

Assemblyman Opposes MTA Promotion

Says 'Rapid Transit' Is Tax Grab Scheme

Assemblyman Charles Chapel, 46th District, this week accused the Metropolitan Transit Authority of fathoming a bill in the Assembly that would eventually lead to tax subsidies for the mass transportation system.

In a statement issued this week, Chapel stated: "The MTA bill has nothing to do with mass rapid transit except in the name 'mass'. By its own figures, the MTA's completed system in 1980, nearly 19 years from now, will carry at the most about 265,000 passengers on the average day. This counts a single round-trip traveler as two passengers by the MTA reckoning. Contrast this with the MTA's own report that today it carries 700,000 passengers per day and about one-third of the so-called rapid transit riders will be taken away from the MTA surface lines.

NEW PASSENGERS

"Assuming that about 80,000 of the 265,000 passengers to be carried in 1980 will come from surface lines, this means about 185,000 new passengers per day will be taken off the streets, continuing to use the MTA's own figures, this actually means that about 100,000 people will use the system since a round-trip passenger is counted twice but is really one person.

Therefore, the MTA is talking about building a system that will cost more than \$600 million for the direct benefit of only about 100,000 people, which comes down to a construction cost of at least \$6,000 per person hauled. This is not good business and it is not mass rapid transit.

"MTA plans to relevelled trains contemplate that the stations will be 48 feet long. You can visualize the effect of having a station of this length on both sides of the street in a single block. There is no protection in the bill for compensating people for damage to their homes and businesses ruined by erecting these stations.

NEED SUBSIDY

"The MTA bill recently passed by the Senate does not provide for a tax subsidy and refers to money from bonds and passengers, but actually the MTA leaders have admitted publicly many times... that they cannot build and operate this system without a tax subsidy eventually.

"The MTA leaders keep saying: 'Let's get the show on the road!' What they really mean is that they want to get the program started far enough, with streets torn up and property ruined, so that they can then go to the people and say: 'Look what a mess we are in. We must have a tax subsidy to complete our program.'"

Closed Circuit TV Auction Set for Surplus Sale

Donald McLarnan, regional director of the Small Business Administration, announced Monday that there will be a West Coast closed circuit TV Auction of Government surplus property conducted by the Army, Navy and Air Force on June 5 and 6. The sale site is the Ambassador Hotel, Coconut Grove, where color slides of each item will be shown on a theater style closed circuit TV. No bid deposit or partial payment will be required and a tailgate or on-board loading is provided, unless otherwise specified.

The equipment consists of boats, burners, oil, clothing, cranes, construction equipment, engines, gas and diesel straddle and forklift trucks, generators, locomotives, sandblasters, tents, welders and hundreds of other items listed in the catalogue.

The catalogue can be obtained from the Mira Loma Air Force Station, Mira Loma, California, Norton Air Force Base, San Bernardino, California, Naval Supply Center (National City Annex), San Diego, California, and Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, California.

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GI Loan Activity Holds Steady in March, April

GI loan activity in April continued at approximately the same level it reached in March, but showed an increase when adjusted to a workday basis, Mort Webster, manager of VA's Southern California regional office, reported this week.

Appraisal requests totaled 3,191 in April, compared to 3,499 in March. April applications for home loan guaranty were 1,175, following the March high for 1961 - 1,283. VA starts totaled 1,092 in April compared to 887 in March.

On a workday basis, appraisal requests in April were up 5 percent from March; home loan applications were up 5 percent; and VA starts showed a 26 percent increase. This is due to the fact that there were three less work days in April, Webster explained.

'HOPE SUNDAY'

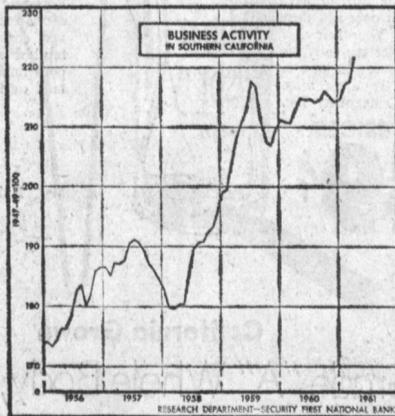
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Local Bank Lists Record Upswing in April Business

Southern California's business activity continued at a record-breaking pace for the fourth consecutive month, hitting an all-time high in April, James J. Weigel, manager of Security First National Bank's Torrance branch reported this week.

The bank's "Monthly Summary of Business Conditions," marking its 40th year of publication this month, noted that the business index climbed to 121.7 (preliminary), up 1.9% from the March level, which had equaled the previous peak set in July, 1959, Weigel pointed out.

Eleven of the index's 14 components showed increases between March and April, Weigel said, with the strongest gains registered by bank deposits, department store sales and man-hours worked in manufacturing.

Employment in the South-land increased between mid-March and mid-April, and according to Security Bank, the gains exceeded seasonal expectations in all areas, with the exception of the San Bernardino-Riverside area.

Unemployment in all metropolitan areas in the southern half of California declined between March and April. However, in nearly every area the improvement was below that which is expected to occur during this period.

Seasonal factors considered, the number of persons reported unemployed in April totaled 7.1% of the labor force in the Los Angeles area; 7.1% in the San Diego area; 8.1% area, and 6.8% United States as a whole.

Total building and construction in Southern California during the month of April was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate equivalent to \$3,512,000,000. This was the highest level recorded so far.

'Legal Kidnaping' Bill Introduced in Assembly

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced this week that Assemblyman Carley Porter (D. Lynwood) has introduced a bill in the current session of the California State Legislature to stop the "legalized kidnapping" of California residents by out of State bail bondsmen.

The proposed new law, Assembly Bill 3038, was introduced at Supervisor Hahn's request to put an end to the almost unlimited powers that "bounty hunting" bail bondsmen now have. The Bill was initiated and endorsed by the Board of Supervisors after Supervisor Hahn brought to its attention a recent incident in Lynwood involving a bail bondsman.

In this case, an individual had been living in Los Angeles County for two years, after "jumping" bail on a misdemeanor check charge in Indiana. The amount of the check was \$20.

An Indiana bail bondsman, who had posted the bail on this year. The gain was attributed to a high level of activity in the engineering and construction sector.

The bank reported that for the first four months of 1961, total building and construction was at an average level, seasonal factors considered, equal to \$331,000,000, compared with the actual total of \$3,503,000,000 during 1960.

Homebuilding activity in the local 14-county area continues to lag considerably behind year-ago levels, the bank said. During April, permits were issued for 10,811 dwelling units, 18% below the April, 1960 level.

DANCE PLANNED TUES. BY ROYAL NEIGHBORS

Royal Neighbors plan potluck dinner and dance at the Woman's Club, 1422 Encarnacion Ave., at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 30.

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the check charge, located the man and came out from Indiana and at gun-point shackled and handcuffed the man and forced him into the trunk of his car and headed back for Indiana.

ALL POINTS BULLETIN

Fortunately, the incident was seen by Lynwood police, who issued an all-points bulletin for the car. The California Highway Patrol stopped the car near Barstow and rescued the man from the auto trunk. It was found that he was suffering from lack of ventilation and the effects of carbon monoxide in the auto exhaust. In another half-hour he would have died.

The bail bondsman was arrested and is to be tried for assault.

In asking for the new law, Supervisor Hahn explained that under present procedures bail bondsmen have more powers than do Governors in compelling "bail jumpers" to return to the jurisdiction where bail had been posted.

If an individual escapes from a chain gang in Georgia and comes to California he can be forced to return to Georgia only through extradition proceedings initiated by the Governor of Georgia and approved by the Governor of California.

"On the other hand, if a person jumps bail in Georgia, a bail bondsman or his agent can secure a warrant, come to California and "persuade" the individual to return. This amounts to a 'legal license to kidnap,' and is true no matter how serious or trivial the offense," Supervisor Hahn declared.

He added that it is "inconceivable that such barbaric practices are possible in California in the 20th Century and that the constitutional rights of our citizens can be violated in this manner."

Assembly Bill 3038, which has been resigned to curb the powers of bail bondsmen in requiring individuals to leave the State, has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Criminal Procedure.

County Car License Bill Now Before California Legislature

A bill has been introduced in the California Legislature, Senate Bill 1294, which would permit counties to levy local vehicle license fees. The State already levies a vehicle license fee, at the rate of 2% of the market value of every vehicle. No doubt every motorist is well aware of this fact, particularly during January of each year, for the tax is collected annually at the time you renew your vehicle registration. Currently the State collected vehicle license fee amounts to approximately \$125-million per year, substantially all of which is turned over to counties and cities in the state.

Senate Bill 1294 would permit counties to level a local vehicle license fee of 1% of the market value in addition to the present State collected vehicle license fee.

50% HIKE

Thus, in a county imposing such a tax, the net effect upon the taxpayer would be a 50% increase in the vehicle license fee.

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license fee. The exact amount of increase will vary, depending upon the type of car involved. Vehicle license fees indicated are in addition to the \$8 registration fee for all vehicles and any weight fee which would be applicable to a pickup truck or any other commercially designed vehicle.

Senate Bill 1294 is fundamentally unsound because: (1) It would establish a new area of governmental taxation, namely, local vehicle license fees.

Local taxes on motor vehicles pyramided on top of state and federal levies create problems of tax evasion, are difficult to administer equitably, as they are easy to avoid, and frequently establish artificial and uneconomic barriers to trade.

The motor vehicle is subject to federal excise taxes, federal gas tax of 4 cents per gallon, state gas tax of 6 cents

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RUTH H. PETERSON, Notary Public, My Commission Expires June 8, 1961. Torrance Press, Thursday, May 11, 1961.

per gallon, state sales tax, registration and driver's license fees, as well as the present vehicle license fee. Most motorists pay all these taxes in addition to paying income taxes, property taxes, sales taxes, etc.

NO RELATION

(2) The vehicle license fee is unrelated to the amount of highway use. It is based upon the ownership of a vehicle and its market value. The man who drives only 3000 miles per year pays the same as the man who drives 30,000 miles per year, even though the latter uses the highways 10 times as much. Highway user taxes appropriately include fees, some of which are flat "standby" charges and some of which increase with the amount of miles driven and fuel consumed. But these are in addition to the vehicle license fee which is presently imposed and the proposed additional local vehicle license fees.

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