State Budget Puts Stress on Economy

ment, because of the short-age of time in its prepara-tion. The proposed expendition. The proposed expenditures for the various departments in government in the oudget totaled some \$216 million more than the overall \$4.6 billion total but it was noted each departmental budget was proposed to be trimmed by 10 per cent

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Detailed programs on how
the various budgets can be
reduced will be presented within the next six or eight

REAGAN'S mention of taxes was only in the most general terms — an extension or increase of the sales tax, plus additional levies in areas where the state is lower than others, such as cigar-ettes, liquor, beer, and wine. The detailed tax program is The detailed tax program is scheduled for presentation about March 1, and Reagan is asking that any new taxes voted be made effective April

Most will admit this is an extremely short time for sub-mission of a massive tax pro-

gram and its approval.

But the governor said any But the governor said any revenue produced by an adjustment in the sales tax rate and at least part of any new funds from an increase in income taxes should be reserved for property tax relief. This means his tax message in early March might run to as high as \$700 million. Gordon P. Smith, director of finance, declined to tor of finance, declined to speculate on any total tax increase figure.

THE NEW budget is based on adoption of a tuition by the University of California, use of \$21.5 million in university reserves, and imposi-tion of a tuition for state col-lege students by the legisla-ture. Under the constitution, neither the governor nor the legislature can require the university to impose a tuition or use the reserve funds.

The tuition contemplated in

the budget is somewhat less than the \$400 for the univer-sity and \$200 for state col-leges which has been dis-cussed in recent weeks. The proposal would be for a university tuition of from \$250-\$280 per year and a levy for state college students from

150-\$160 a year.

The budget total is \$4,614,634,742, a decrease of \$250,610,673, or 5,1 per cent from the actual budget for 1966-67. The budget adopted by the legislature last June was about \$4.6 billion but carry-over money in capital outlay items, primary highway construction, pushed the total to the \$4.875 billion figure.

THE NEW budget provides \$986,410,602 for general fund expenditures, a decrease of \$70,588,213 from the current year, or 6.7 per cent; \$1,994,-150,276 for local assistance, up \$95,011,271 from the cursp. 30,01,27 from the current year, or 5 per cent; and \$6,474,683 for capital outlay, a decrease of \$36,333,526, or \$84.9 per cent, from the current year. rent year.

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The general fund would start the new fiscal year on July 1 with an actual cash shortage of \$173 million money owed to special fund reserves. Even with all proposed economies, the general fund would need \$254,258,285 in new or added revenues in

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