

# NY governor pressures legislature

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ALBANY, N.Y. — In the face of an "after-you-then-me" signal from President Ford, Gov. Hugh Carey is pressuring the legislature for quick action on a New York City tax increase he says is necessary to secure federal aid to help the city avert default.

But the prospects for those taxes were mired in partisan squabbling today with Democrats opposing a city sales-tax increase and Republicans apparently opposing all alternatives to a sales tax.

The negotiations on the issue, which were expected to take most of today in the state legislature's special session, are working against a potential deadline as early as next Tuesday, when the city could face default on some of its obligations.

President Ford said Wednesday he would favor no federal aid until the state and city do more to "move toward fiscal responsibility" and that he would veto a compromise aid bill under study in the House, which he called "irrelevant." With that announcement, Congressional leaders stopped work on loan-guarantee legislation to help the city, and the Congress is due to begin a week-long Thanksgiving recess at the end of this week.

However, Carey said he was "confident" the state would find a source for a crucial \$150 million borrowing needed to hurdle Tuesday's problems and keep the city afloat until Dec. 11, a date which he said would give Congress "plenty of time to act."

Ford issued a statement from the White House declaring that although he cannot now reverse his previous opposition to federal help, he will review the situation early next week to see if the city and state have done enough to warrant a change in his position.

Ford administration sources said in Washington that the President wanted the state legislature to enact \$200 million in new city taxes to trim the size of the city's budget gap, and that if it did so he might approve some sort of aid.

Carey, who had been in Washington most of the week lobbying in Congress, flew back to Albany after Ford's announcement. Pointing to the President's promise to reconsider his stand if the state takes more action, Carey said "we're going to take him up on it," and began a series of meetings with legislators to press for action.

He said he would defer action on tax increases to close what he estimates is a \$600 million state budget gap until after the city tax question is resolved. The state taxes are therefore not expected to come up until next month.

But although both Republicans and Democrats in the legislature expressed a willingness to pass some sort of a tax increase for the city, they were drawing hard partisan lines over the question of which taxes should be increased.

# Rate increase refusal brings truckers strike

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PHARR, Tex. — A truckers strike called early today by the Produce haulers of Texas got off to a quiet start with virtually no truck traffic on Lower Rio Grande Valley highways.

David Coers, president of the recently organized truckers group, said the strike was called because Valley produce shippers refused to grant a requested 25 per cent rate increase.

Coers said there would be little strike activity until later in the day when trucks started loading produce for shipment to Northern markets. He has said the strike will include picketing and roadblocks and warned there may be violence.

"If they (truckers) don't shut down, I know there's going to be violence," Coers said. "I hope we don't see any violence, but we've got a lot of hot folks down here."

He said truckers from Pennsylvania, Missouri and Arkansas are in the South Texas area to support the strike and he had heard reports that roadblocks might be set up on U.S. 281 and U.S. 77, the two highways leading north from the Valley.

Extra Texas Department of Public Safety units were on duty in the Pharr area and on U.S. 77 near Raymondville, but no incidents were reported.

The DPS director, Col. Wilson E. Speir, said his department will not get involved in the strike but it is the department's responsibility "to prevent any infringement on the free and open use of our highway system, to prevent violence and to provide protection to lives and property."

"We will therefore take such action as is necessary to keep the roads open and to protect against lawlessness," Speir said.

In a letter circulated to truckers, Mike Parkhurst, editor of Overdrive Magazine, told truckers they should "stay the hell out of the McAllen-Pharr area if you want to keep your trucks running."

Willis Deines of the Texas Citrus and Vegetable Growers and Shippers Association says Valley growers cannot afford to pay the rate increase, but he said the strike could be damaging.

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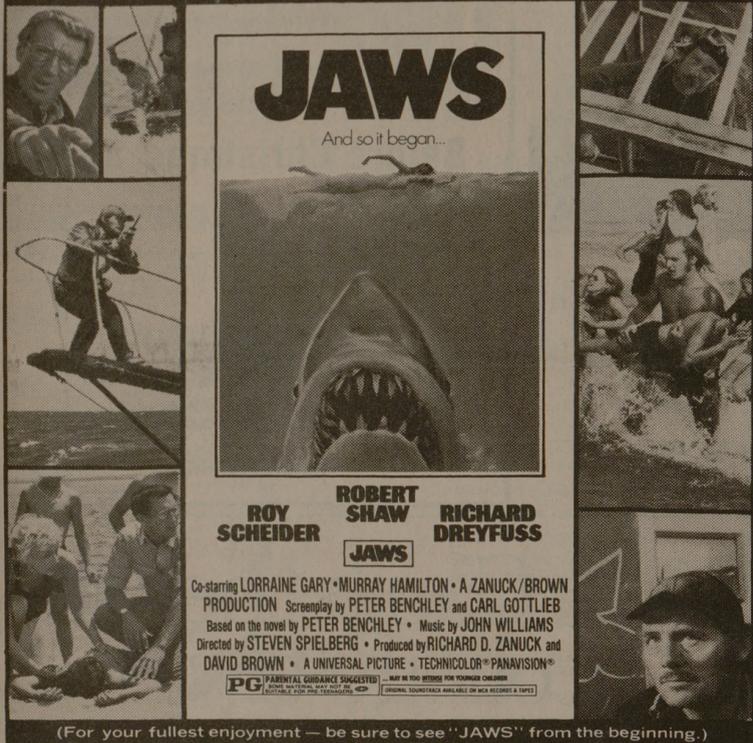
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# Fired editor requests Breedlove's removal

In an appearance before the Student Publications Board Wednesday, a former Battalion sports editor asked for the dismissal of the editor who fired him.

Tony Gallucci told the board that Battalion Editor James Breedlove was not popular with the staff and that his image was weakened by the quality of the newspaper.

The board, an advisory and policy-making body for The Battalion, Aggieland and campus directory, found no cause for Breedlove's dismissal, but unanimously decided to hold an executive session later to consider Gallucci's charges.

Board Chairman Bob G. Rogers told Gallucci that he saw no cause for Breedlove's dismissal and that the charges were vague and a matter of opinion.

Gallucci objected to the procedure that led to Breedlove's appointment as editor. He claimed Breedlove had no working or practical knowledge of the newspaper.

Breedlove was not present at the meeting because his mother died earlier in the week.

Other matters discussed during the meeting were The Battalion's financial report, a decline in advertising revenue, the acquisition of weatherproof newspaper stands and the increasing cost of mail-out subscriptions.

Gary Baldasari, Aggieland editor, said that work on the yearbook was on time and, in many areas, ahead of schedule. He added that character sketches and graphics this year will be improved over last year's "completely unacceptable to inferior" works.

The artists will be Mary O'Neill and James Snyder.

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