

Audience at

Jackson Heights Rally:

Factory workers, garment workers, maintenance men;
about half Negro; under the elevated tracks; pretty solidly
Democratic.

Theme: Pocketbook; one nation.

Tone: Partisan - Democratic.

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VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

JACKSON HEIGHTS RALLY

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There are three basic issues in this campaign:

Whom can the people trust?

Who can bring peace in Vietnam -- and end the
nuclear armaments race?

And who can hold this country together ... who can
make it one nation, not two ... and who can keep it prosperous?

Next Tuesday you have a clear choice.

It is a choice between prosperity and recession ...
between jobs and unemployment.

It is a choice between those who preach fear and
would divide our people ... and those who trust the people
and have faith in their goodness.

It is a choice that can change your life ... and
your country's future.

I proposed the Job Corps --- and Richard Nixon
opposed it.

I got it done -- and now he wants to kill it.

I proposed the Peace Corps --- and Richard Nixon
opposed it.

I proposed Medicare --- and Richard Nixon opposed
it.

I proposed federal aid to education --- and
Richard Nixon opposed it.

I worked to get the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty ... and
the treaty to stop the spread of nuclear weapons --- and Richard
Nixon opposed the first one, and this very month refused to
help ratify the second.

And that is the Democratic-Republican story, written
in your lifetime and mine.

We Democrats trust the people --- the Republicans
do not.

We vote yes for the people --- the Republicans vote no.

I want a country where all the signs read: Men at
work.

Men who work together learn to live together.

Some people say Hubert Humphrey wants to give a
black man a job.

They're right --- I do.

I want everybody to have a job.

And just remember this: When a black man, or a Puerto Rican, or a Mexican-American gets a job who didn't have one before, it helps everybody ... it takes nothing away from anybody ... and it makes a better and a stronger and a more understanding America.

The first time Richard Nixon had a job in Washington, he and his Republicans brought on three recessions in eight years --- and a lot of you were out of a job.

Now his economic advisors are saying that a little unemployment is a good thing. One of them even said he would "force" unemployment up to 5-1/2 per cent --- in other words, throw about four million people out of work.

I think Richard Nixon ought to be unemployed.

I don't think the American people want a Republican recession --- George Wallace's repression ... repression that could tear this country apart.

I think they want peace at home ... peace abroad ... and a good job for every man and woman that wants it.

Let me say something else about prosperity.

When everybody has a job, people have a better chance to live together in harmony.

But when jobs are scarce and unemployment is high, people fight each other for the few jobs there are ... and pretty soon they find themselves fighting about other things as well.

One of the best ways to hold this country together is to keep men at work.

One of the best ways to tear it apart is to throw men out of work, onto the streets, and into the gutter and ghetto where life is dog eat dog.

That's what happened in Germany in the 1930's --- and in other places, too.

We can't let it happen here.

And I'm telling you today --- vote Tuesday as if your job and your future depended on it --- because they do.

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