

School Tax Defeat to Save Taxpayers Money

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The defeat by the California State Legislature of the county-wide school property tax during the long General Session which ended midnight, June 21, and again during the Special Session which was called by the Governor two weeks later, will save the local property taxpayers an estimated \$27.5 million per year.

The Governor's proposal, which was opposed by many Democratic members of the Assembly and Democratic Senators, as well as many Republicans of both houses of the Legislature, was a levy of 80 cents on the tax rate for ele-

mentary schools and 50 cents for high schools to be used for equalization and for added revenue for the school districts.

THIS PROPOSED new tax was called a "countywide equalization tax" in official documents but was referred to as a "Robin Hood bill" by those opposed to it. The reason for the controversy was that the proposed new tax would have forced the so-called "wealthy" school districts to pay more taxes into a fund which would be distributed to the so-called "impoverished or poor school districts."

On the surface, this appeared to be a good idea to some people who do not know that

many so-called "impoverished school districts" in Los Angeles County, and in other counties throughout the State of California, are actually wealthy districts which acquired the "impoverished" designation by passing bond issues until they reached the limit of their bonding capacity under the California Constitution and laws. Having reached the limit of bonding capacity, such school districts then resort to "tax override" elections, some of which pass while others are defeated at the polls by people who are tired of being taxed to death.

At the other end of the spectrum, some school districts are regarded as "wealthy" because they have not reached the limit of their bonding capacity and therefore are not yet legally designated as "impoverished."

EVEN THOUGH the proposed new tax was referred to as a proposal by the Governor or by his administration, it must be emphasized that some of the most violent attacks on the proposal, both in the committees of the Assembly and the Senate, and on the floor of both houses of the Legislature,

came from Democrats who are generally regarded as "Administration men."

The Right Honorable Jesse M. Unruh, Speaker of the Assembly, was for the proposal. Mr. Unruh definitely is not trying to help Governor Edmund G. Brown look good to the voters. Likewise, Governor Brown would be very happy if Mr. Unruh were appointed to some federal office in Washington, D.C., by that great Harvard orator, the Boston boy who made good, his Excellency, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States

of America temporarily.

Although the "Robin Hood" proposal was defeated both in the General Session and in the Special Session, the Legislature did vote \$48 million in school finances for education of added numbers of pupils and also voted \$25 million for "enrichment" of the school program. The net result is that without the "Robin Hood" new tax proposal, the public schools of California will have about \$73 million more this year than the \$760 million provided last year by a California State Senate measure.

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THE CALIFORNIA Legislature refused to put on the next ballot a proposed amendment to the Constitution of California which would lower the vote required from two-thirds to a simple majority for approval of bond issues proposed by cities, counties, and school districts. Again, both Republicans and Democrats were on both sides of the roll calls in committees and on the floors of the two houses on this issue.

The reason for strong opposition to making it easier to pass new bond issues is that a general obligation bond issue is merely a delayed tax. Eventually, all taxpayers pay for the bonds they vote for but they pay over a fairly long period of years. However, the interest on the bonds also is stretched out. The net result is that a general obligation bond is not only a delayed tax, but it is the most costly way of raising revenue. In some instances, the children and even the grandchildren of those now old enough to vote will pay the cost of general obligation bond issues.

The Russian and Chinese Soviets and their allies abroad and in the United States like to see heavy taxes and many bond issues because then America can ruin itself without the Soviets dropping a single bomb, missile or rocket on us. What price Liberty?

LIFE'S LIKE THAT By FRED NEHER



"Why can't they have instant fish?!"

Law in Action

An important piece of evidence is the alcohol in the blood. But to get the blood for a test calls for an invasion of a person's body. Is this illegal search and seizure?

Unless there was a lawful arrest and a reasonable removal of one's blood, a court is not likely to admit evidence of blood-alcohol.

new ways to gather evidence. Movies, for example, may be taken of the driver that is brought in. His behaviour is recorded for the judge and jury to see. The officers give him physical coordination tests, and witnesses record the results.

The accused driver can also take steps right away to prepare his defense. He can demand that his own doctor examine him and take a blood test. He can call his lawyer who will see that his rights are protected in a time of excitement, distress, and confusion.

TAKE THE case where both drivers in an automobile accident are hurt. Both go to a hospital. After an investigation, the police suspect that one driver is drunk. He is unconscious, but the police take a blood sample anyhow. It shows quite a bit of alcohol.

No court can hear of the results of this test. The accused did not consent to it. There was no lawful arrest nor search warrant. The officer did not see the vehicle being driven nor have any other strong reason to arrest the driver before checking out his blood. A weak "suspicion" is no grounds for an arrest and search.

Dr. John Wilson, a staff member of four Torrance area hospitals, will speak on "Overweight Diet" Thursday, Sept. 17, before a meeting of the South Bay Tops Club.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Steele School Cafeteria, 19300 Inglewood Blvd., Redondo Beach.

A member of the Los Angeles County Heart Assn's speakers bureau, Dr. Wilson is also on the staff of Little Company of Mary, Torrance Memorial, South Bay, and Harbor General hospitals.

Dr. Wilson is a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn., the American Diabetic and Internal Medicine Societies. He is in private practice in Manhattan Beach.

THE POLICE can take blood from an unconscious person only if they have good reason for a lawful arrest in the first place.

Thus in another auto accident case, the police found a bottle half full of whiskey in Edward's car. Skid marks showed that Edward's car was on the wrong side of the highway. At the hospital where he lay unconscious, the police took some blood that showed a high alcohol content. Here there is reasonable grounds to arrest Edward at once and to search his body by taking his blood as a part of the arrest.

BECAUSE OF problems of court evidence, officers use

Carson Area Circulates New Petition

Petitions asking for annexation to the County Lighting Maintenance District 1670 are now circulating in parts of the Carson area, reports Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

The petitions ask that the area bounded by 220th Street, 223rd Street, Vermont Avenue, and Normandie Avenue be annexed to the district and street lights installed.

If the petitions are signed by 60 per cent of the property owners, the Supervisors will schedule a hearing. Annexation proceedings, if successful, would become effective July 1, 1964. Lights would then be installed by the Southern California Edison Co.

Speakers on prevention and treatment of heart and blood vessel disorders may be obtained by contacting the Southwestern Regional Council of the Los Angeles County Heart Assn. at 18811 Hawthorne Blvd., Lawndale.

Information may also be obtained by calling 371-3591.

Completes Class
Paul L. Silvae, 3646 W. 146th St., has completed a two-week course on new cash register systems and retail business methods at the sales school of the Business Machines Group at Litton Industries.

Silvae is the Inglewood representative of Monroe Calculating Machine Co.

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<p>SIRLOIN TIP STEAK</p> <p>95¢/lb</p>	<p>CUBE STEAK</p> <p>98¢/lb</p>	
<p>Oscar Mayer or Wilson Bologna</p> <p>39¢/lb</p>	<p>Corning BACON</p> <p>59¢/lb</p>	
<p>GROUND BEEF</p> <p>3 lb. \$1</p>	<p>OSCAR MAYER WIENERS</p> <p>49¢/lb</p>	

<p>DI CARLOS SPRINGFIELD BREAD</p> <p>369¢</p> <p>for</p>	<p>7-BONE ROAST . . 39¢/lb</p> <p>0-BONE ROAST . . 49¢/lb</p> <p>SWISS STEAK . . . 79¢/lb</p> <p>GROUND CHUCK . . 59¢/lb</p> <p>FILET MIGNON</p> <p>1⁹⁵ lb.</p>	<p>WESSON OIL</p> <p>LARGE 24-OZ. BOTTLE</p> <p>27¢</p>
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<p>HUNT'S SOLID PACK TOMATOES</p> <p>No. 300 Cans</p> <p>6 FOR 99¢</p>	<p>SPRINGFIELD No. 303 Cans WHOLE KERNEL CORN</p> <p>7 FOR \$1</p>	<p>CHICKEN OF SEA TUNA</p> <p>NO. 1/2 CANS—CHUNK STYLE</p> <p>4 for \$1</p> <p>FORE/MOST</p>	<p>SPRINGFIELD No. 303 Cans CREAM STYLE CORN</p> <p>7 FOR \$1</p>	<p>Pink and Pretty ANGEL FOOD CAKE MIX</p> <p>Regular 59¢</p> <p>39¢</p>
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<p>PRODUCE SPECIALS</p> <p>RUSSET POTATOES 8 lb. cello 39¢</p> <p>BANANAS 12¢/lb</p> <p>NEW CROP DELICIOUS APPLES . . 2 lb. 25¢</p> <p>GREEN ONIONS bu. 5¢</p> <p>RADISHES bu. 5¢</p>	<p>FAMILY STYLE ICE CREAM 59¢</p>	<p>BUTTER Grade AA 67¢/lb</p> <p>ICE CREAM Big Dip 1/2 Gallon 49¢</p> <p>ICE CREAM 1/2 Gallon Premium 75¢</p>	<p>DETERGENT DASH</p> <p>PRICE INCLUDES 10¢ OFF</p> <p>59¢</p> <p>GIANT SIZE</p>
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<p>FOLGER'S COFFEE</p> <p>\$1⁶⁹</p> <p>3-LB. CANNISTER</p>	<p>ZEE PAPER WRAP Napkins 80 Count 10 for \$1⁰⁰</p> <p>LARGE GRADE AA EGGS 45¢ DOZEN</p>	<p>U.S. SAV MART</p> <p>234th and S. Western</p> <p>TORRANCE—NEAR SEPULVEDA</p> <p>OPEN DAILY 10 A.M. to 7 P.M.—SUNDAY 10 to 6</p> <p>Specials for Thursday thru Sunday</p> <p>LOW PRICES</p>
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