

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

FAIRMOUNT HOTEL
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1972

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IN THE INTERVIEW, SENATOR PROXMIRE LABELLED McGOVERN'S TAX PROGRAM THE "ACHILLED HEEL" OF McGOVERN'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. AND SENATOR PROXMIRE, UPON BEING ASKED WHETHER HE PLANNED TO CAMPAIGN FOR HIS COLLEAGUE SAID: "BECAUSE OF MY DISAGREEMENT WITH HIM, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GO OUT AND CAMPAIGN FOR HIM. IF I WERE ASKED ABOUT SOME OF THESE ISSUES, I WOULD HAVE TO SAY I THINK HE IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG. THAT COULD BE TOUGH ON GEORGE".

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GIVE HIM HELL

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