

3 1/2 million unemployed

- Pres Stubbins
- officers
- Delegates
- Brothers
- + Sisters

Pres Emeritus David Dackhoff

New Poor 1,200,000 casualties

1961-1969  
~~4.5%~~  
Decline in poor

Pres. Stubbins  
"PRESCRIPTION FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY"

1969-71  
up  
5.1%

Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey

REMARKS OF THE HONORABLE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

① "Fast times here, 1968 - at City"

INTERNATIONAL LADIES GARMENT WORKERS UNION

Thank you - for 1968 CONVENTION

"I endorse you - this yr"

MIAMI, FLORIDA  
"Pres Truman"  
MAY 10, 1971

Postal Rates up  
air Rates

Freight Rates  
Electrical Rates

Savings up  
(no confid)

- Wholesale Price Index up

- unemployment up

- Dollar Value Down

- Balance of Payments Deficit up

- number of poor on increase 5%  
Just sign

- Welfare Roles expand

- Cost of Living up.

Sickness -  
But made by  
the doctor

Get America Financially Strong -

But ~~I THINK THAT~~ 001665 THERE IS MORE THAN JUST AN ECONOMIC

in all of these economic  
DISASTER ASPECT TO THE HUNDREDS UNEMPLOYMENT LOSSES WE

facts. This is the result of a  
ARE SUFFERING DURING THIS MANUFACTURED RECESSION AND

premeditated economic slow down - yes  
MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, THIS UNEMPLOYMENT AND ITS

all of this is the result of policies  
ATTENDANT SUFFERING HAVE BEEN DELIBERATELY ENJOINED PRESENT

deliberately designed and

HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT IS NOT A RESULT OF THE INTERACTION OF

imposed - Tight money, Hi Interest  
REGULAR ECONOMIC FORCES IT WAS DECREED BY THE

Budgetary cut-backs - impounding  
ADMINISTRATION of appropriated funds -

~~I THINK THAT~~ THERE IS A VERY REAL ETHICAL OR MORAL

ASPECT TO FORCING MILLIONS OF AMERICANS OUT OF WORK TO

"HELP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION." OVER 5 MILLION

WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE BEARING THE COSTS OF THIS

WASTEFUL, INEFFECTIVE AND IMMORAL POLICY OF DELIBERATE

UNEMPLOYMENT,

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*and*

WE DO HAVE INFLATION -- THE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX

WITH A 6.3% ANNUAL RATE OF INCREASE FOR THE FIRST 4 MONTHS

OF THIS YEAR, IS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THIS. *↳* INCREASES IN

WHOLESALE PRICES EVENTUALLY ARE REFLECTED IN THE PRICE

THE CONSUMER PAYS -- SO THIS LATEST WHOLESALE INCREASE

FORECASTS CONTINUED JUMPS IN THE COST OF LIVING.

*↳* BUT WHAT DOES THIS MEAN IN THE REAL WORLD INHABITED

NOT BY STATISTICS BUT BY PEOPLE -- YOU AND ME? *↳* IT MEANS

THAT WE HAVE MILLIONS NEEDLESSLY AND TRAGICALLY OUT OF

WORK AND IT ISN'T DOING A BLESSED THING TO COOL INFLATION.

*↳* IT IS UNJUST FOR BUREAUCRATS IN WASHINGTON, SAFE

IN THEIR HIGH-PAID JOBS, TO DECREE THAT SOMEONE ELSE

SHOULD BEAR THE BURDEN OF INFLATION.

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~~L BUT IF YOU FEEL THAT UNEMPLOYMENT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY,~~  
~~YOU HAVE THE MORAL DUTY TO LEAD THE WAY BY EITHER~~  
~~RELINQUISHING YOUR OWN JOB OR FULLY SUPPORTING THOSE~~  
~~WHO LOSE THE JOB."~~

~~THAT'S THE MORAL SIDE OF THIS QUESTION, BUT RIGHT~~

~~NOW WE HAVE A VERY REAL ECONOMIC AND HUMAN TRAGEDY TO~~

~~DEAL WITH, THE ADMINISTRATION SEEMS UNABLE OR UNWILLING~~

~~TO TAKE THE NECESSARY FISCAL ACTION TO STIMULATE THE ECONOMY.~~

*a new basic Right to a Job*

~~L EVERY AMERICAN WHO <sup>is</sup> WILLING TO WORK SHOULD HAVE A~~

~~BASIC RIGHT TO A JOB. AND IF THE GOVERNMENT MISMANAGES~~

~~THE ECONOMY IN SUCH A WAY TO DENY HIM THAT RIGHT, THEN~~

~~THE GOVERNMENT IS DUTY BOUND TO COMPENSATE HIM FOR THE~~

~~LOSS OF THIS RIGHT,~~

# Program of Action to Create Jobs & Restore State of Economy

~~WE DO HAVE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BUT THAT IS~~

*unemployment*

~~NOT ENOUGH TO SUPPORT A FAMILY IN IDLENESS~~ (1) ~~BOTH THE~~

~~LENGTH OF ELIGIBILITY AND THE AMOUNT OF INSURANCE MUST~~ *unemployment*

(1)

~~BE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY -- PARTICULARLY DURING ~~a~~~~

~~TIME OF MASSIVE NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT.~~

~~Program~~

BUT WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO THAT WILL CREATE JOBS AND

NOT JUST COMPENSATE THE UNEMPLOYED? *secondly* ~~FIRST OF ALL, THE~~

*Release  
of  
funds  
(2)*

~~ADMINISTRATION MUST RELEASE THE OVER \$12 BILLION THAT~~

~~CONGRESS SAID SHOULD BE SPENT THIS FISCAL YEAR.~~

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*yes*

THE WAY TO CREATE JOBS IS ~~TO RELEASE~~ THE \$200 MILLION  
FOR WATER AND SEWER GRANTS, THE \$192.5 MILLION FOR LOW-RENT  
PUBLIC HOUSING, THE \$732.1 MILLION FOR MODEL CITIES,  
THE \$200 MILLION FOR MASS TRANSIT, THE \$397 MILLION FOR  
AGRICULTURE, THE \$226.2 MILLION FOR HEALTH PROGRAMS  
AND SERVICES, AND BILLIONS MORE WITHHELD FROM SCHOOL  
LUNCH PROGRAMS, PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION,  
COMMUNITY EDUCATION, REGIONAL MEDICAL CARE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT,  
CONSERVATION AND RECLAMATION AND THE LIST GOES ON AND  
ON.

~~THE INFLATION WE ARE NOW SUFFERING IS A VERY STRANGE  
ECONOMIC MIX. IT IS NOT A CASE OF TOO MUCH DEMAND FOR  
GOODS AND SERVICES. THE PROBLEM RIGHT NOW IS THAT THERE IS  
NOT ENOUGH DEMAND OR CONSUMER SPENDING.~~

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~~PLANT CAPACITY IS ONLY BEING USED AT 75%. PEOPLE THAT~~

~~ARE WORKING ARE DISTRUSTFUL OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S~~

~~ECONOMIC MISMANAGEMENT AND ARE SAVING NEARLY <sup>7 1/2%</sup> OF~~

~~THEIR INCOME. WHAT THE GOVERNMENT MUST DO IS PUT MORE~~

~~SPENDING POWER INTO THE HANDS OF THE CONSUMER AND GET HIM~~

~~OUT INTO THE STORES TO BUY.~~

*Handy - There must be access to*

*board*

~~WE HAVE DONE THIS TO SOME SMALL DEGREE WITH THE~~

*Recent action*

~~RECENT INCREASES IN SOCIAL SECURITY. THIS HAS ADDED~~

ABOUT \$3 BILLION TO THE NATION'S SPENDING POWER, ~~YOU~~

~~KNOW~~ I PROPOSE THAT WE INCREASE SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS

~~TO A RECENT LEVEL. WE NEED, AT THE VERY LEAST, TO~~

~~THE~~ A \$100 MINIMUM. WE NEED TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT THAT

~~WE~~ CAN BE EARNED WITHOUT CUTTING DOWN ON REGULAR PAYMENTS.

*Soc  
Sec.*

I DON'T SEE THE DIFFERENCE IN INCOME THAT COMES FROM  
 WORKING WITH ONE'S OWN HANDS AND THAT COMING FROM  
 STOCKS AND BONDS. BOTH SHOULD BE TREATED EQUALLY.  
 EVENTUALLY WE MUST REMOVE THE EARNINGS LIMITATION  
 COMPLETELY. SOCIAL SECURITY IS A RIGHT, *IT is* AND AN INVESTMENT  
 PROGRAM THAT MUST RETURN A *Decent* ~~LIVING~~ INCOME, NO MATTER HOW  
 MUCH YOU ADD TO IT BY YOUR OWN EFFORTS.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS MUST BE ADDED TO SOCIAL SECURITY --

PAYMENTS MUST BE TIED TO THE COST OF LIVING -- THERE

SHOULD BE ANOTHER INCREASE IN BENEFITS OF AT LEAST 10% --

PAYMENTS TO THE DISABLED AND THE DEPENDENT SHOULD BE

SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED.

*and all disabled  
 should be eligible for Medicare  
 and Prescription drugs should  
 be included for all persons*

~~Article~~

eligible for medical care

~~PUTTING MORE MONEY INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE OF LIMITED~~

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The minimum wage should

~~INCOME IS A VERY EFFECTIVE WAY TO STIMULATE SPENDING~~

be set at \$2.00 per hr - 1972

~~DIRECTLY~~

~~Many wish to add new  
on minimum wage~~

[5] Public Service Jobs

ANOTHER MEANS OF STIMULATING THE ECONOMY IS TO

GUARANTEE JOBS THROUGH GOVERNMENT SERVICE PROGRAMS. THE

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS IS NOW WORKING OUT THE DETAILS OF

SEVERAL PROGRAMS THAT COULD CREATE 350,000 NEW JOBS IN

HEALTH SERVICES, SANITATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SAFETY,

MASS TRANSIT, CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

THESE ARE JOBS THAT NEED TO BE DONE. THEY REPRESENT

BASIC PUBLIC SERVICES THAT ARE EITHER UNDONE OR DONE

~~DO~~

THIS IS NOT "MAKE WORK." ~~I DON'T THINK~~ <sup>LC</sup> CARING FOR

THE SICK, ~~OR~~ PICKING UP THE GARBAGE, ~~OR~~ INSURING SAFETY

ON THE STREETS, ~~OR~~ <sup>Protecting</sup> ~~CREATING~~ THE AIR AND WATER ARE <sup>not</sup>

*make work*

USELESS ACTIVITIES. THEY ARE ESSENTIAL AND ARE NEEDED

NOW.

THESE PUBLIC SERVICE JOBS WOULD BE ANOTHER WAY OF

GUARANTEEING EVERY AMERICAN THE RIGHT TO A JOB. ~~IT IS~~

~~ECONOMY TO THROUGH A POOR STATE THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR~~

*If private business*

CANNOT PROVIDE GAINFUL AND MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT, THEN

THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD ~~LOOK ON THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO~~

PROVIDE JOBS INSTEAD OF WELFARE AND <sup>bring</sup> ~~OFF~~ VITAL PUBLIC

SERVICES TO OUR PEOPLE.

*There is so much that needs to be done in all of our cities + countryside!*

Public Service Employment  
accelerated Public works

Jobs-protected  
from Rumors  
low wage foreign  
invasion four  
mkts

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PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT SHOULD ALSO BE MATCHED  
BY AN ACCELERATED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM, THE CONGRESS  
WILL SOON PASS JUST SUCH A PROGRAM, THIS WILL ADD \$2 BILLION

switches

from  
abroad

IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEEDED PUBLIC FACILITIES  
\$3.5 BILLION SHOULD BE ADDED BY PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION  
FUNDING THE REGIONAL AND APPALACHIA COMMISSIONS.

ANOTHER

tax  
relief

WE HAVE MANY DEMANDS ON OUR TAX DOLLAR, THERE ARE  
SO MANY UNMET SOCIAL AND HUMAN NEEDS IN THIS COUNTRY THAT

I REALLY HESITATE BEFORE RECOMMENDING A TAX CUT OF ANY

SORT. I KNOW WHAT IT COSTS TO RUN THE GOVERNMENT AND

PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SERVICES TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

But recession ~~costs~~ has taken its  
Toll on Govt finances and on our  
people - lost production 25% of  
Plant Capacity unused - cost \$150 Billion

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Cost to workers in lost wages \$55 billion

" to U.S. Treasury \$31 billion

" to State + Local Govt \$6 billion

~~Recession + Unemployment are~~

~~Painfully costly - jobs, to us, income, welfare~~

~~A TAX RELIEF PROGRAM THAT, WITH THE PROGRAMS I HAVE~~

(X)

I recommend immediate

~~OUTLAWING THE DEFICIT WILL INJECT ABOUT \$10 BILLION INTO~~

~~tax relief - and it will be <sup>a</sup> ~~well~~ ~~matched~~.~~

(7)

THE TAX PACKAGE WOULD INCLUDE IMMEDIATE ~~INCREASES~~

*which were*

~~ON~~ THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX REDUCTIONS SCHEDULED TO TAKE

EFFECT IN JANUARY 1972, THIS REDUCTION SHOULD ~~BE~~ *be*

RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 1971. ~~THIS WOULD NOT COST~~

*This action alone would*

~~US ANY FEDERAL REVENUES BEYOND JANUARY OF 1973. IF IT WOULD~~

4 1/2  
Billion

ADD AN IMMEDIATE \$4 1/2 BILLION TO THE FLOW OF CONSUMER

*and*

PURCHASING POWER. THIS IS EXACTLY WHERE WE NEED THE BUCK

RIGHT NOW, CONSUMER SPENDING IS PRESENTLY THE MOST

CRITICALLY IMPORTANT SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY.

~~IT MUST BE STIMULATED AND THIS IS THE WAY TO DO IT~~

~~EARLIER INITIATION OF THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS~~

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welfare Reform

~~NOTHING BUT~~ THE CONGRESS MUST STRENGTHEN AND THEN ENACT

~~EARLY THIS SUMMER A WELFARE REFORM PACKAGE, THE~~

EFFECTIVE DATE SHOULD BE JANUARY 1, 1972, RATHER THAN

JULY 1, 1972. THIS WOULD ADD \$2 BILLION TO THE ECONOMIC

STREAM, ~~AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME AND YET BE ABLE NOT INCREASE~~

~~BUDGET OUTLAYS FOR 1975 OR THE YEARS AHEAD.~~

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~~HAVE REFERENCE MAKING ECONOMIC LAW, WE MUST PROVIDE~~

~~TEMPORARY INCREASES IN VARIOUS FEDERAL GRANT-IN-AID~~

PROGRAMS TO THE STATES AND LOCALITIES, ~~THEY ARE IN A~~

~~MOST DEEP ECONOMIC RECESSION, AGAIN BROUGHT ON BY THE~~

~~RECESSION INITIATED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. THE NEED~~

~~HELP AND THEY NEED IT RIGHT NOW.~~

our cities

and states need help - +

right now,

THESE BONUSES FOR EDUCATION, HEALTH, URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND CONSERVATION WOULD CREATE JOBS IN A PERIOD OF HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT. THEY COULD BE PHASED OUT WHEN REVENUE-SHARING TAKES OVER THE LOAD AND AS THE ECONOMY RECOVERS, THE JOBS CREATED COULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR. SUCH BONUSES COULD ADD ABOUT \$2 1/2 BILLION TO THE ECONOMY.

(9)

THE LAST SECTION OF THIS ECONOMY-STIMULATION PACKAGE

WOULD BE RESTORATION OF THE 7% INVESTMENT <sup>tax</sup> CREDIT. HOWEVER,

RESTORATION WOULD BE LIMITED TO THOSE COMPANIES THAT INVEST

IN AREAS SUFFERING FROM HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT OR ECONOMIC

UNDERDEVELOPMENT.

*Investment  
tax  
credit.*



IT IS ABSOLUTELY UNJUSTIFIABLE TO GIVE AWAY ALMOST

\$40 BILLION IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS. *If we are going to give*

AWAY THAT KIND OF TAX MONEY, LET'S REALLY GET SOMETHING

IN RETURN. *GIVE IT TO THE STATES AND LOCALITIES, INVEST*

IT IN EDUCATION, HEALTH, URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT,

TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. *I believe the*

*accelerated*

DEPRECIATION IS ~~NOT ONLY~~ ILLEGAL! *THE PRESIDENT DOES*

NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE SUCH A CHANGE IN TAX

POLICY. *This is* DEFINITELY A POLITICALLY MOTIVATED BONANZA

TO BIG BUSINESS. *I've talked to tax lawyers and corporate*

EXECUTIVES. THEY ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THIS WINDFALL BUT

*It ignores the fact of heavy unemployment in certain key areas -*  
EVEN THEY CAN'T FIGURE OUT ANY REAL JUSTIFICATION FOR IT.

✓ End the War - get on with  
business at home  
Reduce our defense expenditures

(1) Expand Edus

(2) national Health insurance  
(Doctors, nurses, hospitals etc)

(3) massive Housing Program

(4) <sup>Day Care =</sup> Child Care!  
clean up our cities  
Rehabilitate neglected

(5) modernize our Rural areas

(6) Invest in Mass Transit  
+ better Transportation

(7) Wage Relentless War on  
Pollution, Poverty, disease,  
+ Crime.

(8) Have the Courage to Plan  
Presents + Goals.

(9) Bring our People together

(10) Battle for full equality  
of opportunity + justice

ⓧ National Commission on the Future

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Look to future  
Post Vietnam

DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP MUST PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES

TO THE DISASTROUS POLICIES OF THE ~~REPUBLICAN~~ <sup>Republican</sup> ADMINISTRATION.

WE MUST HAVE A POLICY CHANGE IN PRACTICALLY EVERY SECTOR

OF PUBLIC CONCERN, THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS ~~NOT~~ <sup>failed to</sup> PROVIDE

THE LEADERSHIP NECESSARY TO CALL OUT THE BEST IN OUR

~~ECONOMIC POLICIES NOT~~ <sup>economy and</sup> OUR NATIONAL COMMITMENT

TO A LIFE OF QUALITY FOR ALL AMERICANS

AMERICANS WANT TO DO BETTER. AMERICANS KNOW THAT

WE CAN DO BETTER, ~~WE MUST CONTINUE TO HAVE A VISION OF~~ <sup>Democ Party Rich</sup>

~~NO ONLY BECOMING A MULTI-TRILLION DOLLAR ECONOMY -- WE~~ <sup>In talent - unite - help</sup>

~~MUST HAVE A VISION AND A PLAN TO UTILIZE THIS MATERIAL~~ <sup>all of us must help!</sup>

~~MUSCLE TO PROVIDE LIGHT AND HOPE TO THE SPIRITS OF OUR~~ <sup>many speakers</sup>

PEOPLE.

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