

Tale Tax Bill Is Ignored by Councilmen

They Await Mayor's
Explanation Monday;
D'Ortona Opposed

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Mayor Tale's request for a \$5-million real estate tax increase was ignored by City Council yesterday pending a meeting on Monday which Tale has called to explain the bill.

While most Democratic members of Council remained noncommittal on the possibility of the bill's approval, City Council President Paul D'Ortona said he was opposed to the tax.

The four members of the Republican minority in Council have said they are also opposed to the tax, which is supposed to raise \$24.1 million in additional revenues to shore up the city's budget.

Longstreth Will

During yesterday's session of Council, Thacher Longstreth, a Republican, asked that a bill be proposed in 1968, "to look into the rising drug problem, be released from the Rules Committee where it has been pigeonholed since its introduction."

"The Mayor seems to think that the problem is significant," Longstreth said, "and I want to have Council the trouble of additional legislation."

Mayor Tale on Tuesday asked the Council probe the rising incidence of drugs in the city through the Committee on Public Safety.

Redraft Suggested

D'Ortona said that he must appoint a committee himself, and suggested the Mayor redraft his suggestion.

"He (Tale) was wrong," D'Ortona said to Longstreth and so are you — the request is not in the proper form."

To which Longstreth countered: "Yes but my resolution has been in your committee for two years."

"You're going to have it there for three more," D'Ortona retorted before Council voted 11-5 to keep the bill in the Rules Committee.

Paint Poisoning Bill

In other action Council approved a resolution to apply for \$200,000 in federal funds to cut down the incidence of lead paint poisoning in the Model City area.

"I am sure that the city can do," Councilman David Cohen said, "is unfreeze the \$200,000 that we have appropriated and make the program city wide."

City Council had appropriated \$200,000 from a \$3 million contingency fund, for a lead paint program, but the mayor has not as yet established a program for its use.

Limits on Lead Poisoning Aid Bill Set

The original \$800,000 would be "the only decent thing to do." The Mayor's resolution was supported by the Council Majority Leader George X. Schwartz (D), Overbrook district. "It is a step in the right direction," Schwartz said. "It is a good move because there is no question that the greatest danger is in the Model City area," he said. Eventually, Schwartz said, the funding for the lead poisoning campaign will reach \$1.2 million "and we cannot make light of that." The program to be financed would include some visits to educate people to the dangers of lead poisoning in children; blood screening of all children from one to 6 in high risk areas, and inspection of all buildings in the high-risk area.

Control because the \$1 million had been previously earmarked as a police contingency fund. Cohen argued that the original \$800,000 should be "increased" to be added to the \$800,000 sought from Federal funds. "I have never failed to support the Model Cities program," Zazyenzy said adding that he had always been dismayed that the money set aside for the lead poisoning campaign will reach the Model City area. "I have supported demolition of abandoned houses and I have supported rat control yet the programs have not reached my district," he said. "I must appeal to the mayor that he release the additional funds so as to have a city-wide program," he said. Cohen said a release of the

tured to this document after freezing \$800,000 this council authorized to fight lead paint poisoning," added Councilman David Cohen, a Democrat who represents Germantown and Mount Airy. Lead paint has not been used for many years. Poisoning cases attributed to the paint have been reported in older housing, especially in the North Philadelphia area. Both Cohen and Zazyenzy represent districts that also have old houses, areas that report a bad lead poisoning record. In addition, Cohen helped organize a city-wide campaign to free the \$800,000 that Council voted to finance the campaign. The mayor held up the money as well as another \$400,000 Council had voted for gang

City Sues 26 Property Owners in Drive Against Lead Poisoning

The city continued its drive to eliminate the hazards of lead poisoning to children with the filing yesterday of law suits against 26 property owners.

The 26 new suits are part of a massive drive against more than 100 property owners now being prepared for litigation, according to Assistant City Solicitor Frederick L. Volpi.

Children are poisoned when they chew on walls or window work painted with lead paint.

The city first went to court last Spring following the death of a child from lead poisoning and serious injury to others.

Hearings on the 26 cases

will be held Jan. 17. It is expected a judge will be specially assigned.

Those named in the suits and the properties owned are: Leonard Levin, 718 S. Park ave.; Raymond L. Cox, 5048 Hopewell st.; Otto Shufford, 2819 N. 23d st.; Melvin Sterling, 3302 N. 5th st.; Pasquale Staffieri, 2341 N. Orkney st.; Rose Deamond, 3536 Calumet St.; Rose Commeger, 2218 W. Indiana ave.

Also: Cartheen and Hannah Spencer, 2649 N. 8th st.; George Drasin and Richard Litman, agent, 5116 Baltimore ave.; Diane White, 1844 W. Monmouth st.; Gardner B. DeShields, 2150 Newkirk st.;

Peggy Glen, 2819 N. 11th st.; Charles E. Bowen, 2342 Watkins st.; James A. McArthur, 1737 N. 7th st.; Andre and Julia Garcia, 2245 N. 5th st.; Gloria Harley, 3558 N. Warnock st.; Dorothy Taylor, 1354 N. Hope st.

Also: Stanford Douglas, 5066 Angora st.; Mack Williams,

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1721 Christian st.; Rufus and Emma Statham, 1231 W. Hilton st.; William C. and Anna Ferguson, 4931 N. 12th st.; Bessie Pearl, 708 Preston st.; Anna Mae Williams, 3639 N. 13th st.; James Ray, 127 E. Washington lane; Israel Santiago, 2919 N. 9th st.; Edward J. Jaffe, 1835 N. 33d st.

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