# Tax revolt

## Proposition 13's sting swelling nationally...

The Associated Press

Midwest budget hearings, local officials are feeling the sting of Proposition 13, as protesters take aim at what they consider unnecessary spending and unfair tax bills.

A survey by the Associated Press and its member newspapers found that the casualties and potential casualties of antispending sentiment range from high school football to shopping centers. Tax assessments are under appeal; tax assessors are under fire.

scope than the well-organized drive that taxes. The California vote touched off similar statewide drives in about a dozen areas. It also helped crystalize public discontent over pocketbook issues.

In Kingston, Mass., a small community south of Boston, tax bills soared last year because of a property revaluation. This year, 1,350 persons turned out for the July 15 town meeting spending.

In Council Bluffs, Iowa, 300 persons appeared at a June 19 hearing on the Pottawattamie County budget, protesting a proposed 60 percent boost in property taxes. The state appeals board subsequently cut the increase to 20 percent and two taxpayer groups have been formed to monitor spending and push for change.

There are numerous other examples of officials backing down from planned spending or tax boosts because of public opposition or the threat of it.

Tax increases are being rejected by the voters, even when a rise in one levy would be offset by a drop in another.

Nineteen Kansas cities and counties proposed sales-tax increases to the voters in Aug. 1 elections. "In most of these instances, it was a clear choice, with a become an issue in Chapel Hill is because

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substantial property tax reductions," said Ernie Mosher, executive director of the From New England town meetings to League of Kansas Municipalities. Despite the commitment, 14 of the proposals were turned down.

> In Houghton County, Mich., the defeat of a proposed property tax increase led to the layoff of 80 county highway workers. Nearby, in the towns of Manistique and Stephenson, high school football was eliminated after voters rejected two separate tax proposals.

The tight-fisted mood of the public is evident even when taxes are not Most of the efforts are far smaller in immediately involved. In Porter County.

Ind., for example, strong opposition has dollars to develop and maintain.

· Not all the efforts have been successful. In Anchorage, Alaska, a group called the under new pressure. Libertarian Party submitted a petition to amend the city charter to require voter Equalization, for example, has received approval of any new or increased taxes. A 385 appeals of its 1978 appraisals; there judge ruled, however, that the proposal were only about 120 last year. In could not appear on the ballot because it Sherman and Palestine, Texas, suits by would uncontitutionally limit the taxpayers temporarily have blocked the municipality's ability to levy taxes to certification of 1978 tax rolls which

Another unsuccessful drive was in developed to the formation of a county Richmond, Va., where the Independent park system. Protesters claim the system Taxpayers' Association failed it its efforts would cost hundreds of thousands of to force a referendum on a plan by the city council to sell bonds to finance a shopping mall complex.

Tax collectors and assessors have come

The Benton County, Wash., Board of reflect increased valuations

## led Californians to approve Proposition 13, providing a 57 percent cut in property taxes. The California vota touched off

By CHRIS FULLER

Unlike some areas of the nation, Chapel Hill is not likely to have a tax revolt, say town and county officials.

Chapel Hill Finance Director Tony and rejected every proposed increase in Hooper says he does not think a measure similar to California's Proposition 13 will become an issue here. "I'm sure it's a very relevant issue in some jurisdictions, but not here."

"We haven't experienced anything here," Orange County Tax Supervisor Bill Laws said Wednesday. "There's a lot of literature floating around from tax organizations across the country, but there are no real changes for this year."

Proposition 13 set a limit of 1 percent on property taxes of Californians. The initiative ballot was passed by 65 percent of the voters and cut property taxes in California by 57 percent.

Since Proposition 13 passed in June, speculation arose that other areas in the country would pass similar measures.

One reason tax reform may not commitment on the part of the city for the percentage of property tax in the total is based on what you own.

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tax revenue is decreasing, Hooper said. In of all tax revenue in the state. In 1976-77, the percentage dropped to 54 percent.

"The overwhelming majority of citizens who speak at public meetings ask for more services and additional services," and not for tax cuts. Hooper League of Municipalities survey. said. "It's not that the people of Chapel Hill are unconcerned about taxes. They seem more concerned with services, and that's where the emphasis lies."

In Chapel Hill the property tax is the only tax levied directly by the town. Revenue from property taxes makes up 50 percent of the general fund, the town's operating budget, Hooper said. The city also receives returns on state sales. gasoline and utility taxes.

The county also collects property taxes. In addition, the county collects licensing taxes on such things as pool tables, dogs and palm readers. It also collects school, fire and sanitary district said. taxes, Laws said.

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"Circumstances are different here than 1969-70, property taxes were 61 percent in California." Hooper said, "California is second in per capita taxes, and North Carolina is 45th." He said in 1969 the average tax per capita in California was \$964, compared to \$527 in North Carolina, according to a North Carolina

> "Of course. I assume we don't have the services that California has, since we don't spend near the money." Hooper

> He said that Chapel Hill's property tax is re-evaluated every eight years. It is currently \$1.12 per every \$100 of assessed property value and is due for reevaluation in 1980.

Orange County taxes are 84 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. Assessed property includes real estate and other personal property such as cars, boats and clothes. "Everything you own," Laws

The state with the highest per capita "Students are subject to the same taxes taxes is New York. States with lower per as everyone else," Laws said. "There is no capita taxes than North Carolina are way to tell how much tax is collected from Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, students. They're just taxpayers. The tax Tennessee and South Carolina, Hooper

## Weekday Fare

## Cinema

Campus

South Pacific - Joshua Logan (1958). Rogers and Hammerstein musical set in the Pacific during World War II. With Mitzi Gaynor, Rossano Brazzi and John Kerr. At 8 p.m. Wednesday in Carroll Hall.

#### **Duke University**

Red River - At 7 and 9:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Bio-Sci Auditorium.

Smiles of a Summer Night - At 7 and 9:30 p.m. Thursday in the Bio-Sci Auditorium.

## Television

Monday

NFL Football - Denver Broncos vs. Minnesota Vikings at 9 p.m. on Channels 5

The Critical List - Premier of hospital drama with Lloyd Bridges and Buddy Ebsen at 9 p.m. on Channel 28.

Tonight Show - With guest host George Carlin. At 11:30 p.m. on Channel 28.

#### Tuesday

Canine Hall of Fame - Special about famous stage and champion show dogs. Hosted by Joe

Garagiola. At 8 p.m. on Channel 28. Hondo - 1954 western with John Wayne and Geraldine Page. At 9 p.m. on Channels 2 and

Taxi - Premier of situation comedy about New York cabbies. At 9:30 p.m. on Channels 5

Tonight Show - Carson and guests James Stewart and Steve Martin. At 11:30 p.m. on Channel 28.

#### Wednesday

Great Performances - Puccini's tragic opera Tosca at 8 p.m. on Channel 4.

Eight is Enough - Season premiere at 8 p.m. on Channels 5 and 8. Wonderful World of Disney - With host

Ron Howard and Suzanne Somers. (Part 1 of Buffalo Bill and the Indians - Satirical 1976 western with Paul Newman and Joel Grey. At

8:30 p.m. on Channels 2 and 11. Charlie's Angels - Season premiere at 9 p.m. on Channels 5 and 8.

### Thursday

Mork and Mindy - Premiere of comedy reminiscent of Mv Favorite Martian and "The Coneheads." At 8 p.m. on Channels 5 and 8.

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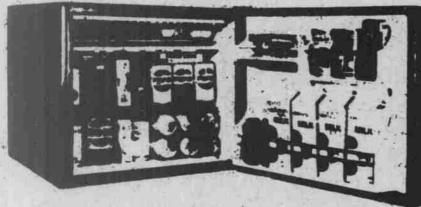
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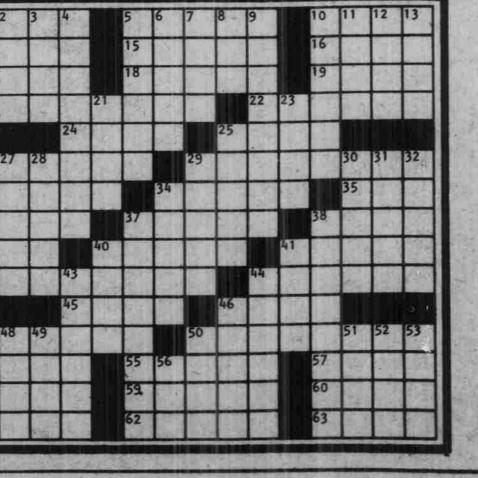
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The Clone Master - Premiere of drama about a biochemist who modestly clones 13 copies of himself. At 8 p.m. on Channel 28.

Performance at Wolf Trap - British jazz singer Cleo Laine and John Dankworth perform. At 9 p.m. on Channel 4.

Masterpiece Theatre: The Mayor of Casterbridge - Part 2 of 7 at 10 p.m. on Channel 4.

Soap - Season premiere at 10 p.m. on Channels 5 and 8.

### Music

Songstage - Songwriters will perform their original work at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday night at Cafe Deja Vu (Village Subway, Raleigh). Call Bruce Wittman in Raleigh, 851-4305, for more information.

Organ Recital - Robert Parris will play at 8 p.m. Thursday in Hill Hall.

## Gallery

Ackland Museum - The National Student Printmakers Exhibition will be on display through September. Open Tuesday throught Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

University Mall - A three-day Arts and Crafts Festival will begin Thursday featuring works by artists of state and national prominence.

## Radio

In Focus - Featured artists this week include: Linda Ronstadt and Barefoot Jerry, Monday; Joan Armatrading and Michael Murphy, Tuesday; George Harrison and Mike Greene. Wednesday; 10 cc and Bob Marley and the Wailers, Thursday. Aired nightly from 6-10 on WDBS-FM 107.

Inside Track - An new album is featured at 11 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday on WXYC-FM

Jazz Show - Jazz greats, past and present are featured 9-midnight Wednesday on WXYC-FM 89.7.

## **Nite Life**

Yes - The British rock group performs on a revolving stage at 8 p.m. in the Greensboro Coliseum. Reserve tickets are \$8 and \$9. Call 294-2870 for information.

The Mad Hatter - Mose Allison appears Tuesday night. Call 929-8276 for information. The Cat's Cradle - Larry and Cindy Reynolds appear Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Bluegrass Experience appears Thursday night. Call 967-9053 for information.

The Station - Open Hoot (a sing and play along) on Wednesday night. Rabbit and Ken appear Thursday night. Call 942-5144 for

The defense was cleared out and noitempolni lyantage of it," he said.





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