

'Yes' Vote Urged To Protect Higher Education

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Several extremists on both sides are vocal on the tax issue over the state.

I deplore the results of statements by extremists on either side.

They should frighten us all into a careful study of the several factual articles presented in the public press.

My own decision to vote "yes" is based on 27 years of participation in state government. I have developed real respect for the system of government in Oregon.

We elect representation to the legislature. The legislature acts. We then criticize or we support their actions on a personal reaction basis. But we cannot escape the real truth that these legislators have sought a compromise and enacted a compromise on budget and taxes, after much study of the legal and governmental needs.

Now!! The tax measure has weaknesses and it has strengths, as common with all laws. Later amendment and revision is probably needed, an activity in every legislative session.

A vote of "yes" is for maintaining the present situation about which we know.

A vote of "no" is to reject the compromise of our elected representatives and will precipitate a frantic period of upset in the state with unpredictable results of short and long range nature.

Now to the question of effects on public higher education in Oregon should the tax measure be defeated.

Budget cuts will be made at every system of higher education institution. Why? The state constitution has a prohibition against incurring a state indebtedness without a vote of the people. No deficit may be incurred. The governor is charged with the enforcement of this provision. The present administration will permit no deficit to occur.

The governor can do two things. No. 1. Through the Department of Finance and Administration, he can cut back all budgets legally subject to his control.

These departments subject to control have budgets totalling \$245.5 million out of the general fund budget of \$494.3 million. The governor has stated that 24 to 25 per cent would be the cut required in view of all present conditions including income now anticipated.

This is because he—on his own authority—cannot control or cut budgets for the State Highway Commission, the courts, basic school support, State Game Commission, the legislature, the secretary of state, the state treasurer and others.

No. 2. He can call the legislature into a special session. (Seems likely). Then the Legislature can (1) pass a new tax bill—which could not provide revenue in 1963-64. Even if it escaped referral. Thus cuts would result; (2) cut approximately \$60 million off the budgets. An average of 14 per cent. It can be expected that higher education would receive not less than an average 11 per cent out unless the legislature just plain abolished a substantial number of departments. This seems very unlikely.

It also seems unlikely that the legislature could or would break the historical and ethical barriers to diversion of dedicated or special funds to operational use.

Certain institutions of higher education cannot absorb a cut of 11 per cent. As a result the greatest cuts would seem probable to fall on the University of Oregon and Oregon State University as a variable scale of reduction was applied to the schools.

Now the simplest figures possible, to indicate the effects on the state system of higher education.

At Portland State College the salary and wage budget is 89 per cent of the total. A cut of 11 per cent is impossible in 1963-64 because the 89 per cent left would pay only for contracted employees and clerical assistance. Beyond this legally required payroll assessments must be paid to federal and state agencies. The buildings without heat, light and water are useless for college purposes.

At Eastern Oregon College with 86.6 per cent in salary and wages; at Oregon College of Education and Southern Oregon College with 83.6 per cent, the basic operating costs could not be met with an 11 per cent cut.

At Oregon Technical Institute with 73.5 per cent in salary and wages and the remainder of the total budget beset with high old campus costs for heat, light and water, an 11 per cent cut would seriously reduce instructional supplies, snow clearance, new campus operation, etc.

At Oregon State University and University of Oregon with 65 to 66 per cent of the costs in salaries and wages, equally serious problems would appear. Cutting would be required on many items concerned with general public service such as those to crippled children, tuberculosis patients, agricultural research and many others. Some contractual obligations exist that must be discharged.

There is no relief in sight through lower enrollments.

There are 25 per cent more high school seniors this year than there were last year. 1963 fall term enrollment is shown as 33,067, over 5.5 per cent increase - 1962. The budget provided for 6 per cent increase. How close can you get!

The State Board of Higher Education has been studying these enrollment and other factors for many months.

Plans were developed to meet possible problems. Information on

these were released to the public. The board took the stand that it owed a continuation of quality education to all students actually admitted. Reference was made to the fact that no intent of "threat" or threatening stand was involved. The move was to inform the public of the results the board foresees in the possible reduction of budgets. The board moved to call to the attention of all the fact that budget provisions for higher education have receded continuously in relation to need over the past several years with the sole exception of faculty salaries.

All requests by the State Board of Higher Education have been drastically reduced by the governor in his budget message to the legislature. The legislature made further cuts. Hence, the slack for additional cuts does not exist, without reductions in numbers of students admitted consistent with final budgets.

Let's very briefly consider what a cut of 11 per cent or 14 per cent in our basic school support fund would mean to our Klamath County school districts. (Keep in mind that to maintain our present educational standards the loss of state funds would have to be made up by increased local property taxes!)

The Klamath Union High District would lose \$66,000 of state money with an 11 per cent cut; \$84,000 under a 14 per cent cut. District Number 1 would lose \$32,000 under an 11 per cent slash; \$40,000 if the cut were 14 per cent in state support money. The County Unit District would stand to lose \$86,000 or as much as \$108,000 in basic school support funds if a 14 per cent cut were effected.

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Initial 'Dear Santa' Letter Symbolic Of Times

WASHINGTON (UPI) — You can make of this what you choose, but the first Santa Claus letter to come to my attention this year struck me as being symbolic of the times.

It was written by young James Daubney of Uxbridge, Mass., and Jimmie apparently does not believe all that jazz about Santa living at the North Pole.

At any rate, he mailed his letter to Washington, D.C., which figures.

Even the kids must know by now when you want something, Washington is the place to write.

Furthermore, the letter was delivered to a congressman. Which also figures.

Old St. Nick may be noted for his benevolence, but he never came up with anything that could touch the recent military pay bill passed by Congress. And when did Santa ever leave a tax cut in anyone's stocking?

In this case, however, the routing of the letter was not so much

of a Freudian slip as a matter of postal myopia.

The letter was addressed to "Santa Clause," and the Post Office, with typical efficiency, delivered it to the office of Rep. Don H. Clausen, R-Calif.

A mistake like that wouldn't have happened if Jimmie had used Santa's zip code number.

There is no doubt, however, that Jimmie did the right thing in sending the letter to Washington. It would take a congressional appropriation to pay for all of the things he wants for Christmas.

If the items on his list were stacked end to end, we wouldn't need the Apollo space program to reach the moon.

As an indication of what the rest of us parents will be up against this year, Jimmie's early bird gift list is itemized below. I have used his spelling, mainly because I can't spell very well either.

First page — "Smoke gun, cement mixer, boat trailer truck, truck dump, horse trailer, truck & trailer, fire engine, bulldozer, indian set, cow set, airplanes, Popie Sailer punching bag, puppet, train set."

Second page — "New clock, ing tank."

Third page — "Gas station, car, truck, car, sub, plaine, racing car set."

This makes me glad that some of my sons are girls.

'Commandments For Parents'

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: A group of us teen-agers were discussing the things that gripe us most about our parents. We decided that instead of just complaining we ought to do something constructive. We have drawn up ten resolutions which we have Commandments

that he is a poor dancer, it's that he is just too good a dancer for me.

We've been going together for almost a year and I've tried to learn the intricate steps so I can follow him, but it's no use. I've told him I feel uncomfortable when he does fancy steps but he pays no attention and does them anyway. It's embarrassing because I feel that everyone is watching us and pitying him.

Don't get the idea that I can't dance at all. I am considered a good partner for the standard dances, but I am no good as an exhibitionist. What can you suggest?—STUMBLING SAL

Dear Sal: I know the type. He doesn't need a partner because he's always doing a solo.

Tell him if he insists on trying for the cup every time, you'll walk off the floor and let him shine by himself. Then do it.

Confidential to TIRED OF CORRUPTION: It takes two to play that game. Why do you criticize him for accepting when you are equally guilty for offering? You can clean up the "scandalous situation" by starting with yourself.

Are you tempted to smoke because the crowd does? If so, send for Ann Landers' booklet, "Teenage Smoking," enclosing with your request 10 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Reunion Plans To Be Formed

A planning meeting in preparation for the Klamath Union High School Class of 1944 reunion next year is being called for Thursday, Oct. 17, at 8 p.m. in the annex of the Winema Motor Hotel.

Anyone wishing more information may contact Mrs. James Conroy, Malin, 723-2134 or Mrs. Rex Young, TU 2-0361.

CHILD-KILLER

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Dear Ann Landers: My problem is an unusual one. It's the way my boy friend dances. It's not

OEA Chairman Cites Possible Cuts In Funds

By SID RATZLAFF
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The general fund budget for Oregon for 1963 to 1965 is 404 million dollars, an increase of 46 million dollars over the preceding biennium. Public education accounts for 73 per cent of this increase.

The previous legislature had a 30 million dollar surplus. The present legislature has none.

Taxes had to be increased in the present biennium to provide even the same services we've had the past two years.

Expanded enrollments, especially in high schools, plus special programs for exceptional children at all levels necessitate either additional state funds or higher local property taxes.

State Director of Finance Freeman Holmer has pointed out that state spending would be cut back immediately if a "no" vote prevails in Tuesday's election.

Should a special session of the legislature cut the \$141 million basic school support fund, the high standards which are prevailing now in the elementary and secondary schools of Oregon would be threatened.

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Six Women Display Art

LAKEVIEW — Much favorable comment on their work was received by six Lakeview women who were invited to show their oils, water colors, and charcoals at the Meier & Frank auditorium in Salem, Oct. 7-8.

The women, Mrs. Ed Zarusinski, Mrs. Jack Lewis, Mrs. James W. Ogle, Mrs. Robert Bennett, Mrs. Dan Barry, and Mrs. Robert Shotwell, left Sunday with 120 pieces and showed them in Salem Monday and Tuesday, returning home Wednesday.

The women have been meeting during the past year and painting "just for the fun of it."

Glassmaking, which began about 1608 at Jamestown, Va., generally is regarded as the first American industry.

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