

# Neuberger Sees Time Needed To Promote Family Subsidy Plan

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Washington (Special)—In calling on Congress this week to make a study of the feasibility of America adopting the Canadian family allowance program, Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Or.) said he anticipated it would take a long time perhaps to put it across because of immediate opposition following these six lines:

1. That to have the federal government send every mother a monthly check as a family allowance for each child under 17 will be labeled as socialistic.

"This is a familiar epithet," Neuberger said in reply, "which has been applied to most of our social legislation." He argued that Canada has had the plan in effect for 10 years, during which time American investment in Canadian free enterprise industrial development nearly doubled — \$4,900,000,000 to \$9,000,000,000.

"I am not claiming that family allowances have induced hard-headed American businessmen to invest their dollars in Canada," Neuberger added. "I do, however, think it is significant to consider—before predicting that family allowances would socialize our families and bankrupt the national economy—that the Canadian program has not retarded lavish investment by American big business in Canada's economic and fiscal future. And I remind you again that Canada's conservative party joins the other political parties of Canada in endorsing the family allowance program."

Concerning cost, Neuberger estimated it would run \$3,500,000,000 annually. He said the U. S. is now spending \$8,800,000,000 on liquor and \$5.3 billion on tobacco.

2. It will be charged that the checks, ranging from \$5 to \$8 per child according to age, won't be spent for the welfare of the children. Neuberger said "Canada has had comparatively few instances when legal action was required," and "I have just as much faith in the average American mother as . . . in the average Canadian mother." The checks would be payable to the mother.

3. It will be claimed there should be a "means" test, with allowance checks going only to needy families.

When everyone receives a check, it is spent proudly and openly, said Neuberger, but if it went only to the needy, it would be "used furtively and with a sense of shame, if at all." He said "it is likely that the army of investigators needed to police the system, if a 'means' test were

instituted, actually would cost more money than the relatively small number of checks going to families who do not need them."

4. It will be claimed that families with children should be aided through higher income tax exemptions than those already allowed for dependents, rather than by direct payments under the family allowance plan.

Neuberger said this "would prove of relatively little help to those who need assistance the most—the families in the lower-income brackets who already pay only meager or no income taxes because of the skimpiness of their incomes. Exemptions benefit most those with larger incomes in the higher tax brackets." He said the allowance plan is preferable also because the payments are earmarked for the child's welfare.

"This is why the consumption of milk, baby foods and children's shoes rocketed immediately in Canada when family allowances were enacted," argued the senator. "No such phenomenon would have occurred had

there simply been a general tax reduction."

5. It will be called a subsidy to families with growing children. Neuberger said a subsidy is "merely a payment by government to assist in the accomplishment of objectives deemed advantageous and beneficial to the public" and that America has used them to help railroads with land grants, farmers with conservation and price support payments, airlines and shipper lines with direct subsidies, the press with special postal rate "unrelated to actual costs" and business generally with tax write-offs.

6. It will be called unfair to tax those without children to support the plan. Neuberger said the same principle applies in levying taxes to support public schools and playgrounds. Everyone would benefit indirectly, he said, if the plan helped reduce juvenile delinquency to the extent that it is "rooted in poverty, neglect and a low standard of living."



**THEIR OUSTER STARTS REVOLT**—Monsignors Manuel Tato (left) and Ramon Carlos Novoa (right) are greeted by United Press correspondent Oacy de Sa on their arrival at Galeao Airport in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Their arrest and ouster from Argentina caused the Vatican to announce excommunication of Argentine President Juan Peron and civil war within Argentina.

## Local Students Rank Above National Mark In Achievement Tests

Medford's primary students rank consistently above national average in standardized achievement tests, it was reported today.

Word recognition, reading, spelling, language and arithmetic achievement test results released by the city school superintendent's office showed local youngsters made scores ranging up to a full point higher than those in the rest of the nation.

Tests are scored by a system of numbers, arbitrarily set up but generally corresponding to grade levels.

**Medium Scores**  
Results published gave local and national "median" scores. Not an average, the median is the point at which there are an equal number of students receiving scores above and below.

In the first six grades, comparing local medians to national average medians, results were:

Grade One: (Gates primary reading tests) word recognition, 2.5 to 1.8; paragraph meaning, 2.5 to 1.8.

Grade Two: (Gates advanced primary reading tests) word recognition, 3.7 to 2.8; paragraph meaning, 3.8 to 2.8.

Grade Three: (Gates advanced primary reading tests) word recognition, 4.7 to 3.8; paragraph

meaning, 4.6 to 3.8. (Stanford achievement elementary) paragraph meaning, 4.1 to 3.8; word meaning, 4.4 to 3.8; spelling, 4.5 to 3.8; English, 4.5 to 3.8; arithmetic reasoning, 4.2 to 3.8; arithmetic computation, 4.6 to 3.8.

**Stanford Tests**

Grade Four: (Stanford achievement elementary) paragraph meaning, 5.5 to 4.7; word meaning, 5.4 to 4.7; spelling, 5.7 to 4.7; English, 5.6 to 4.7; arithmetic reasoning, 5.4 to 4.7; arithmetic computation, 5.3 to 4.7.

Grade Five: (Standard achievement intermediate) paragraph meaning, 5.9 to 5.7; word meaning, 6.7 to 5.7; spelling, 5.7 to 5.7; English, 6.2 to 5.7; arithmetic reasoning, 5.8 to 5.7; arithmetic computation, 5.3 to 5.7.

Grade Six: (Stanford achievement intermediate) paragraph meaning, 7.2 to 6.7; word meaning, 8.0 to 6.7; spelling, 7.1 to 6.7; English, 7.1 to 6.7; arithmetic reasoning, 7.2 to 6.7; arithmetic computation, 7.6 to 6.7.

**NEEDED THE MONEY**

Paris—(U.P.)—Police reported today that an Arab stole a doctor's wallet at the Franco-Muslim hospital because "the doctor had just given me a prescription and I needed the money to pay for the medicine."

## Error Nearly Lifts State Wheat Control

Portland—(U.P.)—Wheat controls in Oregon counties were nearly lifted yesterday, by mistake.

The state office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Administration Administration got a telegram from Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson announced the end of wheat acreage allotments and quotas, and cancelling the marketing quota referendum scheduled for June 25.

Before the state's wheat producing counties were notified of the action, the administration office checked with local newspapers, and clamped the controls down again even before they were lifted.

Benson's telegram was found to be part of "Operation Alert," the nationwide civil defense test. A clerk in Washington, D. C., apparently forgot to point this out in the wire.

## ROOF THEFT FOILED

Toronto—(U.P.)—Carl West, 17, and his brother Earl, 16, awaited trial today for attempting to steal the roof over a watchman's head. They were arrested Wednesday after the night watchman heard them noisily prying copper sheets from the roof of the city garage and called police.

## Rail Crews Rescue Young Hitchhiker

Portland—(U.P.)—A young hitchhiker yesterday was resuscitated three hours to free his legs which were pinned in a gondola car by a load of structural steel.

He apparently fell asleep when the car pulled into the yards and was trapped when the load shifted as the car was moved in switching. The steel was unloaded piece by piece before he was freed.

He was identified at a hospital as Andy James Robinson, 28, Chelsea, Okla. His condition was "not too serious."

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