan would retain the historic system

Marine Admits Murder Of Wife

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—Detectives say former Marine Edward Albertch has admitted he strangled his wife after an argument and then shipped her body to a fictitious address in Chicago.

Albertch, 24, was arraigned on a murder charge Friday and held without bail in county jail pending a hearing March 8.

department heads involved.

An interesting element in the consideration of the plan is the approach of political parties and individuals to the question, Nunn said.

He pointed out that Klamath County Senator Harry Boivin, who is also president of the Senate, has announced his strong opposition to abolishing the Board of Control, as well as to other suggestions in the plan. Boivin is a Democrat. At the same time, all conditions of the plan are endorsed by Sen. Walter Pearson, Sen. Tom Mahoney and Sen. Robert Straub, who is Democratic State chairman, Nunn said. On the other side, there are many Republican legislators who oppose all or portions of the plan, he explained.

Nunn also pointed out that Republican Secretary of State Howell Appling and State Treasurer Howard Bellin are opposed to the plan only so far as it applies to abolition of the Board of Control. However, he added, they generally favor reorganization, and there is no "family feud" among top Republican officials as to objectives in reorganization.

Nunn said the plan was not presented to the legislature on an "either-or" basis. He said that the governor and his staff do not know how much of the plan will be effected during this session of the legislature, but are hopeful of at least 50 per cent.

"We think reorganization is desirable and we want it to proceed in an orderly, efficient manner," Nunn said. "We do not want to simply add another layer of government on what we have. We want reorganization to reflect changing attitudes in government," he said.

Nunn was introduced by Reuben Larson, who also had as his guest Klamath County Republican Chairman Ben Adair. Following the Rotary meeting, Nunn met with a number of county Republican women in a question and answer session.

Would Drop Commission

SALEM (AP)—Two state legislators announced Friday they will introduce a bill Monday to abolish the state Highway Commission.

Sen. R. F. Chapman, D-Coos Bay, and Rep. Beulah Hand, D-Milwaukie, said the bill would establish a superintendent of highways to serve in place of the commission.

Both have been highly critical of the Highway Department in the past and both served on the Legislative Interim Committee on Highways.

"As things now stand," Chapman said, "the chief highway engineer is in effect the highway superintendent and the commission does not play any dominant role in department policy."

The bill would have the highways superintendent appointed by the governor subject to Senate confirmation.

The highways superintendent would be appointed for a four-year term to serve at the pleasure of the governor and could be reappointed.

Teenagers, Arise!

East German Reds Defend 'Rug Cutting', Blue Jeans

BERLIN (AP)—Communist East Germany's ruling Politburo came out today with a defense of young people's rights to wear blue jeans and cut an occasional rug on the dance floor.

It wasn't, of course, phrased just that way. Communist edicts are couched in a dreary sort of bureaucratic potted-greek, which the Germans call "party-Chinese." But the meaning was clear.

Said a communique from the Politburo: "It is not right to draw immediate conclusions about the thoughts and acts of a young person because of occasionally peculiar clothing. It is natural that in our time there have appeared other tastes, other dances, other forms of leisure activity than was the case in previous generations."

The decree may have been inspired by the persistently high proportion of young people among the 500 to 600 refugees who cross the Iron Curtain every day. Nearly half are under 25.

The Politburo complained that older people in the party are treating the young ones in too

Boardman Deal Subject Of Note

SALEM (AP)—The governor's office said Friday that Gov. Mark O. Hatfield will send a message on the proposed Boardman bombing range lease to the legislature Tuesday.

Frank Cross, the governor's press secretary, said a copy of the lease proposal and legislation to make it possible will go to each member of the legislature. Boeing Airplane Co. has signed an agreement to lease the 96,000-acre tract for 50 years at a beginning price of \$90,000 a year. The firm said it planned to use the site eventually in its missile development program.

Slide Hits Motel, Three Escape; Rain Stops As Streams Hit Brim

Torrents of rain stopped abruptly in Western Oregon Saturday, after swirling flood waters took one life and massive landslides smashed into a train and buried three persons for a time in a crumpled motel.

Two main rail lines to the east also were blocked by slides.

Most streams in the western part of the state began dropping, and Weather Bureau forecasters said it appeared there would be no more serious flooding. Only light showers were forecast for the rest of the weekend.

High water cut a number of roads and the Clackamas River, spilling over its banks south of Portland, forced about 100 families from their homes.

The first death attributable to the storm came early Saturday at Drain, a small lumbering community south of Eugene. Police there said Bruce Anderson, 42, a tree planter, was drowned in Elk Creek. He had started to cross a bridge covered with water, and then either slipped or was swept off the bridge.

At Mulino Friday night, flood waters covered a lawn and John Weigenkeller, 56, suffered a fatal heart attack while trying to secure his lawn furniture.

At Troutdale, east of Portland, a huge slide of rock and earth crashed down onto a motel late Friday, burying for a short time Mrs. Ronald Dory, 42, and her children, Kevin, 1, and Charlotte, 3.

"The wall cracked open like an eggshell and the mountain came rushing in," Mrs. Dory said later from her hospital bed. Rescuers dug through the earth and found Mrs. Dory and her son. The mother had partially shielded him with her body. Then the rescue workers found Charlotte. She was shielded from a 400-pound rock by a piece of the motel wall.

At a Portland hospital, attendants said all three were in good condition, and were suffering only from bruises.

The slide that hit a Union Pacific mail and passenger train in the west end of the Columbia Gorge Friday blocked the main eastbound line until late Saturday morning. Crews then finished a temporary line through the slide area and traffic was reopened. There were three passenger and six freight trains waiting to get through.

The Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway said its main line was blocked by a slide on the north side of the Columbia Gorge, 23 miles east of Vancouver, Wash. Both railroads expected service to resume over the routes later Saturday.

Most streams were dropped in Western Oregon Saturday, but forecasters said the lower Willamette would not crest until late at night and Sunday in the Corvallis-Albany-Oregon City area. No major flooding was expected there, however.

At Drain and Sutherlin, where flood waters from swollen creeks swirled through the streets Friday, things were mostly back to normal.

Slides and high water continued to block a number of secondary roads. U.S. Highway 101, the main

Education Aid Plan Readied For Presenting

WASHINGTON (AP)—A five-year, \$5 billion program of federal aid to education has been blocked out by the Kennedy administration for presentation to Congress this week.

The money would be granted outright to the states, to be used for public school construction, teachers' salaries, or both, as the states decide.

Additional grants for scholarship and teaching fellowships also are being called for in an effort to build up a teaching force that can keep up with the growing school population.

The administration envisions outlays of about \$600 million a year for the public school program and another \$100 million a year for the scholarships and fellowships.

The plan—tagged a major item on the Kennedy legislative program—also will include assistance for poorer states and big cities, sources said.

Make Plans To Improve Relations

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy and his top diplomatic advisers met for two hours Saturday to work out the new administration's strategy for trying to improve relations with Russia.

Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson told newsmen as the conference broke up that it produced a general informal discussion of the whole situation. He called it a good meeting, but newsmen were not told specifically what was considered.

The discussions at a White House conference were understood to include the possibility of an April meeting between Kennedy and Soviet Premier Khrushchev. Such a highly informal talk could help prepare the way for a summit conference later in the year.

The White House session brought former Ambassador George F. Kennan, one of the nation's foremost experts on the Soviet Union, back into the high councils of the government after an eight-year absence. Kennan, who left Washington early in the Eisenhower administration, is to be ambassador to Yugoslavia.

Reds Demand Punishment For Fliers

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union Saturday night rejected France's explanation of the shooting down of a French jet fighter during a flight of President Leonid Brezhnev over the Mediterranean and insisted on punishment of the French fliers responsible.

"The unprecedented attack is nothing but an act of international banditry committed by the French air force," said a Foreign Ministry statement made public by the news agency Tass. "To whitewash such actions and to exculpate the guilty is a risky undertaking."

France has promised a full investigation of the incident, which occurred when a French jet fighter intercepted an Ilyushin 18 plane carrying Brezhnev to Morocco on an African tour and fired bullets across its nose.

French officials in Algiers have claimed the Soviet aircraft failed to follow proper flight procedure. Tass said Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko rejected this explanation at a meeting here with the French charge d'affaires, Jean de la Grandville. The two spent 45 minutes discussing "in a working atmosphere" the points in the dispute.

NO METER FEES

There will be no parking meter enforcement Monday in Klamath Falls because of the holiday after Lincoln's birthday today.



ALMOST BURIED beneath just a portion of the papers piling up for the Progress Edition is Larry Nelson of the circulation department. The edition is being prepared in sections and will be combined into one paper of well over 100 pages for delivery on Sunday, Feb. 26. The Progress Edition reviews all facets of progress in the Klamath Basin area and is divided into such sections as Agriculture, Business and Industry, Community Activity and Recreation.

Second Hearing On Welfare Charges Highlights Calendar In Legislature

SALEM (AP)—The second public hearing on Gov. Mark O. Hatfield's charges against the state Public Welfare Commission will highlight Oregon's legislative hearing calendar in the next week.

House Speaker Robert B. Duncan, D-Medford, will preside at the joint meeting of the House State and Federal Affairs and Public Health and Welfare committees.

Duncan said he hoped this would be the last joint hearing by the two committees on welfare. He asked the committee chairman to call both after the governor issued a call for the public to come forth with criticism of welfare and also charged the commission with administrative chaos.

State Welfare Administrator Jeanne Jewett and members of the public will be asked to testify at this hearing, Duncan said. It will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 6 at the state Capitol.

Other hearings this week will cover a proposed fair trade law on cigarettes, reporting of bullet wounds by persons assisting a wounded person and a discussion of voting machines.

Here is a schedule of the major hearings this coming week:

MONDAY
11 a.m. — Senate Labor and Industries Committee, bills requested by the Advisory Council on Unemployment Compensation that affect unemployment compensation procedures.
1 p.m. — House Judiciary Committee, bills on constables serving summons, installment contracts for motor vehicle buying, judicial testimony by special referees and the taking of testimony with a 250-mile radius.

1 p.m. — House Taxation Committee, bill on zoning of farm land.

TUESDAY
8 a.m. — House Food and Dairy Committee, milk audit bill.
Noon — House Natural Resources Committee, bills on state forestry authority to make pest and tree disease investigations, gifts, rector's terms. If more than one to state Oil Conservation Committee candidate is nominated, an election, exchange of county forestation will follow.

WEDNESDAY
1 p.m. — House Elections and Reapportionment, a voting machine demonstration and a discussion with the secretary of state, on exclusions from gross income, retirement, assessment rates, assessment at 50 per cent of true cash value and delaying fixing the ratio.

THURSDAY
8 a.m. — House Food and Dairy Committee, a bill on public property held under lease.

FRIDAY
1 p.m. — House Taxation, a bill on public property held under lease.

Contributors Invited To UF Awards Banquet

The public is invited to the annual Klamath County United Fund award banquet Monday evening at the Willard Hotel, and all those who made contributions are eligible to vote for members of the board of directors.

When the 26 new board members are selected, the 60-man board will elect a president, vice president, second vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Candidates, respectively, for those posts are John Rose, president; Leo Morstad, first vice president; Ross Ragland, second vice president; Mrs. Bill Graham, secretary; and Carl Bartlett, treasurer.

Nominations of candidates for those posts and for the board of directors will be opened to the public. So far, one candidate has been selected for each of the districts. The Outstanding Citizenship Award, the highest given by the UF, will go for the fourth consecutive year to East Side Electric Company, J. W. Kerns Company, Medo-Land Creamery, Riverside School and LaPointe's Ladies Ready-To-Wear; for the secretary, exchange of county forestation will follow.

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