

New Transit Law Would Tax Area, Provide Nothing

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When the Legislature reconvenes in Sacramento on March 2, one of the most important subjects on which we shall vote is mass rapid transit, particularly mass rapid transit for Los Angeles County and adjacent counties. The most important items which must be considered in the enactment of any new law on this subject are briefly listed below, with my personal observations. You are urged to write to me at P.O. Box 327, Redondo Beach, and give me your own ideas.

The present plans for expanding the so-called mass rapid transit system do not include anything except bus routes for the 46th Assembly District. No rail lines of any type will enter or come near the 46th Assembly District, which includes most of the South Bay area, extending from Venice, Playa del Rey and Westchester on the north and west, down the coast to Santa Monica Bay, through the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and part of San Pedro. The 46th Assembly District also includes all of Torrance west of Hawthorne Boulevard as far north as 190th Street.

None of this area will receive any form of mass rapid transit except bus routes under any of the present plans, policies, or legislative bills. The danger is that a law might be enacted which would increase the taxes on the automobiles and real property of people who live in this area but the people will receive no benefit from the new law.

THE FIRST problem to be solved by the Legislature will be whether to amend the present Metropolitan Transit Authority (hereafter called the "M.T.A."), or create an entirely new Transit Authority. Most experts advocate an entirely new organization.

A second problem is to decide whether the Board of Directors of the Authority be elected by the direct vote of the people; be appointed by mayors and County Supervisors; or consist entirely of mayors and County Supervisors. Personally, I believe the Board of Directors should be elected directly by the voters.

A third problem is to decide whether or not the existing members of the Board of Directors of the present M.T.A. should be permitted to serve out their present terms; or be replaced entirely by new members. If there is an entirely new transit authority, and if the Directors are to be elected by the direct vote of the people, the present members of the M.T.A. Board of Directors

could be candidates the same as any other qualified citizens.

A FOURTH problem is the power to tax. I do not believe that the transit agency should have the power to assess any tax without a vote of the people in the area to be served. Some people advocate a tax on real estate. Others advocate a tax on automobiles called an "in lieu" tax, paid annually when an automobile owner pays the fee for his license plate or tag. Still others want taxes levied on both real property and automobiles. Personally, I am opposed to any of these taxes, especially because many people who cannot or will not use a transit system will be subsidizing it out of their own pockets.

A fifth problem is the vote required to authorize general obligation bonds for the transit agency. Some want a simple majority vote by the people; others want a 60 per cent vote; and still others prefer a 66 2/3 vote. Personally, I do not want any general obligation bonds for rapid transit because this would be nothing more than a delayed tax on our real property, but if there is a vote, I believe it should be a 66 2/3 per cent vote.

A sixth problem, closely related to the fifth problem, is whether the transit agency should be permitted to issue revenue bonds only, paying off the bonds from fare-box income, or issue general obligation bonds. All the experts agree that there would be no market for revenue bonds because most financial experts do not believe the proposed transit system can be operated without a subsidy.

A SEVENTH problem is whether or not the transit agency should have the power of eminent domain, that is, the power to condemn property for rights of way, parking lots, etc. Most of the experts agree that all of the present plans for an expanded transit system depend on the power of taking property whether people want to sell it or not.

An eighth problem is whether or not the new transit routes be established only with the approval of the people of areas affected. All the experts agree that few if any people want a transit line running through their property or near it, hence they oppose any local option provision.

Finally, a new law for a transit authority probably will not specify whether monorail, duorail, surface rails, or subways will be included because any such provision would create an uproar. Again, I urge you to write to me at P.O. Box 327, Redondo Beach, and express your opinions.

Torrance Students to Attend Math Field Day

Students from six Torrance high schools will participate in the eighth annual Mathematics Field Day at Occidental College Saturday, March 7.

The students are among more than 600 from 150 area high schools who will participate in the annual event. The program is designed to stimulate interest in mathematics among high school students and is patterned after an athletic field day. Dr. Charles W. Seekins, chairman of Occidental's math department, describes the program as "a mental track meet."

CARSON HIGH SCHOOL will be represented by Ellen Sugimoto, Sondra Tamasy, David Young, Michael Gorfain, and Sharon Kurashige. Bishop Montgomery High School will send Anne Bowen, Jill O'Hara, John Redding, Kitty Dolan, and Paul Galan. Narbonne High School will be represented by David Anbill, John Helin, Wayne Usui,

Jim Billeer, and David Kageyama. North High School will send Stuart Goodgold, James Ries, Stanley Sorensen, and Douglas Cook to the event. Katherine Turner, Diana Geruc, John Haig, and Rosalie Preston will represent Torrance High School, South High will be represented by Bob Greene, Greg Baily, John Jackson, Stephen Beach, and Rudolph Lisa.

Little League's Shed Ransacked

Southwood's Little League equipment shed at 5601 Hallison was broken into sometime Friday or Saturday but nothing was discovered missing, according to Little League official Benjamin F. Young. Young told police he discovered about noon Saturday that the shed which contained baseball equipment had been entered.



HEADS DRIVE . . . Al Hughes, Bank of America manager, has been named Centinela Valley-Southwest district crusade chairman for the American Cancer Society's 1964 Crusade. As coordinator of all phases of the society's April crusade, he will organize an area committee. Main emphasis of the 1964 drive will be on teaching people to protect themselves against cancer.

Two Scholarships Offered by Police

The Torrance Police Officers Assn. is offering two scholarships to students majoring in social science.

Students must attend one of Torrance's four high schools and live in the city. "It is our hope we may be able to assist some of our young citizens who wish to become teachers, peace or probation officers, or enter some other field of public service," Raymond Silagy,

president of the association, said.

"We recognize the importance of education in the field of public service. Purpose of our scholarship award is to encourage our young citizens to enter professional public service," Silagy added.

Students interested in applying for scholarships, called the Robert Lewis Scholarship, should contact the records office of their respective high schools to find out if they qualify.

Garrett Corp. Promotes Rider

Grey S. Rider has been appointed assistant manager of the Garrett Corp.'s Airsupply Division. Rider, who will work out of the Beverly Hills headquarters of the division, has been with Airsupply since 1941.

CSES Runs Surveys to Stay Charge

The California State Employment Service, charged with devoting undue time to finding new jobs for employed persons, has completed the second survey to disprove this allegation by private employment agencies, according to Albert B. Tieburg, director of employment.

A check of the total of 12,937 job placements made by CSES during the week of Jan. 13-17, 1964 showed that 98.77 per cent were of unemployed applicants.

"This analysis of total placements backs up a sampling we took in May of 1963 which showed 99 per cent of the job placements the State Employment Service makes are of jobless persons," Tieburg said.

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Garden Checklist

1. If you haven't pruned your roses yet and they just don't seem to want to sleep, you'll have to persuade them for their own good. Prune them now. Remove all leaves and clean up thoroughly the week following.
2. Any time from now on you can prune your fuchsias. Cut to shape but cut them back as far as you can because the more new growth you get next year the more flowers.
3. When your lawn has a chance to dry out enough to walk on, rake in lightly a dressing of well-aged manure and a good complete plant food. Then go easy on the plant food so you don't burn the grass—water it in thoroughly.

Tormenting Rectal Itch Stopped In Minutes

Science Finds New Healing Substance That Promptly Stops Itching and Pain of Piles

New York, N. Y. (Special)—One of the most common afflictions is a condition known as "itching piles." It is most embarrassing for the victim during the day and especially aggravating at night.

No matter what you've used without results—here's good news. For the first time, science has found a new healing substance with the astonishing ability to promptly stop the burning itch and pain. It actually shrinks hemorrhoids—without surgery. Medical science has proved this substance produces a remarkably effective rate of healing. Its germ-killing properties also help prevent infection.

In one hemorrhoid case after another "very striking improve-

ment" was reported and verified by a doctor's observations. This improvement was maintained in cases where a doctor's observations were continued over a period of months! Among these sufferers were a wide variety of hemorrhoid conditions, some of 10 to 20 years' duration.

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