

Grand Duke

Bob Irvine /
Filibuster Begins!

King Henry
Queen Anne

Prince Bob

Waken

Sen Roger Moe
Rep Willis Eiken
Rep Bill Kelly
Sen Wagner

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

⊗

Bob not running for President
why not?
(on announcement)

DINNER HONORING CONGRESSMAN BOB BERGLAND

MOOREHEAD, MINNESOTA

OCTOBER 12, 1971

Sen Mondale!
Cong Berglund + Parents

- Henry Tueten
- Bob Irvine
- Ann Richter
- ~~Bob Wisted~~
- Barney Allen

7th
District



- Crowd
- muric

Duck Hunting opening!

⊗ Support the 2 Party System
But support Berglund!

Ruby Hasted + mother
Henry Peters + Son
(Kay)

↳ THERE HAS BEEN A GOOD DEAL OF TALK, DEBATE, AND DISCUSSION
RECENTLY ABOUT THE AMERICAN ECONOMY.

↳ BUT THERE IS ONE WORD YOU SELDOM HEAR IN THE DISCUSSIONS--
AND THAT'S AGRICULTURE.

↳ THE FARMER HAS BECOME THE FORGOTTEN MAN IN THE AMERICAN
ECONOMY.

↳ BOB BERGLAND HASN'T FORGOTTEN THE FARMER. AND SOME OF THE
REST OF US HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN HIM EITHER.

↳ BUT WHERE IS THE AMERICAN FARMER IN PRESIDENT NIXON'S
SO-CALLED NEW ECONOMIC GAME PLAN?

↳ THE FARMER TODAY IS GETTING LOWER PRICES FOR SOME OF HIS
CROPS THAN HE DID 23 YEARS AGO. AND HIS COSTS CONTINUE TO RISE
STEADILY.

(X)

D.C. Upon Administ -
no fun - no spirit - no zest!
-2- Heavy!

(X)
L

THE PRESIDENT'S NEW ECONOMIC POLICY, WHATEVER IT ULTIMATELY
BECOMES, HAS CRUELLY AND PAINFULLY NEGLECTED THE MOST VITAL
ELEMENT IN ANY ECONOMIC PROGRAM; NAMELY, AGRICULTURE -- THE
AMERICAN FARMER AND HIS WELL-BEING AND PROSPERITY.

L IN WASHINGTON WE HAVE SOME NEW INITIALS -- NEP,

TO THE ADMINISTRATION IT MEANS NEW ECONOMIC POLICY. BUT
TO MILLIONS OF OTHERS, IT MEANS NIXON'S ECONOMIC PROPAGANDA.

L FIRST, IT WAS THE PROPAGANDA THAT THE GAME PLAN WAS WORKING,
THAT INFLATION WAS BEING COOLED, THAT UNEMPLOYMENT WAS BEING
REDUCED, THAT PRODUCTION WAS IMPROVING.

L THE GAME PLAN, UP UNTIL AUGUST 16, ACCORDING TO ITS AUTHOR,
PRESIDENT NIXON, WAS ON TARGET, PRODUCING RESULTS.

L THEN QUARTERBACK NIXON LOOKED INTO THE STANDS AND FOUND THE
FANS LEAVING THE STADIUM, THE SCOREBOARD SHOWING THAT HIS TEAM
WAS FAR BEHIND, AND HE MADE AN ABOUT-FACE.

L THE OLD GAME PLAN WAS THROWN OUT, AND NOW WE HEAR SUCH
THINGS AS WAGE-PRICE FREEZE, PHASE I, PHASE II, WAGE-PRICE
BOARD, LABOR-INDUSTRY-MANAGEMENT FINANCE. BUT THERE'S ALWAYS
ONE PART OF AMERICA THAT IS LEFT OUT -- AGRICULTURE.!

L THIS ADMINISTRATION SIMPLY DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THAT THERE
CAN BE NO NEW PROSPERITY, THERE CAN BE NO HOPE OF OVERCOMING
EITHER INFLATION OR UNEMPLOYMENT, OF STIMULATING PRODUCTION, OF
GETTING THIS COUNTRY ON THE MOVE AGAIN UNTIL FARM INCOME IS
UP -- UNTIL WE HAVE DECENT FARM PRICES. !

RECESSIONS ARE FARM-LED AND FARM-FED, IN THE PAST AND IN THE PRESENT. AND AMERICAN AGRICULTURE IS IN A MAJOR RECESSION APPROACHING A DEPRESSION.

THE PARITY RATIO IS THE LOWEST IT HAS BEEN SINCE THE '30'S.

RIGHT HERE IN MINNESOTA CORN AT THE COUNTRY ELEVATOR IS SELLING AT 90 CENTS A BUSHEL. WHEAT IN OUR NEIGHBORING STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA AS LOW AS \$1.10 A BUSHEL.

THESE ARE DEPRESSION PRICES, AND THE ADMINISTRATION SAYS NOTHING, DOES NOTHING, PLANS NOTHING, PROPOSES NOTHING EXCEPT TO COMPEL FARMERS TO DUMP THEIR CORN ON THE GROUND AND EMPTY THEIR STORAGE BINS.

IF FARMERS WERE REWARDED OR COMPENSATED FOR THEIR INVESTMENT
AND LABORS BASED UPON WHAT THE PRESIDENT AND NEARLY EVERY
ECONOMIST SAY SHOULD BE OUR RULING GUIDE FOR PRICES AND WAGES
-- NAMELY, PRODUCTIVITY -- THEY WOULD BE GETTING MORE LIKE
6 DOLLARS PER BUSHEL FOR THEIR WHEAT, 3 DOLLARS FOR THEIR
CORN, AND 50 DOLLARS PER HUNDRED POUNDS FOR THEIR CATTLE.

IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN, I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU WHAT
WOULD HAPPEN TO RETAIL FOOD PRICES AND THE REACTION AMONG
CONSUMERS.

BUT WE SIMPLY MUST PUT AN END TO A SITUATION WHICH PLACES
OUR NATION'S CHEAP FOOD POLICY ALMOST COMPLETELY ON THE BACKS
OF THE AMERICAN FARMER.

WE MUST STOP INSISTING THAT HE PRODUCE MORE ONLY TO GET LESS

INCOME FOR DOING SO. SIMPLE ECONOMIC JUSTICE RECOGNIZES THAT

WE REWRITE OUR NATION'S FARM LAWS SO THAT THE FARMER SHARES

MORE EQUITABLY IN OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

WE MUST EITHER START REWARDING ^{the farmer} ~~him~~ FOR HIS EFFICIENCY OR BE

PREPARED TO LIVE WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF A MAJOR TRANSFORMATION

IN AMERICAN AGRICULTURE WHICH WILL TURN IT OVER TO THE CONTROL

OF THE NON-FARM CORPORATE BOARD ROOMS OF AMERICA.

WE SEE FEW HEADLINES IN OUR DAILY NEWSPAPERS OR EVIDENCE

OF PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT THE CURRENT PLUMMETING OF CORN AND

WHEAT PRICES.

YET IF COMPARABLE DROPS WERE TO OCCUR IN THE STOCK

MARKET, OR IN THE PROFITS OF SOME OF OUR MAJOR INDUSTRIAL

CORPORATIONS, THE NATION WOULD HEAR ABOUT IT -- AND WE WOULD

BE ASKED TO ACT IMMEDIATELY TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION.

AGRICULTURE IS NOW MOVING TOWARD ANOTHER PERIOD OF

CATASTROPHY PRICES, SURPLUSES AND REDUCED INCOME MISMANAGEMENT

OF OUR NATIONAL AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS FOR WHEAT AND FEED GRAINS

BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION

MAY WELL RESULT IN A MAJOR ECONOMIC CRISIS AMONG FARMERS DURING

THIS NEXT YEAR.

∟ THE RECORD HIGH 1971 FEED GRAINS CROP WILL ADD AT LEAST
25 MILLION TONS TO OUR CARRYOVER NEXT YEAR, PUSHING IT TO A
NEW RECORD HIGH OF ALMOST 60 MILLION TONS -- 25 PERCENT MORE THAN
DESIRABLE. (*Price Depressing*)

∟ THIS YEAR'S WHEAT CROP WAS 18 PERCENT LARGER THAN LAST YEAR,
MUCH LARGER THAN OUR ANTICIPATED NEEDS FOR DOMESTIC UTILIZATION
AND FOR EXPORT.

∟ OVER 200 MILLION BUSHELS WILL BE ADDED TO OUR CARRYOVER
OF THOSE STOCKS. ∟ AND, ADDING FURTHER TO THE PROBLEM, FALL
PLANTINGS OF WHEAT -- WHICH ^{will} ~~would~~ BE HARVESTED NEXT SUMMER --
ARE REPORTED TO BE UP 20 PERCENT OVER LAST YEAR. !

L THE PRICE-DEPRESSING IMPACT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE
ALREADY TAKING THEIR TOLL IN THE WHEAT AND FEED GRAIN REGIONS
OF THIS COUNTRY. L AND AS PRICES FOR THESE BASIC FARM COMMODITIES
CONTINUE DOWNWARD, BELOW THE ALREADY INCREDIBLY LOW PRICES
BEING PAID FOR THEM, WE CAN EXPECT MANY MORE THOUSANDS OF FAMILY

to go broke - businesses on main street
FARM ~~BUSINESSES TO GO BROKE~~ *to fail.*

L WE CAN EXPECT MANY MORE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO BE FORCED
OFF THE LAND AND INTO OUR ALREADY OVERCROWDED CITIES.

But, WE MUST NOT LET THIS HAPPEN! BOTH THE ADMINISTRATION
AND THE CONGRESS MUST ACT NOW TO HEAD OFF THIS DISASTROUS
SITUATION.

Rural Development - Income ✓ credit ✓

∟ SOME OF US ARE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE FACT THAT
LITERALLY MILLIONS OF OUR CITIZENS ARE BEING PUSHED OFF THE
FARM AND OUT OF THE COUNTRYSIDE INTO OUR LARGE CITIES.

∟ THIRTY MILLION AMERICANS IN THE LAST 30 YEARS HAVE MIGRATED
FROM OUR RURAL REGIONS TO OUR URBAN CENTERS, WHY? MAINLY
BECAUSE WE HAVE FAILED TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF
MAINTAINING A STRONG, VIABLE FARM ECONOMY AND BROADENING JOB
OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUNG IN RURAL COMMUNITIES.

∟ IF WE ARE GOING TO KEEP FROM REPEATING HISTORY, STEPS MUST
BE TAKEN NOW TO STRENGTHEN OUR FARM ECONOMY AND TO ATTRACT MORE
OF OUR NATION'S BUSINESSES INTO RURAL AMERICA. WE MUST ALSO
DO A BETTER JOB OF HELPING OUR COMMUNITIES IMPROVE THEIR
COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

L RURAL AMERICANS ARE ENTITLED TO AS HIGH A QUALITY OF MEDICAL ^{Care}
EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES AS PEOPLE
IN OUR CITIES.

I HAVE INTRODUCED A BILL TO EXPAND THE AVAILABILITY
OF CREDIT IN RURAL AMERICA AND TO REVITALIZE RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

RURAL
BANK

L OVER 50 SENATORS AND A SCORE OF CONGRESSMEN, INCLUDING
BOB BERGLAND, HAVE JOINED ME IN CO-SPONSORING THIS MEASURE.

L WE ARE GOING TO ENACT THIS BILL IN THIS SESSION OF CONGRESS.
#

MEANWHILE, WE MUST PUT OUR AGRICULTURAL HOUSE IN ORDER
-- AND NOW.

L WE MUST INSULATE THE FARMER FROM SURPLUSES IN THE
MARKETPLACE THAT DRIVE PRICES DOWN.

AND WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THIS BY ESTABLISHING A

NATIONAL STRATEGIC GRAIN RESERVE.

L WE ALSO NEED TO ESTABLISH SUCH A RESERVE TO PROTECT THIS
NATION ~~AS WELL AS THE WORLD WE HELP FEED FROM~~ *from shortages and* CROP FAILURES.

L THE BILL INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE BY CONGRESSMEN SMITH *of Iowa*
Bob BERGLAND, AND OTHERS AND A COMPANION BILL I ~~am~~ *am* INTRODUCING *in the Senate*
WILL ACCOMPLISH THESE OBJECTIVES..

L WE ALSO MUST TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IS NECESSARY TO
STRENGTHEN THE BARGAINING POWER OF FARMERS TO PERMIT THEM TO
SECURE PRICES FOR THEIR PRODUCTS THAT REFLECT AND REWARD THEM
FOR THEIR INVESTMENT AND LABOR AND SENATOR MONDALE AND I
ARE ~~at~~ SPONSORING A BILL THAT WOULD ACCOMPLISH JUST THAT.

*No New Property - with a depressed
agriculture.*

WE MUST TAKE ACTION NOW TO ~~prevent~~ ^{limit} PRODUCTION OF NEXT
YEAR'S WHEAT AND FEED GRAINS ~~in~~ ^{order to} AVOID A RECURRENCE OF THE

DISASTER FACING THIS YEAR'S BUMPER HARVESTS.

This means

better payments + better credit -

~~FINALLY, AS WE TAKE THESE ACTIONS, WE MUST NOT ASK THE~~

~~FARMER TO BEAR THE WHOLE FINANCIAL BURDEN, IF WE ASK HIM~~

But

the farmer

to TAKE MORE OF ~~THE~~ ^{his} LAND OUT OF PRODUCTION, THEN WE MUST

ADEQUATELY COMPENSATE HIM FOR DOING SO —

#####



Minnesota Historical Society

Copyright in this digital version belongs to the Minnesota Historical Society and its content may not be copied without the copyright holder's express written permission. Users may print, download, link to, or email content, however, for individual use.

To request permission for commercial or educational use, please contact the Minnesota Historical Society.



www.mnhs.org