

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By FRED NEHER



"Do I think father will be mad? Who do you think is holding the ladder?"

Thomas Speculates On Budget Session

By VINCENT THOMAS
Assemblyman, 68th District
Since this is being written before we reconvene in the second part of our budget session, it is impossible to do more than speculate about the items which might be included in a call for a special session to run concurrently with it.

It has been announced, however, that such a session will be definitely called, so many of the items may be known by the time this appears in print. At any rate, all of us legislators are very much interested in the subjects which may be put before us for consideration.

One important matter which will appear in the proclamation for the special session is reapportionment of our state senate. Readers will recall that an initiative measure was put on the 1960 general election ballot which would have redivided senate seats so that half would have been given to counties north of the Tehachas, the other half to those south. Los Angeles county would have been assigned seven senators, and other populous counties in the south and around the bay area would have received two each.

THIS MEASURE lost by considerable margin at the polls. This rejection did not end the pressure for reapportionment to give greater senatorial representation to southern counties.

A bill was enacted at our 1961 session which established a special study commission on senate reapportionment, composed of two senators, two assemblymen, and five public members. The law required this commission to report its recommendations in time for action at our current session.

The commission submitted its report early in February. Briefly, it is recommended that every county which exceeds 1.5 million in population be given an additional senator for each added 1.5 million of population, or fraction thereof.

No county would be permitted more than 10 per cent of total senate membership. The present limitation that no senator can represent more than three counties would be retained.

IT IS ALREADY apparent that this subject is somewhat controversial, so our special session could be fairly lively. The several proposals for

more state bond issues which were included in the governor's budget message are also quite likely to appear in the proclamation for the special session.

You will recall that a total of \$820 million in new issues to be voted on either at the primary or general elections this year were suggested.

The \$100 million mentioned for recreation and parks, the \$250 million for veterans' home loans, and the \$200 million for more school building loans, if they are to be acted upon by the voters this year, must be considered in special session under the Constitution.

The \$270 million proposed for college and general state building needs could, however, apparently be acted upon at our budget session because part of the proceeds from their sale are required to balance the budget item for capital outlay. It is indicated, though, that this bond issue may also be included in the special call.

THE FATE of several other topics which is known the governor has been requested to put in the call is more uncertain. State funds to add fall-out shelters to new schools is in this category.

So is the proposed legislation to reverse the effect of a recent State Supreme Court decision which greatly restricted the powers of cities and counties to pass and enforce anti-vice ordinances.

Most of the 40 or 50 other possible subjects mentioned briefly have also disappeared. But still, I know the special session will be interesting and important.

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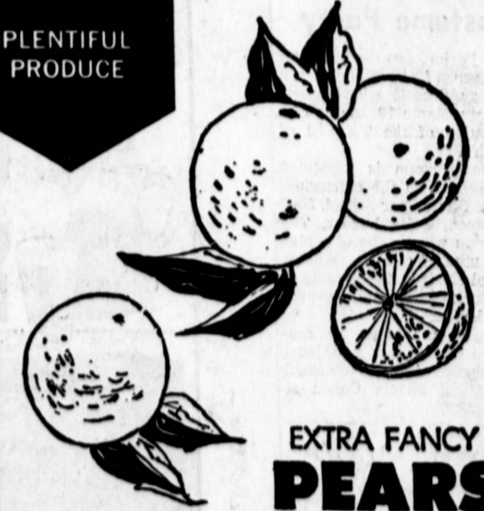


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