

HUMPHREY

FOR RELEASE 10 a.m., SATURDAY
MARCH 4, 1972

CONTACT: JACK McDONALD
(202) 872-1600

1225 19TH ST. N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036
PHONE: 202-872-1600



HUMPHREY PROPOSES MANPOWER PROGRAM TO
CREATE MILLION NEW JOBS IN REBUILDING
AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

GALVESTON, March 4--Senator Hubert H. Humphrey today proposed a comprehensive new manpower program to create one million new jobs in the public sector--"jobs with a future, jobs for young and old, jobs with expanding opportunities for service to our communities."

Humphrey told the Texas State AFL-CIO Convention here:

"The time has come to halt the Republican economic roller coaster ride.

"Profits are up--wages are down.

"Unemployment is up--job opportunities are down.

"Mortgages are up--home buying is down for the working family.

"Trade deficits are up--the dollar is down and devalued.

"Its time to get Americans back to work building and creating a better America."

Humphrey said the manpower program he will introduce in the Senate--the Comprehensive Manpower Act of 1972--will provide 250,000 new jobs for young people through a five-fold expansion of the Neighborhood Youth Corps.

"It combines a head-on attack against unemployment with a program of one million new jobs for Americans of all ages in tasks that desperately need to be done to improve the quality of life in communities across the Nation," Humphrey said.

(more)

Humphrey for President

FOR RELEASE -- 10 a.m., Saturday, March 4, 1972

HUMPHREY ~~PROPOSES~~ PROPOSES MANPOWER PROGRAM TO CREATE MILLION
NEW JOBS IN REBUILDING AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

GALVESTON, March 4--Senator Hubert H. Humphrey today proposed a comprehensive new ~~manpower~~ manpower program to create one million new jobs in the public sector--"jobs with a future, jobs for young and old, jobs with expanding opportunities for service to our communities."

Humphrey told the Texas ~~Sta~~ State AFL-CIO Convention here :

"The time has come to ~~stop~~ halt the ~~Rest~~ Republican economic roller coaster ride.

"Profits are ~~up~~ up--wages are down.

"Inflation is up--earning power is down.

"Unemployment is up--job opportunities are down.

"Mortgages are up--home buying is down for the working family.

"Trade deficits are up--the dollar is down and devalued.

"Its time to get Americans back to work building and creating a better America."

Humphrey said the manpower program he will introduce in the Senate--~~the~~ the Comprehensive Manpower Act of 1972--will ~~provide~~ provide 250,000 new jobs for young people through a five-fold expansion of the Neighborhood Youth Corps.

"It comes a head-on attack against unemployment with a program of one million new jobs for Americans of all ages in tasks that desperately need to be done to improve the quality of life in communities across the Nation," ~~Hum~~ Humphrey said.

"The time has come to make government the employer not of last ^{resort,} ~~resort,~~ but of new ~~opportunities~~ opportunities for public service.

"We need safe streets, more and better hospitals and clinics with adequate staffing. We need to improve education, to create new recreation areas and campsites,

"These are some of the tasks to be taken up by those in the Comprehensive Manpower Act program--not senseless leaf ^arking or dead end jobs. And in these tasks, people can be given not only new jobs, but new hope and dignity."

Humphrey ~~said~~ called attention to the President's foreign ~~policy~~ globe trotting and called it "commendable if it leads to peaceful understanding among nations. "

"But when was the last time the President visited an unemployment line?" he asked.

"When is he going to understand that the number one priority ~~is~~ in America today is jobs--jobs in our factories and refineries, in our shipyards and ^{merchant} ~~mercha-~~ ~~de-~~ ~~maxi~~ ^{marine} ~~arms~~, jobs in our aerospace plants and in rural America.

"When is the President going to stop the economic snow ^{and the} job with its rosy statistics and projections.

"Unemployment is more than statistics--its people.

~~It's~~ "It's drawing your last unemployment check and having no job in sight.

"It's sitting in the dark to ^{save} on the light bill.

"It's making shoes last another month and driving on worn and dangerous ~~x~~ tires.

"It's eating ~~it~~ less so the kids can have a little more.

"It's borrowing from relatives or letting your insurance lapse.

"It's facing ~~eviction~~ because you can't pay the ~~workman~~ mortgage.

"It's facing yourself in the mirror and asking "Why?" and "How much longer?"

"You and I know that, my friends. We know that the ^{big} ~~big~~ business trickle down econ ^{omic} policies of the Nixon Republicans just don't work.

"And in November, with your help, we're going to reject those policies. ~~and my friends~~ I've serve ^d my apprenticeship. I have the seniority. I come to you, my union representatives--my bargaining agents--and ask for your help."

001226

AFL-CIO -- GALVESTON, TEXAS -- MARCH 4, 1972

↳ THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE IN AMERICA TODAY IS JOBS--

JOBS IN OUR REFINERIES, JOBS IN OUR SHIPYARDS AND

MERCHANT MARINE, JOBS IN OUR AEROSPACE PLANTS AND JOBS IN

RURAL AMERICA.

↳ JOBS TO GET A NATION MOVING AGAIN.

THE REPUBLICAN RECESSION IS STILL NOT OVER FOR ~~FIVE~~ *6 million*

MILLION UNEMPLOYED AMERICANS, WALKING THE STREETS IN SEARCH

OF A JOB. (AND IT'S NOT OVER FOR THE 800,000 PEOPLE WHO ARE

SO DISCOURAGED THAT THEY'RE NOT LOOKING FOR WORK.

For Young unemployed -

↳ WHAT IS UNEMPLOYMENT? I'LL TELL YOU:

--IT'S DRAWING YOUR LAST UNEMPLOYMENT CHECK WITH NO JOB

IN SIGHT.

Holder unemployed

--IT'S SITTING IN THE DARK TO SAVE ON THE LIGHT BILL.

--IT'S MAKING SHOES LAST ANOTHER MONTH AND DRIVING ON

BALD TIRES.

--IT'S EATING A LITTLE LESS SO THE KIDS CAN EAT A

LITTLE MORE.

--IT'S BORROWING FROM YOUR BROTHER-IN-LAW OR LETTING

YOUR INSURANCE LAPSE.

--IT'S FACING EVICITION BECAUSE YOU CAN'T PAY THE RENT

OR MEET THE MORTGAGE.

--IT'S FACING YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR AND ASKING, "WHY?"

AND "HOW MUCH LONGER?"

--IT'S FACING YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN -- AND ASKING,

"WHAT KIND OF MAN AM I?"

--AND, FINALLY, IT'S WONDERING HOW A NATION THIS RICH,
THIS ENTERPRISING, CAN LET MORE THAN ⁶~~FIVE~~ MILLION AMERICANS
 WHO WANT TO WORK, NEED TO WORK, GO WITHOUT WORK.

AND MR. PRESIDENT NIXON, THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN TELL
 US HOW MANY MILLION OF AMERICANS THINK THEY MAY BE NEXT
TO LOSE THEIR JOBS.

Jobs - Down Rep. \$10 billion

↳ DESPITE THE ALARMING UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, MR. NIXON
 REFUSES TO SPEND MORE THAN \$10 BILLION OF THE PUBLIC'S

Billion tied up

MONEY TO CREATE JOBS. ↳ IN WASHINGTON, THAT'S WHAT WE CALL
"IMPOUNDED FUNDS." THIS IS YOUR TAX MONEY, AND IT'S SITTING
IDLE IN BANKS DOING NOTHING WHEN IT COULD PRODUCE HUNDREDS
OF THOUSANDS OF JOBS ACROSS AMERICA.

001229
Back to work

WE HAVE TO GET THIS NATION BACK TO WORK--ON THE MOVE--

PRODUCING--GROWING.

Roller Coaster

THE RECORD OF THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION IS LIKE A

ROLLER COASTER AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE BEING GIVEN

A RIDE.

~~YOU TALK ABOUT UPPERS AND DOWNERS IN DRUGS--I'M~~

~~A PHARMACIST. I KNOW WHAT THESE HARMFUL PILLS DO TO PEOPLE.~~

WELL, WE HAVE UPPERS AND DOWNERS IN OUR MISMANAGED

ECONOMY:

--PROFITS ARE UP--WAGES ARE DOWN.

Cost of living
--INFLATION IS UP--EARNING POWER IS DOWN.

--UNEMPLOYMENT IS UP--JOB OPPORTUNITIES ARE DOWN.

✓ ~~Prices are up~~ -

Imports are up - ⁰⁰¹²³⁰ Exports are down
- 5 -

--MORTGAGES ARE UP--HOME BUYING IS DOWN FOR THE WORKING

FAMILY.

taxes up - Revenues are down

--TRADE DEFICITS ARE UP--THE DOLLAR IS DOWN AND DEVALUED.

IT'S TIME TO GET AMERICANS OFF THIS REPUBLICAN

ROLLER COASTER AND BACK TO WORK BUILDING AND CREATING

A BETTER AMERICA.

↳ THE BIG BUSINESS TRICKLE DOWN ECONOMIC POLICIES OF THE
NIXON REPUBLICANS JUST DON'T WORK.

Trickle
Down

↳ THEY DON'T GIVE US JOBS, THEY DON'T INCREASE OUR
PAYCHECKS, THEY DON'T LOWER PRICES BUT THEY DO PROVIDE
BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN UNFAIR TAX BREAKS AND PROFITS FOR
BIG CORPORATIONS.

Nixon - Votes - Educ, Hoop.
Child Care

001231

No Secret Plan 001231
-6-

I WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE ECONOMY. I'VE GOT
A PLAN. IT'S A SIMPLE ONE, AND UNLIKE MR. NIXON'S PLANS,
I'M NOT GOING TO KEEP IT SECRET.

HERE IT IS:

I WANT TO PUT A MILLION AMERICANS BACK TO WORK NOW
THROUGH A COMMUNITY JOB PROGRAM. GOVERNMENT MUST BE THE
EMPLOYER OF FIRST OPPORTUNITY AS WELL AS LAST RESORT.

I WANT TO CUT THE WELFARE ROLLS AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION LINES BY PUTTING AMERICANS ON THEIR FEET.

I WANT TO PROVIDE ~~1,000,000~~ 250,000 JOBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS NOW.

I WANT TO HAVE JOB TRAINING THAT LEADS TO A JOB--
NOT TO MORE TRAINING.

~~AND I WANT TO PROVIDE OUR STATES WITH THE TOOLS~~
~~TO COORDINATE AND EVALUATE OUR NATIONAL MANPOWER PROGRAMS.~~

THESE AREN'T IDLE HOPES, THESE AREN'T THE PLANS OF
A DREAMER. I'M INTRODUCING A BILL SOON TO PUT ONE MILLION
AMERICANS BACK TO WORK AND PUT PAYCHECKS INTO THE HOMES OF
HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF WORKING FAMILIES.

WHEN HE CAME BACK FROM CHINA, THE PRESIDENT TOLD US
THAT WE FACED STIFF COMPETITION IN ASIA.

BUT I SAY WE CAN'T COMPETE WITH THE CHINESE, WE CAN'T
COMPETE WITH THE RUSSIANS, WITH THE JAPANESE AND THE
EUROPEANS UNLESS WE GET AMERICA BACK TO WORK.

*Competitor
Back
to work*

001233

- 8 -

I'VE SERVED MY APPRENTICESHIP, I HAVE THE SENIORITY,
I COME TO YOU MY UNION REPRESENTATIVES--MY BARGAINING
AGENTS--TO HELP ME BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

MEMORANDUM

March 2, 1972

TO: Senator

FROM: Dan S.

SUBJECT: AFL-CIO Convention
Galveston, Texas

Attached are your remarks for the Texas Convention. We have followed the themes that you have suggested, kept the text very short and used some of the lines that went over well in Pittsburgh.

The lead on the press release is your plan to create a million new community service jobs. The references to this proposal in the text are purposely uncomplicated. We have stayed away from using any type of legislative language.

We understand the economy is a very important issue in Texas, and we have included the "uppers and downers" theme that you used in Pittsburgh.

MEMORANDUM

March 3, 1972

TO: Senator
FROM: Dan S.
SUBJECT: AFL-CIO Speech

Here is another thing you might want to use in the Galveston Speech. On March 2nd, speaking about the economy, John Mitchell said: "The economy may be the only thing the Democrats have left to talk about." From this quote, I think you can really take out after the Nixon economic record and say:

--I'LL TALK ABOUT INFLATION THAT ROBS A WORKINGMAN OF EARNING POWER

--I'LL TALK ABOUT HIGH INTEREST RATES THAT PREVENT THE WORKING FAMILY FROM BUYING A HOME, AND

--I'LL TALK ABOUT A TAX SYSTEM RIGGED AGAINST THE WAGE EARNER AND FAVORING BIG BUSINESS.

It is critical that the Senator see this memo before the Galveston Speech.

MEMORANDUM

March 3, 1972

TO: Senator
FROM: Dan S.
SUBJECT: AFL-CIO Speech

Attached are wire service stories on the .2 percent drop in unemployment. In no way should this reduction in unemployment deter you from making jobs and the economy the main point of your AFL-CIO Speech.

I think you should mention the drop in unemployment and say that even the 5.7 percent level is too great. I think you should say that you and the American worker will only be satisfied when unemployment is reduced to the same level it was when Mr. Nixon took office--3.8 percent.

UPI-18

(JOBS)

WASHINGTON--THE NATION'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPPED IN FEBRUARY TO 5.7 PER CENT FROM 5.9 PER CENT IN JANUARY, THE LOWEST RATE IN 17 MONTHS.

THE LABOR DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS SAID IN A REPORT TODAY THAT THE DECLINE STEMMED MAINLY FROM JOBLESSNESS AMONG ADULT WORKERS. THIS MORE THAN OFFSET A RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG TEENAGERS -- FROM 17.8 PER CENT TO 18.8 PER CENT. THAT MATCHED THE PREVIOUS HIGH MARK SINCE WORLD WAR II.

THE DROP IN THE JOBLESS RATE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A 0.2 AN HOUR INCREASE IN THE AVERAGE WORK WEEK FOR RANK AND FILE WORKERS TO 37.3 HOURS, EQUALING THE HIGHEST MARK SINCE JULY, 1970.

THE LONGER WORK WEEK RESULTED IN A 35-CENT INCREASE IN THEIR AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS TO \$130.27.

THE 5.7 PER CENT OVERALL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE -- ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL VARIATIONS -- WAS THE LOWEST FOR ANY MONTH SINCE IT DIPPED TO 5.6 PER CENT IN OCTOBER 1970. LAST JUNE, THE RATE ORIGINALLY WAS REPORTED AS 5.6 BUT YEAR-END ADJUSTMENTS REVISED THIS UPWARD TO 5.8 PER CENT.

THE BLS SAID THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED WORKERS REMAINED STEADY LAST MONTH AT 5.4 MILLION BUT AFTER SEASONAL ADJUSTMENTS THERE WAS A DECLINE OF 160,000.

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 80.6 MILLION.
3/3--GE938A

UPI-20

ADD 1 JOBS, WASHINGTON (UPI-18)

THE UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINE WAS MOST MARKED AMONG ADULT WOMEN. THE RATE AMONG THEM MOVED DOWN FROM 5.5 TO AN EVEN 5 PER CENT. THE JOBLESS RATE FOR ADULT MEN DIPPED FROM 4.2 PER CENT TO 4 PER CENT.

UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG MARRIED MEN WENT DOWN FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE MONTH, REACHING 2.8 PER CENT -- LOWEST SINCE THE SUMMER OF 1970.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR FULLTIME WORKERS SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE, AT 5.3 PER CENT, AND FOR PARTTIME WORKERS THE RATE HELD STEADY AT 8.4 PER CENT.

JOBLESS AMONG WHITE WORKERS EDGED DOWN TO 5.1 PER CENT FROM JANUARY'S 5.3 PER CENT WHILE THAT FOR NEGROES EDGED DOWNWARD FROM 10.6 TO 10.5 PER CENT. THIS WAS THE FIRST MONTH SINCE AUGUST, 1969, THAT UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG NEGROES HAD BEEN AS MUCH AS DOUBLE THAT OF WHITES FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE MONTHS.

3/3--GE941A

UPI-23

ADD 2 JOBS, WASHINGTON

THE BLS SAID THE WIDENING OF THE RATIO BETWEEN WHITES AND BLACKS STEMMED FROM A SHARP INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG NEGRO YOUTHS AND THE DECLINE AMONG WHITE ADULTS.

JOBLESSNESS AMONG VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR, AGED 20 TO 29, DROPPED SUBSTANTIALLY -- FROM 8.5 PER CENT TO 7.4 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY. THAT WAS THE LOWEST VETERANS UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL IN MORE THAN A YEAR.

THE YOUNGER VETERANS, THOSE BETWEEN 20 TO 24, ACCOUNTED FOR MOST OF THE REDUCTION. THEIR UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECLINED LAST MONTH TO 9.7 PER CENT FROM 12.3 PER CENT IN JANUARY.

THE JOB SITUATION REPORT WAS GOOD NEWS FOR ADMINISTRATION ECONOMIC -- AND POLITICAL -- STRATEGISTS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE JOBLESS LEVEL WILL FALL WELL BELOW 5 PER CENT THIS YEAR. SOME EVEN HAVE FORECAST A DROP TO CLOSE TO 4 PER CENT.

3/3--GE953A

UPI-59

ADD 3 JOBS, WASHINGTON

A SPOKESMAN FOR ORGANIZED LABOR SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE DROP IN UNEMPLOYMENT WAS A "STATISTICAL QUIRK" RESULTING, NOT FROM JOBLESS PEOPLE GETTING JOBS, BUT FROM A DECLINE IN THE TOTAL LABOR FORCE.

"MANY PEOPLE JUST GOT DISCOURAGED AND STOPPED LOOKING FOR WORK," SAID NATHANIEL GOLDFINGER, CHIEF ECONOMIST FOR THE AFL-CIO.

GOLDFINGER POINTED OUT THAT THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE DROPPED BY 172,000 IN FEBRUARY, WHICH WAS MORE THAN THE DECLINE OF 159,000 IN UNEMPLOYMENT. THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WITH JOBS HELD STEADY AT 80.6 MILLION.

"THEREFORE THE TRUTH IS THAT THERE WAS NO CHANGE, NO IMPROVEMENT IN FEBRUARY," GOLDFINGER SAID.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT WHILE RETAIL PRICES HAVE CONTINUED UPWARD IN RECENT MONTHS, THE BLS REPORT ON UNEMPLOYMENT SHOWED THAT AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS HAD GONE UP ONLY THREE CENTS IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS. HE SAID THIS TENDED TO REFUTE THE "PROPAGANDA ABOUT BIG WAGE INCREASES."

3/3--GE1125A

UPI-72

ADD 4 JOBS, WASHINGTON

AT A HEARING OF THE HOUSE-SENATE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, SEN. WILLIAM PROXMIRE, D-WIS., WELCOMED THE DECLINE IN UNEMPLOYMENT AS "VERY, VERY GOOD NEWS -- EXACTLY THE RIGHT TREND."

BUT HE SAID A "PECULIAR ELEMENT" IN THE FEBRUARY FIGURES WAS THAT THE SIZE OF THE LABOR FORCE REMAINED CONSTANT THAT MONTH, PERHAPS DISTORTING THE FIGURES.

IF IT HAD GROWN AS MUCH LAST MONTH AS IT HAD IN JANUARY, UNEMPLOYMENT WOULD HAVE REMAINED CONSTANT AT 5.9 PER CENT INSTEAD OF DECLINING, PROXMIRE NOTED.

COMMISSIONER GEOFFREY H. MOORE OF THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS AGREED.

PROXMIRE SAID THE STABILITY IN THE LABOR FORCE'S SIZE SUGGESTED "THAT WHAT PERHAPS HAPPENED IS THAT WE HAD MORE DISCOURAGED WORKERS. INSTEAD OF LOOKING FOR WORK, THEY GAVE UP."

BUT MOORE NOTED A BRIGHT SIDE TO THE STATISTICS. HE SAID THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIES SHOWING AN INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS HIGH, DEMONSTRATING THAT THE ECONOMY'S RECOVERY "HAS BECOME A VERY WIDESPREAD MOVEMENT."

3/3--GE1204P

Xerox

AFL-CIO -- GALVESTON, TEXAS -- MARCH 4, 1972

THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE IN AMERICA TODAY IS JOBS--
JOBS IN OUR REFINERIES, JOBS IN OUR SHIPYARDS AND
MERCHANT MARINE, JOBS IN OUR AEROSPACE PLANTS AND JOBS IN
RURAL AMERICA.

JOBS TO GET A NATION MOVING AGAIN.

THE REPUBLICAN RECESSION IS STILL NOT OVER FOR FIVE
MILLION UNEMPLOYED AMERICANS, WALKING THE STREETS IN SEARCH
OF A JOB. AND IT'S NOT OVER FOR THE 800,000 PEOPLE WHO ARE
SO DISCOURAGED THAT THEY'RE NOT LOOKING FOR WORK.

WHAT IS UNEMPLOYMENT? I'LL TELL YOU:

--IT'S DRAWING YOUR LAST UNEMPLOYMENT CHECK WITH NO JOB
IN SIGHT.

--IT'S SITTING IN THE DARK TO SAVE ON THE LIGHT BILL.

--IT'S MAKING SHOES LAST ANOTHER MONTH AND DRIVING ON
BALD TIRES.

--IT'S EATING A LITTLE LESS SO THE KIDS CAN EAT A
LITTLE MORE.

--IT'S BORROWING FROM YOUR BROTHER-IN-LAW OR LETTING
YOUR INSURANCE LAPSE.

--IT'S FACING EVICTION BECAUSE YOU CAN'T PAY THE RENT
OR MEET THE MORTGAGE.

--IT'S FACING YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR AND ASKING, "WHY?"
AND "HOW MUCH LONGER?"

--IT'S FACING YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN -- AND ASKING,
"WHAT KIND OF MAN AM I?"

--AND, FINALLY, IT'S WONDERING HOW A NATION THIS RICH,
THIS ENTERPRISING, CAN LET MORE THAN FIVE MILLION AMERICANS
WHO WANT TO WORK, NEED TO WORK, GO WITHOUT WORK.

AND MR. PRESIDENT NIXON, THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN TELL
US HOW MANY MILLION OF AMERICANS THINK THEY MAY BE NEXT
TO LOSE THEIR JOBS.

DESPITE THE ALARMING UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, MR. NIXON
REFUSES TO SPEND MORE THAN \$10 BILLION OF THE PUBLIC'S
MONEY TO CREATE JOBS. IN WASHINGTON, THAT'S WHAT WE CALL
"IMPOUNDED FUNDS." THIS IS YOUR TAX MONEY, AND IT'S SITTING
IDLE IN BANKS DOING NOTHING WHEN IT COULD PRODUCE HUNDREDS
OF THOUSANDS OF JOBS ACROSS AMERICA.

WE HAVE TO GET THIS NATION BACK TO WORK--ON THE MOVE--
PRODUCING--GROWING.

THE RECORD OF THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION IS LIKE A
ROLLER COASTER AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE BEING GIVEN
A RIDE.

YOU TALK ABOUT UPPERS AND DOWNERS IN DRUGS--I'M
A PHARMACIST. I KNOW WHAT THESE HARMFUL PILLS DO TO PEOPLE.

WELL, WE HAVE UPPERS AND DOWNERS IN OUR MISMANAGED
ECONOMY:

--PROFITS ARE UP--WAGES ARE DOWN.

--INFLATION IS UP--EARNING POWER IS DOWN.

--UNEMPLOYMENT IS UP--JOB OPPORTUNITIES ARE DOWN.

--MORTGAGES ARE UP--HOMEBUYING IS DOWN FOR THE WORKING FAMILY.

--TRADE DEFICITS ARE UP--THE DOLLAR IS DOWN AND DEVALUED.

IT'S TIME TO GET AMERICANS OFF THIS REPUBLICAN ROLLER COASTER AND BACK TO WORK BUILDING AND CREATING A BETTER AMERICA.

THE BIG BUSINESS TRICKLE DOWN ECONOMIC POLICIES OF THE NIXON REPUBLICANS JUST DON'T WORK.

THEY DON'T GIVE US JOBS, THEY DON'T INCREASE OUR PAYCHECKS, THEY DON'T LOWER PRICES BUT THEY DO PROVIDE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN UNFAIR TAX BREAKS AND PROFITS FOR BIG CORPORATIONS.

I WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE ECONOMY. I'VE GOT
A PLAN. IT'S A SIMPLE ONE, AND UNLIKE MR. NIXON'S PLANS,
I'M NOT GOING TO KEEP IT SECRET.

HERE IT IS:

I WANT TO PUT A MILLION AMERICANS BACK TO WORK NOW
THROUGH A COMMUNITY JOB PROGRAM. GOVERNMENT MUST BE THE
EMPLOYER OF FIRST OPPORTUNITY AS WELL AS LAST RESORT.

I WANT TO CUT THE WELFARE ROLLS AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION LINES BY PUTTING AMERICANS ON THEIR FEET.

I WANT TO PROVIDE 250,000 JOBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS NOW.

I WANT TO HAVE JOB TRAINING THAT LEADS TO A JOB--
NOT TO MORE TRAINING.

AND I WANT TO PROVIDE OUR STATES WITH THE TOOLS
TO COORDINATE AND EVALUATE OUR NATIONAL MANPOWER PROGRAMS.

THESE AREN'T IDLE HOPES, THESE AREN'T THE PLANS OF
A DREAMER. I'M INTRODUCING A BILL SOON TO PUT ONE MILLION
AMERICANS BACK TO WORK AND PUT PAYCHECKS INTO THE HOMES OF
HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF WORKING FAMILIES.

WHEN HE CAME BACK FROM CHINA, THE PRESIDENT TOLD US
THAT WE FACED STIFF COMPETITION IN ASIA.

BUT I SAY WE CAN'T COMPETE WITH THE CHINESE, WE CAN'T
COMPETE WITH THE RUSSIANS, WITH THE JAPANESE AND THE
EUROPEANS UNLESS WE GET AMERICA BACK TO WORK.

I'VE SERVED MY APPRENTICESHIP, I HAVE THE SENIORITY,
I COME TO YOU MY UNION REPRESENTATIVES--MY BARGAINING
AGENTS--TO HELP ME BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Put a speech typewriter
[with memo]

AFL-CIO -- Galveston, Texas -- March 4, 1972

The number one issue in America today is jobs--jobs in our refineries, jobs in our shipyards and merchant marine, jobs in our aerospace plants and jobs in rural America.

Jobs to get a nation moving again.

The Republican recession is still not over for five million unemployed Americans, walking the streets in search of a job. And it's not over ^{for} the 800,000 people who are so discouraged that they're not looking for work.

What is unemployment? I'll tell you:

--It's drawing your last unemployment check with no job in sight.

--It's sitting in the dark to save on the light bill.

--It's making shoes last another month and driving on bald tires.

--It's eating a little less so the kids can eat a little more.

--It's borrowing from your brother-in-law or letting your insurance lapse.

--It's facing eviction because you can't pay the rent or meet the mortgage.

--It's facing yourself in the mirror and asking, "Why?" and "How much longer?"

--It's facing your wife and children -- and asking, "What kind of man am I?"

--And, finally, it's wondering how a Nation this rich, this enterprising, can let more than five million Americans who want to work, need to work, go without work.

And Mr. President Nixon, there is no way you can tell us how many million of Americans think they may be next to lose their jobs.

Despite the alarming unemployment rate

Mr. Nixon refuses to spend more than \$10 billion of the public's money, *to create jobs in Washington, the money* That's what we call "impounded funds," *in*

~~Washington.~~ This is your tax money, and it's sitting idle in banks doing nothing when it could produce hundreds of thousands of jobs across America.

We have to get this nation back to work--on the move--producing--growing.

The record of the Republican Administration is like a roller coaster and the American people are being given a ride.

You talk about uppers and downers in drugs--I'm a pharmacist. I know what these harmful pills do to people.

Well, we have uppers and downers in our mismanaged economy:

--Profits are up, wages are down.

--Inflation is up, earning power is down.

--Unemployment is up, job opportunities are down.

--Mortgages are up, homebuying is down for the working family.

--Trade deficits are up, the dollar is down and devalued.

It's time to get Americans off this Republican roller coaster and back to work building and creating a better America.

The big business trickle down economic policies of the Nixon Republicans just don't work.

*Acron
Pills
Count*

They don't give us jobs, they don't increase our paychecks, they don't lower prices but they do provide billions of dollars in unfair tax breaks and profits for big corporations.

I want to do something about the economy. I've got a plan. It's a simple one, and unlike Mr. Nixon's plans, I'm not going to keep it secret.

Here it is:

I want to put a million Americans back to work now through a community job program. Government must be the employer of first opportunity as well as last resort.

I want to cut the welfare rolls and the unemployment compensation lines by putting Americans on their feet.

I want to provide 250,000 jobs for young people in the Neighborhood Youth Corps now.

I want to have job training that leads to a job--not to more training.

And I want to provide our states with the tools to coordinate and evaluate our national manpower programs.

These aren't idle hopes, these aren't the plans of a dreamer. I'm introducing a bill soon to put one million Americans back to work and put paychecks into the homes of hundreds of thousands of working families.

When he came back from China, the President told us that we faced stiff competition in Asia.

But I say we can't compete with the Chinese, we can't compete with the Russians, with the Japanese and the Europeans unless we get America back to work.

I've served my apprenticeship, I have the seniority, I come to you my union representatives--my bargaining agents--to help me become President of the United States.



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