

Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By Gene Aleman

Politely asking mayors and school officials to relinquish their newly-acquired millions of additional sales tax money, Governor Kim Sigler has given them an interesting alternative.

Here it is: Propose NEW TAXES whereby the State of Michigan can maintain vitally needed public services and avert a prospective deficit estimated at \$88,000,000.

If the mayors and school people advocate new taxes as the way out, Governor Sigler could proceed to ask the legislature to re-submit the sales tax amendment to the voters at the April election, whereby voters would have a clear-cut choice of two things: Remove the sales tax amendment from the constitution and thus end the earmarking of ap-

the legislature last Thursday (Jan. 30). Governor Sigler declared that he would not support a proposal to repeal the sales tax amendment unless it was accompanied "by a definite guarantee to the schools and the cities that their present money would be considered fairly and honestly and with justice at this session of the legislature."

Who could give a "definite guarantee"? We presume he meant the chairman of key committees.

Caught between the alternative of becoming a "no new taxes or agreeing to a compromise whereby the sales tax and the cities and schools off the books, the mayors and school leaders have a "fine kettle of fish" to stew in. Governor Sigler's move was a smart strategic one to get the proponents of the amendment to recommend new taxes—a position which he has carefully avoided so far—or to agree to a compromise solution whereby the legislature would "guarantee" adequate financial support.

If the amendment proponents for the cities and schools are clinging to their newly-found millions from the sales tax, feeling secure because of a constitutional amendment that received popular support in November, then the governor has a clean-cut issue at hand, cut and dried, wrapped up with a string around it. Instead of the governor advocating new taxes, the mayors and school people will do so!

In his inauspicious message early in January, Governor Sigler declared emphatically that he was against new taxes and against a deficit in the state treasury. It was former Governor Comstock who was tagged as the man who introduced the sales tax. Comstock lasted two years. Sigler apparently realizes the peril politically of new taxes. He would much prefer to have someone else take on the dubious honor of becoming its sponsor.

His "no new taxes—no deficit" stand prompted an interpretation in this column (Jan. 28) that the governor contemplated re-submission of the amendment to the voters in April. We doubt if he has changed his opinions on the need of new taxes or the desirability of a deficit. Hence, he has now at hand, with the schools and cities being put in a position to sponsor the sales tax, the alternative to acceptance of a compromise settlement.

The governor's logic will be found in the following quotation from his message to the legislature last Thursday (Jan. 30): "It is no news to you that we have given careful consideration to the possibility of reducing state services, by elimination or curtailment of activities. I have already called upon the department heads to remove deadwood and unnecessary employees from the state payroll, and I am prepared to report to you that, in the main, department heads have assured me that they will cooperate fully in that respect. But we must realize that we could eliminate every employee in the State of Michigan and still not balance the budget. It must be realized that we could stop all old-age assistance payments, and all welfare payments, and leave the recipients to shift for themselves, and still have a deficit of more than 40 million dollars. Or we could eliminate all expenditures for mental health—close the hospitals and send the patients back to their homes for care—and still be 64 million dollars in the red."

"In fact, to balance the budget by this means, we would have to abolish all old-age and welfare assistance, close all mental hospitals, close all our prisons, and close all our colleges. Such a solution, we all agree, would be so fantastic as to be ridiculous."
"Then I presented to the mayors and to the school representatives the inescapable conclusion. I pointed out that this kind of a budget situation, created by the sales tax amendment, means new taxes, and enough new taxes to raise scores of millions of dollars while other millions of dollars are being virtually wasted upon the amendment. I asked their opinion on how we could balance the budget, if we must have new taxes, what they recommended in the way of such taxes upon the people of Michigan. They accepted my request, and asked for time in which to consider the matter. . . . Under these circumstances, they agreed to submit their suggestions and recommendations by February 5th (Wednesday). The ideas of February are now at hand."

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Buckeridge, in company with two local youths, first started what has become the Piety Hill Press back in 1937 when they were all in Baldwin High School. Shortly after organizing the firm, Jack Clemmons and George Deer dropped out while Buckeridge carried on.

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Writes a Book
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Buckeridge is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Buckeridge of 607 Brookside, and a graduate of Baldwin High School, class of 1938. The Buckeridges have lived in Birmingham for 30 years.

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