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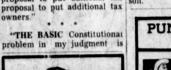
SUPPORT OF the Southern California Supervisors Assn. and the California Supervisors Assn. also will be enlisted in the battle.

cents per elos infantos el finance it. C. M. Gilliss, executive di-rector of MTA, was present at the Board of Supervisors meet-ing to defend the position of the Authority. He was sub-jected to sharp questioning by the Supervisors and finally ad-mitted that the only thing new mitted that the only thing new in this proposal is the measure to give the MTA the right to

to give the MTA the right to tax. "THE ROUTES the MTA has outlined have been the plan-ned routes for a transit system since the days of Henry Hunt ington in the early 1900s," Hahn said. Gilliss also admitted that the timing of the announcement of the MTA proposal was gared to the day of the Governor's inauguration, and that the MTA had been remiss in not informing the County Super visors of the proposal before-hand. Supervisor Hahn raised sev-

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tional arguments. "I am completely for a rapid transit system, and I think that several common-sense avenues are open to provide it for the people of Los Angeles County." Hahn said "But I will fight any proposal to put additional tax owners."



proposal to finance the \$649 million rapid transit system through property taxes on Los Angeles County residents. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, leader in the fight against the MTA proposal, pointed out that the Supervisors will make their opposition known to local State Legislators, who will have the opportunity to ap-prove or deny MTA's request to become a taxing agency. "The responsibility of taxing property rests in California with those who are elected by the people. This gives the peo-ple the right to control their some check on heavy taxes." "I do not approve giving an Authority appointed by the source the right to levy as much as 15 cents per \$100 val-uation on the taxpayers of this County," he stressed. County," he stressed.

EACH ONE CENT on the tax rate raises one million dollars, Hahn pointed out, "Thus, 15 cents on the tax rate would raise \$15 million annually. The Taise \$15 million annually. The Basically, the MTA has pro-posed to build a 58-mile tran-sit system and asked for per mission to levy a tax of 15 finance it.

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raise proportionately in the next 10 years, it will rocket to more than \$26 billion, which means that at this rate of tax-ation, County taxpayers would be subsidizing MTA with \$30 million annually million annually.

"Also, I question the legal right of an independent Au-thority to issue \$649 million worth of bonds without the vote of the people.

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