

Governor Won't Seek Food Tax

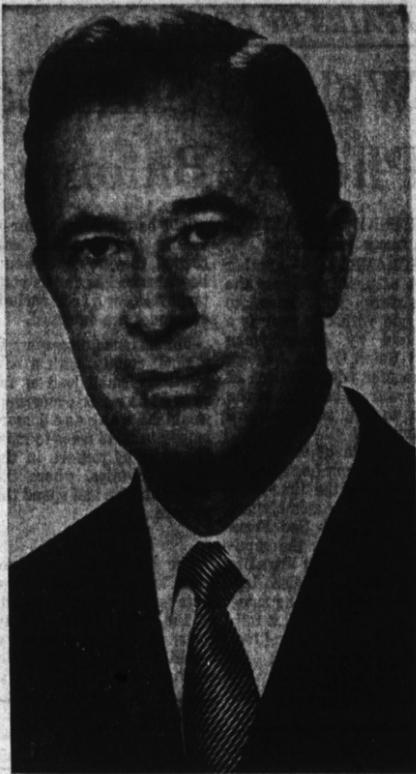
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 SACRAMENTO — Governor Ronald Reagan said a week's study of the task force recommendations on tax reform has convinced him that it is not necessary or desirable to extend the state sales and use tax to food.
 Reagan had suggested extension of the tax in a press conference a week ago. He told newsmen that had been "a theoretical discussion." The suggestion had touched off a big round of opposition from Democrats, who had charged this would add taxes to those least able to afford them, and had not produced any significant support.
 "Obviously, we have not had time and it will take a great deal longer than a week for us to completely study and come forth with a tax program," Reagan said. "But I can tell you the results of one week's attention to that program now."

"I DO NOT BELIEVE, nor do any of us believe, that broadening the base of the sales tax to cover food is necessary or desirable to remove or correct whatever regressive features there are now in the sales tax," he said, "and we will not be advocating extending the sales tax to food."

Reagan was asked if his withdrawal on extending sales tax to food was an indication he might propose its extension into other areas. Reagan declined comment on grounds he might get into another theoretical discussion.

THE GOVERNOR said he hoped to have a full summary of the task force proposals on tax reform ready for release during the first week in February. Reagan has named tax reform as his No. 1 goal for 1968. This is an area which has received a lot of verbal attention in Sacramento for many years but there never has been an overhaul.

Reagan has said he believes a tax reform could result in some shift of taxes from one segment of the tax-paying public to another, in order to remove inequities which have built up in the system over the years.



GORDON P. SMITH
 State Finance Director

Lincoln Celebration Slated for Feb. 10

Gordon Paul Smith, state director of finance, will be the featured speaker at the 17th Congressional District Republican Lincoln Birthday celebration Feb. 10.

The dinner will be held at the San Pedro Hacienda Hotel, beginning at 8 p.m., according to Dr. Don Cortum, dinner chairman.

"California's Fiscal Outlook for 1968-1969" will be the subject of Smith's address, Dr. Cortum said.

Smith is chairman or a member of 20 major state boards and commissions, including the Franchise Tax Board, the State Public Works Board, State Lands Commission, and the California Toll Bridge Authority. He also serves on the executive committee of the California State Fair and Exposition and the Intergovernmental Council on Urban Growth.

He is listed in "Who's Who in America," "Who's Who in the West," and "World's Who's Who in Commerce and Industry."

Tickets, at \$10 per person, may be purchased from members of the dinner committee, Dr. Cortum said. Members include Mrs. Stanley B. Jones, Mrs. Norman A. DeWitt, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brooks, Fred Fredericks, Andrew H. Anderson, Robert Price, Charles Soderstrom, William C. Johnson, and James Duffy.

Guests at the dinner will receive a wood engraving of Lincoln's portrait through the courtesy of Lincoln Savings and Loan Association.

People . . . On the Move

(Promotions, Assignments, Affiliations)

John P. Morgan, a resident of Lomita, has been appointed assistant vice president and manager of Crocker-Citizens National Bank's Bristol-Sunflower office in Costa Mesa. He has been serving in the same capacity at the bank's Morningside Park office in Inglewood.

Appointment of Sheldon A. Davis, director of industrial relations at TRW, Inc., as vice-president of the Systems Group of TRW was announced by Dr. Ruben F. Mettler, president of the Redondo Beach firm.

Charles C. Conaty has been appointed to the sales staff of Transamerica Development Co. on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. He has been assigned to the sales staff at Montevideo.

Promotion of Thomas L. Elias, 31, from a training consultant position to district manager in Torrance has been announced by American National Insurance Co.

Robert L. Gordon, executive vice-president of the Bank of America, has been elected president of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. He succeeds Paul E. Iversen, who becomes chairman of the Chamber board.

Charles E. O'Hare, 1722 Armour Lane, Redondo Beach, has been named to the new post of Southern area business sales manager for General Telephone Co. He will work out of the Long Beach office.

William Plax, 21901 Anza Ave., has been elected to membership in the Southwest Los Angeles Chapter of the National Association of Accountants. Plax is an administrative accountant with the McDonnell-Douglas Corp.

Promotion of James B. Schriber to credit officer in the South Bay Regional Head Office of Union Bank has been announced by bank officials. Schriber joined the bank's credit department in 1963 and assumed managerial duties last year. He is a member of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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AFS Seeking Homes For Foreign Youths

Members of the Torrance chapter of the American Field Service are currently looking for homes for students visiting the United States for the 1968-69 school year. Families who would welcome these students may obtain preliminary applications at each high school counseling office. A prospective home must include a mother and father, both at least 37 years old. The student does not need his own room but should have a separate bed and, preferably, an American "brother" or "sister" attending the same high school.

El Camino Sets Feb. 2 Registration Deadline

New or returning students planning to attend the El Camino College spring semester can still secure reservations to register in the admissions office.

Spring registration will begin Jan. 29. The last day to register is Friday, Feb. 2. There will be no further registration after that date, according to Dr. Leo Christian, dean of admissions.

Full-time students who are now enrolled at the college may register Jan. 29 and 30 at the Communications Center and returning part-time

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Registration for new and returning full-time students will be held Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 and 2, and for the part-time students, Feb. 1 and 2.

Counseling appointments are required of all students planning to attend on a part-time basis.

Evening counseling will be available beginning at 5:45 on the nights classes will be in session.

Further information is available in the admissions office at the college.

the New York office where the final selection of homes will be made. The students, all high school seniors, usually arrive in August.

Further inquiries may be directed to the chairman of home placement, Ray Brown, or to Arthur Orrell, president of the Torrance chapter.

AFS faculty vice presidents at the local high schools are Mrs. Ralph Greenup, Torrance High; Clarence Janeba North High; Mrs. Jack Harris, South High; and Mrs. Jack Erving, West High.

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County to Seek Federal Aid for Road Programs

Two "space age" highway programs — both aimed at helping Los Angeles County's cities cope with their traffic problems — are being sought, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The Board of Supervisors last week advised the County Road Department to seek federal Highway Safety Funds to activate the ultra-modern programs.

One program includes the expansion of the Road Department's electronic traffic accident analysis system, which pinpoints high accident locations, to include locations within cities. Previously the system was used only in county areas and along major highways.

"UNDER THE expanded program, the Road Department would use its data processing equipment to help cities analyze their problem areas," said Chace, chairman of the Supervisors' Road Committee.

"This service would be provided at the request of the cities, and periodic tabula-

tions could be given to each city to show high accident locations and other data so the city engineer can implement corrective measures," he said. Supervisors also want funds for a study to determine if a radio control system which activates traffic signals could be used to coordinate traffic flow along major county highways.

"THE ROAD Department has a radio signal control system capable of transmitting instructions to 1,000 traffic signals in the Los Angeles Basin," Chace said. "If it can be used to control signals along key highways through several cities, it would be a breakthrough."

If the study proves successful, a transmitter could be used to control key intersections at various times of the day, reflecting variations in the traffic flow.

Study of USSR Space Effort Set

Congressman Alphonzo Bell (R-28th District) announced today that the study document selected for the Great Issues Study Program segment of his current newsletter is the House Committee Report "Review of the Soviet Space Program."

A limited supply of this document has been obtained by Bell's office. Copies are available at no charge to constituents who write to William T. King, Field Representative, Congressional Field Office, Los Angeles 90024.

The Great Issues Study Program is a monthly feature of Bell's "Capital Report" to his constituents and is designed to encourage "in depth" reading about current events through a study of the texts of important national documents.

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