

# Defeat Of Tax Referendum Causes Confusion In State Employment Ranks

Editor's Note: The State's fiscal officers have been in a tizzy this year trying to keep up with rapid changes. First the legislature added 1,800 new jobs, then 1,271 jobs were eliminated after the Oct. 15 tax referendum.

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SALEM (UPI)—Early this year a Senate Minority Leader Anthony Yturri asked the Ways and Means committee to deter-

mine the dollar value of job stability enjoyed by state employees.  
It was during discussions of wage hike requests for state workers, and Yturri believed the financial advantage of job stability enjoyed by state employees deserved consideration.  
Dellie Alberts must have wondered about that when she was laid off a few weeks short of her 32nd anniversary with the State Tax Commission. She had

planned to retire early next year—but wanted first to get in her full 32 years with the state.  
She was one of 522 state employees laid off as a result of the Oct. 15 tax referendum and the austerity program which resulted.  
A Capitol janitor scoffed at warnings of layoffs that could result if the tax measure was defeated, and said he was going to vote no. He was incredulous when he received his dismissal notice.

In addition to 522 who were fired, another 749 vacant positions were left unfilled.  
The legislature added 1,800 jobs earlier this year—1,200 of them in general fund agencies. Most were new jobs in higher education.  
After the tax measure was defeated, 1,271 jobs were wiped out. The 600 new dedicated fund agency jobs were immune to the cutbacks. Thus, this spring the legislature added 1,200 general fund jobs, and after the tax vote 1,271 general fund jobs were eliminated.

Some workers were shifted to jobs in other agencies. But be-

SELLING INTEREST  
LONDON (UPI)—The Trades Union Congress is selling its 49 per cent interest in the London Daily Herald to news magnate Cecil King, the Daily Express reported today.

The Herald has had difficulty raising its circulation, attributed to its ties with the Trades Union Congress, the British equivalent of the American AFL-CIO. The newspaper faces a \$2.52 million debt. King already owns 51 per cent of the Herald.

Between 45 and 50 per cent of the world's peoples are illiterate, according to estimates.

cause of pay increases that were approved earlier, the number of actual layoffs may exceed 522.  
Wiped out in the austerity cutbacks was \$4.7 million for pay increases.  
Pay raises went into effect July 1, however, and the Civil Service Commission ruled pay scales could not be cut back to their previous lower levels.  
This meant departments had to lay off a few extra people to make up for the additional cost of the pay increases.

Biggest employe cutback came in higher education, where 203 were laid off, and 276 vacancies were left unfilled. The 276 vacancies that were eliminated included 240 in instruction, research and general services.  
The giant Oregon State Hospital at Salem lost 91 positions, including 63 layoffs.  
The State Tax Commission laid off 48, and eliminated 48 other vacancies for a total of 96.  
The Department of Education didn't lay anyone off, but did eliminate 50 vacant jobs.  
The secretary of state laid off 18, and eliminated two vacant positions.  
The State Board of Health eliminated 27 vacancies, but did not have to fire anyone.  
The Welfare Commission wiped out 63 vacancies, and thus escaped having to lay anyone off.

The more than 500 layoffs were costly, however.  
It was estimated that it would cost more than \$1,000 for each employe fired—to pay unemployment benefits and accrued vacation pay.  
In most cases the layoffs won't affect key services provided by state agencies. But many supplemental services were virtually wiped out.



**KENNEDY COIN** — President Johnson has asked Congress to approve a law to permit the minting of a 50-cent piece bearing the portrait of the late President John F. Kennedy. Under the present plans, if the proposal is adopted, the Kennedy likeness would be the same used on a Presidential Series Medal (shown) now being made and sold at the Philadelphia Mint. — UPI Telephoto

# Coin Shortage Critical

WASHINGTON (UPI)— A shortage of coins that has haunted the nation for a year is now reaching the critical stage due to the current Christmas buying spree.  
In years previous, during the Christmas season, the economy usually was pinched for certain denominations of coins—especially nickels, quarters and pennies.  
However, this year, Treasury spokesmen said Wednesday, the demand for all coins is greater than the mint can turn them out.

In general, the coin shortage is one of the products of the vending machine era and the increased use of coins in the economy for other purposes.  
Congress has authorized construction of a new mint at Philadelphia to produce more coins, but so far has appropriated no money to get the project started.  
In addition to Philadelphia, the Treasury also makes coins at a mint in Denver. Both installations are working around the clock.

The situation is said to be so serious in some cities that banks are urging persons with un-needed coins to exchange them for paper money. The Federal Reserve banks were rationing their allocations to all members.



## LITTLE PEOPLE'S PUZZLE

1 DOWN: FIRE  
2 ACROSS: LIGHT BULB  
3 ACROSS: SOCKS  
4 ACROSS: TRAILER TRUCK  
5: MOVERS  
6 DOWN: TUB  
7 ACROSS: SHOE  
8: GOLF  
9: TRAY  
10 ACROSS: FLASHLIGHT

ANSWERS: ACROSS—3, TUBE; 5, FLASHLIGHT; 7, TRAY; 9, GOLF CLUB; 10, SOCKS. DOWN—1, FIRE; 2, STOVE; 4, TRAILER TRUCK; 6, TUB; 8, YOKE.

## Columbia River Talks Near Decision

OTTAWA (UPI)—Canadian-American negotiations on the Columbia River treaty appeared today to have reached a critical stage that could threaten the proposed project's very existence.  
While spokesmen for both governments refused to go beyond the normal "constructive and useful" platitudes, authoritative sources indicated closed-door discussions which opened Monday were building to a decision "one way or the other."

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