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Committee Fights Discrimination

AUSTIN (AP)—A Texas committee to advise the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has proposed taxes on personal income and business profits as a partial solution to a public school finance system to the commission report which claims discrimination against Mexican-American children.

The committee's recommendations were released with the commission's report at a news conference Monday.

The report of the commission, an independent bipartisan agency created by Congress in 1957, was the fourth in a series investigating Mexican-American education in the Southwest.

It said the money spent for educating many Mexican-Americans is "three-fifths that spent for Anglos."

The report described Texas' Minimum Foundation Program—which supplies 96 per cent of state education funds—as a "repressive jumble of provisions and

conditions that do not adequately reduce financial disparities between Anglo and Mexican-American districts and insure that significantly less is spent to educate Chicano children than their Anglo counterparts." In addition, the commission said, Texas "has devised an educational finance system by which the amount spent on the schooling of students is a function of district and personal wealth. The end result is that the poor stay poor and those receiving inferior education continue to receive inferior education."

The 24-member Texas committee, which is made up of presidential appointees who serve without pay, said Texas "is failing to meet the challenge" of educating minority group pupils. About one-half of all Mexican-Americans and one-third of all blacks drop out of school before completing the 12th grade, the committee said, compared to 15 per cent of Anglos.

It would take an additional \$224 per pupil to bring Texas school expenditures up to the national average, the committee said, and an additional \$443 per pupil to place Texas among the top five states. It now ranks 41st.

"As the commission's report documents," the committee said, "some predominantly Mexican-American school districts cannot fill all their positions because teachers refuse to work in them. "The poorer Mexican-American districts cannot supplement state-supported salaries to the extent that wealthier Anglo districts and, therefore, lose both the teachers with more education and experience and the increased state aid."

Other than the personal income and corporate profits tax, the

Texas committee recommended that all property be taxed at its full market value, enactment of a tax on the transfer or sale of property and a new state tax agency to handle property taxes and assessments.

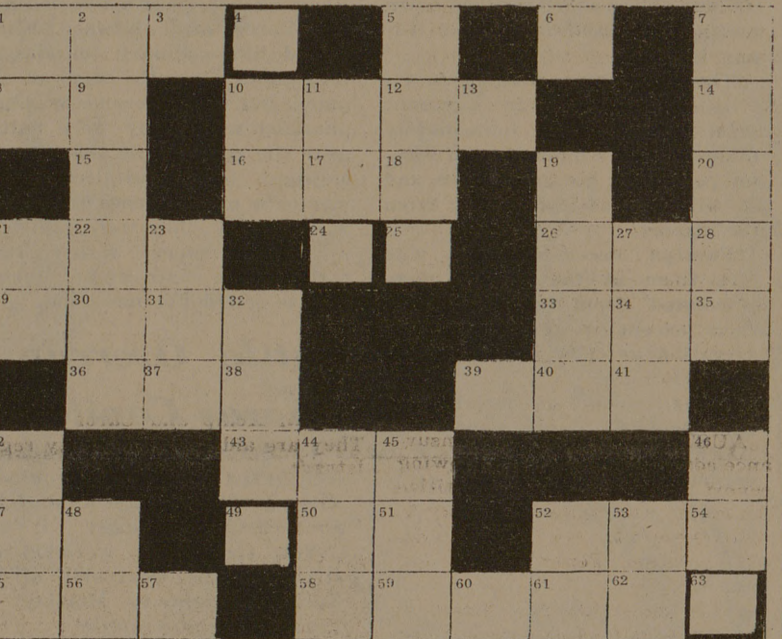
Also recommended was that the state assume responsibility for raising revenue for public schools, state aid on the basis of a child's educational need and that Texas raise its average expenditure per pupil to that of the top five states.

The Rev. Patrick Flores of San Antonio is chairman of the Texas committee, which includes Reps. Frances Farenthold and Carlos Truan of Corpus Christi and Sen. Joe Bernal of San Antonio.

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3 Issues Before Legislature

Three major issues are now being considered by the special session of the Texas Legislature.

Secretary of State Bob Bullock is being considered by the Senate as a member of the State Board of Insurance, and a plan is before the legislature to reform automobile and homeowners insurance

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Also under consideration is budget execution authority for the governor.

Governor Preston Smith urges all students to express their thoughts on the reform and budget execution measures to their senators and representatives.

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