

# Mixed Reactions Greet California's \$3.2 Billion Spending Proposal For '63

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Gov. Edmund G. Brown's \$3.2 billion spending proposal for fiscal 1963-64 was greeted with mixed reactions by Republicans and Democrats in the legislature today.

The huge budget — largest for any state in history — was introduced in both houses yesterday. It became AB890 in the assembly and SB500 in the senate.

On the surface, Brown's plan to establish a state pay-as-you-go income tax starting July 1, 1964, appeared to be in serious trouble.

Even some leading members of his own party failed to support the withholding tax plan.

Sen. Hugh M. Burns, D-Fresno, one of the Democrats' most important members in the legislature as upper chamber president pro tempore, had this to say:

"I have heard and noticed growing opposition at the local level from businessmen and taxpayers with respect to the withholding of personal income taxes. This will be difficult to sell and I am not yet convinced that I can support such a program."

Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Urruh said he supported the broad general outline of the budget but reserved the right to "perhaps quarrel with specific items."

The two chairmen of money committees in the legislature were also apparently in broad

agreement but undecided about specifics.

Chairman George Miller, D-Martinez, of the Senate Finance Committee said he had "serious doubts" that the proposed tax increases will pay for state services adequately during the next two years.

Assemblyman Robert W. Crown, D-Alameda, chairman of the lower chamber Ways and Means Committee, said it was "basically a good budget." He coupled that statement with a request to the governor for more information on revenue and expenditure forecasts for the next five years.

Republicans left no doubt that they intended to oppose the withholding tax vigorously.

Sen. John F. McCarthy, R-San Rafael, upper chamber minority floor leader, charged that the tax proposal was merely "bookkeeping" that will "just postpone the problem another year."

Assemblyman Charles J. Conrad, R-Sherman Oaks, the lower chamber minority floor leader, said the budget "does not solve California's problems, it merely postpones the day of reckoning."

And assemblyman Don Mulford, R-Oakland, GOP caucus chairman, said the withholding plan "repudiates Brown's promise not to raise taxes."

In his budget message, Brown proposed two major tax reforms —

the withholding principle and elimination of the installment payment privilege on Jan. 1, 1964.

He said these and other reforms were "long overdue" and suggested that to make the tax more palatable the state's taxpayers be given a 25 cent "forgiveness" for taxes during calendar 1964.

"If California is to avoid levying new taxes," he said, "it must receive full and equitable return from its present revenue structure and this is the only satisfactory way to insure full compliance at a reasonable cost."

The governor told the lawmakers in his budget message that if his reforms are adopted there is

a "reasonable chance" that there will be no need for additional taxes during his second four-year term in office.

Other developments in the legislature:

**Education** — Assemblyman Charles B. Garrigus introduced a \$121 million school finance bill including a countywide equalization

tax. He said the bill embodied proposals approved recently by the state board of education.

**Narcotics** — Sen. Donald Grunsky, R-Watsonville, introduced a bill to legalize evidence found by police during a search of homes and automobiles admissible in court for narcotics violation convictions.

Rousselot — Former Rep. John Rousselot offered to appear before a liaison committee of the Republican caucus designed to help unify the party. But committee chairman George W. Millas, R-Gilroy, said no investigation that would require Rousselot's appearance

was contemplated. The former congressman recently was appointed western coordinator for the John Birch Society.

**Diploma Mills** — Senator Grunsky introduced two measures aimed at so-called "diploma mills" at the request of the state

department of education. Bills introduced in the legislature yesterday: SB500 Miller: The budget bill. SB494 Christensen: Changes name of California National Guard Reserve to the State Military Reserve.



## Modoc Refuge Hunters Bag Few Birds In 1962

ALTURAS — There were more ducks and geese, more hunters, and fewer birds bagged than last year. This is the report of the 1962 hunting season at the Modoc Refuge given by manager Paul Steele. "Balmey windless days that followed the October deluge did not provide for good hunting conditions," Steele said in explanation of the poor kill.

Also he reported that there were

many more hunters this year than last which produced an attendant number of skyscrapers (the type that stands in the open and blasts at anything that comes over).

Another deterrent to the kill, Steele reported, was that during several weeks of the season, almost all of the birds using the refuge were concentrated on the unharvested barley field just south of Alturas and on the closed part of the refuge.

## Basin Briefs

**NEW PINE CREEK**  
MR. AND MRS. DAN FOX, former residents now of Bieber, Calif., were visitors here Saturday. They left after selling their Shamrock Tavern seven years ago.

**MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS GARDNER** left Monday for Redding to dispose of their home there. Gardner is a timber feller and they plan to buy a home and live here. He has signed up for three years' work in the area.

**MALIN**  
MRS. MERVYN WILDE spent several days recently in Portland on a buying trip. While there she attended an open house for her husband's grandfather, Gustav Wilde, on his 95th birthday.

**MRS. ELMONT KENYON** and daughter, Cathy, visited Mrs. Kenyon's brother, Lester Cushman, in Medford one day last week. Cushman is recovering from recent back surgery.

**MR. AND MRS. JOE ILLIAN** spent the weekend in Eugene visiting their son, Ricky, and family.

**SCOUT LEADERS** were called to a special meeting Feb. 1 to make plans for the Blue and Gold dinner to be held Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Malin Grade School gym.

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