

MEMORANDUM

April 19, 1972

TO: Senator
FROM: Dan and Bob
SUBJ: Mercersburg Democratic County Dinner

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We hit the standard economic themes along with the accusation that Richard Nixon **has** failed to be President of all the people. We raise the question of fairness in the context of Nixon ignoring the people while helping his Big Business friends.

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REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

MERCERSBURG DEMOCRATIC COUNTY DINNER

MERCERSBURG, PA.

APRIL 22, 1972

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LET ME ASK YOU THIS QUESTION:

WHAT DO WE WANT FROM OUR PRESIDENT?

WE WANT A PRESIDENT WHO IS COMPASSIONATE, WHO IS
UNDERSTANDING, WHO CARES ABOUT YOU AND WHERE YOU LIVE,

WE WANT A LEADER WHO IS PRESIDENT OF ALL THE PEOPLE,

RICHARD NIXON HAS FAILED TO BE PRESIDENT OF ALL THE
PEOPLE,

AND, HIS ADMINISTRATION IS A GOVERNMENT OF THE MANY,
BY THE FEW, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SPECIAL INTEREST,

NOW IT'S ELECTION YEAR, AND WE WILL SEE A PRESIDENT
WHO SUDDENLY BEGINS TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF AMERICANS,

BUT I AM NOT GOING TO LET HIM FORGET THAT FOR ALMOST
4 YEARS HE NEGLECTED OUR ECONOMY, LET THE COST OF LIVING
INCREASE, AND FAILED TO END THE WAR.

--WHERE WAS RICHARD NIXON AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WHEN
5 1/2 MILLION AMERICANS BEGAN TO LOSE THEIR JOBS?

--WHERE WAS RICHARD NIXON AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WHEN
HOMEOWNERS WANTED PROPERTY TAX RELIEF?

--WHERE WAS RICHARD NIXON AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WHEN
THE WORKING FAMILY'S PAYCHECK BECAME LESS AND LESS?

--WHERE WAS RICHARD NIXON AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WHEN
1.2 MILLION AMERICANS WERE ONCE MORE THROWN INTO POVERTY?

--WHERE WAS RICHARD NIXON AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WHEN
FOOD PRICES ROARED OUT OF SIGHT?

--WHERE WAS RICHARD NIXON AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WHEN
RURAL AMERICA LOST INDUSTRY, WHEN THE YOUNG MOVED TO THE CITY
AND RURAL TOWN AFTER RURAL TOWN COULDN'T BUILD ITS SEWAGE
PLANTS OR OTHER BADLY NEEDED PUBLIC FACILITIES.

--WHERE WAS RICHARD NIXON WHEN THE PEOPLE NEEDED HIM?

I'LL TELL YOU WHERE -- HE WAS TAKING CARE OF HIS FRIENDS.

HE WAS FIGHTING FOR A \$9 BILLION TAX BREAK FOR THE BIG

BANKS.

HE WAS SAYING THAT HIGH PROFITS ARE THE BEST THING
THAT COULD HAPPEN TO THE AMERICAN ECONOMY -- WHILE AT THE
SAME TIME HOLDING DOWN WAGES.

HE WAS TRYING TO DISMANTLE THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE, FORCE THE FAMILY FARM OUT OF BUSINESS, AND
PROMISING HIGH PARITY LEVELS WHILE DELIVERING THE LOWEST
FARM PRICES IN DECADES.

HE WAS IGNORING THE NEEDS OF COMMUNITIES AND
NEIGHBORHOODS IN OUR CITIES AND SUBURBS.

HE WAS TRAVELING AROUND THE WORLD IN SEARCH OF PEACE
ABROAD WHEN HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO BRING A NATION TOGETHER
AT HOME.

HE HAS SEEN THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA, AND HE WILL
VISIT RED SQUARE IN RUSSIA. WHEN WILL HE TAKE TIME TO VISIT
AN UNEMPLOYMENT LINE, OR AN ELDERLY COUPLE LOCKED IN THEIR
APARTMENTS FROM FEAR OF BEING MUGGED.

RICHARD NIXON AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAVE BARRED THE
YOUNG, THE WORKERS, THE FARMERS AND THE MINORITIES OF THIS
COUNTRY FROM HIS OVAL OFFICE IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

AND NOTHING HE WILL DO BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER CAN
POSSIBLY REMEDY ALMOST 4 YEARS OF TAKING ALL THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE FOR GRANTED.

WHAT AMERICA MUST HAVE IS A FAIR SOCIETY.

TONIGHT, I PLEDGE TO YOU A FAIR SOCIETY THAT WILL
NEVER USE FORCED UNEMPLOYMENT TO FIGHT INFLATION,

I PLEDGE TO YOU A FAIR SOCIETY THAT WILL NEVER LET
PRICES AND PROFITS SKYROCKET WHILE WAGES ARE FROZEN,

I PLEDGE TO YOU A FAIR SOCIETY THAT WILL HAVE A TAX
SYSTEM WHICH IS NOT RIGGED AGAINST WORKING AMERICANS,

I PLEDGE A FAIR SOCIETY THAT USES THE PRODUCTIVE
RESOURCES OF THIS NATION TO SOLVE THE NEEDS OF ALL THE
PEOPLE -- A SOCIETY THAT MAKES ALL THE PEOPLE THE
BENEFICIARIES OF OUR WEALTH AND OUR RESOURCES, NOT THE
VICTIMS OF RECESSION AND HARD TIMES,

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