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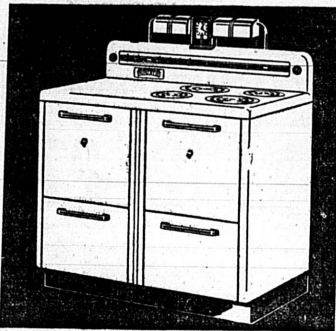
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Tax Group 'Protest Paying' MWD Levy

CLAIMS COLORADO PROJECT IS NOW FEDERAL VENTURE

Eight hundred members of the "Old City Committee," pioneer taxpayers of central Los Angeles, are paying their 1937 Metropolitan water tax under protest, and a warning has been sent to banking institutions throughout the country to refrain from buying Metropolitan water bonds under the old theory that they are simply secured by taxation.

"The committee is sponsoring a protest of the 46-cent tax," states Secretary James O. Stevenson, "because of the amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Act procured from the 1937 legislature. Those amendments gave the Colorado River Aqueduct project a different character from that represented to voters when their cities joined the district and when the \$220,000,000 bond issue was voted.

"Protests are being made under Political Code Section 3819, implying that a suit will be brought to void the tax upon Constitutional grounds. If the attack is successful, those who pay under protest will recover the full amount of the tax protested."

Cite Acts of Congress

"The Committee takes the position that the Colorado Aqueduct is now a Federal project, made so by the action of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in financing it in the same category as the Tennessee Valley project, and must pay out, if it ever does, by its earnings as a utility when the R.F.C. authority for financing the Aqueduct was given in the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932, as amended by the National Industrial Recovery Act of 1933. Those Acts of Congress were a part of the Federal plan to stimulate business and provide employment by means other than taxation. R.F.C. loans were authorized only for such projects as would be self-liquidating—if the construction cost thereof will be returned within a reasonable period by means of tolls, fees, rents, or other charges, or by such means (other than by taxation) as may be prescribed by the statutes providing for the projects."

"As California statutes providing for the Colorado River Aqueduct specified that operating and debt charges should be met by water rates, the R.F.C. must now look to that source for a return of its loan. Says Water Not Needed

"In another two years, the Aqueduct will be finished. Its employees will be looking for jobs. And the district proposes to hand the member cities a bill for about \$16,800,000 annually to meet their costs. A few years later when the principal payments begin, annual costs will approximate \$22,000,000. Translated into tax levies, these charges will require a 95-cent rate in 1940, and \$1.35 later, less revenue 'available for that purpose,' to quote one of the recent amendments.

"By reason of the amendment as to water rates, the district may, and now proposes to, sell water for \$15 an acre foot, wholesale. The difference between that figure and cost will be charged to taxpayers. If all member cities should take their entire domestic requirements from the Metropolitan, estimated at 100 gallons per day per capita, the District's rate for the water would return only \$2,791,680. For every \$15 paid for such water consumers, taxpayers would have to pay \$75.

"But Los Angeles, with 73 percent of the District's population and taxable property, needs no Colorado River water. Los Angeles city is now using only 271 second feet of the Owens River aqueduct supply, of which amount 106 second feet is sold for irrigation. With increased domestic rates in effect, that consumption will diminish rather than increase the present.

"See 'Perpetual Tax' "If all other member cities should take their entire supply from the Metropolitan at \$15 per acre foot, it would amount to only \$879,700. It is most unlikely that member cities, aside from Los Angeles, will take more than one-half their supply from the Colorado, hence, the district's probable revenue from that source will not exceed \$400,000. To supply that water at \$15 per acre foot, taxpayers will pay from \$573 to \$781 per acre foot additional—until other markets are found and connected with the system.

"If the district seeks a market elsewhere than in the member cities, it will have to extend its distributing system and complete with other water sources, perhaps install costly conditioning equipment. Such additional facilities could be financed only by water revenue bonds, and such a course would undoubtedly make the \$220,000,000 bonds a perpetual tax charge.

"For 76,740 acre feet of irrigation water used in the San Fernando Valley the city of Los Angeles received for the year ending June 30, 1936, \$608,587. And it is doubtful if the Metropolitan District can sell that much water for irrigation elsewhere, especially at a rate of \$15 per acre foot.

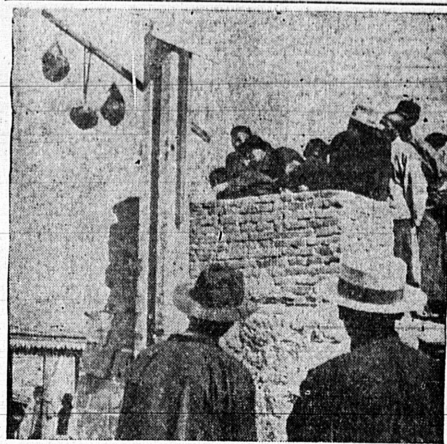
"The Federal Government only was able to finance the Colorado Aqueduct; and only the government can maintain it. To make it a burden on taxpayers will not only defeat the purpose of the Emergency Relief Act under which it was financed, but will most certainly cause in the member cities a far more serious depression than the project was supposed to cure."

Three Babies Born at Local Hospital

Three new babies arrived during the past week at Torrance Memorial hospital. A daughter was claimed by Attorney and Mrs. August J. O'Connor of Hermosa Beach last Wednesday; a son by Mr. and Mrs. William Sweeney, House D, Spurlin Court, Saturday—Sweeney being a Columbia Steel worker; a son by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sallender of Manhattan Beach on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

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Grim Evidence of Manchukuo Revolt



Although high officials have claimed there has been no mutiny nor uprising in the Japanese-controlled province of Manchukuo, this photographic evidence would tend to dispute such claims. The photograph, purporting to show the heads of the three mutineers publicly displayed on a scaffold at Harbin, Manchukuo, was taken by a foreigner, smuggled into Shanghai and sent to this country via clipper plane.

Townsend Club

Activities
By BETH PAIGE

Rev. Dr. Carrigan of Los Angeles was the speaker at our last meeting. He was highly commended for the vital information he gave of what is not being done in Washington by our statesmen.

"When will American people wake up and express themselves? When will they realize that for the ten thousand a year they pay these Congressmen, what they often get is unpatriotic, callous indifference to the welfare of the nation—acts that can only be construed as downright violations of pre-election principles, outright deceit practiced upon the citizens who bestow these gifts upon them. No longer our servants—they assume they are our masters," he said.

"The 'Social Security Act' as it is now dubbed is being challenged far and wide by citizens who are able to do their own thinking, and even our solons themselves are getting an inkling of the real imbecility contained therein.

"They try everything under Heaven, except the Townsend Plan, and 'everything' as usual adds up to 'nothing' in the column of Recovery! 'Another depression is on the way,' they tell us, and then get their heads together to invent more taxes to depress us, so that they may have more billions to waste. We of the Townsend movement are not asking Congress to benefit one group of people, excluding all others, this plan would benefit every phase of life from the cradle to the grave. It is the only solution of the whole horrible jumble. Write your representatives in Congress every week—make your wishes known. Elections soon are due. Work for the plan now."

Club meeting tonight as usual and a speaker is expected. Everybody invited.

Firemen's Yule Party is Dec. 21

Every boy and girl in Torrance has a "date" to meet Santa Claus Tuesday night, Dec. 21, at the Civic Auditorium when the Fire department will stage its annual Christmas party. Plans are being made for a gala entertainment to precede the distribution of gifts to every youngster present.

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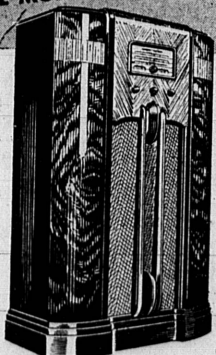


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