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Sen Michael O'Keefe  
SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
" ~~Tip O'Neil~~ Majority  
16TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

LOUISIANA AFL-CIO

APRIL 13, 1971

Sen Long  
Hale Boggs my leader  
Sen Ellender

"Tip O'Neil - my whip

~~✓ Ted Kennedy~~  
~~- Cong Edwards~~  
~~✓ Sen Muskie~~  
Katherine & Kay  
Long

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L GOOD AND WARM FRIENDS ARE A PRECIOUS ~~QUALITY~~ <sup>Gift</sup> TODAY -

and YOU HAVE MADE ME A WEALTHY MAN -- YOUR FRIENDSHIP

HAS NEVER FALTERED; AND THREE YEARS AGO YOU WENT THE EXTRA MILE IN MY BEHALF. HERE AND NOW I WANT TO EXPRESS MY

GRATITUDE TO VIC BUSSIE AND ALL MY GOOD FRIENDS FROM

LOUISIANA -- ~~MY FELLOW LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD~~ <sup>Democrat</sup> WHEN WE

~~CAME VERY CLOSE TO MAKING 1966 A VINTAGE YEAR,~~

a little Politics + Public Policy -

BUT WHAT DOES THIS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION HAVE TO

better than

SHOW US AFTER TWO YEARS IN THE WHITE HOUSE? PLAINLY

SPOKEN, WE HAVE A REPUBLICAN-MANUFACTURED RECESSION.

AND THIS RECESSION WAS NO ACCIDENT. IT WAS PREMEDITATED

AND PLANNED. !

# Republican Battle plan wrong

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IT WAS INHERENT IN THE REPUBLICAN PLAN TO BATTLE  
INFLATION, AND BECAUSE THE PLAN ITSELF WAS DEAD WRONG,  
WE HAVE CONTINUED LOSING THE BATTLE WHILE TAKING OVER  
5.4 MILLION CASUALTIES.

*economic*

*over 5 1/2 million economic casualties!*

L MILLIONS UPON MILLIONS OF AMERICANS OUT OF WORK, WITH  
THEIR FAMILIES FACING WEEKS AND MONTHS OF EMOTIONAL DESPAIR

AND ECONOMIC CRISIS: ~~THAT'S WHAT THIS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION~~

~~HAS GIVEN US~~

RX

L THE PRESCRIPTION OF THE NIXON ~~GOVERNMENT~~ *Administration* FOR CURING

THE ECONOMIC ILLS OF AMERICA HAS BEEN LARGE DOSES OF

UNEMPLOYMENT TO LOWER THE FEVER OF INFLATION. BUT, LIKE

MANY QUACK REMEDIES, IT HASN'T WORKED. THE FEVER OF

INFLATION ~~PERSISTS~~ *+ the pain of unemployment*  
*persist.*

~~yes~~

~~MAINTAINING THE GREAT VALUE OF WORK, AND THE COST OF~~

~~LIVING IS HIGHER THAN EVER BEFORE.~~

Louisiana

IT HAS BEEN THE SAME IN LOUISIANA AS EVERYWHERE ELSE.

COLD, HARD STATISTICS BEAR THIS OUT. In LOUISIANA, OVER

6%

6 PER CENT OF THE LABOR FORCE IS OUT OF WORK, AND IN SOME

11%

PLACES THE RATE IS OVER 11 PER CENT. TEN OF YOUR CITIES

10 cities

AND COMMUNITIES HAVE THE DISTINCTION OF BEING LISTED

~~IN~~ ~~AS~~ AREAS OF SUBSTANTIAL UNEMPLOYMENT,

23 now

WHILE 23 MORE CONFRONT PROBLEMS OF PERSISTENT UNEMPLOYMENT.

~~THE~~ ~~REPUBLICAN~~ ~~ADMINISTRATION~~, ~~INSTEAD~~ ~~OF~~ ~~ENDING~~

~~THE~~ ~~CRISIS~~ ~~OF~~ ~~UNEMPLOYMENT~~, ~~HAS~~ ~~NOT~~ ~~ONLY~~ ~~DONE~~ ~~NOTHING~~

~~ABOUT~~ ~~IT~~, ~~BUT~~ ~~HAS~~ ~~EVEN~~ ~~ACCEPTED~~ ~~IT~~.

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*Nixon  
this Republican Administration  
has been*

~~INSTEAD,~~ FOR 2 YEARS ~~IT HAS BEEN~~ OBSESSED WITH BALANCING

THE FEDERAL BUDGET AT THE EXPENSE OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES

TO MILLIONS OF AMERICANS. ~~IGNORING THE PEOPLE AND UP-TO-DATE~~

~~LESSONS IN ECONOMICS, IT HAS SOUGHT TO CONTROL INFLATION~~

~~BY AN INCREDIBLE ACROSS-THE-BOARD TIGHT MONEY POLICY THAT~~

~~INSURED A RECESSION, PARTICULARLY IN THE HOUSING INDUSTRY,~~

~~AND FURTHER SKYROCKETING INTEREST RATES~~

*But Budgets  
unbalanced - our Economy  
in trouble - our Country  
worsened, and divided. - The election  
of 1970 gave the Republicans something to worry  
about.*

*But* NOW PRESIDENT NIXON SAYS HE HAS CHANGED HIS MIND

IN A COMPLETE ABOUT-FACE IN MIDSTREAM, HE IS CASTING

ASIDE THE SLOGANS OF THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL, AND HAS PROPOSED

A DEFICIT SO-CALLED "FULL EMPLOYMENT" BUDGET FOR FISCAL

1972. BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT FOR THE NEXT

SEVERAL MONTHS, AT LEAST, HE INTENDS TO KEEP AMERICA

OPERATING ON AN UNEMPLOYMENT BUDGET.

*Full  
Employment  
Budget*

*unemployment  
Budget*

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HE HAS CHOSEN TO IMPOUND, LOCK UP, FREEZE OVER \$11 BILLION

DOLLARS ALREADY APPROPRIATED BY CONGRESS ~~FOR CURRENT~~

~~FOR~~ <sup>could</sup> FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THAT MEAN JOBS

AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR OUR PEOPLE. I AM TALKING

(1) ABOUT \$200 MILLION DOLLARS HELD BACK FROM URBAN RENEWAL

(2) AND \$200 MILLION MORE DOLLARS FROM PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER

(3) FACILITIES GRANTS, AND STILL ANOTHER \$200 MILLION DOLLARS

*and millions for*

(4) TAKEN AWAY FROM URBAN MASS TRANSIT, ~~AND~~ THE MODEL CITIES

PROGRAM, THAT HAD SO MUCH POTENTIAL, ~~HAS BEEN FURTHER~~

~~GUTTED BY THE~~ <sup>held back</sup> ~~SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS,~~

~~IN AN ALREADY SMALL BUDGET.~~

*Farmers*

~~SO MUCH OF OUR BUDGETS,~~ <sup>and</sup> OUR RURAL FAMILIES, OUR

FARMERS, ARE EXPECTED TO PAY THE PRICE OF THIS REPUBLICAN

UNEMPLOYMENT BUDGET AS WELL.

*Farm Parity*

*almost 40% levels of 1930's*

A TOTAL OF \$757 MILLION DOLLARS IS BEING WITHHELD FROM  
OUR AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS, ~~WHILE THE DOOR IS SHUT ON~~ *including Rural housing,*  
*Sewer & Water projects.*

\$191 MILLION DOLLARS APPROPRIATED FOR THE APPALACHIAN

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS MORE

FOR CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ARE

BEING FROZEN. ~~MEANWHILE~~ *MEANWHILE* IMPORTANT PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

ACROSS THE COUNTRY ~~CANNOT EVEN BE STARTED BECAUSE~~ *are being withheld*

~~MILLION DOLLARS HAVE BEEN HELD BACK BY THE OFFICE OF~~

~~MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. THAT OFFICE HAS CHOSEN TO IGNORE~~

~~THE NEEDS OF ALL OUR PEOPLE IN LOCKING UP~~ \$86 MILLION

DOLLARS THAT CONGRESS HAD DIRECTED BE SPENT FOR HEALTH

SERVICES AND EDUCATION *is frozen -*

~~I SAY THESE HOLD BACKS OF AUTHORIZED FUNDS CAN NEVER~~

~~BE JUSTIFIED AND ARE DOWNRIGHT ECONOMICALLY, SOCIALLY,~~

~~AND MORALLY WRONG. I MAINTAIN THAT A SERIOUS CONSTITUTIONAL~~

~~QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED ABOUT THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT,~~

~~WHEN LAWS PASSED BY CONGRESS ARE RESHAPED OR NULLIFIED~~

~~THROUGH EXECUTIVE POWER.~~ I CALL UPON THE ADMINISTRATION

TO STOP PLAYING RUSSIAN ROULETTE WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

AND TO RELEASE THESE ~~SECRETED~~ FUNDS IMMEDIATELY AS MEASURES

TO MEET CRITICAL NATIONAL NEEDS, TO EXPAND JOB OPPORTUNITIES,

AND TO REVIVE THE ECONOMY.

*Question - could  
Democrat House  
do any better  
the past*

L THE RECORD OF THE ~~FEDERAL GOVERNMENT~~ FOR TWO YEARS IN

MEETING OUR CRITICAL PROBLEMS OF INFLATION AND RECESSION

SHOWS THAT CONGRESS ACTED, WHILE THE PRESIDENT VETOED, ~~AND~~

~~THE ADMINISTRATION STUDIED THE PROBLEM OR SAT ON EFFECTIVE~~

~~ANSWERS ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH.~~

*Release funds*

*Question  
should  
Demo  
do?*

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Defense, Space Cities of over 6 Billion  
- 8 - 1970, 25 billion 1971

~~THE PRESIDENT FAILED TO REDUCE SPENDING FOR EXOTIC~~

~~BUT NON-ESSENTIAL DEFENSE AND SPACE HARDWARE, DESPITE~~

~~WASTEFUL COST OVERRUNNING, SO CONGRESS ACTED AND CUT BACK~~

~~ON THESE BUDGET REQUESTS,~~

*Program cut  
cut  
Budget*

President

Cities

CONGRESS RECOGNIZED THE SERIOUS NEED FOR INCREASED FUNDS TO HELP OUR CITIES MEET THEIR FISCAL CRISIS AND TO

Housing

RESTORE A DESPERATELY NEEDED SUPPLY OF HOUSING FOR OUR

Veto

PEOPLE, AND CONGRESS ACTED TO PROVIDE THESE FUNDS PRESIDENT

NIXON VETOED THESE APPROPRIATIONS.

Medical care

CONGRESS PASSED LEGISLATION TO HELP MEET OUR HEALTH CARE CRISIS BY PROVIDING FOR EXPANDED HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION

Research

Hospitals,

Doctors,

AND MORE BED SPACE AND FOR INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DOCTORS.

Veto

THE PRESIDENT VETOED THIS LEGISLATION.

-- CONGRESS PASSED BADLY NEEDED APPROPRIATIONS TO MEET

Educ

THE RISING COSTS OF EDUCATION ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THE

PRESIDENT VETOED THIS BILL, CALLING IT "INFLATIONARY."

~~CONGRESS PROVIDED FOR A LONG-OVERDUE RAISE IN THE~~

~~PAY OF FEDERAL BLUE COLLAR WORKERS. THE PRESIDENT AGAIN~~

~~SAW THIS AS INFLATIONARY AND VETOED THE BILL, BUT A FEW~~

~~DAYS LATER THE ADMINISTRATION CHANGED TAX DEPRECIATION~~

~~GUIDELINES TO GIVE BUSINESS A SEVERAL-BILLION-DOLLAR~~

~~WINDFALL.~~

Fed.  
Blue  
collar  
workers

Depreciation

-- LONG BEFORE THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION HAD  
 CONSIDERED ANY COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TO CONTROL INFLATION  
 AND ALSO HELP SERIOUSLY DEPRESSED INDUSTRIES *CONGRESS*  
 AUTHORIZED FLEXIBLE AND SELECTIVE MONETARY AND CREDIT  
 CONTROLS AND ENACTED LEGISLATION TO FINANCE SEVERAL  
 HUNDRED THOUSAND NEW HOUSING UNITS AND ENABLE MIDDLE-INCOME  
 HOMEBUYERS TO OBTAIN A MORTGAGE AT A REASONABLE RATE OF  
 INTEREST. THE ADMINISTRATION CHOSE TO IGNORE THESE NEW  
 AUTHORITIES.

*Keep*

-- CONGRESS PASSED THE HISTORIC EMPLOYMENT AND MANPOWER  
 ACT OF 1970 TO CREATE THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF NEW AND  
 IMPORTANT PERMANENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN BOTH THE PUBLIC  
 AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

*Jobs*

*President Vets*

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~~THE PRESIDENT VETOED THIS ACT, FOR REASONS THAT  
HE HAS SINCE DISCARDED IN TURNING AROUND THIS YEAR AND  
PROPOSING A SMALLER PUBLIC-SERVICE JOB PROGRAM,~~

NOW WE HAVE SIMPLY GOT TO HAVE LEADERSHIP IN GETTING  
THE AMERICAN ECONOMY MOVING AGAIN. WE NEED LESS REACTION  
FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AND MORE ACTION; LESS RHETORIC AND  
MORE LEADERSHIP. DESPITE ALL THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION  
PROMISES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GREAT EXPECTATIONS, THE  
SIMPLE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT THE ECONOMY CONTINUES TO  
OPERATE AT FAR BELOW CAPACITY.

THE JOBLESS FATHER OF 4 IS NOT CONSOLED WHEN THE  
ADMINISTRATION TELLS HIM HE IS CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR EFFORTS  
TO STABILIZE THE ECONOMY.

IN MANY STATES, UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND RESERVES ARE AT A CRITICALLY LOW LEVEL. NEITHER OUR STATES NOR OUR WORKERS CAN CONTINUE TO PAY FOR THIS REPUBLICAN-MANUFACTURED RECESSION, COUPLED WITH A COST OF LIVING THAT IS HIGHER THAN EVER BEFORE.

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IF OUR PRESENT GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT "GAP" CONTINUES, THIS RECESSION WILL HAVE COST THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY MORE THAN \$55 BILLION DOLLARS IN LOST REAL INCOME DURING 1970 AND 1971. OUR STATES, COUNTIES, AND CITIES WILL CONFRONT A LOSS OF ALMOST \$6 BILLION IN REVENUES OVER THE SAME PERIOD. THAT'S MORE THAN THEY WILL EVER RECEIVE UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S GENERAL REVENUE-SHARING PROPOSAL.

AND UNCLE SAM WILL LOSE \$31 BILLION DOLLARS BECAUSE ITS

REVENUES ARE BASED ON THE INCOME OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THESE FANTASTIC LOSSES OUGHT TO SHOCK THIS ADMINISTRATION

INTO IMMEDIATE ACTION.

HOWEVER, NOT SATISFIED WITH GETTING ITS ECONOMIC AND  
FISCAL FACTS TOTALLY CONFUSED, THIS ADMINISTRATION

RECENTLY WENT FURTHER IN PINNING THE BLAME FOR INFLATION

ON ONE SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY -- THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY --

AND SPECIFICALLY CASTIGATED OUR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS FOR

THE RISE IN BUILDING COSTS. SUCH A CHARGE CONVENIENTLY

IGNORES THE COSTS OF LAND, OF MATERIALS, OF FINANCING, AND

OF PRICE-SETTING PRACTICES.

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IT IS HIGH TIME THIS ADMINISTRATION LEARNED THE ECONOMIC  
 FACTS OF LIFE AND STOPPED SUGGESTING THAT WAGE INCREASES  
 ALONE ACCOUNT FOR INFLATION!

*Econ Policy* L LONG AGO, THE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY IN CONGRESS CALLED  
 FOR FIRM PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP IN SETTING BOTH WAGE

AND PRICE GUIDELINES. L IN FEBRUARY, IN AN ADDRESS IN

WASHINGTON ON ECONOMIC POLICY, I SPELLED OUT THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
 STRUCTURE FOR GIVING TEETH TO THE PRESIDENT'S POWERS OF

PERSUASION. I CALLED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A

NATIONAL ECONOMIC STABILIZATION BOARD, WITH REGIONAL

AND LOCAL PRODUCTIVITY COUNCILS -- IN WHICH MANAGEMENT AND

LABOR COULD COOPERATE TO IMPLEMENT REASONABLE AND ECONOMICALLY

SOUND WAGE AND PRICE POLICIES, ~~AND GUIDELINES ON A COMPREHENSIVE~~

~~BASIS AND OUT OF FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR REAL ECONOMIC~~

~~PROBLEMS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL AND IN LOCAL AREAS.~~

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LI ~~PROPOSED~~ PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL  
ECONOMIC POLICY BOARD WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, ~~ADDRESS~~ *with*  
~~BY~~ AN ADVISORY COUNCIL CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
LABOR, MANAGEMENT, AGRICULTURE, AND THE CONSUMER. THE  
BOARD WOULD MAINTAIN A CONTINUOUS REVIEW OF THE STATE  
OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY, PROVIDING QUARTERLY REPORTS TO  
THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS.

THROUGH CAREFUL ANALYSIS, PERSUASION, AND THE FOCUSING  
OF PUBLIC CONCERN, THESE FEDERAL INSTRUMENTALITIES COULD  
EFFECTIVELY PROMOTE THE VOLUNTARY COOPERATION OF MANAGEMENT  
AND LABOR IN MODERATING THE WAGE-PRICE SPIRAL. THEY MUST  
ALSO SERVE TO STIMULATE DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND TO EXPAND  
AMERICA'S EXPORT TRADE.



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