

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

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I have come to Milwaukee to be with my good friends from the UAW and to talk to you bluntly and frankly about some of the hard realities that this nation faces today.

Governing America is a job that requires the talents and energies of many thousands of men and women.

But one man in our Constitutional system must lead and guide a nation: the President of the United States.

And he must be guided not only by purpose and goals, but by what I call a strategy for leadership.

The creation of this strategy is the President's work. No one else can do it for him.

More than anything else, it is a President's vision that must create the programs and policies to move the nation beyond any four or eight year term of office.

Some of our Presidents have had a strategy for leadership.

-- We will never forget Woodrow Wilson's vision of world peace.

-- Or Franklin Roosevelt's strategy for prosperity and victory against fascist aggression.

-- Or Harry Truman's goal of recovery from war with world security.

-- Or John Kennedy's tragically unrealized vision of a nation he called to action for better tomorrows.

-- Or Lyndon Johnson's vision for better lives and equal opportunity for all Americans.

Now, the present occupant of the White House has developed a strategy of sorts.

But it is not a strategy for the future. It is not a strategy that anticipates the needs of America tomorrow -- in 1975 -- in 1980 -- or in the year 2000.

It is not a strategy of leadership.

It is not a strategy of vision and national hope.

It is, instead, a strategy of dramatic television extravaganza patchwork solutions that fails to look beyond November of 1972.

Let's take a look at some of the ingredients of the President's strategy for November, 1972.

The President said: "Our goal is full employment by the end of 1972."

That's his strategy for 1972. Let's look at the record:

Well over 5 million Americans are out of work today.

And many more people fear they may be next to lose their jobs.

When President Nixon took office, unemployment was 3.3 percent. Today it is 6.1 percent.

His Phase I and Phase II economic game plans are devoid of job-creating programs for the millions who need work now. And it does little for the thousands of workers exhausting their unemployment benefits every day.

In the state of Wisconsin, 37 of the 72 counties have been placed on the Federal government's list of areas of persistent and substantial unemployment.

What is the President's answer? In June he vetoed an accelerated public works bill that included a \$2 billion job program that could have helped Wisconsin, that could have helped the nation.

The President said: "1971 will be a good year from the standpoint of the economy and 1972 a very good year."

That's his strategy for 1972. Let's look at the record: Industrial production is now 6.1 percent below its 1969 high.

Inflation is at a record level. The consumer price index rose 13.7 percent during the two and a half years of the Nixon administration.

Since 1970, food costs have gone up 3.5 percent -- home ownership costs increased nearly 5 percent -- and transportation and health costs went up nearly 7 percent.

High interest rates make it nearly impossible for the average man to buy a home.

Last year more than 10,000 small and medium size businesses went out of business.

And the Census Bureau reports that the nation is losing the war on poverty:

Between 1969 and 1970 the number of poor persons living in poverty increased by 1.2 million or 5.1 percent, after a steady decline in the decade of the '60s. The Census Bureau fixed the poverty population of the United States at 25.5 million Americans or 13 percent of our population.

The President said: "The reduction of crime is of paramount importance to this society, and I have pledged and pursued the strongest measures within my power and authority to resolve this problem."

That's his strategy for 1972. Let's take a look at the record:

The FBI reports that the crime rate has increased 12 and 11.3 percent during the 2 years of the Nixon administration.

States and cities do not have the resources to cope with the rising crime rates. The Democratic Congress last year wanted to give the President \$1 billion for local law enforcement agencies. The President tried to cut that figure in half. The final appropriation was \$650 million and the Justice Department spent only \$529 million of this.

This year the Democratic Congress sought to give states \$1.5 billion. But the President's 1972 budget calls for only \$700 million.

We need more resources for crime research. But the Attorney General has asked for only \$19 million for this program when the President himself said the existing level of \$20 million was "paltry."

On drug abuse, the President said: "What we need is a national offensive on this problem... What we are going to do, therefore, is to step up our national program on four fronts."

That's his strategy for 1972. Let's look at the record: Civilian and military drug abuse and addiction are rising alarmingly.

The President promised to create a new super agency to deal with narcotics addiction. But we have no super agency.

Many Vietnam veterans are returning to civilian life as heroin addicts. Yet the President has put into effect a hiring freeze for drug rehabilitation staffs at VA hospitals.

And the Nixon Administration opposes the creation of a National Institute on Drug Abuse and Drug Dependence.

The President sought no increase this year of the \$6 million allocated for drug education and training projects.

And where are the funds to help communities establish drug treatment and rehabilitation facilities?

The President said: "1972 can be a year in which historic events will take place on the international scene, events that could affect the peace of the world in the next generation -- even in the next decade."

That's his strategy for 1972. Let's look at the record:

America is still at war. There are more than 200,000 troops in Vietnam today. American planes still bomb Cambodia, Laos, and the southern part of North Vietnam.

Americans are still killed and wounded each week. We have not reached a settlement. We have not freed American POW's. We have still not disengaged.

My friends, the President's strategy for 1972 is full of rhetoric and promises. But where is the performance? Where are the results?

How can the nation trust and believe in an Administration that proclaims a new prosperity amid economic recession and a generation of peace with a nation at war.

Nearly three years have been lost in the battle to give all Americans adequate health care, decent housing, good jobs, environmental protection, quality education and liveable cities.

Every American is entitled to basic rights, to minimum standards which can bring him social justice and human dignity. Every American must have:

- The right to peace
- The right to employment
- The right to health
- The right to education
- The right to a clean environment
- The right to justice
- The right to public compassion
- The right to a decent home
- The right to a safe neighborhood
- The right to recreation
- The right to equal opportunity
- The right to privacy

The nation needs a strategy for leadership that will secure these fundamental rights for every American.

There can be no leadership without courage.

There can be no leadership without boldness and innovation.

There can be no leadership without action.

And there can be no leadership without commitment to change.

Those are the ingredients of leadership we desperately need if we are to be a prosperous people in a world at peace.

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- Labor movement - Front line of Progress
Standard of living -
Quality of life - Schools, health
children elderly

33 months - Hamilton - Youth with
our goal is full employment - Record

(X) was 37 of 72 countries - on list of areas of
substantial unemployment.
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✓ "1971 will be a good year from standpoint
of Economy - and 1972 a very
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1. ✓ Inflation - Interest
Bankruptcies - 10,000 - Poverty
Agriculture -
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
OCTOBER 23, 1971

✓ "Reduction of crime is of Paramount
importance - I have pledged and
pursued the strongest measures within
my power + authority to resolve the
Problem - up 12% 1971

✓ Drugs - "we need a national offensive
on this problem."

Promised a new Super Agency
now - GI's VA Clinic

Harvey FITZMAN

Log it on
Tell it like it is
Harvey

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I HAVE COME TO MILWAUKEE TO BE WITH MY GOOD FRIENDS

FROM THE UAW AND TO TALK TO YOU BLUNTLY AND FRANKLY ABOUT

SOME OF THE HARD REALITIES THAT THIS NATION FACES TODAY.

↳ GOVERNING AMERICA IS A JOB THAT REQUIRES THE TALENTS

AND ENERGIES OF MANY THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN.

↳ BUT ONE MAN IN OUR CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM MUST LEAD AND

GUIDE A NATION: THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

↳ AND HE MUST BE GUIDED NOT ONLY BY PURPOSE AND GOALS,

BUT BY WHAT I CALL A STRATEGY FOR LEADERSHIP.!

THE CREATION OF THIS STRATEGY IS THE PRESIDENT'S WORK.

NO ONE ELSE CAN DO IT FOR HIM.

Leadership of Walter Reuther
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✓ Leonard Woodcock

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↳ MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, IT IS A PRESIDENT'S VISION THAT
MUST CREATE THE PROGRAMS AND POLICIES TO MOVE THE NATION BEYOND
ANY FOUR OR EIGHT YEAR TERM OF OFFICE.

↳ SOME OF OUR PRESIDENT'S HAVE HAD A STRATEGY FOR
LEADERSHIP.

↳ WE WILL NEVER FORGET WOODROW WILSON'S VISION OF WORLD
PEACE.

↳ OR FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT'S STRATEGY FOR PROSPERITY AND
VICTORY AGAINST FASCIST AGGRESSION.

↳ OR HARRY TRUMAN'S GOAL OF RECOVERY FROM WAR WITH WORLD
SECURITY.

L -- OR JOHN KENNEDY'S TRAGICALLY UNREALIZED VISION OF A
NATION HE CALLED TO ACTION FOR BETTER TOMORROWS.

-- OR LYNDON JOHNSON'S VISION FOR BETTER LIVES AND EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AMERICANS.

Strategy

Now, THE PRESENT OCCUPANT OF THE WHITE HOUSE HAS
DEVELOPED A STRATEGY OF SORTS.

- examine it.

h BUT IT IS NOT A STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE. IT IS NOT A
STRATEGY THAT ANTICIPATES THE NEEDS OF AMERICA TOMORROW --

IN 1975 -- IN 1980 -- OR IN THE YEAR 2000.

h IT IS NOT A STRATEGY OF LEADERSHIP.

IT IS NOT A STRATEGY OF VISION AND NATIONAL HOPE.

~~People~~
~~7/28/72~~
~~London~~

TV

IT IS, INSTEAD, A STRATEGY OF DRAMATIC TELEVISION
EXTRAVAGANZAS AND PATCHWORK SOLUTIONS THAT FAIL TO LOOK BEYOND
NOVEMBER OF 1972. *Everything for Election Day!*

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE INGREDIENTS OF THE
PRESIDENT'S STRATEGY FOR NOVEMBER, 1972.

(1) THE PRESIDENT SAID: "OUR GOAL IS FULL EMPLOYMENT BY THE
END OF 1972." *Employment*

THAT'S HIS STRATEGY FOR 1972. LET'S LOOK AT THE RECORD:

WELL OVER 5 MILLION AMERICANS ARE OUT OF WORK TODAY.

AND MANY MORE PEOPLE FEAR THEY MAY BE NEXT TO LOSE THEIR
JOBS.

~~WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON TOOK OFFICE, UNEMPLOYMENT WAS 3.3~~

~~PERCENT. TODAY IT IS 6.1 PERCENT~~

Phase I - II & III

no jobs

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~~HIS PHASE I AND PHASE II ECONOMIC GAME PLANS ARE DEVOID~~

~~OF JOB-CREATING PROGRAMS FOR THE MILLIONS WHO NEED WORK NOW,~~

~~AND IT DOES LITTLE FOR THE THOUSANDS OF WORKERS EXHAUSING~~

~~THEIR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS EVERY DAY,~~

Wisconsin

~~IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, 37 OF THE 72 COUNTIES HAVE~~

~~BEEN PLACED ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S LIST OF AREAS OF~~

~~PERSISTENT AND SUBSTANTIAL UNEMPLOYMENT,~~

Jobs - ~~knuckledown~~

Nixon answer
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L WHAT IS THE PRESIDENT'S ANSWER? IN JUNE HE VETOED AN

ACCELERATED PUBLIC WORKS BILL THAT INCLUDED A \$2 BILLION

JOB PROGRAM THAT COULD HAVE HELPED WISCONSIN, THAT COULD HAVE

HELPED THE NATION.

Public Service Employment

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THE PRESIDENT SAID: "1971 WILL BE A GOOD YEAR FROM THE

STANDPOINT OF THE ECONOMY AND 1972 A VERY GOOD YEAR."

THAT'S HIS STRATEGY FOR 1972. LET'S LOOK AT THE RECORD:

Production

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS NOW 6.1 PERCENT BELOW ITS 1969

HIGH.

Inflation

L INFLATION IS AT A RECORD LEVEL THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ROSE ~~13~~ 14 PERCENT DURING THE TWO AND A HALF YEARS OF THE NIXON

ADMINISTRATION.

SINCE 1970, FOOD COSTS HAVE GONE UP 3.5 PERCENT -- HOME OWNERSHIP COSTS INCREASED NEARLY 5 PERCENT -- AND TRANSPORTATION AND HEALTH COSTS WENT UP NEARLY 7 PERCENT.

Interest
 { HIGH INTEREST RATES MAKE IT NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE AVERAGE MAN TO BUY A HOME. Homes

LAST YEAR MORE THAN 10,000 SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZE BUSINESSES WENT OUT OF BUSINESS. Business failures

AND THE CENSUS BUREAU REPORTS THAT THE NATION IS LOSING THE WAR ON POVERTY: Poverty

BETWEEN 1969 AND 1970 THE NUMBER OF POOR PERSONS LIVING IN POVERTY INCREASED BY 1.2 MILLION OR 5.1 PERCENT, AFTER A STEADY DECLINE IN THE DECADE OF THE '60s. + going up

~~THE CENSUS BUREAU FIXED THE POVERTY POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES AT 25.5 MILLION AMERICANS OR 13 PERCENT OF OUR POPULATION.~~

Crime

#3 L THE PRESIDENT SAID: "THE REDUCTION OF CRIME IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO THIS SOCIETY, AND I HAVE PLEDGED AND PURSUED THE STRONGEST MEASURES WITHIN MY POWER AND AUTHORITY TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM."

THAT'S HIS STRATEGY FOR 1972. LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE

RECORD:

L THE FBI REPORTS THAT THE CRIME RATE HAS INCREASED 12 AND 11.3 PERCENT DURING THE 2 YEARS OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION.

STATES AND CITIES DO NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO COPE WITH THE RISING CRIME RATES. THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS LAST YEAR WANTED TO GIVE THE PRESIDENT \$1 BILLION FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THE PRESIDENT TRIED TO CUT THAT FIGURE IN HALF. THE FINAL APPROPRIATION WAS \$650 MILLION AND THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPENT ONLY \$529 MILLION OF THIS.

THIS YEAR THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS SOUGHT TO GIVE STATES \$1.5 BILLION. BUT THE PRESIDENT'S 1972 BUDGET CALLS FOR ONLY \$700 MILLION.

half.

~~WE NEED MORE RESOURCES FOR CRIME RESEARCH. BUT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ASKED FOR ONLY \$19 MILLION FOR THIS PROGRAM WHEN THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF SAID THE EXISTING LEVEL OF \$20 MILLION WAS "PALTRY."~~

Drug

#4 ON DRUG ABUSE, THE PRESIDENT SAID: "WHAT WE NEED IS A

NATIONAL OFFENSIVE ON THIS PROBLEM... WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO,

THEREFORE, IS TO STEP UP OUR NATIONAL PROGRAM ON FOUR FRONTS."

L THAT'S HIS STRATEGY FOR 1972. LET'S LOOK AT THE RECORD:

L CIVILIAN AND MILITARY DRUG ABUSE AND ADDICTION ARE RISING

ALARMINGLY.

L THE PRESIDENT PROMISED TO CREATE A NEW SUPER AGENCY TO DEAL
WITH NARCOTICS ADDICTION. BUT WE HAVE NO SUPER AGENCY.

L MANY VIETNAM VETERANS ARE RETURNING TO CIVILIAN LIFE AS
drug ~~ADDICTS~~. L YET THE PRESIDENT HAS PUT INTO EFFECT A HIRING
FREEZE FOR DRUG REHABILITATION STAFFS AT VA HOSPITALS.

va clinics

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FBI
CIA
overseas

my Bill -
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L AND THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION OPPOSES THE CREATION OF A

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE AND DRUG DEPENDENCE

THE PRESIDENT SOUGHT NO INCREASE THIS YEAR OF THE \$6 MILLION
ALLOCATED FOR DRUG EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROJECTS,

AND WHERE ARE THE FUNDS TO HELP COMMUNITIES ESTABLISH
DRUG TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES? -

He asked for none

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THE PRESIDENT SAID: "1972 CAN BE A YEAR IN WHICH HISTORIC
EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, EVENTS
THAT COULD AFFECT THE PEACE OF THE WORLD IN THE NEXT GENERATION --
EVEN IN THE NEXT DECADE."

L THAT'S HIS STRATEGY FOR 1972. LET'S LOOK AT THE RECORD:

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~~AMERICA IS STILL AT WAR!~~ THERE ARE MORE THAN 200,000 TROOPS
 IN VIETNAM TODAY. ~~AMERICAN PLANES STILL BOMB CAMBODIA, LAOS, S. Viet,~~
 AND THE SOUTHERN PART OF NORTH VIETNAM.

~~AMERICANS ARE STILL KILLED AND WOUNDED EACH WEEK.~~ WE HAVE
 NOT REACHED A SETTLEMENT. WE HAVE NOT FREED AMERICAN POW'S.

WE ARE STILL THERE - WE SHOULD
~~WE HAVE STILL NOT DISENGAGED.~~ *must get out*

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MY FRIENDS, THE PRESIDENT'S STRATEGY FOR 1972 IS FULL OF
~~RHETORIC AND PROMISES.~~ BUT WHERE IS THE PERFORMANCE? WHERE ARE
 THE RESULTS?

HOW CAN THE NATION TRUST AND BELIEVE IN AN ADMINISTRATION
 THAT PROCLAIMS A NEW PROSPERITY AMID ECONOMIC RECESSION AND
 A GENERATION OF PEACE WITH A NATION AT WAR.

⊗ Labour movement - conscience, Progress -
Humanitarian - Standard of living
Quality of life

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Keep it up¹³⁻

NEARLY THREE YEARS HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE BATTLE TO GIVE

ALL AMERICANS ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE, DECENT HOUSING, GOOD JOBS,

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, QUALITY EDUCATION AND LIVEABLE CITIES,

EVERY AMERICAN IS ENTITLED TO BASIC RIGHTS, TO MINIMUM

STANDARDS WHICH CAN BRING HIM SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN DIGNITY.

EVERY AMERICAN MUST HAVE:

-- THE RIGHT TO PEACE

-- THE RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT

-- THE RIGHT TO HEALTH - Health Insurance

-- THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION

-- THE RIGHT TO A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

-- THE RIGHT TO JUSTICE

- THE RIGHT TO PUBLIC COMPASSION
- THE RIGHT TO A DECENT HOME
- THE RIGHT TO A SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD
- THE RIGHT TO RECREATION
- THE RIGHT TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
- THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY

h THE NATION NEEDS A STRATEGY FOR LEADERSHIP THAT WILL SECURE
THESE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS FOR EVERY AMERICAN.

h THERE CAN BE NO LEADERSHIP WITHOUT COURAGE.

h THERE CAN BE NO LEADERSHIP WITHOUT BOLDNESS AND INNOVATION.

h THERE CAN BE NO LEADERSHIP WITHOUT ACTION.

L AND THERE CAN BE NO LEADERSHIP WITHOUT COMMITMENT TO CHANGE.

L THOSE ARE THE INGREDIENTS OF LEADERSHIP WE DESPERATELY NEED

IF WE ARE TO BE A PROSPEROUS PEOPLE IN A WORLD AT PEACE.

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