

## Gas Taxes Increase Cited Here

State taxes on gasoline, diesel fuel and liquefied petroleum gases, and on the gross receipts of buses and trucks produced a record gross total of \$381,833,000, in the 1960-61 fiscal year it was announced today by Richard Nevins, fourth district member of the State Board of Equalization.

He noted that these revenues were \$11,000,000 or three per cent greater than those of the prior year and more than double the total of a decade ago. Nevins said that the revenue from these three highway-user taxes, except the small amounts withheld to pay for

the cost of administration and collection, are put in a special fund and are used exclusively for the construction and maintenance of the state's highways, roads, and streets.

**THE LARGEST** part of this revenue — 91 per cent — was derived from the state's six-cents-per-gallon tax on gasoline. These collections amounted to \$347,668,000. Refunds made by State Controller Alan Cranston on tax-paid gasoline purchased for non-highway use reduced this total to \$330,400,000.

In the past fiscal year the eight million motor vehicles using California's highways consumed over five-and-one-half billion gallons of fuel, a volume sufficient for more than 90 billion miles of travel. The average motorist is using around 690 gallons of gasoline a year, travels around 10,000 miles annually, and pays the state approximately \$42 in gasoline taxes.

**THE USE** fuel taxes—a tax of seven-cents-per-gallon on

diesel fuel and six-cents-per-gallon on butane, propane, and other liquefied petroleum gases—produced \$21,619,000 in the 1960-61 fiscal year and the transportation tax—a one-and-one-half per cent levy on the gross receipts of buses and for-hire trucks—produced over \$12½ million in state revenues.

Gross receipts from the state's tax on the 1,491,000,000 gallons of tax-paid gasoline distributed during the second quarter of 1961 amounted to \$89,439,000. The use fuel tax produced \$5,769,000 and the motor vehicle transportation tax \$3,200,000 during that quarter.

## Senators Urge Creation of Seashore Park

Creation of a third National Seashore at Point Reyes on the Pacific Coast above the Golden Gate was favored today by the Senate Public Lands Subcommittee, U. S. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel of California announced.

A bill introduced by Senators Clair Engle and Kuchel was voted reported to the full Interior Committee with recommendations the National Park Service be authorized to acquire immediately 23,000 acres of an aggregate 53,000-acre area destined to be set aside as a recreational preserve. The reservation, which would in-

## Playground Ends Summer Play Program

Final days at the 223rd St. School playground were fun-filled and busy according to directors in charge of the summer recreation center.

Teams composed of both boys and girls competed in volleyball, softball, and track. Also planned were skating, swimming, and picnic outings, along with special movies.

Library and craft classes concluded the summer on a successful note and the PTA served snow cones to all children who came to the park on the final day.

A carnival concluded the summer program. There was no charge and prizes were donated by the PTA and the craft classes. More than 200 children attended the event, saw the cartoons and enjoyed snow cones.

The summer program was conducted by the Los Angeles City School youth service in co-operation with the PTA at 223rd St. school.

clude Drakes Bay, would extend from Tomales Point to Bolinas Lagoon.

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to arrive at the Torrance Bus Station from Los Angeles "Via Gardena," Long Beach, Kettler Knolls and El Camino College. Also, a bus will leave school approximately 3:10 p.m. for downtown Torrance for return trip.



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