

# 'Robin Hood' School Tax Could Be Issue Once More

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The California State Legislature convenes in Sacramento on Monday, Feb. 3, 1964, for the Budget Session. Under the California Constitution, no bills can be introduced during a budget session except budget bills unless such bill have the approval of the Governor and are placed on the agenda for a

special session by the Governor.

One or more special sessions can be called by the Governor but it is expected that during the February budget session this year, Governor Brown will place on the agenda the very controversial countywide school tax bill, commonly called the "Robin Hood" bill. Similar bills were defeated in the 1961 and 1963 General Ses-

sions and I shall vote against any such bill again in 1964 as I did in 1961 and 1963 because such legislation is fundamentally bad and also because the majority of my constituents are opposed to it.

**BRIEFLY, THE countywide school tax bill does three things:**

(1) Districts with comparatively high assessed valuations

per pupil currently retain the proceeds of the 60-cent tax to operate their own school programs but under the countywide bill the property owners in these districts would help support districts with relatively low assessed valuation in the same county.

(2) State support for the so-called less wealthy districts would be reduced and would be made up by higher property

taxes collected in the so-called wealthier district of the county.

(3) Provisions for supplementary State support to less wealthy districts would be no different under the county tax plan than under the current law.

**THE ABOVE are the main features of the proposed law. The best source of detailed in-**

formation on the countywide school tax which I have read is The Tax Digest, published quarterly by the California Taxpayers' Assn., 750 Pacific Electric Building, Los Angeles 14, Calif., at a cost of 50 cents per copy or \$1 per year. The two recent issues which contain the best material on the countywide school tax and other tax issues are those for the Third Quarter and the

Fourth Quarter, 1963, referred to as Volume 41, Nos. 3 and 4. One of the several important features of the proposed new law is that junior colleges are not included in the proposed plan. It is probable that junior college districts will want more money, and also there will be new demands for more taxes from other districts.

**THE NEW Los Angeles County Tax Assessor is not taking orders from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Before he came into office it was generally believed that when county supervisors were coming up for election, the County Assessor that year would raise the assessment in their districts but the supervisors could vote what looked like a comparatively low tax rate and still get money for excess county expenditures. Obviously, raising the assessment or raising the tax rate increases county taxes and when both the assessment and the tax rate is increased by the county, the result is a higher county tax. Already, the Los Angeles County Supervisors have said that the county tax**

rate will be raised in 1964. This means more grief for all of us. Everyone knows that the population of California increases daily, hence there are more demands for new school buildings, more teachers, etc., but what many people overlook is that with the increase in population, there should be an increase in the collection of taxes at the present rate from the people coming into the State by the thousands. Unfortunately, many of these people coming to California from other states go on the welfare rolls as quickly as possible. Instead of adding to the income of the State, they create problems which are reflected by demands for increased taxes and the imposition of new taxes.

**MANY OF THE people pouring into California not only get on various welfare and relief rolls as quickly as they can, but they are encouraged to register and vote for politicians who care more about getting elected than they do about good sound government.**

The power to tax is the power to destroy. It is a basic plank in the Communist platform to encourage new and higher taxes in order to reduce everyone to the same common level of poverty. Then, when everyone is in dire financial straits, when business and industry is made unprofitable, the number of jobs are reduced, and then Communists or state socialists (call them what you want) can take over the United States without a shot being fired or a bomb being dropped by the Russians, the Chinese Soviets, or their allies, domestic or foreign. Is this what you want? I do not want it and I shall vote against the countywide school tax bill.



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### New Auto Concepts Displayed

Public reaction to cars featuring such unique items as radar to warn of cars approaching from the rear and two-handle steering systems will be tested Monday, Jan. 13, through Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the South Bay Shopping Center.

The new cars, part of the "Caravan of Stars," will be the first group of advanced styling cars to go on a road show in recent years.

The display commemorates the silver anniversary of the Mercury line. Ben D. Mills, Lincoln-Mercury Division general manager, says the firm has no plans to turn the advanced cars into production models as yet, but he added the exhibition will give the company a chance to test the public's reaction to the new styling concepts.

The show includes the Lincoln Continental Town Bourgham, the Mercury Super Mauder, the Comet Cyclone, and the Mercury Montego. A 1939 Mercury is among the historic cars included in the show.

The display is open to the public during business hours at the South Bay Center.

### Thrifty Drug Sale Offers Varied Items

"Specials" in every department will highlight the annual January clearance sale at all Thrifty Drug Stores.

Featured at the variety and junior department store chain, which includes 229 stores, are three-piece luggage sets, electric alarm clocks, wood bookcases with sliding glass doors, plastic shoe boxes, plastic mixing bowl sets, and decorator lamps in the hanging kerosene style.

For the ladies there are linen-like shift dresses, 100 per cent combed cotton briefs, some permanents, and aprons. Rubber mats for kitchen and bath, metal and plastic waste baskets, room deodorants, yoyos, and plastic tumblers are also sale items.

### Educator To Address Area Club

Mrs. Margaret Collins, consultant for the Torrance Unified School District, will speak to the South Bay Eds Thursday evening, Jan. 16, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Collins will speak on "Communications."

The meeting will be held in the Educational Materials Building of the school district. Following the speech, Mrs. Collins will conduct the group on a tour of the facility.

Mrs. Collins began her career in the Lake Arrowhead Schools as a teacher. She came to Torrance as a teacher after serving as superintendent in the Lake Arrowhead District. She has served in the local schools as vice principal and principal at the elementary level. Her present position is as a consultant on instructional matters, a post she has held for nine years.

### Alondra Pool Facelifting Plan Okayed

Architect I. Philip Furukawa has been named to design a swimming pool and island development at Alondra Park. The project involves the redesigning and beautification of the existing swimming area at the park.

The pool area at Alondra Park is one of the most used facilities of its kind in the country, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who represents the district. Furukawa, a resident of Gardena, will design the island with a Japanese motif.

### Garden Checklist

1. You can lift your tuberous begonias now. Wash the tuber and sort in boxes where the air can circulate freely around them. Only one layer deep in the box, please. You can dust with a fungicide before storing.
2. Where the tuberous begonias were you can put cinerarias . . . or nemesia or the English primrose or fairy primrose. English primrose will take more frost than the fairy primrose.
3. The growth of home developments has encouraged mice and rats, both of which like bulbs and other plant materials you may have stored in the basement. Put out the new, improved rat poisons BUT KEEP THEM AWAY FROM CHILDREN AND PETS.
4. For the amazement of your children, grow a bulb or three in a bowl filled with gravel and some water or in a hyacinth glass. Even adults love it.
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