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HUMPHREY SAYS KILLING OF POLICE, FIREMEN,
PRISON GUARDS SHOULD BE FEDERAL CRIME

MIAMI, March 8-- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey today proposed that the killing of local and state police, firemen and prison guards be made a Federal crime to help stem "the alarming increase in killings of these officers."

Speaking at the Crime Commission of Greater Miami's National Crime Forum, Humphrey said Federal jurisdiction in such crimes would mean "the immediate and total commitment of the vast resources of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the full commitment of the Federal judicial process."

"It would mean that no matter where these crimes might occur--from the smallest town to the largest city--the resources and personnel of the FBI would be pressed into the job of apprehending the criminal."

Humphrey said the number of policemen murdered in the line of duty had more than tripled in the last decade, rising from 37 in 1961 to 126 ten years later.

In the past ten years, more than 700 policemen and 44 firemen were killed by violent attacks, he said. And in 1970-71, 18 prison guards were slain.

Humphrey said three policemen were killed in the line of duty in Florida in fiscal 1971--in Leon County, in Pahokee and in Miami. And in the South Atlantic region, the National Association of Chiefs of Police reports that 16 officers were killed and 275 injured in the same year.

(more)

Humphrey pointed out that the number of kidnapings showed a dramatic drop when that crime was added to the Federal list.

There were nearly 300 kidnapings in 1931, he said. But when kidnaping was made a Federal crime, the number dropped to an annual average of just 28.

Humphrey also called for greater protection of the dependents of public safety officers and for compensation to the victims of crime.

The Victims of Crime act of 1972, of which Humphrey is a major co-sponsor, would provide up to \$60,000 of no-cost life insurance to public officers, he said.

It also would compensate the victims of crime and their dependents for injuries and salary losses incurred as a result of a crime.

"The battle against crime in America is long and unrelenting," Humphrey said. "The least we can do--and must do--is protect our public safety officers and help those who are the victims of crime.

"A time of genuine personal security is not visionary. We can have it. Meanwhile, the forgotten victims of crime must not be forgotten any longer.

--HHH--

MEMORANDUM

March 6, 1972

TO: Senator Humphrey

FROM: Mark Epstein

SUBJECT: National Crime Forum
Miami, Florida
March 8, 1972

This is the speech you wanted on making the murder of policemen, firemen, and prison guards a Federal offense. It also includes material on financial compensation to victims of crime. The killing of policemen data has been updated to include Florida statistics.

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

NATIONAL CRIME FORUM

MIAMI, FLORIDA

MARCH 8, 1972

WE ARE FIGHTING A WAR IN THIS COUNTRY--A WAR
AS HARD AND AS DEADLY AS ANY WE HAVE EVER FOUGHT ON
FOREIGN SHORES. WE ARE FIGHTING A WAR AGAINST CRIME.

WE ARE FIGHTING THIS WAR IN EVERY COMMUNITY IN
THIS COUNTRY. OUR SOLDIERS--OUR NATION'S PUBLIC SAFETY
OFFICERS--ARE COURAGEOUSLY AND VALIANTLY SAFEGUARDING
OUR LIVES AND PROPERTY.

AND THEY ARE PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE EVERY
DAY. AND MANY HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES TO PROTECT OURS.

IN 1961, 37 POLICEMEN WERE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. ONE DECADE LATER THE NUMBER HAS NEARLY QUADRUPLED TO 126. IN THE PAST TEN YEARS OVER 700 POLICEMEN AND 44 FIREMEN WERE KILLED BY VIOLENT ATTACKS. AND NOW THIS HONOR ROLE HAS BEEN JOINED BY PRISON GUARDS-- IN 1970-1971, 18 OF THESE BRAVE AMERICANS WERE KILLED.

AND THE NATION'S TRAGEDY IS FLORIDA'S TRAGEDY. IN THE FISCAL YEAR 1971 THREE POLICEMEN WERE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY--IN LEON COUNTY, IN PAHOKEE, AND IN MIAMI. IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE REPORTS THAT 16 OFFICERS WERE KILLED IN THIS PERIOD. AND 275 WERE INJURED.

I SAY TO YOU THIS SLAUGHTER MUST STOP. I BELIEVE THAT SOMETHING CAN BE DONE TO STOP THE KILLING OF POLICEMEN, FIREMEN AND PRISON GUARDS.

TONIGHT, BEFORE THE NATIONAL CRIME FORUM, I WANT TO ANNOUNCE MY INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO MAKE THE MURDER OR ATTEMPTED MURDER OF STATE AND LOCAL POLICEMEN, FIREMEN, AND PRISON GUARDS A FEDERAL OFFENSE.

THESE PEACE OFFICERS, THESE MEN WHO DAILY PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE FOR EACH AND ALL OF US, DESERVE FEDERAL PROTECTION. WE MUST--AND WE CAN--DO MORE TO PROTECT THEM FROM BULLETS OF HATE, FEAR, AND COWARDICE. I SAY AGAIN-- THIS SLAUGHTER MUST STOP.

WE MUST REMEMBER THAT BEFORE KIDNAPPING WAS MADE
A FEDERAL OFFENSE, THIS CRIME WAS REACHING CATASTROPHIC
PROPORTIONS, WITH ALMOST 300 KIDNAPPINGS IN 1931 ALONE.
SUBSEQUENTLY, KIDNAPPINGS HAVE AVERAGED ONLY 28 PER YEAR--
A STARTLING AND GRATIFYING REVERSAL.

A SIMILAR REVERSAL MAY BE ACHIEVED WITH THE USE OF
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IT MEANS THE FULL COMMITMENT OF THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL PROCESS.
IT MEANS THAT NO MATTER WHERE THESE CRIMES MAY TAKE PLACE--
FROM THE SMALLEST TOWN TO THE LARGEST CITY--THE FBI WILL BE
INVOLVED IN APPREHENDING THE CRIMINAL.

WE EXPECT MUCH FROM OUR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS--
AND THEY DELIVER. IN RETURN, WE MUST DO ALL WE CAN
TO INSURE THEIR SECURITY WHILE THEY PERFORM THEIR VITAL
TASKS.

WHILE WE INCREASE PROTECTION FOR THESE OFFICERS,
WE MUST EQUALLY INCREASE THE SENSE OF SECURITY OF THEIR
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WE CAN AND MUST PROVIDE FEDERAL LIFE INSURANCE FOR
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL SIMILAR TO THAT
AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

I AM ONE OF THE MAJOR CO-SPONSORS OF THE VICTIMS OF
CRIME ACT OF 1972, WHICH WILL PROVIDE UP TO \$60,000 OF
NO-COST LIFE INSURANCE TO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS.

WE CANNOT LET THE FAMILIES OF POLICEMEN, FIREMEN, AND
PRISON GUARDS WHO ARE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY CONTINUE
TO BE FORGOTTEN BY OUR GOVERNMENT.

OUR GOVERNMENT MUST NOT FORGET THE MANY OTHER VICTIMS
OF CRIME IN AMERICA. WE CANNOT PROVIDE JUSTICE FOR
AMERICANS WITHOUT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THOSE AMERICANS
WHO SUFFER FROM CRIMES.

WE MUST RECOGNIZE OUR CLEAR OBLIGATION TO EVERY
CITIZEN IN NEED WHO IS AN INNOCENT VICTIM OF VIOLENCE.

WE MUST RECOGNIZE--AND NEVER FORGET--THAT GOVERNMENT EXISTS FOR THE PEOPLE. IN OUR EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE MEANS BY WHICH WE IDENTIFY, APPREHEND, AND CONVICT THE CRIMINAL, WE MUST NOT FORGET THE VICTIM. FOR IT IS IN HIS INTEREST THAT OUR SYSTEM OF JUSTICE MUST OPERATE.

WE MUST HAVE A NEW ERA OF PERSONAL SECURITY IN THE UNITED STATES. THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT IS PART OF THAT NEW ERA.

WE MUST FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF OTHER NATIONS AND PROVIDE FINANCIAL RELIEF TO VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES.

WHAT HAPPENS TO AN INJURED PERSON, LEFT HALF-DEAD
IN THE STREET? IF SOMEONE CALLS AN AMBULANCE, THE VICTIM
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HIS SALARY FOR THE TIME LOST.

WE MUST HAVE A NATIONAL POLICY OF COMPENSATION FOR
THE VICTIMS, OR FAMILIES OF VICTIMS, OF CRIMINAL ACTS.

ALL AMERICANS WHO ARE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF LAWLESSNESS
MUST BE COMPENSATED FOR THEIR INJURIES AND LOSS.

THE NOTION THAT SOCIETY HAS AN OBLIGATION TO HELP MEET
THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF CRIME VICTIMS IS AN OLD ONE. YET OUR
GOVERNMENT HAS NEVER MET OUR OBLIGATION. IT IS A MATTER OF
GOOD CONSCIENCE AND SIMPLE JUSTICE.

OUR SOCIETY TREATS JUSTLY INDIVIDUALS ACCUSED OF
CRIME. IT MUST ALSO TREAT COMPASSIONATELY AMERICANS WHO
SUFFER FROM CRIME.

YOU KNOW AND I KNOW WE WILL WIN OUR WAR AGAINST
CRIME. BUT YOU AND I KNOW THE BATTLES ARE MANY AND THE
STRUGGLE IS LONG. THE LEAST WE CAN DO--WE MUST DO--IS
PROTECT OUR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS AND HELP THOSE WHO ARE
THE VICTIMS OF CRIME.

A NEW ERA OF PERSONAL SECURITY IS NOT A VISION--IT IS
A NECESSITY. THE FORGOTTEN AMERICANS--THE VICTIMS OF CRIME--
MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN ANY LONGER.

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- and I've added a few paragraphs on the drug-related causes of crime.
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REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

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NATIONAL CRIME FORUM

MIAMI, FLORIDA

MARCH 8, 1972

001309

Loren Greene - Chief Sheriff
of Ponderosa
the all-time white hat

SUGGESTED SUBSTITUTES

Bob Shevin
Dan Sullivan

001309

Law + order
First Duty
to protect

WE ARE FIGHTING A WAR IN THIS COUNTRY -- A WAR AS TOUGH
AND AS DEADLY AS ANY WE HAVE EVER FOUGHT ABROAD. IT IS A WAR
AGAINST CRIME. THIS WAR IS BEING FOUGHT IN EVERY COMMUNITY
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OFFICERS -- ARE COURAGEOUSLY AND VALIANTLY ENGAGED IN SAFE-
GUARDING OUR LIVES AND OUR PROPERTY. THEY ARE PUTTING THEIR
LIVES ON THE LINE EVERY DAY AND EVERY NIGHT.

They need our help + our support
~~and we need to~~

- (1) Recruitment - Highest Standards + more Police
- (2) Pay
- (3) Training in law enforcement +
Citizen Rights
- (4) Protection + Security
- (5) Speedy Trials
- (6) Reform of Parole System + Probation
- (7) Judicial Reform
- (8) Penal Reform

Minor Trade
Country
no help

Ang Abriak

Marj Lindsay

Ralph Kinnick

Father Sullivan

001310

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IN THE LINE OF DUTY HAS QUADRUPLD, IN JUST THIS PAST DECADE
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ATTACKS.

THE TRAGEDY OF THE NATION IS ^{also} THE TRAGEDY OF THE STATE of Florida.

IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION ALONE 16 OFFICERS WERE KILLED
AND 275 INJURED ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS OF THE NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE REPORT. for 1970-71.

Coral Gables Tragedy
of Police Officer Killed
on investigation of Burglary
assault on Carole - but
had been arrested & rearrested
without bail -
Crime Commission
Atty Genl Shriver

Panel Revocation

Mr. Sullivan
at 10/10/71

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*I have sponsored
such legislation.*

INSERT - AFTER SECOND PARAGRAPH:

and

WE CAN AND WE MUST PROVIDE ~~NUM~~ FEDERAL FUNDING
TO SUPPLEMENT LOCAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT SALARIES
ENABLING US TO ATTRACT AND KEEP OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN
AND WOMEN IN THE FIELD OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.

*Bob Shea
Supports Legis
Therapeutic
Funding
Foundation.*

*Training
Recruitment*

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Detoo has Rights -
The Right to life, to Safety,
to Protection.

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Here are some questions?

001316

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IF I AM ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES I SHALL EXPECT TO CONTINUE MY COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS AND ASSISTING THOSE WHO ARE THE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF CRIME, BUT THERE IS ONE FURTHER COMMITMENT THAT MUST BE MADE -- AND BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THIS NATION -- IF ONE OF THE PRINCIPLE CAUSES OF CRIME IN THIS NATION IS TO BE ELIMINATED. THIS COMMITMENT IS TO THE ERADICATION OF THE MERCHANTS OF MURDER -- THE HARD DRUG PUSHER. TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, I PROPOSE AS A MINIMUM THE FOLLOWING:

*murder
is for
installant
Plan*

1. MASSIVE EDUCATION OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE DANGERS OF DRUG USAGE.
2. ADEQUATE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS OF REHABILITATION -- PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO SALVAGE HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS ^{OTHERWISE} DESTINED TO BECOME HARDENED CRIMINALS BECAUSE WE LACK ^{ADEQUATE} FACILITIES TO RESTORE THEM TO USEFUL ROLES IN SOCIETY.

COMMITMENT OF THE FULL POWERS OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO ELIMINATE AT OUR BORDERS THE HEAVY IN FLOW OF DANGEROUS DRUGS BY THE USE OF EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT AND TREATY MAKING POWERS OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY. TO CUT OFF AID, TRADE, AND COMMERCE WITH THOSE NATION WHO FAIL TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM COOPERATION IN REDUCTION OF DRUG TRAFFIC INTO THE UNITED STATES.

*Drug
Miami
Van
Rulman*

(B) Coordination - Drug Control Agency

*CIA - FBI Narcotics, Customs
immigration etc*

~~SENATORS~~ THIS IS NOT IDLE PRESIDENTIAL POLITICAL RHETORIC.

60% OF THE CRIMES COMMITTED IN OUR NATION TODAY ARE DRUG-RELATED.

IT IS AN ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP FOR ANY MEANINGFUL PROGRAM OF CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL.

A NEW ERA OF PERSONAL SECURITY IS NOT A VISION -- IT IS A NECESSITY.

as many

AS A UNITED STATES SENATOR I HAVE DONE AND SHALL DO ALL IN MY POWER TO BRING THESE PROGRAMS INTO

REALITY. AS YOUR PRESIDENT, I CAN DO MORE.



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