

# Neuberger Says Some Tax Hikes Unavoidable

BEND — Fiscal responsibility in government requires political courage on the part of elected officials and personal sacrifice by their constituents, Sen. Richard L. Neuberger told guests at a no-host dinner at the Pilot Butte Inn in Bend.

The cold war with the Soviet Union has made necessary an annual defense expenditure in excess of 45 billion dollars," Neuberger said. "It appears that it will be necessary to continue these huge appropriations for many years in order to insure the security of the United States and the free world. Furthermore, population growth and inflation make mandatory increased funds for support of domestic programs which add to the strength of this country. Major cuts cannot be accomplished in either area without seriously weakening the United States, both internally and externally."

"Politicians are frequently loath to propose new revenue measures," the senator declared. "Tax increases, for instance, are never popular. But we cannot advocate initiation of federal aid to school construction to relieve hard-pressed local communities, development of our nation's rivers for multi-purpose use, expansion of present inadequate public assistance and old age grants, or enlargement of our vitally important foreign aid program without considering the financial ramifications of such advocacy."

"As Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once observed: 'Taxes are what we pay for civilized society.'"

While much public debt can be properly funded through the treasury, the result is often inflationary and costly to the public, Neuberger asserted. "Current estimates indicate that the federal government's interest bill during fiscal year 1959 will amount to seven and one-half billion dollars, an amount greater than that to be spent on the functions of international affairs, labor and welfare, and natural resources combined. Interest payments are money down the drain; they provide no governmental services. In addition, the method of marketing federal bonds can cause nearly pure inflation and increase the cost of future issues."

"Governmental financing through bonds is an essential method of raising needed funds, both from the viewpoint of spreading costs over a period of years and insuring some degree of inter-generation equity, but the price is frequently high," Neuberger told listeners at the Pilot Butte Inn. "And in the end, all monies must come from the taxpayer. Common sense indicates that greater benefits are realized through use of appropriate current revenues when feasible."

"When Congress is in session, each day's mail to my Washington office brings letters asking for government money in one form or another — for veterans' pensions,

college scholarships, farm-price supports, harbor improvements, welfare funds and other causes. With most of these causes, I am deeply sympathetic. Perhaps that is why I become a little irked with remarks in the same letters criticizing me for voting against tax reductions.

"Certainly there are portions of our tax structure which should be revised to eliminate glaring inequities. During the last session of Congress we were able to obtain repeal of the unfair three per cent freight excise tax which so discriminated against Northwest shippers. But needs for the responsibility to not only propose desirable reforms but to provide for revenues to finance these programs. We cannot push programs costing billions of dollars without considering revenue sources."

Citing his recent Senate vote in favor of increasing postal rates in all classifications of mail, Neuberger said he took this position "because the post office was running a 700 million dollar annual deficit while paying its own employees substandard wages. Liberals must face facts. In order to do good works through government, a level of federal revenues must be collected to meet outlays such as these to raise the abysmally-low pay of postal employees."

The appropriate revenue-raising machinery to be employed in financing particular measures must be determined in public debate, the senator said; some governmental programs lead themselves to user charges while others should be supported by general taxation or long-range public funding.



"This quiz is fixed! Somebody's slipping him the answers!"

## Vehicle Accident Kills 5, Hurts 4

ALBION, Mich. (AP)—Five persons, including four members of one family, were killed in a two-car collision near here Sunday. Four others were injured.

Police said one of the cars apparently ran a stop sign in causing the smashup.

Victims were identified as Philip A. Selin and his wife, Elizabeth, of Muskegon, Mich., their daughter, Mrs. Lucille Hasenback, 41, Norton, near Muskegon, and her daughter, Beth Ann, 13; and James Harvey Beavers, 23, Homer, Mich.

## Thirteen-Year-Old Scout Willing To Take Trip Again

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — Plucky Charles Harris, nursing a broken arm and a few scratches, said: "sure, I would like to go again. . . . It was a lot of fun."

But some of the 13-year-old's Boy Scout companions in Saturday's cave expedition in remote mountain country west of Roanoke did not match his enthusiasm.

Young Harris had been brought along "just as a favor" by an uncle who helped drive 11 members of Explorer Post 860 from Chesterfield County. Harris tumbled during a 50-foot descent into the cavern, fell over a ledge and into a shallow creek at 3 p.m.

Harris and his companions waited eight hours, mostly in darkness, some 400 feet below the cave entrance, while a troop leader, C. H. Hinnant, 20, and a guide, Clifford Forman, scrambled out to call for help.

Hinnant said the boys stayed in the cave only because there was no immediate way to remove Harris.

However, Hinnant's call from a farm house touched off a report the boys were trapped and brought on a mass rescue effort by Roanoke and Craig County emergency crews.

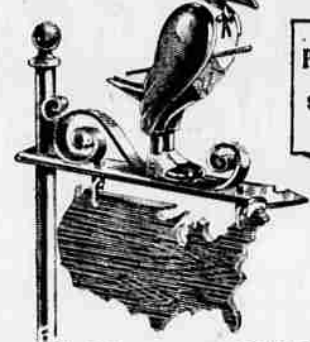
By 9 p.m. more than 100 per-

sons, physicians and emergency workers had gathered around the narrow entrance to the cavern. Workers placed Harris in a basket stretcher and hoisted him to the surface. A special rope climbing harness was rigged and the others were brought out. The rescue was completed shortly after 11 p.m.

Doctors examined each boy. Three were given sedatives. Harris was treated overnight in a Roanoke hospital. The Scouts slept at a Salem children's home and returned to Richmond Sunday.

Both Hinnant and Forman noted they had been in the cave numerous times before and the post had voted to take the trip as part of its regular outing activities.

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