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One of the strange features about the march of science
in America is that in our schools the theory of evolution
has been quietly and generally accepted in the has been quietly and generally accepted in half a century,
despite biblical teaching about the creation, still stressed despite biblical teaching about the creation, still stressed
in chun hes and Sunday schools and in some church colleges.
Few philosophers dwell on the controversy in speeches Few philosophers dwell on the controversy in speeches
or print. Nevertheless, few teachers in the public schools consider seriously the biblical view of a six day creation.
They believe they are teaching fact and science and that They believe they are teaching fact and science and
there is a scientific basis for the theory of evolution In a sense, then, the verdict in the famous monkey trial is the effort of some accepting the biblical theory in Califormia to obtain equal classroom treatment of their faith The State Board of Education in Sacramento recently de teaching, but refused to include the biblical theory in textbooks. (The decision is important because California buy ten per cent of the nation's textbooks, thus its decision wil
influence textbooks bought by other states and districts.) The effort by religionists prompted the National Academy aliformia Nobel laureate scienThis was influential in the of the teaching of evolution. world's greatest scientists apparently don't accept the six-

## Nixon \& Property Tax

President Nixon's plan to ease the property tax burden
of millions of Americans encountered an unexpected cle recently when the Advisory Commission on Intergovern-
mental Relations voted $10-7$ against a plan by which the federal govemment would reimburse the taxpayer (or states) for a part of personal property taxes paid local governments. Mr. Nixon's primary aim is to reduce personal property
taxes for the elderly and he has committed himself to a taxes for the elderly and he has committed himself to
start in that direction this year. The commission's position, however, as expressed in several votes, is one of relative-
ly less concem over the property tax burden for the average citizen. Its vote, while not binding on the President, indicates tax relief for all but the elderly might be difficult to
achieve. That is regrettable for two reasons. Property owning
makes for a more responsible citizenry and therefore home ownership should not be discouraged. Moreover, the increase in personal propertit taxes has been so irreat in niariy
sections, because of increased school costs, taxes in some, cases become confiscatory, forcing owners to sell
their homes. Confiscatory taxes, of course, should not be tolerated in a democracy in which all are entitled to justice.
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makers are under orders campaign finance reporttem which is keyed to pro- ing requirements.
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