

State Tax Revolt Brings Sudden Economy Moves

SALEM (UPI) — Legislators and state agencies are so fearful of defeat of the \$60 million tax increase bill at the Oct. 15 election they are unintentionally contributing to its defeat.

They seem to be over-reacting to public pressure for economy.

An example is the Sept. 6 meeting of the State Emergency Board.

This is a group made up of legislators. They serve as fiscal watchdogs when the legislature is not in session.

When state agencies need more money because of emergencies or because the legislature forgot to appropriate funds for certain jobs, they take their case to the Emergency Board.

At the Sept. 6 meeting the Emergency Board refused to grant appropriations asked by the Justice Department and the State Tax Commission to implement new laws.

Told to Juggle Resources

Both agencies were told to juggle the money and people they already had, and to get the job done without any more money.

Emergency Board members told the agencies a "tax revolt" was underway, and that they had to economize.

The reaction of the man on the street is being stressed is because the tax increase measure has been referred. He wonders if legislators would have been as economy-minded if a referendum were not pending.

The legislature set aside \$300,000 to finance the Oct. 15 special election. The Emergency Board cut this to \$275,000.

This was pure window dressing, because the law sets aside the full \$300,000, and the full amount will

have to be spent if it is needed. If that amount isn't needed, it won't be spent, regardless of the Emergency Board's action.

But the man in the street thinks it is an economy move.

Salary Cut Eyed

At the previous Emergency Board meeting salary increases for state workers were approved only through the end of this year. The idea was if the tax measure is defeated, the salary increases would be withdrawn.

But it may not work this way. The state can't play ping-pong with an employer's paycheck. If the tax bill is defeated, some workers may be fired, or all may be forced to take days off without pay. But the basic salary rates will stay up unless the Civil Service Commission adopts a lower salary schedule.

Emergency Board members are worried. They're afraid of what can happen to the state's government if the tax bill is defeated.

They're sincerely concerned about the state's education program, which will be the hardest hit.

Man Dies After Leaving Grave

PHENIX CITY, Ala. (UPI) — Archie Lipptrap, a morose man from Virginia, dug his own grave and lay down in it to die.

He covered the muddy hole with metal sheets and lay in it for 21 days, waiting for death to find him. Passing fishermen thought something amiss and summoned police, who found him Tuesday, barely alive, in his grave.

Archie Lipptrap died two hours later in a hospital.



GENE KANE

Gene Kane To Solicit 25 Firms

(Editor's Note — This is the second in a series of personality sketches on the 13 leaders of the United Fund drive in Klamath County.)

Gene Kane, a young Klamath Falls business man, has the responsibility of soliciting middle-sized downtown firms and their employers for contributions to the United Fund.

Kane, one of 11 division chairmen for the United Fund campaign, also collects contributions from the Junior Chamber of Commerce members.

To help him with the 25 firms that fall in his division, Kane has a staff of five workers.

This is his first year as a division chairman, although he worked two years before as a United Fund volunteer.

Kane is manager of J. C. Penney's women's fashions here. He and his wife, Kit, have two children, Gregory, 4, and Stacey Anne, 2 months.

COMMITTEE HOLDS BILL

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A discharge petition was filed Tuesday to wrest from the House Veterans Affairs Committee a bill which would give most World War I veterans \$100-a-month pensions.

The Kennedy administration opposes the bill, as did the Eisenhower administration when similar legislation was proposed.

Help Given Parents Of Quints

MARACAIBO, Venezuela (UPI) — The parents of Venezuela's first quintuplets said today they are overwhelmed by offers of help from all over the country.

"We now have enough boys to form a baseball team, and I will be the manager," beamed Efraim Prieto Anez, the \$70-a-week oil-field worker and father of the five infants born prematurely here Saturday.

The U.S.-owned Creole Oil Co., which employs Prieto, gave him two weeks paid vacation Tuesday so he could join his wife Ines, a 34-year-old grandmother, and their five new sons in the university hospital here.

The babies—Robinson, Fernando, Otto, Jean Jose and Mario—are doing well in incubators here. Dr. Regulo Pachano Anez, pediatrician in charge, expressed some concern about Otto, the feeblest of the five, but said his condition is not "serious, or even abnormal."

So many offers of gifts have poured in—from persons as prominent as President Romulo Betancourt—that a special committee of doctors has been set up to sort them out.



WORK PARTY — Members of the Klamath Falls Exchange Club donned work clothes Friday to construct two regulation cement back-stopped horseshoe courts at Wyard Park. Shown working on the forms for the cement are, (left to right) Dick Blackburn, Exchange Club President John Voth, Jack Insley, Julius Giuntoni, Paul Buck, Lad Heaton and Warren Parr. Cement was poured Saturday morning and the forms removed. Stakes will be installed during this week and the courts are expected to be in operation before Saturday.

Five Nabbed For Holdup

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Two men were scheduled to be arraigned before a U.S. commissioner here today on federal charges of armed robbery of the First Bank of Troy, Idaho, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said.

The two were among five persons arrested in connection with the \$35,386 robbery in which the bank president, Frank O. Brocke, and his family were held captive overnight.

Scheduled for arraignment before U.S. Commissioner Theodore C. Hocke were Ronald Lee Gordon, 19, San Bernardino, Calif., and John Edsel Halverson, 19, Glendale, Calif.

Also arrested was Joseph Lorn Gordon, 22, Glendale, Calif. He was arraigned Tuesday.

The wives of Joseph Gordon and Halverson were also arrested and charged with receiving some of the stolen bank funds. They were scheduled for arraignment before Hocke today, also.

Joseph Gordon was arrested by FBI agents at his residence and Ronald Gordon was arrested as he left his job at Patton State Hospital at San Bernardino.

Robert Evans, senior agent in charge of the Butte, Mont., FBI office, said there was no trouble in any of the arrests. He said a shotgun and two rifles were found at the time of Joe Gordon's arrest.

Warrants had been issued Sunday night for the Gordons and Frank Knight, 19. All three are former residents of Troy. The FBI

Boardman Site Settled

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The transfer of 689 acres of federal land to the state of Oregon for development of the Boardman Industrial Park has been given a go-ahead by the House Interior Committee, Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., announced Tuesday.

Ullman said he had personally

appealed to committee chairman Wayne N. Aspinall, D-Colo., for required committee approval of withdrawal of the land by the Army Corps of Engineers.

The action clears the way for the corps to turn the land over to the state, Ullman said.

The Oregon Democrat praised Aspinall for speeding the action, which he said had become urgent because of an October deadline for the state to reach an agreement with the Boeing Co. for use of the land.

Danes Seek Filming Ban

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (UPI) — Nearly 50,000 Danes have signed a protest against the filming in Denmark of Christine Keeler's life "because it may spoil the character of our children," the newspaper Politiken said today.

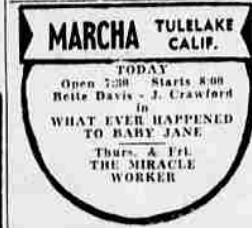
Since Sept. 5, about 300 persons have collected the signatures. They will work another week before applying to the government for a ban on the film making, it said.



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