

STATEMENT OF JOHN DAVENPORT CREHORE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. CREHORE. Mr. Chairman and other members of the committee, my name is John Davenport Crehore. I am a voter in New Hampshire, residing temporarily at 3824 Porter Street NW., Washington, D.C.

I appear as a private citizen, a student of the socioeconomy, with no affiliations, and representing no one but myself.

SUMMARY

I speak in support of the President's recommendations for increased taxation. Severe cutting of the budget would be truer wisdom than increasing taxes to support its extravagance, but I approve of increased taxation because the budget will not be cut to an economically safe level, and because anyway it will be politically wiser to incur the public's displeasure at increased taxation than to stir its rage at lowered doles.

In summary my recommendations are the following. I am sorry they do not accord with modern doctrine. However, you will find that for the most part they fit the classical sociological and economic concepts, although lack of time for detail may leave this claim unproved.

TELEPHONE SERVICE

I urge maintenance of the telephone excise at 10 percent for the period of budgetary imbalance; really poor people don't have telephones.

AUTOMOBILE TAX

I would restore the excise on automobile pleasure cars to 10 percent, applying this also to their tires; and I would increase the Federal tax on gasoline somewhat. Statistically a new car lasts 15 years. Five out of eight million new cars are bought to replace cars which could be kept in service for less than the budget of a new car. Ergo, most new car are luxuries—status symbols.

Our country's financial stringency is more threatening than is generally acknowledged; the Government should pinpoint surtaxation on free spenders so long as it won't balance its budget.

POSTAGE RATES

I would retain the 5-cent first-class rate, and raise lower-class rates on actual weight of advertising material enclosed, increasing present post office differentials.

ADVERTISING ON AIRWAVES

For revenue, and to avoid further disadvantaging of printed media, I urge taxation of advertising broadcast over public air channels, on the assertion of public ownership, entailing supervisory expense.

FOREIGN PROPAGANDA

I suggest cessation of free distribution of foreign propaganda. Reasons: Budgetary economy; defense against brainwashing of the populace.