

# Smoke Tax Proposal Unped Cent

SALEM (UPI) — The House Taxation Committee decided Monday night to increase a proposed cigarette tax from 4 to 5 cents per pack.

The committee also sent an inventory tax repeal bill to the floor for the second time, and approved a capital gains tax revision bill.

The additional cent on the cigarette tax would raise about \$2.2 million a year for use by cities. Rep. Robert Smith, R-Burns, who made the proposal, said the money would be distributed on the basis of population.

The policy decision was adopted on a 7-4 vote after the committee defeated a motion by Rep. James Redden, D-Medford, to leave the tax at four cents and divert one cent of that amount to the cities.

The remaining four cents of the tax would net about \$9 million a year, which would be distributed to all local taxing districts on the basis of assessed valuation for use as property tax relief.

The capital gains measure would make Oregon's law conform to the current federal statute. It provides for a holding period of six months and would go into effect next Jan. 1.

The measure came out of the committee on a party-line 7-4 vote after Rep. Keith Skelton, D - Eugene, charged that the "ordinary income taxpayer who has no corporate investment" would have to pick up the tab for a tax loss to the extent of \$6.2 million the first biennium and \$8.5 million after that.

The inventory tax repeal imposes a one per cent business tax which would offset part of that loss.

It went to the floor earlier, but was sent back after drafters discovered the need for a number of technical amendments.

**Other Highlights**  
Political Parties—A bill which states specifically that national convention delegates shall select their own alternates was approved by the House Elections Committee.

Elections—The elections committee approved and sent to the House floor a bill directing the secretary of state to put an application for absentee ballot in each voters pamphlet.

Sewage—About 100 houseboat owners appeared at a committee hearing to protest a Senate passed bill which would prevent them from dumping raw sewage into Oregon waters after Sept. 1, 1967.

Highways—The House Highways Committee tabled a bill which would have raised the minimum age for a drivers' license from 16 to 18.

## Burglar Hits Albers Store

A burglar who apparently has modest needs in clothing broke into Albers Feed and Farm Supply, 2710 South Sixth Street Saturday night or early Sunday, and escaped with a pair of cowboy boots and a plaid shirt. Oregon State Police stated that nothing else had been reported stolen from the store.

## Signed Bills

SALEM (UPI)—The following measures have been signed by the governor:

HB 1062—Allows certain truckers to claim motor fuel refund back to 1961.

HB 1247—Expanded retirement program for higher education academic personnel.

HB 1357—Outlets leaving abandoned iceboxes with doors in areas accessible to children.

HB 2045—Oregon Historical Society appropriation.

HB 2066—Portland Metropolitan Study Commission budget.

SB 202—Authorizes second lane turns at certain intersections.

SE 150—Authorizes dental examining board to investigate complaints of treatment provided by dentists.

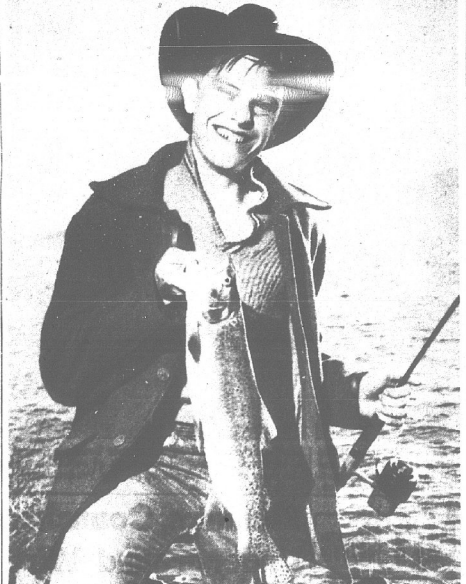
## Nominations

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The following postmaster nominations were confirmed by the Senate for Oregon Monday:

Mabel E. Pounds, Adrian; Max E. Gardner, Springfield; Lavonne H. Moe, Sweet Home; and Elizabeth A. Barber, Ukiah.

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**SPRINGTIME FUN** — The fishing bug bites the true sportsman early, and this young man was no exception. He marked the arrival of spring by pulling in this beauty from Upper Klamath Lake near Barclay Springs. Shown with his prized catch is Ben Frank Coker Jr., 917 Kane Street.

## Soviet Power Reshuffle Ends With Removal Of Party Leader

MOSCOW (UPI)—The moderate reshuffle of power that ousted Nikita S. Khrushchev's closest adviser on ideological affairs last October appears to have ended with the removal last week of Leonid Brezhnev from the party leadership.

Brezhnev, a member of Khrushchev's inner brain trust, had been one of the Communist party's ruling Central Committee's secretaries and chairman of its ideological commission.

He was Khrushchev's principal lieutenant in the abortive crackdown on Soviet writers and artists attempted in the fall of 1962 and spring of 1963. He was the deposed premier's closest adviser on ideological affairs and for practical purposes his "cultural commissar."

But characteristic of the post-Stalin practice initiated by Khrushchev himself, Brezhnev was not deprived of office altogether. He remains a member of the Central Committee.

Brezhnev and Pavel Sitnikov, who was appointed to the rather important office of deputy foreign minister.

By Stalinist, if not by any Western standards, the personal changes in the party and government structure under the new Kremlin leadership have been minimal.

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## U.S. Astronaut White May Take Personal Peek In Space

HOUSTON, Tex. (UPI) — Astronaut Edward White may become the first American to take a personal peek into space when he and fellow Gemini pilot James McDivitt make a four-day voyage into orbit late this spring.

Also, informed sources said, the flight—which would set a U.S. space endurance record—is set for a blast-off at Cape Kennedy in June, about one month ahead of schedule.

Officially, the federal space agency's current plans are much more modest. As far as public announcements are concerned, the McDivitt-White mission is set for sometime after July 1, and the "personal look at space" is an experiment awaiting a flight beyond that.

However, the Gemini program is paying little attention to the "official" schedule. The stingiest of schedules administered by the space agency is the "space look."

March 18 and the success of the Virgil Grissom-John Young Gemini inaugural five days later have put the project on a depressed and White would open his hatch on the right-hand side sometime midway through the 17,500-mile-per-hour voyage.

Then the astronaut would stand up in his seat and stick his head and shoulders outside the cabin, to see what it looks like on the outside. White also would carry along a camera to take pictures from this unique vantage point.

The "space look" would last only about 10 minutes. The astronaut would not actually leave the capsule.

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## Call Scares 2 Burglars

A call from a kennel worker at the Klamath Animal Hospital sent two burglars scurrying for the nearest exits during a burglary at the establishment on 2726 South Sixth Street, about 5 a.m., Sunday, Oregon State Police have reported.

Police said the employee, awakened from sleep at his quarters in the hospital, called out to what he believed were veterinarians bringing an injured animal into the establishment.

One burglar bolted out the front door and another departed through a rear exit. Later investigation by police established that approximately \$25 was stolen from a cash drawer. Officers are continuing their efforts to learn the identity of the burglars.



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## Telephone Worker Wins \$140,000

BOSTON (UPI)—A telephone worker who won \$140,000 in the Irish Sweepstakes says she'll give the busy signal to any would-be fortune hunters.

Dorothy Blake of Boston, a service representative for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., learned official of her good luck Monday.

Through a mistake of the Irish Sweepstakes headquarters in Dublin, her name was omitted from the original list of winners.

Miss Blake, in her 20's, said she had "no particular" boyfriend. When it was suggested that her windfall might draw a number of suitors, she said: "That I don't need."

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