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PHILADELPHIA

Mike + Sue

IT IS A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO MIKE JOHNSON.

IT'S ALSO AN HUMBLE PRIVILEGE TO SPEND AN EVENING

HONORING MIKE JOHNSON.

Mike

BUT, IT PRESENTS A PROBLEM. HOW DOES ONE HONOR MIKE

JOHNSON? HOW CAN PENNSYLVANIANS TRULY HONOR A MAN WHO HAS

SPENT HIS LIFE WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE?

38
years

IT IS AN IMPOSSIBLE ORDER. !

(Not a hint
Israel)

MIKE JOHNSON IS A MAN OF THE FACTORY, OF THE CLOTHING

AND STEEL MILLS, OF THE REFINERY, OF THE WAREHOUSE, OF THE

MACHINE ROOMS. HE IS A MAN BORN OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT--A

PROUD BELIEVER THAT PEOPLE UNITED, PEOPLE JOINED TOGETHER,

AND PEOPLE WORKING WITH ONE ANOTHER CAN MAKE LIFE BETTER

FOR ALL OF US.

Israeli
Leaders

L I SHARE HIS BELIEF. L I HAVE FOUND STRENGTH FROM IT.

L MIKE AND I HAVE HAD SOMEWHAT SIMILAR CAREERS--EXCEPT
THAT HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN ONE STEP AHEAD.

L HE WAS AN ORGANIZER OF THE ILGWU. *Garment workers*

L I WAS AN ORGANIZER OF THE MINNESOTA DEMOCRATIC FARMER
LABOR PARTY. *NFL*

LABOR PARTY.

L *Mike* HE MOVED ON TO BE THE STATE DIRECTOR OF COPE. *Cope*

L I COULD ONLY MOVE UP TO MAYOR OF MINNEAPOLIS.

L MIKE HAS BEEN THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE

PENNSYLVANIA STATE AFL-CIO.

L I'VE ONLY BEEN *just* VICE PRESIDENT.

L BUT, REGARDLESS OF MY INFERIORITY COMPLEX--WE BOTH
HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR THE SAME THINGS.

L MIKE JOHNSON AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT HAVE LED THE BATTLE
HERE IN PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE AVERAGE CITIZEN. L THEY HAVE
BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT FIGHTING FOR WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION,
FOR SAFETY PROGRAMS, FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, FOR
TAX JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS.

L MIKE JOHNSON AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT OF THIS STATE HAVE
LED THE BATTLE, DAY IN AND DAY OUT FOR A BETTER DEAL FOR
THE WORKING MEN AND WOMEN OF THIS STATE.

L MIKE JOHNSON HAS BEEN A TOWER OF STRENGTH IN THIS STATE--
NEVER COMPROMISING HIS IDEALS, NEVER TURNING HIS BACK ON THE
POOR AND THE HELPLESS, NEVER GIVING UP, ALWAYS MOVING AHEAD.!

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L MIKE JOHNSON IS AN HONORABLE MAN. A DECENT MAN.

L A MAN OF COURAGE, OF FAITH, OF TRUST, AND OF DETERMINATION.

L HE SYMBOLIZES THE BEST OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT--BOTH IN
THIS STATE AND NATIONALLY ^{and} HE IS NEEDED MORE THAN EVER
TODAY.

L FOR, THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE IN THIS NATION WHO TODAY
HEAP SCORN ON THE WORKING MAN AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT.

L THEY SAY THAT LABOR HAS BECOME MUSCLE BOUND AND
UNRESPONSIVE TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS.

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

L AND, I SAY ~~they are wrong~~ ^{they are wrong!}

John R. Ford
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JUST LOOK OVER THE HISTORY OF RECENT PROGRESSIVE

SOCIAL LEGISLATION:

Soc Sec.

--WE COULD NOT HAVE PASSED MEDICARE WITHOUT THE BACKING

OF THE AMERICAN WORKING MAN.

Medicare

--WE COULD NOT HAVE PASSED THE 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

WITHOUT LABOR'S HELP.

Civil Rts

--WE COULD NOT HAVE PASSED THE WAR ON POVERTY, THE
VOTING RIGHTS ACT, THE FOOD STAMP BILL WITHOUT LABOR.

THERE ARE OTHERS--OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY,

SOCIAL SECURITY, ~~MINIMUM~~ MINIMUM WAGE AND FAIR LABOR

STANDARDS,

Fed Aid to Educ

THIS YEAR, MIKE JOHNSON AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT FACES
ITS MOST IMPORTANT BATTLE, ITS MOST SERIOUS FIGHT: THE
VITAL CRITICAL NECESSITY TO DEFEAT RICHARD NIXON IN 1972.

L THE NIXON RECORD IS CLEAR TO ALL OF US: UNEMPLOYMENT,
INFLATION, TRADE DEFICITS, HUGE ^{Budget} BUDGETS, RISING PRICES,
FROZEN WAGES.

L RICHARD NIXON IS A FRIEND, A PARTNER, OF THE BIG CORPORATIONS
AND THE GIANT CONGLOMERATES, *of International Finance*

L RICHARD NIXON THINKS IT'S ALRIGHT FOR BIG BUSINESS TO MAKE
RECORD HIGH PROFITS--THEY SHOW A 19 PER CENT INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR.

L *100 Corporations - 75% increase*
BUT THE WORKING MAN CAN'T GET MORE THAN A 5.5 PERCENT WAGE BOOST.

L A CLOUD HANGS OVER EVERY UNION CONTRACT, FOR RICHARD NIXON'S
HAND PICKED PAY BOARD HAS A RECORD OF SCALING DOWN THE RIGHTFUL GAINS

Surprised
Mother in law

Rev Chergy

✓ How Shapp
✓ Geo Leach
✓ Harry
Boyer

✓ Lane Kirkland

✓ Cong Joshua
Gilberg

Hugh Carulla
Firm Tate

OF AMERICAN WORKERS.

IT HAPPENED WITH THE AEROSPACE WORKERS AND MACHINISTS.

IT HAPPENED WITH THE RAILWAY WORKERS.

IT HAPPENED WITH THE COMMUNICATION WORKERS.

IT HAPPENED WITH THE DOCKWORKERS.

WHOSE CONTRACT WILL BE NEXT?

WHOSE FAMILY WILL BE SHORTCHANGED THIS YEAR?

LAST WEEK, GEORGE MEANY, I. W. ABEL, FLOYD SMITH AND LEONARD

WOODCOCK WALKED OUT OF THE PAY BOARD.

THREE YEARS AGO, RICHARD NIXON WALKED OUT ON THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE. HE DESERTED THEM WHEN THEY NEEDED LEADERSHIP THE MOST. HE
COULDN'T STOP INFLATION. HE COULDN'T KEEP AMERICANS WORKING.

BLAMES

AND, NOW HE ~~BLAMES~~ IT ON LABOR--ON THE LABOR MOVEMENT--ON
GEORGE MEANY AND OTHERS.

HOW FALSE RICHARD NIXON IS. HOW UTTERLY DEPLORABLE HIS ACCUSATIONS
ARE.

I SAY WE NEED TO CLAMP DOWN HARD ON THE GIANT CORPORATIONS AND
BIG BUSINESS INTERESTS WHO HAVE PUSHED THE COST OF LIVING INTO THE
STRATOSPHERE.

THE TIME HAS COME FOR A PUBLIC ACCOUNTING OF THE ENTIRE NIXON
PRICE AND PAY CONTROL PROGRAM.

THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO GIVE
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AN HONEST EXPLANATION OF WHY PRICES ARE INCREASING.

I HAVE ASKED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

TO HOLD A FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE INQUIRY OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
PAY BOARD AND PRICE COMMISSION.

ONLY WITH OPEN HEARINGS CAN WE BRING OUT THE TRUTH AND CORRECT
THE INEQUITIES OF THIS SYSTEM.

AND ONLY WITH THE DEFEAT OF RICHARD NIXON IN NOVEMBER CAN
WORKING FAMILIES GET A FAIR DEAL FROM GOVERNMENT.

THAT'S WHY I'M RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT IN 1972--TO INSURE THAT
LABOR'S MOST CRITICAL BATTLE ENDS IN VICTORY.

AND THIS IS WHY I ASK AND NEED YOUR HELP.



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