

Education Lobby Kills Bills to Restore Vote

By HENRY C. MacARTHUR
Sacramento — California's powerful education lobby succeeded recently in killing a measure which deprives the people of the state the right to vote on whether or not school tax overrides may be imposed on the taxpayers at the whim of district school boards.

A sub-committee on school finance killed the measure, SB 35 by Senator John Schmitz, and another similar measure, AB 5 by Assemblyman Robert Burke (R-Huntington Beach).

For all practical purposes, the effort of the two legislators to maintain the right of the people to say yes or no to tax increases for schools, was a dismal failure.

IT WAS in 1967 when the legislature adopted the highly controversial measure wresting the authority of the electorate from its constitutional right to have a say in school

financial affairs. Although the bill killing this right is not effective until 1971, already the education lobby has twice defeated the restoration of this right, once in 1968 and now this year.

Senator Schmitz, whose constituents in Orange County were "outraged" at passage of the original measure by Assemblyman Jess Unruh, has attempted to carry the ball for the people in getting rid of the provision depriving the taxpayers of their vote.

HE SAID in arguing for his measure, that it was "snuck through" in 1967, "like a needle in a haystack" and he declared that for some time, the people knew nothing of this provision that disenfranchised them from voting for new taxes. Many people do not know yet of the provision, and won't be aware of it until

school boards start increasing tax rates without authorization of the people, he indicated.

Thus, the combined education lobby in Sacramento has scored once again in the attempt of the school fraternity to operate California's schools in a multi-billion dictatorship apart and aside from the wishes of the people who pay the bills.

THERE IS, however, some hope for concerned citizens whose school district taxes are increasing every year. Opponents of the free hand now granted district trustees, who consist primarily of taxpayers groups and others who would be hurt by lifting of the bars on school spending, have already asked the attorney-general to do preliminary work on a measure proposed for the 1970 general election ballot.

These groups are waiting to see whether the present legislature takes any action at all on the problem before making further moves to circulate the measure for a position on the 1970 ballot, a procedure which will give people an opportunity to decide whether they want to knuckle down to the educationist dictators and give them further power to continue the process of bankrupting the public through the imposition of higher taxes.

THE EDUCATION lobby has plenty of money to fight such a measure, even as it has funds to keep high-powered representatives in Sacramento to influence the legislature.

So if the people are ever permitted to face the issue head-on, probably one of the biggest ballot battles in the history of the state would result. And if the present trend of resentment against the excesses of the educationists continues, it will no doubt be a safe bet that the people will win.

Public Works Men Set Monthly Confab

The Southern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association will hold its quarterly meeting at the Los Verdes Golf and Country Club, 30201 South Hawthorne Boulevard, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Thursday, June 19.

The theme of the meeting will be Municipal Engineering in the Space Age.

Chapter President, Lee Henry, Southern California Gas Company, will preside over the meeting. Registration will begin at 3:30 p.m.

The afternoon program will start at 4 p.m. and will be presided over by Co-chairman Mr. William Martini, Director of Public Works, City of Glendale and Mr. Edward Tufte, Director of Public Works, City of Beverly Hills. The program will feature three speakers who will cover subjects on municipal engineering which will be of vital interest to all public works officials.

The speakers and their topics will be: Mr. Harvey F. Ludwig of Engineering Science, Inc., Glendale—Los Angeles Water Reclamation Plant; Mr. Fred Sharp, City Administrative Officer, Pomona—Mail Development; and Mr. A. P. Stock, Public Works Director, County of Ventura—Urban Pollution Problems.

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Economics Professor Is in Print

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The book, "Basic Contemporary Economics," is being published by the Dickenson Publishing Co. of Belmont, California for use in an introductory course in economics. It presents a simple explanation of the U.S. economy, as well as a more detailed explanation of the groups within that economy such as households, businesses and government.

Eliot, of Los Alamitos, has received three degrees in the field of economics. His bachelor and master's degrees are from the University of Arizona and his Ph.D. from the University of Southern California. He has been on the Harbor College staff for the past ten years.

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