

*(delivered by
phone from D.C.)*

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

DINNER FOR CONGRESSMAN JACK BROOKS

BEAUMONT, TEXAS

OCTOBER 15, 1975

Judge Pa Fisher
How deep Biscoe
Democrat (Janil)

^{Charlotte}
Congressman Jack Brooks Texas 9th District
Chr of House House Operations Comm, member
Judiciary

IN A LITTLE LESS THAN 13 MONTHS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL

have the chance to

REPUDIATE EIGHT LONG YEARS OF REPUBLICAN RULE,

and I predict -

A DEMOCRAT WILL WIN IN 1976 NOT BECAUSE WE HAVE ALL OF THE

(answers)

SOLUTIONS TO OUR NATION'S PROBLEMS -- NOT BECAUSE WE NEVER HAVE

MADE MISTAKES -- AND NOT BECAUSE WE CAN WORK MIRACLES,

↳ BUT A DEMOCRAT WILL WIN IN 1976 BECAUSE OUR PARTY IS COMMITTED

TO WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE EXPECT AND DESERVE FROM THEIR LEADERS

IN GOVERNMENT: FAIRNESS, COMPASSION AND COURAGE TO LEAD,

↳ THIS ADMINISTRATION STANDS INDICTED AS BEING THE MOST UNFAIR

SINCE THE DAYS OF HARDING, COOLIDGE AND HOOVER.

↳ WHY DO I SAY THIS?

BECAUSE THE WORKING FAMILIES OF AMERICA HAVE BEEN MADE TO

BEAR THE HEAVY BURDEN OF THE WORST RECESSION SINCE THE GREAT

DEPRESSION:

over

-- EIGHT MILLION PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS,

-- ~~Dangerous high inflation~~

-- WE HAVE EXPERIENCED THE HIGHEST INTEREST RATES SINCE

THE CIVIL WAR,

-- ~~Largest deficits since World War II~~

-- MILLIONS OF AMERICANS HAVE SLIPPED INTO POVERTY AS THE

NUMBER OF POOR HAS REACHED THE 24 MILLION MARK.

-- AND THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE AVERAGE WORKING FAMILY

HAS BEEN ERODED TO THE 1965 LEVEL.

REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT HAS MEANT HEARDSHIP FOR THE MAJORITY

AND EASY TIMES FOR THE LUCKY FEW.

↳ THIS TYPE OF GOVERNMENT IS WRONG.

↳ IT IS UNFAIR.

↳ AND IT IS BAD ECONOMICS.

↳ INSTEAD OF WORKING FOR A MEANINGFUL SOLUTION TO OUR ECONOMIC

ILLS, THE FORD WHITE HOUSE NOW HAS ^{*loudly*} PROCLAIMED AN ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

L YES, ^{some} BUSINESS PROFITS ARE UP, BUSINESS INVENTORIES ARE
CLIMBING, AND SOME BIG BUSINESS PROSPECTS LOOK BETTER.

L BUT WHAT ABOUT PEOPLE?

L IS UNEMPLOYMENT SUBSIDING? NOT ~~REALLY~~ ^{much}.

L HAS THE THREAT OF JOB LOSS DISAPPEARED? NOT AT ALL.

L IS THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE AVERAGE AMERICAN FAMILY
INCREASING? NOT IF YOUR WIFE AND MINE ARE HAVING THE SAME
EXPERIENCE WHEN THEY GO INTO A SUPERMARKET.

L CAN YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER AFFORD A NEW HOUSE? NOT VERY LIKELY.

L ARE MOST FAMILIES ABLE TO ESCAPE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP WHEN
PROLONGED ILLNESS OR DISEASE STRIKES A FAMILY MEMBER? NOT MANY!

L WHEN WE CAN ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS WITH AN AFFIRMATIVE YES --

THEN WE CAN PROCLAIM AN HONEST TO GOODNESS RECOVERY IN AMERICA.

But, not until!

L WHILE THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS HAS TRIED TO EASE THE ECONOMIC
HARDSHIPS WHICH TOUCH SO MANY PEOPLE, THIS PRESIDENT HAS RESPONDED
TIME AND TIME AGAIN TO OUR EFFORTS WITH HIS VETO.

L THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID NO TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE 39 TIMES IN
THEIR HOUR OF NEED,

THIS PRESIDENT HAS SAID:

-- NO TO A JOBS PROGRAM

-- NO TO THE ELDERLY

-- NO TO BETTER EDUCATION

-- NO TO HUNGRY SCHOOL CHILDREN

-- NO TO THE SICK

-- NO TO MORE AND BETTER HOMES

-- NO TO OUR FARMERS

-- NO TO TAX REFORM

so I suggest

-5-

L THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO SAY NO TO JERRY
FORD ON NOVEMBER 2, 1976.

L IN 14 MONTHS OUR NATION HAS NOT RECEIVED AN ACTION PROGRAM
FROM ITS PRESIDENT FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND REFORM.

L INSTEAD OF ACTION PROGRAMS WE HAVE RECEIVED A MOUNTAIN OF
RHETORIC WHICH TRIES TO EXPLAIN AWAY MISMANAGEMENT, MISTAKES AND
MEDIOCRITY.

L YES, PRESIDENT FORD AND TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON SPEND A GOOD
DEAL OF THEIR TIME DEFENDING WHAT THEY HAVE DONE IN THE NAME OF OLD
TIME REPUBLICAN ^{economics} RELIGION.

L AS THEY CALL FOR BALANCED BUDGETS THE PRESIDENT HAS THE BIGGEST
BUDGET DEFICIT SINCE WORLD WAR II.

L ~~THE PLEA FOR CUTTING GOVERNMENT SPENDING SOMEHOW NEVER INCLUDES~~
~~THE DEFENSE BUDGET.~~

L WHILE FREE ENTERPRISE IS GLORIFIED, ANTI-TRUST REGULATION
FALTERS.

L THE REPUBLICAN PROPONENTS OF THE WORK ETHIC ARE WILLING TO LET
MILLIONS OF AMERICANS LIVE ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ~~--- BUT~~
~~NOT FOR LONG~~ -- INSTEAD OF PRODUCTIVE JOBS.

L AND AS THE PRESIDENT ATTACKS GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS, ~~AS HE SHOULD,~~
HIS CABINET OFFICERS SIT IDLY BY AND LET THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH
REGULATORS TURN OUT A BLIZZARD OF THEM EVERY DAY.

THINGS ARE REALLY UPSIDE DOWN IN THIS ADMINISTRATION:

L *More money for For. Aid.*
~~WE HAVE HIGH PRICES FOR OIL AND LESS MONEY FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES.~~

L -- MORE LOANS TO THE SOVIETS AND NO HELP FOR OUR CITIES.

L -- SUBSIDIZED CREDIT FOR EXPORTS AND NONE FOR HOUSING HERE AT

HOME.

(X)
L THE ONLY WAY I CAN EXPLAIN THE UPSIDE-DOWN NATURE OF THE
ADMINISTRATION IS TO SAY THAT OUR PRESIDENT SPENT TOO MANY YEARS
PLAYING CENTER ON HIS COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM. L FROM THAT POSITION,
EVERYTHING IS UPSIDE DOWN.

L THE DEMOCRATS OF TEXAS AND DEMOCRATS ALL ACROSS THE LAND HAVE
TWO IMPORTANT JOBS TO DO IN THE NEXT THIRTEEN MONTHS.

1) L OUR FIRST TASK IS TO LET THE AMERICAN PEOPLE KNOW THAT
"REPUBLICAN POLITICS AS USUAL IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF
THIS NATION. L WE MUST REJECT THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT BY DIVIDING
THEY WILL CONQUER; BY INACTION THEY WILL SUCCEED; BY SAYING "NO"
THEY SHOW STRENGTH; BY PANDERING TO THE WORST THAT IS IN US, THEY
CAN WIN.

L THIS IS THE POLITICS OF DOUBT, DIVISION AND DECEIT. L THESE ARE
THE TACTICS OF SMALL MEN WHO SEEK TO PIT COUNTRY AGAINST CITY, RICH
AGAINST POOR, BLACK AGAINST WHITE, AND YOUNG AGAINST OLD.

I believe

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE TOO SMART TO ACCEPT THIS TYPE OF
CAMPAIGN STRATEGY.

#2 L OUR SECOND JOB IS TO UNDERSTAND THAT AMERICANS HAVE BECOME

DISENCHANTED NOT WITH JUST ONE PARTY -- THEY HAVE GROWN TO DISTRUST
THE ENTIRE POLITICAL SYSTEM -- REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS ALIKE.

L SO OUR PARTY MUST NOT SIMPLY CALL FOR JOBS -- BUT IT MUST
SHOW HOW TO PUT PEOPLE TO WORK.

L WE MUST NOT SIMPLY CALL FOR TAX REFORM -- BUT WE MUST SHOW
HOW LOOPHOLES CAN BE CLOSED.

L WE MUST NOT SIMPLY CALL FOR CONTROLLING INFLATION -- BUT WE MUST
PROPOSE SPECIFIC WAYS TO COMBAT INFLATION SO THAT YOUR EARNING POWER
IS NOT ERODED.

L OUR PARTY MUST NOT SIMPLY PROFESS LOYALTY TO THE CONSTITUTION --
AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS -- BUT IT MUST DECLARE ITSELF AGAINST
THE PERVASIVE AND DEADLY RAGE OF GOVERNMENT PRACTICES WHICH STRIKE
AT THE HEART OF FREEDOM,

L OUR PARTY MUST COMMIT ITSELF TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE
GOVERNMENT IS THE SERVANT, NOT THE MASTER OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
We must ~~show that~~ show that -

L WE ARE THE PARTY OF ACTION.

WE ARE THE PARTY OF WORK,

WE ARE THE PARTY OF HOPE.

L LET US UNITE, TOGETHER, WE CAN WIN IN 1976.

L TOGETHER WE CAN BRING PROSPERITY BACK TO AMERICA.

L WE NEED A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT TO DO THIS. WE NEED A
DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS WITH PEOPLE LIKE JACK BROOKS TO ACHIEVE THESE
GOALS,



Minnesota Historical Society

Copyright in this digital version belongs to the Minnesota Historical Society and its content may not be copied without the copyright holder's express written permission. Users may print, download, link to, or email content, however, for individual use.

To request permission for commercial or educational use, please contact the Minnesota Historical Society.



www.mnhs.org