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HUMPHREY SAYS MCGOVERN NOT REAL FRIEND
OF WORKING FAMILIES

BURLINGAME, June 2--Senator Hubert H. Humphrey said today his opponent's voting record on labor issues coupled with his proposals for slashing the defense budget and his "giveaway welfare program" demonstrate that "he is not a real friend of the millions of working families in this state."

Humphrey told a predominately labor audience at a rally at Plumber's Auditorium here:

"A real friend of California working families would not have a record with votes against unemployment compensation, votes against civil rights, votes against organized labor and votes against tax reform. That's part of Senator McGovern's record that he's not telling the people of this state. . .

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"No real friend of working families would propose programs which threaten their jobs and put people out of work. Yet that's what Senator McGovern's meat ax defense cuts would accomplish."

Following is the text of Senator Humphrey's prepared remarks:

"The labor unions of this nation have a proud history. And I'm proud that we've fought together for dignity and decency for the working families of America.

Together we've fought for Medicare, for adequate minimum wages, fair labor practices, for job safety, for Social Security for a fair tax system, for job security and for civil rights.

Together we believe in a healthy, booming American economy and have fought for it.

Whenever you need Hubert Humphrey, he was there.

Today, Senator McGovern is telling California working families that he is their friend.

But you and I know what a real friend is.

I say he is a false friend of the millions of working families in this state.

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You and I know that a real friend of California working families would not vote against unemployment compensation, against civil rights, votes organized labor and against tax reform. That's part of Senator McGovern's record that he's not telling the people of this state.

No real friend of working families would propose a welfare scheme that would give everyone \$1,000 dollars. That's what Senator McGovern wants. That means that George McGovern wants to give Howard Hughes, the President of ITT and Ronald Reagan a \$1,000 handout.

Senator McGovern refuses to tell us how much it will cost. But I can tell you, it can't cost less than \$51 billion dollars.

And you're going to be saddled with a McGovern welfare tax to pay for his \$1,000 giveaway scheme.

People don't want welfare---they want jobs.

No real friend of the working family would propose a tax reform program and then run full page ads in the Wall Street Journal telling the big banks and brokerage houses that he really didn't mean it.

Yet, that's what Senator McGovern did.

And, he wants to do something else also.

His idea of tax reform is to take away your \$750 tax exemption for members of your family, to take away your deductions for interest payments on your mortgage and your property tax deduction.

Think of it--taking your personal exemption and your deduction to pay for the McGovern \$1,000 welfare giveaway.

I haven't given up on tax reform. I've been fighting the big boys all my life.

I don't run full page ads in the Wall Street Journal apologizing to the big banks and the giant corporations.

I want a fair tax system--one that gives a break to the working man.

No real friend of working families would propose programs which threaten their jobs and put people out of work.

Yet, that's what Senator McGovern's meat ax defense cuts would accomplish.

Did you know that George McGovern wants to cut the defense budget by 43 per cent?

That means no new shipbuilding. It means closing 25 per cent of our army bases, cutting the number of bombers by 60 per cent cutting half of our fleet, and reducing civilian and military personnel in our Armed Forces by as much as 30 per cent.

George McGovern would cut the muscle from our security.

America will become a second class power. And without a job, you will become a second class citizen.

Senator McGovern admitted that California workers may have to be without jobs for as long as a year under his proposals. And this week he appointed a special committee to study the whole situation and find out exactly how many people would lose their jobs.

I'm here to tell Senator McGovern that we don't need any more phony committees. We need people on the job with cash in their wallets.

Californians want jobs, not unemployment compensation.

That's why I've proposed a comprehensive job development program to put Californians to work.

You and I know that no real friend of working families would ever ignore young workers and their problems.

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But Senator McGovern does.

Young workers are only 3 per cent of George McGovern's California delegation. In the Humphrey youth delegation, they represent 30 per cent.

George McGovern says that he represents the youth of America. But where is the evidence of his commitment to young working families?

I'm here to tell you today that if a young Humphrey supporter doesn't ring your doorbell, it's because he or she is working.

Humphrey youth work for a living and can be found in the factories, in the shops, in the stores of California.

I won't forget the invisible, working youth of this country.

I haven't done so in a political campaign, as Senator McGovern has in this, and I won't do it from the White House.

I'm running hard in California because I refuse to stand idly by and let the Nixon recession become the McGovern recession.

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