

California Finally Gets A Budget for Next Year

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 By the time you read this our 1964 special sessions will be history. Our legislative accomplishments, through their full extent will not be known until the end of the bill signing period, will obviously greatly affect the operations of state government, the growth of the University and state colleges, and our public school system. A review of the more important issues and measures will demonstrate the productivity of our deliberations.

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WE RECONVENED in March, and the Assembly Ways and Means Committee reported out its version of the budget, upped slightly to \$3.67 billion, late in the month. As expected, the bill failed to pick up the four Republican votes necessary for the fifty-four to pass it intact to the Senate. The Democratic Assembly leadership then amended the bill to enable its passage by a simple majority of forty-one votes. The Senate refused to consider the bill in that shape, so the budget session ended without a budget bill.

Republican caucus proposed a series of cuts, totalling \$63.5 million. After weeks of closed-door sessions, a compromise between Republican and Democratic leaders calling for \$40.7 million in reductions was reached, and was promptly approved by the Ways and Means Committee. As I write, the budget bill with these changes has passed the Assembly without a dissenting vote, and is on its way to the Senate.

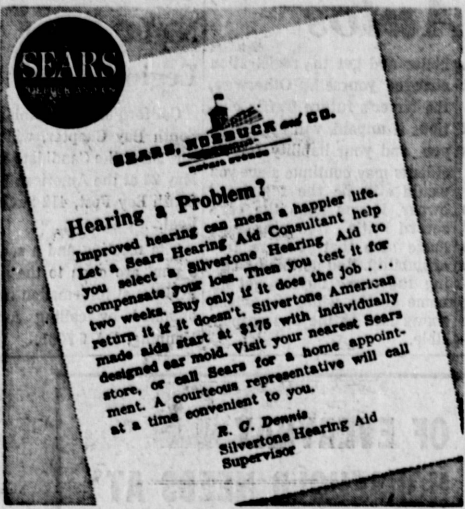
The measure to redivide revenues from the Long Beach tidelands oil pool, to give the state more, and the City of Long Beach less, is still in the Senate, but there are hopes the differences between the opposing viewpoints will soon be resolved.

First, let's look at the state budget for 1964-65. When the Governor submitted his budget to our regular budget session early in February, no one was dismayed particularly by its huge total of \$3.66 billion. Senate and Assembly fiscal committees studied it in detail with the aid of the Legislative Ana-

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ADDITIONAL state support for the public schools has proved one of the most complex and difficult problems before us. Many contradictory bills were introduced, but one by one they were laid to rest or abandoned. The one survivor, which passed both houses and is now in conference to iron out differences, would provide an additional \$41.7 million for

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