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LUNCH WITH HUMPHREY SOUTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA LABOR COMMITTEE

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

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I WANT TO ASK A SIMPLE QUESTION.

WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE LIKE IF RICHARD NIXON IS RE-ELECTED  
IN NOVEMBER?

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE LABOR MOVEMENT? AND WHAT'S  
GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE AMERICAN WORKING FAMILY?

I DON'T HAVE A CRYSTAL BALL, BUT IF THE PAST 39 MONTHS  
ARE ANY INDICATION OF WHAT COULD HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE, AMERICAN  
WORKING FAMILIES AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT ARE GOING TO BE IN  
FOR A TOUGH AND TIGHT 4 YEARS.

LET ME TELL YOU A LITTLE ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENED UNDER  
3 YEARS OF RICHARD NIXON:

--UNEMPLOYMENT IN JANUARY 1969 WHEN RICHARD NIXON TOOK OFFICE WAS 2.7 MILLION OR 3.4 PERCENT OF THE LABOR FORCE. LAST MONTH 5.1 MILLION AMERICANS OR 5.9 PERCENT OF THE LABOR FORCE WAS LOOKING FOR <sup>A</sup>JOB.<sub>^</sub>

IF RICHARD NIXON CAN THROW 3 MILLION PEOPLE OUT OF WORK IN HIS FIRST TERM, WHAT DO YOU THINK HE'LL DO IN HIS SECOND TERM WHEN HE DOESN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GETTING ELECTED AGAIN?

--IN JANUARY OF 1969 SIX MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREAS OF THE UNITED STATES WERE CLASSIFIED BY THE LABOR DEPARTMENT AS AREAS OF "SUBSTANTIAL UNEMPLOYMENT."

BY MARCH OF 1972, 49 MORE INDUSTRIAL AREAS WERE ADDED TO THIS LIST. IF PRESENT TRENDS CONTINUE THE ENTIRE NATION WILL BE CLASSIFIED AS AN AREA OF SUBSTANTIAL UNEMPLOYMENT.

--IN JANUARY OF 1969 ONLY 334,000 PERSONS WERE UNEMPLOYED FOR 15 WEEKS OR MORE.

BY LAST MONTH, THAT NUMBER HAD INCREASED TEN FOLD TO ALMOST 1.3 MILLION WORKERS.

HOW MANY OF THESE WORKERS CAN STILL COLLECT UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS? OR BETTER YET, WHY SHOULD THEY BE UNEMPLOYED AT ALL? WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE MONTHS AND YEARS? AND WITH INCREASING UNEMPLOYMENT FOR PROLONGED PERIODS THIS ADMINISTRATION FOUGHT AGAINST LEGISLATION TO INCREASE

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS AND TO EXTEND ELIGIBILITY PERIODS ANOTHER 26 WEEKS.

--IN JANUARY 1969, 1.6 MILLION WORKERS WERE EMPLOYED PART-TIME BECAUSE FULL-TIME WORK WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

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WHAT KIND OF FUTURE WILL THESE PEOPLE HAVE UNDER RICHARD  
NIXON IN THE NEXT 4 YEARS?

--IN JANUARY 1969, 9.9 MILLION PEOPLE WERE ON WELFARE.

BY OCTOBER OF 1971--THE LATEST OFFICIAL STATISTICS  
SHOW 14.7 MILLION PEOPLE RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

AND MR. NIXON SAYS HE HAS A PLAN FOR WELFARE REFORM?  
UNDER THE REPUBLICANS MILLIONS WERE ADDED TO THE WELFARE  
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--IN JANUARY 1969, THERE WAS A FOREIGN TRADE SURPLUS OF  
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THIS WAS THE FIRST ANNUAL DEFICIT SINCE 1893. TRADE DEFICITS  
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IT'S CLEAR, ECONOMIC HARD TIMES ARE A FACT OF LIFE WITH  
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