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IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE TONIGHT.

IT IS GOOD TO HAVE A CHANCE TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT --

TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION -- AND ZERO IN

ON THE TARGET: THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION.

THIS WEEK, THE REPUBLICANS MET IN MIAMI!

IT REALLY WASN'T MUCH OF A CONVENTION, YOU KNOW.

IT WAS MORE LIKE WATCHING THEATRE IN THE ROUND -- A

PODIUM THAT MOVES UP AND DOWN -- A STAGE DESIGNED BY THE

PRODUCER OF THE DATING GAME. (I WONDER IF HE WAS THINKING OF

NIXON AND AGNEW.)

AND IN THE FIRST HOURS -- THEY ACTUALLY PASSED AN "OPEN

DOOR" RESOLUTION -- INVITING ALL OF US DEMOCRATS IN.

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I HAVE ONE WORD TO SAY ABOUT THAT -- "HAH!" -- AN "OPEN
DOOR RESOLUTION -- BUNK!

THE REPUBLICAN OPEN DOOR IS OPEN -- BUT TO WHOM?

OPEN DOOR

-- BIG BUSINESS

-- INTERNATIONAL BANKERS

-- ~~FAT CATS~~ Stock Brokers

-- SPECIAL INTEREST companies
- ITT -

L BUT IT IS NOT NOW -- AND NEVER HAS BEEN OPEN TO AMERICAN

WORKING FAMILIES.

YET, THEY SPENT THE ENTIRE CONVENTION TRYING TO CONVINC
THE WORKING FAMILIES OF THIS NATION THAT REPUBLICANS WERE THEIR

FRIENDS.

L TIME AFTER TIME, I HEARD THE REFRAIN -- REPUBLICANS ARE
YOUR FRIENDS -- REPUBLICANS ARE GOING AFTER THE BLUE COLLAR
VOTE -- REPUBLICANS ARE COURTING THE UNION VOTE -- REPUBLICANS
ARE WOOING THE WORKING MAN.

and abuse

~~ALL~~ ~~YES~~ ~~AFTER~~ AFTER DECADES AND DECADES OF NEGLECT, REPUBLICANS
HAVE ACTUALLY DISCOVERED THAT THERE ARE WORKING PEOPLE.

WE DEMOCRATS ARE NO STRANGERS TO WORKING FAMILIES.

working families

L FOR THE WORKING FAMILIES OF THIS NATION HAVE BEEN AND ARE

Dinner

THE BACKBONE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY -- THEY ARE OUR
CONSTITUENCY. THEY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE OUR PARTY THE
FORCE OF PROGRESS AND JUSTICE IT IS.

AS USUAL, THE REPUBLICANS ARE THIRTY YEARS BEHIND.

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~~BUT THEY ARE TRYING TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME.~~

But *The Republicans*
 IN AUGUST OF '72 THEY SAY THAT THEY ARE YOUR FRIENDS.!

~~I ASK YOU!~~

will lets see--!

-- WHAT KIND OF FRIENDS WERE THEY IN AUGUST OF '71, OR

AUGUST OF '70, OR AUGUST OF '69?

↳ No friend of the working family would slap on a wage freeze and at the same time give giant corporations huge tax breaks and profits.

↳ No friend of the working man would stuff the pockets of his business with tax relief bonanzas, while workers pay ever increasing taxes.

↳ No friend of the working man would propose a giant size national sales tax. (Sales tax)

↳ No friend of the working family would refuse to close the loopholes and reform the tax system.

↳ No friend of the working family would try to water down much needed increases in Social Security benefits.

↳ No friend of the working family would cut back school lunches for their children.

↳ No friend of the working family would stand idly by, while interest rates skyrocketed. + Again up!

↳ No friend of the working family would oppose a comprehensive program of national health insurance.

-- WHAT KIND OF FRIEND WOULD REFUSE TO PROPOSE MEASURES

~~TO REDUCE THE PROPERTY TAX, TO CLOSE THE LOOPHOLES?~~

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↳ -- WHAT KIND OF FRIEND WOULD OPPOSE PENSION RIGHTS REFORM,

~~OPPOSE SOCIAL SECURITY INCREASES,~~ SKIMP ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF

THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT, AND MONTH AFTER MONTH

ALLOW THE COST OF LIVING TO SKYROCKET?

*Pub Service
Employment*

↳ -- WHAT KIND OF FRIEND WOULD OPPOSE PUBLIC SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT FOR THE MILLIONS OF UNEMPLOYED IN THIS NATION?

-- WHAT KIND OF FRIEND WOULD OPPOSE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMS?

- what kind of Vets Educ - Hospital

-- ~~WHAT KIND OF FRIEND WOULD STAND WITH THE BIG INSURANCE~~

~~COMPANIES -- AND OPPOSE A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF NATIONAL~~

~~HEALTH INSURANCE -- TO CUT THE COST OF KEEPING YOU HEALTHY?~~

Some friend - the GOP!

Yes ON, THE REPUBLICANS LIKE WORKING FAMILIES -- ~~THEY LIKE~~
Just before election - a Short Love Affair
'EM UNEMPLOYED. with Mexican Dances!

L NOW WHAT DO WORKING PEOPLE WANT? THEY WANT:

- INCOME
- Good Housing
- GOOD SCHOOLS FOR THEIR CHILDREN
- QUALITY HEALTH CARE
- SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS
- RECREATION AREAS
- SAFE WORKING CONDITIONS
- AND PRICE STABILITY

what do
working families
want!

L AMERICAN WORKING FAMILIES WANT A GOVERNMENT IN WHICH they can

TO PLACE THEIR TRUST -- ONE THAT LOOKS AFTER THEIR INTERESTS.

~~They want~~

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AH, YES, IF YOU READ THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM, THE
 REPUBLICANS CLAIM TO BE IN THE MODERN ERA.

DID YOU KNOW THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE
 PARTY -- THEY DO NOT HAVE A PLATFORM SECTION PROPOSING "RIGHT
 TO WORK" LAWS?

FOR REPUBLICANS, THAT'S PROGRESS. AND I AM FOR PROGRESS.

BUT DON'T LET THEM FOOL YOU -- REPUBLICANS HAVEN'T BEEN
 YOUR FRIENDS ^{in the Past!} THEY ARE NOT YOUR FRIENDS NOW, AND THEY WON'T
 BE YOUR FRIENDS THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER.

THE BIG BUSINESS REPUBLICAN RECORD OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION
 IS SIMPLY ONE OF NO, NO, GO SLOW, NOT NOW, VETO.

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TIME AND TIME AGAIN, WHEN THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THIS
 NATION ASKED FOR A LITTLE JUSTICE, THE BIG BUSINESS REPUBLICAN
~~NIXON~~ ADMINISTRATION TURNED ITS BACK AND SAID "NO -- NOT NOW."

TIME AND TIME AGAIN, WHEN THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THIS
 COUNTRY ASKED FOR A WAGE INCREASE, THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION SAID
 "NO -- NOT NOW, BUT TRUST US, YOU'LL GET IT LATER."

and a Administration
 I SAY TO YOU, YOU CAN TRUST REPUBLICANS ABOUT AS FAR AS

YOU CAN ~~THROW THEM -- AND HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TO~~ THROW AN

ELEPHANT?

~~AND~~ THERE HAS ONLY BEEN ONE PARTY THAT HAS CONSISTENTLY
FOUGHT THE BATTLES FOR THE WORKING FAMILIES OF THIS COUNTRY.

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THERE HAS BEEN ONLY ONE PARTY THAT HAS STOOD UP AGAINST
 THE BARONS OF BIG BUSINESS, THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIERS, THE
~~THREE-PIECE SUIT~~ BOYS OF WALL STREET, THE GIANT CORPORATIONS
 AND THE SPECIAL INTEREST!

THERE HAS BEEN ONLY ONE PARTY THAT HAS THE RECORD OF
 ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE WORKING FAMILIES OF AMERICA -- *and that*
party is
THE DEMOCRATS!

FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT TURNED BACK THE DEPRESSION FOR THE
 WORKING FAMILIES OF AMERICA.

HARRY TRUMAN FOUGHT THE BATTLE FOR WAGE STANDARDS AND
WORKERS RIGHTS!

L JOHN KENNEDY GAVE THE WORKING FAMILIES OF THIS NATION A
SENSE OF HOPE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT.

L LYNDON JOHNSON BROUGHT PROSPERITY AND GOOD WAGES TO THE
fight for equal rights - for the poor
for the worker he brought
WORKING FAMILIES OF THIS NATION.

AND IN THE TRADITION OF ROOSEVELT, TRUMAN, KENNEDY AND
JOHNSON, GEORGE MCGOVERN WILL TURN BACK THE BIG BUSINESS NIXON
fight for you
REPUBLICAN RECESSION OF THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

~~~~~
AND THAT IS OUR JOB HERE IN MICHIGAN -- TO TURN THE
~~~~~
REPUBLICANS OUT AND PUT THE DEMOCRATS IN.

L DEMOCRATS ARE YOUR FRIENDS -- THEY HAVE BEEN WITH YOU
BEFORE.

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THEY AREN'T THE SUNSHINE FRIENDS BORN OF POLITICAL
AMBITIONS.

DEMOCRATS ARE THERE WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN. WHEN OTHERS
RUN AWAY, DEMOCRATS ARE THERE.

DEMOCRATS ARE THERE, THROUGH THICK AND THIN.

LET'S NOT FORGET THAT, DEAR FRIENDS.

LET US NOT BE FOOLED BY HALF-HEARTED OVERTURES FROM
THE BARONS OF BIG BUSINESS.

LET US NOT BE FOOLED BY THE ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS GOOD
SIGNALS COMING FROM THE REPUBLICAN WHITE HOUSE.

SO

AND, LET US GO TO WORK -- NOT JUST TO ELECT A PRESIDENT,

Congress - Frank Kelly U.S. Senator

BUT TO ELECT DEMOCRATS AT ALL LEVELS [^] IN STATE HOUSES, IN

Tom Roach - U - Regent

THE STATE ASSEMBLIES, [^] AND AT THE LOCAL LEVEL,

Jack Young

LET US CARRY THE BANNER OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY ~~UNITED~~

~~BEHIND GEORGE MCGOVERN AND SARGENT SHRIVER -- TO PUT A~~

to Put

DEMOCRAT IN THE WHITE HOUSE; ~~AND~~ A NATION BACK ON ITS FEET

AND AMERICANS BACK TO WORK.

To End a long and

costly war; These things we can
do!



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