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HUMPHREY ASKS ADMINISTRATION TO PUBLICLY DEFEND INFLATION POLICIES

GREEN BAY, Wisconsin - Senator Hubert Humphrey today challenged President Nixon "to come out from behind the shield of Executive Privilege" and allow his Cost of Living Council officials to explain to Congress "the skyrocketing rise in food prices and inflation."

Specifically, Humphrey urged the President to send Cost of Living Council Chairman Donald Rumsfeld to testify before a Joint Congressional Committee to defend price controls which have become "a hoax and a sham." Speaking to a labor group in Green Bay, Humphrey said that he had asked the Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, Wisconsin Senator William Proxmire, to conduct "a full inquiry into the Nixon wage and Price Control program."

Reacting sharply to President Nixon's charge that AFL-CIO President George Meany had "walked off the job" in leaving the Pay Board, Humphrey charged that it was "Richard Nixon who walked off the job of fighting inflation and controlling prices more than three years ago. "And everybody is paying the price today," said Humphrey.

Humphrey stated that the failure of the Nixon Administration to control inflation cannot be charged to labor. Rather, said Humphrey, "it is because Nixon lacks a fair and effective program."

"This entire episode," said Humphrey, "proves that the President of the United States would rather find scapegoats for his own failures than take a position of constructive, fair leadership."

Humphrey told the AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education in Green Bay that this year labor "faces its most important battle, its most serious fight, the vital, critical need to defeat Richard Nixon in 1972."

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The Democratic Presidential candidate invited labor "to call the roll on the Nixon Administration."

-- Unemployment has never been higher with five and a half million jobless.

-- Food costs are up -- rents are up.

-- The Consumer Price Index is climbing at record rates and the Administration is still optimistic about its policies to bring inflation under control.

-- We suffer under the highest interest and credit rates since the Civil War.

-- Property and payroll taxes are increasing.

"And with all of this," charged Humphrey, "everyday some White House spokesman tells the American people how good they have it, how we're going to have a good year or a 'very good year' or how prosperity is just around the corner."

Humphrey stated that "we must restore the people's confidence in this economy and only a new administration can do this."

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MEMORANDUM

MARCH 24, 1972

TO: Senator

FROM: Dan and Bob

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SPIRIT OF OUR PEOPLE.

THE GREAT AMERICAN ENGINE OF PRODUCTIVITY IS DRIVEN BY
THE DEDICATED HARDWORKINGPROUD MEN AND WOMEN WHO TOIL IN OUR
FACTORIES, IN OUR FIELDS, OUR MINES AND OUR OFFICES.

THEY ARE THE HEART OF AMERICA. THEY ARE ITS SOURCE OF
LIFE--THE VERY PULSE OF AMERICAN GREATNESS.

AND WHEN WE SPEAK OF A NATION'S STRENGTH--OF ITS
PEOPLE--WE CANNOT FORGET WHAT THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT
HAS DONE TO MAKE BETTER THE LIVES OF ALL AMERICANS.

THEY SAY THAT LABOR NO LONGER FIGHTS FOR THE LITTLE
GUY, FOR THE MINORITIES AND FOR THE POOR.

AND I SAY HOW TRAGICALLY WRONG THEY ARE.

--MEDICARE

--1964 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

--WAR ON POVERTY

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--THE FOOD STAMP BILL.

LABOR HASN'T GIVEN UP.

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LET'S CALL THE ROLL ON THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION:

--UNEMPLOYMENT HAS NEVER BEEN HIGHER -- 5 1/2 MILLION
JOBLESS.

--FOOD COSTS ARE UP -- RENTS ARE UP.

--MORTGAGE COSTS ARE UP.

--THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX IS CLIMBING AT RECORD RATES
AND THE ADMINISTRATION IS STILL OPTIMISTIC ABOUT IT'S
POLICIES TO BRING INFLATION UNDER CONTROL.

--THE HIGHEST INTEREST AND CREDIT RATES SINCE THE
CIVIL WAR.

--PROPERTY AND PAYROLL TAXES ARE INCREASING.

--AND THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE INCREASING MY FRIENDS,

GIANT CORPORATIONS AND THE BIG CONGLOMERATES HAD A 19 PERCENT
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75 PERCENT INCREASE IN PROFITS DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

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BUT RICHARD NIXON WOULD NEVER ALLOW YOU TO HAVE A 19 PERCENT
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THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION SAYS WE'RE IN A PROFITS
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EVERYDAY SOME WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN TELLS THE
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IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

THEY'VE ALSO TOLD US THAT THE AMERICAN WORKERS ARE
TO BLAME FOR INFLATION AND THAT THE FARMER IS TO BLAME
FOR HIGH FOOD PRICES AND THE CONSUMER DOESN'T KNOW HOW
TO SHOP.

AND JUST THIS WEEK THEY SAID THAT "GEORGE MEANY HAD WALKED OFF THE JOB OF CONTROLLING INFLATION WHEN HE LEFT THE PAY BOARD."

I DON'T BUY THAT FOR A MINUTE. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT RICHARD NIXON WALKED OFF THE JOB OF FIGHTING INFLATION AND CONTROLLING PRICES MORE THAN 3 YEARS AGO. AND EVERYBODY IS PAYING THE PRICE TODAY.

I WANT TO GO ON RECORD NOW. I SAY THAT IF THE ADMINISTRATION CANNOT CONTROL INFLATION, IT WILL NOT BE BECAUSE LABOR HAS LEFT THE PAY BOARD. IT WILL BE BECAUSE THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION LACKS A FAIR AND EFFECTIVE PROGRAM.

ITS PRICE CONTROLS ARE A HOAX AND A SHAM. WE HAVE NO PRICE
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RATHER FIND SCAPEGOATS FOR HIS OWN FAILURES THAN TAKE A
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THE TIME HAS COME FOR AN ACCOUNTING OF THE ENTIRE
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STATES TO GIVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AN HONEST EXPLANATION OF
WHY PRICES ARE INCREASING.

AS A MEMBER OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE I HAVE
ASKED THE CHAIRMAN, YOUR SENATOR WILLIAM PROXMIRE, TO CONDUCT
A FULL INQUIRY INTO THE NIXON WAGE AND PRICE CONTROL PROGRAM.

I WANT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PRICE COMMISSION AND THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE PAY BOARD TO BE CALLED ON THE CARPET.

I WANT TO KNOW WHY THE ADMINISTRATION'S INFLATION
CONTROL PROGRAM IS A FAILURE.

AND I WANT DONALD RUMSFIELD, THE CHAIRMAN OF PRESIDENT
NIXON'S COST OF LIVING COUNCIL, TO COME FROM BEHIND HIS
SHIELD OF EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE AND TO TESTIFY BEFORE CONGRESS

TO ANSWER SOME TOUGH QUESTIONS,

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--CONTROLS WITH TEETH.

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Anti Commission
a Hook.

- Investigate the Whole
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