

Labor Joins Move For Tax Overhaul

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SACRAMENTO—The growing demand for "tax reform" in California from almost all phases of community life, including the homeowner, business, associations of various types, and the labor organizations, is such that the 1969 legislature in

all probability will have to do more than legislatures have done in the past few years to satisfy the concern of the citizenry over the constantly increasing amounts of money it is required to pay for the support, maintenance, and growth of government.

Now labor has added its voice in increasing volume to the chorus heard throughout the state for reform of the tax structure. At the convention of the AFL-CIO California Labor Federation, held recently in Sacramento, the organization representing workers of the state, who in the final analysis pay the greatest percentage of the taxes, a policy statement was adopted asking a "top-to-bottom" reform of the "extremely regressive state and local tax structure."

THE STATEMENT asks specifically for reform in the property tax field, and adoption of a pay-as-you-go withholding system for state income taxes, which the administration of Governor Ronald Reagan has opposed since it took office.

The AFL-CIO claims the tax structure suffers from two basic defects, the first being that expenditures rise more rapidly than revenue, with resulting fiscal crises, and that the federal tax structure as far as income taxes are concerned, is full of loopholes which react to the benefit of the people most able to pay.

The state, of course, can do nothing about the federal tax structure, except to make its voice heard in the growing nationwide demand for changes in that area.

BUT IT can do something about the state tax structure, despite the fact that all it has done so far is to listen to talk, rather than acting on measures beneficial to the people.

The increasing concern over the amounts of money the average citizen is forced

to pay every year to maintain government in the style to which it has been accustomed, and in fact, increase its proclivity for indulging in the luxuries of life at the expense of the citizenry, resulted in Proposition 9, the initiative forcing a limit on property tax, and caused the legislature's afterthought measure, Proposition 1A, to be placed on the November ballot.

Neither proposition can be termed anything like complete tax reform, as both

contemplate only a shifting of the tax burden from one segment of the population to another. If both are defeated Nov. 5, it will be nobody's loss, for the obvious reason that tax reform should contemplate some over-all reductions in revenue, rather than increases year after year, which in the final analysis, are the main concern of the citizenry.

IT GOES almost without saying that these two propositions may force the legis-

lature out of its apathy, and cause it to start thinking about cutting expenditures, or at least holding them to a level which by taxpayers' standards is all too high, but misses the confiscatory stage by a hair-breath.

Should the administration and the legislature fail again

to bring taxes down, the state in the future is scheduled to face even worse proposals than Proposition 9, or there may be even a new administration and plenty of new faces in the legislature, as Californians who foot the bills for government are just about "fed up."



CAMPAGNING . . . Realtor Fred Fredericks, Republican candidate for the Assembly in the 67th District, takes to the telephone in his effort to "meet every voter in this district." Fredericks, who has begun daily walking tours of the district, will use the telephone to try and reach voters who are not home when he calls.

35 Earn All 'As' At West

A total of 161 students have been named to West High School's two major honor rolls, the Principal's List and the Honor List, for the past semester.

Thirty-five students earning all "As" and a satisfactory citizenship grade in all classes were named to the Principal's List. They are Karen D. Bressler, William R. Frasser, Jone Jones, Jeanne Thompson, Joyce Angell, Richard Brooks, Dorothy Cranshaw, Dirk Davidson, John Everett, Patrick Glenn, Kathleen Long, Gay Smith, James Stroffe, Michael Stull, Larry Alston, Josephine Anisko, John Brittnacher, Ellen Haley, and Candis Mitchell.

Others are: Karen Nohr, Mae Nonoshita, Deana Adams, Brena Bodoff, Steven Bryen, James Celoni, James Everett, Carol Green, Douglas Heite Rebecca Jorgensen, Michael Lawrence, Richard Mitchell, Nancy Nancy Norberg, Cathy O'Shea, Dolores Pretorius, and Wendelin Ricketts.

A total of 126 students received three "As" and no grade lower than "B" with satisfactory citizenship to qualify for the Honor List.

Some 350 other students received a "B" average and named to the Recognition List.

Telegram Backs Reagan on Cleaver's Lecture at UC

A telegram to Gov. Ronald Reagan supporting his stand opposing lectures by Eldridge Cleaver on the UC campus has been sent by Fred Fredericks, Republican candidate for the Assembly in the 67th District.

Cleaver, the Black Panther's Minister of Information, while censured by the Board of Regents last week, has retained permission to give one lecture to a class on racism.

"Our governor has urged that Cleaver be forbidden to speak at all on the UC campus," Fredericks said. "He is absolutely right."

"I find it appalling that certain faculty members state that this course on racism centers around Cleaver and his views. I say we have no room on our tax-supported campuses for this type of subject matter, taught by a professional rioter."

"We are going in the wrong direction," he said. "If we are going to add a fourth 'R' to the existing three in basic education, it should be 'Responsibility' not 'Racism,'" Fredericks added.

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