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HUMPHREY OPPOSES MASSIVE CUT IN DEFENSE, AEROSPACE FUNDS

SAN DIEGO -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey tonight criticized his opponent's proposal for "massive aerospace and defense cuts, without a realistic alternative to prevent people from losing their jobs."

In remarks to the Apprenticeship Graduation Dinner of the AFL-CIO here, Humphrey said he favors a trimming of fat from the defense and aerospace budgets, but opposes huge reductions what would weaken the national defense posture and increase unemployment in California.

The following is a partial text of Senator Humphrey's remarks:

If one important sector of the economy of this state is in economic decline, the reverberations are felt throughout the state, in every home, in every business district, in every shopping center and in every savings account.

Today, this is happening in California. A vital segment of the economy of this state which directly or indirectly affects every single person in this room is in trouble.

-- In one year, there has been an 11% drop in aerospace employment.

-- There's been a 50% reduction in space and defense contracts for California's working families over the last ten years.

And all families in the Southland are affected. For example, what happens to a community when 1,500 aerospace jobs are lost?

-- About 1,300 families move away. .

-- There will be about 1,400 fewer school children and that means higher property taxes for those who stay.

-- There will be about 1,000 people in the community, such as yourselves, thrown out of work.

-- Retail stores will close because people just won't have money to spend.

I want the working families of California to know my record in safeguarding their jobs.

When I voted for the space shuttle, I voted for a program that will bring 24,000 aerospace jobs and 36,000 related community jobs to California.

When I voted for the Lockheed loan, I was casting a vote for 6,000 employes in Burbank, 4,000 employes in other parts of the state and 52,000 jobs throughout this country.

When I cast all of these votes, I was voting for the worker on the assembly line, the technician in the lab, the metalworker, the meatcutter at the supermarket, the bricklayer building the church, and others in the community. I was voting for the basic health of California's working families.

No other candidate can honestly make that claim. But today, one candidate seeking your support proposes massive aerospace and defense cuts without a realistic alternative to prevent people from losing their jobs, their cars and their homes.

Senator McGovern's \$30 billion budget cut in defense spending alone, can only mean more unemployment in San Diego's Naval stations, factories and businesses.

I want the record clear. I'm opposed to waste in our defense budget. I think we have too many admirals and generals. I think we must take a hard look at what a defense dollar buys. And I want our priorities reordered.

But I'm against cutting the muscle out of our defense budget. And whatever reductions we do make, they should be accompanied by similar reductions by the Soviet Union through negotiations.

I stand firmly against forcing thousands more California working men and women and their families onto unemployment lines. I say defense yes. Waste no.

I think there are things to be done in this country. There are schools to build, hospitals to construct, homes to build. There are cities that need help. And an environment to protect.

I think we can do these things and at the same time have a strong national defense.

I think we can have a good educational system and a number one defense system. They're not incompatible.

I want you to join me tonight -- join me in a crusade to get America back on its feet. Join me in ending a war and start paying attention to our problems here at home.

Join with me -- give me your idealism, your hearts, your support, and together we will get America moving again.

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REMARKS BY

SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

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- *Rich Richardson*

- *Carl Pridemore*

- *Les Parker - ~~Sett~~*

Congrats to the Young Apprentices

Jobs

L I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU TONIGHT ABOUT YOUR JOBS, ABOUT THE

FUTURE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, AND THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF YOUR

COMMUNITY.

I'M PROUD OF YOUR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM. *COMPLETING THIS*

PROGRAM TELLS ME THAT YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES.

~~I KNOW THAT IT'S TAKEN A GREAT DEAL OF HARD WORK TO COMPLETE~~

~~THIS PROGRAM.~~ *IT TAKES TIME TO LEARN YOUR KIND OF SKILLS.* ~~YOU'VE~~

~~WORKED HARD FOR WHAT YOU HAVE NOW.~~

L BUT NOW THAT YOU HAVE THAT JOURNEYMAN'S CARD, THAT'S A REAL

BEGINNING. *IT CAN MEAN SECURITY FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR CHILDREN.*

IT CAN MEAN ADVANCEMENT AND OPPORTUNITY. *IT CAN MEAN A Good HOME AND A*

NEW CAR. AND IT CAN MEAN PUTTING SOMETHING AWAY FOR RETIREMENT.

L BUT WHAT DOES YOUR HARD WORK AND TRAINING MEAN IF YOU LOSE

YOUR JOB AND CAN'T FIND ANOTHER?

L IT MEANS THAT YOUR TALENTS WILL BE WASTED.

L IT MEANS MAKING DO ON A TIGHT BUDGET.

Loss Job

L IT MEANS YOU'RE ANGRY AND FRUSTRATED AND YOU WONDER

SOMETIMES WHETHER IT WAS ALL WORTH IT.

L BUT ALL OF YOU HAVE JOBS -- YOU'RE FORTUNATE. L YOU'RE NOT

AMONG THE 6 PERCENT WITHOUT WORK IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA,

L YOU'RE NOT AMONG THE THOUSANDS COLLECTING UNEMPLOYMENT

COMPENSATION AND ON THE WELFARE ROLLS.

*510,000 unemployed
Phonics*

L BUT FOR MANY OTHER SKILLED WORKERS, FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN

TRAINED AS MECHANICS, BRICKLAYERS, CARPENTERS, BARBERS, MEATCUTTERS

AND ELECTRICAL WORKERS, UNEMPLOYMENT IS A REALITY AND THE NIXON RECESSION

HAS HIT THEM HARD.

Unemployment

L TOO MANY OF THESE FAMILIES ARE APAY DAY AND A HALF FROM
BANKRUPTCY.

L THIS IS WRONG.!

L YOUR JOBS AND YOUR FUTURE ARE RELATED TO THE BASIC HEALTH AND

VITALITY OF THE ECONOMY ~~IN COMMUNITIES STRETCHING FROM THE TEHACHAPIES~~

TO THE MEXICAN BORDER,

L IF ONE IMPORTANT SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY OF THIS STATE IS IN
ECONOMIC DECLINE, THE REVERBERATIONS ARE FELT THROUGHOUT THE STATE,
IN EVERY HOME, IN EVERY BUSINESS DISTRICT, IN EVERY SHOPPING CENTER
AND IN EVERY SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

(X) L TODAY, THIS IS HAPPENING IN CALIFORNIA. L A VITAL SEGMENT OF

THE ECONOMY OF THIS STATE WHICH DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY AFFECTS EVERY
SINGLE PERSON IN THIS ROOM IS IN TROUBLE.

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(X) L ---IN ONE YEAR, THERE HAS BEEN AN 11% DROP IN AEROSPACE
EMPLOYMENT,

---THERE'S BEEN A 50% REDUCTION IN SPACE AND DEFENSE CONTRACTS
FOR CALIFORNIA'S WORKING FAMILIES OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS.

L AND ALL FAMILIES IN THE SOUTHLAND ARE AFFECTED.

L FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT HAPPENS TO A COMMUNITY WHEN 1,500

AEROSPACE JOBS ARE LOST?

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— well, let me tell you.

L---ABOUT 1,300 FAMILIES MOVE AWAY.

L---THERE WILL BE ABOUT 1,400 FEWER SCHOOL CHILDREN AND THAT

MEANS HIGHER PROPERTY TAXES FOR THOSE WHO STAY.

L---THERE WILL BE ^{another} ~~ABOUT~~ 1,000 PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, SUCH

AS YOURSELVES, THROWN OUT OF WORK,

---RETAIL STORES WILL CLOSE BECAUSE PEOPLE JUST WON'T HAVE

MONEY TO SPEND.

L I WANT THE WORKING FAMILIES OF CALIFORNIA TO KNOW MY RECORD

IN SAFEGUARDING THEIR JOBS.

Space

WHEN I ^{*supported*} ~~VOTED~~ FOR THE SPACE SHUTTLE, & ^{*supported*} ~~VOTED~~ FOR A PROGRAM

THAT WILL BRING 24,000 AEROSPACE JOBS AND 36,000 RELATED COMMUNITY

JOBS TO CALIFORNIA.

Lockheed

L WHEN I VOTED FOR THE LOCKHEED LOAN, I WAS CASTING A VOTE

FOR 6,000 EMPLOYEES IN BURBANK, 4,000 EMPLOYEES IN OTHER PARTS OF
THE STATE AND 52,000 JOBS THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY,

↳ WHEN I CAST ~~ALL OF~~ THESE VOTES, I WAS VOTING FOR THE
WORKER ON THE ASSEMBLY LINE, THE TECHNICIAN IN THE LAB, THE
METALWORKER, THE MEATCUTTER AT THE SUPERMARKET, THE BRICKLAYER
BUILDING THE CHURCH, AND OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY.

↳ I WAS VOTING FOR THE BASIC HEALTH OF CALIFORNIA'S WORKING
FAMILIES.

↳ NO OTHER CANDIDATE CAN HONESTLY MAKE THAT CLAIM.

↳ BUT, TODAY, ONE CANDIDATE SEEKING YOUR SUPPORT, PROPOSES
MASSIVE AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE CUTS, WITHOUT A REALISTIC ALTERNATIVE
TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM LOSING THEIR JOBS, THEIR CARS AND THEIR HOMES,

↳ SENATOR MCGOVERN'S \$30 BILLION BUDGET CUT IN DEFENSE
SPENDING ALONE, CAN ONLY MEAN MORE UNEMPLOYMENT IN SAN DIEGO'S NAVAL

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YARDS, FACTORIES AND BUSINESSES.

Threaten our defense

L I WANT THE RECORD CLEAR. *L* I'M OPPOSED TO WASTE IN OUR
+50 Voted!

DEFENSE BUDGET. ~~I THINK WE HAVE TOO MANY ADMIRALS AND GENERALS.~~

~~I~~ THINK WE MUST TAKE A HARD LOOK AT WHAT A DEFENSE DOLLAR BUYS.

AND I WANT OUR PRIORITIES RE-ORDERED.

L BUT I'M AGAINST CUTTING THE MUSCLE OUT OF OUR DEFENSE

BUDGET. *L* AND WHATEVER REDUCTIONS WE DO MAKE, THEY SHOULD BE

ACCOMPANIED BY SIMILAR REDUCTIONS BY THE SOVIET UNION THROUGH

NEGOTIATIONS.

Russ

I STAND FIRMLY AGAINST FORCING THOUSANDS MORE CALIFORNIA
WORKING MEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES ONTO UNEMPLOYMENT LINES.

L I SAY DEFENSE YES, WASTE NO.

~~I~~ THINK THERE ARE THINGS TO BE DONE IN THIS COUNTRY. THERE
ARE SCHOOLS TO BUILD, HOSPITALS TO CONSTRUCT, HOMES TO BUILD.

L THERE ARE CITIES THAT NEED HELP, AND AN ENVIRONMENT TO PROTECT,

L ~~I THINK~~ WE CAN DO THESE THINGS AND AT THE SAME TIME HAVE A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE,

L ~~I THINK~~ WE CAN HAVE A GOOD EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND A NUMBER ONE DEFENSE SYSTEM,

L ~~THEY'RE NOT INCOMPATIBLE~~ *America on its feet*

I WANT YOU TO JOIN ME TONIGHT -- JOIN ME IN A CRUSADE TO GET AMERICA BACK ON ITS FEET, JOIN ME IN ENDING A WAR AND START PAYING ATTENTION TO OUR PROBLEMS HERE AT HOME,

JOIN WITH ME -- GIVE ME YOUR IDEALISM, YOUR HEARTS, YOUR SUPPORT, AND TOGETHER WE WILL GET AMERICA MOVING AGAIN,



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