

# Assembly Works On New Measure For School Funds

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Current interest in our special session centers around measures to increase state support of the public school system.

Since the outcome of our action on the 1964-65 state budget hinges on the education measure which is finally agreed to, the attention of all of us is focused on the wide

variety of school proposals before us.

New measures just dropped in the Assembly hopper would make basic changes in the whole structure of state financing of public schools, would restrict local property taxation for school purposes, and would eliminate "basic aid." The latter change would require voter approval of the first, a constitutional amendment to repeal the present provision for a flat annual grant of \$125 per pupil to every school district, regardless of need. The companion

bill would provide an additional \$259 million in state aid, starting July 1, 1965, and would make many other far-reaching changes.

FIRST, THE BILL would fix limits on school property tax rates, \$1.50 per \$100 of assessed value for elementary districts, \$1.25 for high schools, and \$2.75 for unified districts, and 35 cents for junior college districts. These limits would eliminate any existing higher rates approved by district voters. Second, the bill would set the average class size permitted in

any district at 29 pupils. Third, it would raise "foundation programs," under which the state guarantees a fixed minimum of money from all sources for each student in the various types of districts, by percentage from 22 to 67, depending on school level.

This bill provides no source of revenue for the additional support which would be authorized. In this connection, the bill's author said that a legislative interim tax study, slated for completion before our 1965 general session, should come up with some answers

on how to pay the \$250 million. It is also significant that the bill does not include the controversial county-wide equalization tax, which omission the author declares is an argument in favor of the bill.

WHILE THESE two measures were being introduced, the Senate Education Committee shelved another pair of school finance measures which had received considerable support from some educational leaders. The first was a constitutional amendment to eliminate basic aid, and the second,

a bill to redistribute on the basis of need the \$500 million involved. Both measures died for lack of a motion by any committee member to take action on them. This, obviously, could forecast the fate of the new Assembly amendment I have just discussed.

The Administration bill, amended to up the additional school aid to be provided over the next two years to \$83.5 million, is awaiting Senate committee action. It provides for the county-wide equalization tax as the source for \$27.5 million of the raise. Observers are watching with interest for action on it.

THE CONTROVERSIAL bill for major reduction in the number of school districts has been dropped by its author after days of committee hearing, marked by the length and vociferousness of the opposition. He has introduced a completely new bill intended to achieve the same end eventually, but over a much longer period of time. The progress of this measure is also being closely watched.

Some school legislation is certain to emerge from all these proposals, but it is too early as yet for any predictions.

## LAW IN ACTION

### Court Provides Lawyer to Some

It's not much good to have rights unless you can get a court to enforce them if you have to. Most of your liberties rest upon your right to counsel.

The court must tell an accused person of his right to counsel, and, in fact, supply him with a lawyer if he cannot afford one. In state courts this lawyer is most often the public defender. In federal courts he is usually a lawyer who gives his services at the court's request.

In California the county board of supervisors may name a public defender, or provide for the people to elect him.

THE PUBLIC defender's job is to defend persons accused of a crime who cannot afford to pay counsel.

The public defender may speak for the accused at all stages from the preliminary hearing and arraignment on through the court of appeals. The public defender may represent an indigent person in hearings to send him to a mental hospital.

The public defender has the duty to serve the accused free of influence or directives of the district attorney or other officers.

HOW CAN any lawyer defend a man he knows is guilty? Often the lawyer does not know that, but if he does, he may well advise such a person to plead guilty.

The district attorney must prove guilt "beyond a reasonable doubt and to a moral certainty." The defense lawyer has sworn to make out the best case he can for his client under the law. Thus the jury sees both sides of the story as strongly urged.

An accused person may think he is guilty and may not be guilty at all. He may be guilty of a lesser crime. Some people "confess" to crimes they simply could not have done.

ALTHOUGH the client is guilty, his lawyer still owes him a duty to urge mitigation. In counties having no public defenders, the judge names a lawyer for the poor accused.



RESOLUTION . . . Charles I. Stivers, chairman of the American Cancer Society committee in the Bowl Down Cancer Drive, accepts a resolution of appreciation and leadership with Supervisor Warren Dorn. The Board of Supervisors expressed support and praise for the drive, co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society and the Bowling Proprietors Assn. of Southern California, which hopefully will raise \$50,000.

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