

April 1 Deadline for New Taxes Called Unrealistic

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SACRAMENTO — Reaction to Governor Ronald Reagan's \$4.6 billion "hold the line" budget ranged from warm approval by Republicans to "wait and see" and sharp criticism by Democrats but one fact emerged clearly: Reagan is expecting a miracle if he thinks a tax program can be enacted in 30 days.

Reagan and his finance director, Gordon P. Smith, said specifics on a tax increase plan would be presented to the lawmakers about March 1. And they asked that new taxes be made effective April 1, in order to help wipe out an expected cash deficit of \$173 million on next June 30.

Reagan's budget message, delivered in person to the legislature as his budget was presented, spoke only in general terms about taxes. It is possible his March 1 proposal may have a specific type of tax in mind strictly to clear up the deficit. This would correspond to the action of

former Governor Edmund G. Brown in 1959.

AT THAT TIME, Brown proposed an across-the-board tax increase, but sought emergency action on a \$68 million accelerated payment plan on insurance premium taxes. This was granted and solved a \$60 million deficit in the same fiscal year.

Of course, as Reagan has noted, there are no more accelerations or other fiscal maneuvers remaining for quick ready cash. As Smith put it, "the Brown administration has closed the gimmick gap."

There is some agreement that the tax program which Reagan will present the legislature in March could run as high as \$700 or \$800 million and that is a lot of taxes to consider in 30 days. This also would contemplate the passage of tax bills before the budget is acted upon.

"No one is going to vote tax bills until the entire package is before us," a leading

Republican legislator commented.

SENATOR HUGH M. Burns, D-Fresno, president pro tem of the senate, admitted that Reagan and his administration had labored under a handicap to put together a budget in a short time.

"However, I believe it is totally unrealistic to ask the legislature to enact new taxes by April 1st when our experience in the past indicates that enacting new tax legislation is an excruciatingly painful process," Burns said.

The tax needs outlined by Reagan in his message will not be solved by any simple stop-gap type of tax program. They would not be solved, for instance, by simple increase of the state sales tax from 3 to 4 per cent.

personal income taxes and lawmakers will be hard put to find that much money.

REAGAN HAS suggested increases in "sin taxes," where rates are lower than in other states. This includes taxes on cigarettes, liquor, beer and wine and, although Reagan did not mention it, such things as horse racing.

But, all of those sources put together add up to only about \$165 million or so. This would include \$85 million in new state money (and \$35 million to cities and counties) by boosting the cigarette tax from 3 to 8 cents per pack; \$25 million by increasing liquor taxes from \$1.50 to \$2 per gallon (national average \$2.34); \$6 million by increasing tax on beer from 4 to 6 cents a gallon; increase wine taxes for \$1.9 million; and add 36 or more days of horse racing (at \$33,000 to \$250,000 for each new day) for \$6.8 million (for 36 days) or more; increase state's take of pari-mutual betting fees, \$7.2 million; and legalization of night harness racing, \$32 million.

Thus the big money is in a sales tax, where 1 cent would mean \$390 million a year, and where extensions to services or other areas could be big producers. Likewise, the personal income tax could be increased by large amounts.



ANN LANDERS

Don't Fake It, Dearie

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing about the most useless bit of advice any counselor ever handed out. Please, Ann, put an end to the phony idea that the way to get along with a fellow is to learn about his special interest and participate with him.

I fell for this applesauce and it just about wrecked me. I started to go with Jack. He was nutty over drag racing. I decided to learn all I could about drag racing so I could be part of his life. I spent hundreds of boring hours watching drag races. I met dozens of girls who were also bored, but they were there for the same reason — to please a boy friend.

I went to one drag party after another and watched a bunch of creeps make fools of themselves. Finally I decided to stop knocking myself out for the jerk. Now I'm going with a fine fellow whose interests are more like mine — which is the way it ought to be. We enjoy music and art and hiking and just talking. When I think of the time and energy I wasted on the drag nut I could kick myself from here to China. — ASHAMED TO SIGN.

Dear Ashamed: Regarding relationships are based on what people can share. Similarity of interests is an ideal starting point. If a girl finds herself bored to death and faking enthusiasm for her boy friend's hobbies she'd better unload him or she could spend the rest of her life faking it — and this is the hardest work of all.

Dear Ann Landers: I have a big problem. He is "little brother." Brother is about 40 pounds overweight and he eats enough to keep everybody in India alive. He steals my personal mail, takes money out of my purse, and Mom can't even keep change in the sugar bowl because of this thieving kid. He is in the slow class at school and still he is flunking. The teachers say he just sits there like a blob and doesn't even try to concentrate. Please don't tell me he needs love because all his life he has received so much attention that he is spoiled rotten. My parents dote on him and he manages to get his own way and win every argument.

I have tried to tell Brother he'd better shape up or his life will be ruined. He says, "Take care of your own life and don't nag me." What can I do?—WORRIED SWEET SIXTEEN.

Dear Worried Sixteen: The only thing you can do is urge your parents to see that Brother gets professional help. He is a goner unless somebody gets in there and fast. Overeating, stealing and flunking are all symptoms of your brother's illness. Your letter indicates that you don't know the difference between love and letting a kid have his own way all the time. Caving in to a child's demands is not "love" it's the easy way to buy peace and quiet.

Confidential to Undecided M. D.: Physician, heal thyself. You're sick, man. You might be able to pull off this neat maneuver but if your identity is ever discovered you'll be a corpse — professionally as well as socially.

Registration Deadline Set

Voters who wish to vote in the April 18 elections here must register before Feb. 23. Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendent of schools, has announced.

Two members of the Torrance Board of Education will be elected. Voters also will be asked to approve a \$2,350,000 city bond issue for a municipal library system.

The joint election is the result of a consolidation of the regular balloting for school trustees with a special city election for the library bonds.

THE TERMS of Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts and Dr. Kurt T. Shery are expiring. Both are expected to seek re-election, although neither has filed nomination papers.

Two candidates have, however, filed papers. They are John Kirby of 1812 Plaza del Amo and Jim Peters of 3747 W. 168th St.

Persons who wish to file for the school board election may pick up applications at the Torrance Unified School District offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo, or at the office of the County Superintendent of Schools, Division of Elections, 155 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles.

WOULD-BE board candidates are required to be at least 21 years of age, citizens of the state of California, residents of Torrance, and registered voters. The law requires that they must not be disqualified by either the U.S. Constitution or California law from holding state office.

Applications must be in the county superintendent's office by 5 p.m. March 3. Dr. Kaplan emphasized the fact that completed applications may not be returned to the Torrance Unified School District.

Films Scheduled

Two free films will be shown in the Children's Room at the Torrance Library, 1345 Post Ave., next Saturday at 10:30 a.m.



HAROLD R. NELMS
New Telephone Manager

New Area Manager Selected

Harold R. Nelms has been appointed manager of the South Bay Division of the General Telephone Co. of California. H. W. Frahm, southern area general manager, has announced.

Nelms succeeds Bernard Le Baron, who has been transferred to the northern area staff with responsibilities for developing special communications projects.

At the same time, it was announced that the South Bay Division would become a part of the company's southern service area. It previously has been part of the northern area.

Nelms joined the utility in 1950 and most recently was the southern area facilities assignment office coordinator. He is a native of Inglewood and now lives with his wife and three children in Rossmore.

Scouting Leaders Elected

George S. Behrendt, president of Behrendt-Levy Insurance Co., was elected 1967 president of the Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, during the 52nd annual meeting last Tuesday.

He succeeds attorney John K. Sloan, partner in the law firm of Oliver, Good and Sloan.

A native of Los Angeles, he has been a member of the Pueblo District Committee, and was elected to the council executive board six years ago. Two years ago he became a member of the executive committee. Behrendt has been active in Scouting since 1929.

Other council officers elected for 1967 are: J. Murray Yunker, S. Alfred Halgren, William F. Stockwell, and Kenneth C. Vaughan, vice presidents, and Charles R. Fleishman, treasurer.

R. Marshall Brough is the new council commissioner, replacing William F. Stockwell.

Do People Really Write Such Letters, He Asks

Many persons approach me and ask in amazed disbelief, "Do people really write those letters to you or do you make them up yourself?"

Let me reassure any doubters I couldn't possibly make any one of them up no matter how vivid an imagination I have. Surely all of you have heard that truth is

COUNT MARCO

stranger than fiction, and here is undoubtedly one of the strangest letters I have received in quite a number of weeks.

I leave it to YOUR imagination as to whether it is truth or fiction.

"Dear Count Marco," the gentleman writes, "this is relative to your column about a letter written by a woman whose husband spanked her. My first encounter with this sort of thing was with a girl in Houston. Our pleasures became more or less involved and I found it necessary to leave Texas after a brisk session in my basement where in a cat-o-nine tails played a prominent role. The girl, though comatose, continued to smile and curl up her toes as I kicked her goodbye and headed West.

"I met a lovely girl here and we were soon wed. On our honeymoon discipline became necessary, and I spanked her. She loved it! For days after she kept screaming, 'Swat! Swat! Swat!' I soon grew arm-weary so I tried choking her. She ate it up! She kept running up to me screaming 'aauuugh' which meant she desired another throttling. Talk about a dull scene. Choking the

same person over and over is definitely a bore.

"I tried numerous other forms of physical discipline. The result was always the same — she wanted more and more. You can imagine my frustration.

"Anyhow, Count, she is getting to be a damned pest about it and taxes my ingenuity. I envy the guy whose wife doesn't want to be spanked. He has it easy. My question is this — should I divorce this sadist I married? I say sadist because she is driving ME crazy." — SWEATY EDDIE.

For goodness sakes, Sweaty Eddie, don't discourage so easily. Obviously she merely enjoys being dominated by a strong, virile male. Give her a copy of the Marquis de Sade's book which could give both of you a new lease on life, albeit undoubtedly a short one for her. Then when your turn comes in that little chamber and the pellet is dropped you can laugh and say gaily, "Man, it's a gas!"

I like letters from the sweet, naive little brides like this: "Dear Count, I'm afraid my flat stomach is gone for the next four months. My husband says the only thing that's beautiful about me now is my face and legs. I would like to ask you how a woman can remain sexually attractive to her husband during pregnancy?"

Remove all light bulbs from the bedroom and keep the blanket up to your neck. Or stay out of sight, completely.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answer on Page A-7)

ACROSS

- 4—Decorate
- 5—Imprisoned
- 10—A serious fluid
- 15—King of Troy
- 20—Tercel
- 21—Old-womanish
- 22—Bastard wing of bird
- 23—English novelist
- 24—Westward
- 25—Initial of 28th President of U.S.
- 26—Size of shot
- 27—Exit
- 28—More docile
- 29—Belonging to
- 30—Paid notice
- 31—Term of property (pl.)
- 34—Armed galley of old
- 37—Abstract being
- 37—An ostentatious dem.
- 38—Is sorry for
- 42—Looked at malignly
- 44—Put into a scabbard
- 45—Famous golfer
- 47—Prefix; not
- 48—Game at cards for two persons
- 49—Turkish military title
- 52—Music played for gal. entry
- 55—Wing
- 56—Symbol for tellurium
- 57—Latin
- 60—Tattered cloths
- 62—Overs
- 63—Energy (U.S.)
- 65—Sunk fence
- 66—International unit (Vitamin measure)
- 67—Academic degree
- 68—Ice cream fountain drink
- 70—Announcement
- 71—2,1416
- 72—Teutonic deity
- 73—Two pro quarterback
- 76—Bill bearing Hamlet's portrait
- 77—Put range in line
- 78—To percolate
- 80—Discard
- 81—Plural ending
- 82—To place at intervals
- 83—Expose to public scorn

DOWN

- 1—Pronoun
- 2—Japanese measure
- 3—Buries
- 4—Fur bearing animal (pl.)
- 5—Feline
- 6—A pillar
- 7—U.S. soldier
- 8—Feminine name
- 9—Goose down
- 10—Cotton fabric with glossy surface
- 11—African antelope
- 12—Alcoholic drink (pl.)
- 13—Tree yielding cauchu
- 14—Hunt, actress
- 15—Stretched out
- 16—Disprove
- 17—State (abbr.)
- 18—Proverb
- 19—Citizens of ancient Media
- 20—To search
- 22—Senior grade (abbr.)
- 23—Spirited horse
- 25—North Syrian deity
- 26—City of Australia
- 28—Symbol for rhodium
- 31—Babylonian numeral
- 32—Fish eggs
- 33—In short supply
- 34—Signifies
- 36—Lily maid of Astoria
- 39—Alexandrian Presbyter in 4th Century
- 40—Forsidding
- 41—Symbol for silver
- 42—Protuberances
- 43—Lays of Ireland
- 45—Garrets
- 46—On account (abbr.)
- 48—Linger
- 49—Wife of Siva
- 53—Goose (pl.)
- 54—Symbol for cerium
- 56—A natural elevation of land
- 60—Frustrates
- 68—Thick
- 70—Short sleep
- 71—A form of saddle

74—Symbol for Iridium
75—Withers
76—Feudal estates
78—Toward
88—Drawing room (pl.)
89—Hebrew letter
90—By
92—Depends
93—Olet (pl.)
95—S. African veranda
96—English post
91—Installation paid (abbr.)
92—Thin
93—Not in possession
94—Pronoun
95—Bahamas' Indian
97—Night (F.)
98—Erbium (abbr.)
99—... diver
100—Taut
102—Praying, ...
103—Tortured money from
107—Rear admiral (abbr.)
109—Brushed away
110—River of Norway
111—Fencing position
115—Thought out logically
116—Trap
123—Swimming
125—Seaside promenade
126—Commenced
127—To feast
128—Famous inventor
130—Of caustic temper
131—At that place
132—Musical note
133—Cover inner surface of
134—seven as if eaten away
135—Continent (abbr.)
137—Wife in Guide's scale
138—Desire
139—Goddess of discord
141—Bother
143—Falshoods
146—Stemless measure
145—River of England
150—Prefix; from
150—Symbol for sodium



WELCOME ABOARD . . . Don Hyde, (right) president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, greets two new directors to the board, (from left) Alan Smith, president of Smith Bros. Indian Village restaurant, and Harry Gorman, manager of Del Amo Properties. The new directors replace Bruce Jones and Charles T. Cederlof.

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