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Talk Politics
Politics

Thanks to Sachs -

A LEADING SPOKESMAN FOR THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION

HAS RECENTLY CHARGED THAT "AMBITIOUS DEMOCRATS ARE PLAYING
POLITICS WITH THE ECONOMY."

↳ BUT THE PROBLEM IS NOT AMBITIOUS DEMOCRATS. THE
PROBLEM IS AN ADMINISTRATION THAT LACKS ^{the} AMBITION, ^{the} KNOW-HOW,
^{the} AND COURAGE TO GET THIS ECONOMY MOVING AGAIN.

↳ THE PRESIDENT HAS LATELY TOLD THE U. S. CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE THAT "WE ARE WINNING THE FIGHT AGAINST RISING
PRICES" AND "ARE ON OUR WAY TO A PERIOD OF SOLID,
SUSTAINABLE EXPANSION" OF THE ECONOMY.

Inflation
↳ ^{Wonder,} BUT HAVE HOUSEWIVES NOTICED ANY REDUCTION OF PRICES
IN THE SUPERMARKET? AND WHO WILL GET THE BENEFIT OF A
MIRACULOUSLY COMPUTED GOAL OF A \$1.065 TRILLION GROSS
NATIONAL PRODUCT?

CERTAINLY THE WORKER CANNOT FORESEE ANY INCREASED

DIVIDENDS. UNDER OUR CONVOLUTED FEDERAL TAX LAWS, IT

IS STILL BUSINESS AND THE RICH WHO GET THE DEDUCTIONS,

THE EXPENSE WRITE-OFFS AGAINST INCOME. (IT IS STILL THE

WAGE EARNERS, THE MIDDLE- AND LOWER-INCOME FAMILIES,

WHO ARE THE ONES HEAVILY TAXED.

Sales - Tobacco
Soc Sec Gas Income

THE ADMINISTRATION PROPOSES TO GIVE BUSINESS AN

ACCELERATED DEPRECIATION ALLOWANCE AS A TAX INCENTIVE

FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT. NO ONE DOUBTS THAT THIS CAN BE

ONE EFFECTIVE TOOL IN EXPANDING THE ECONOMY. (BUT WITHOUT

CONSUMER DEMAND, AND WHEN INDUSTRY IS OPERATING AT ONLY

72% OF CAPACITY, IT SIMPLY WILL NOT WORK. (THIS IS A

WRONG MOVE AT THE WRONG TIME, RESULTING IN A WINDFALL FOR

BUSINESS, WITH LITTLE POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY.

< IT TAKES AWAY FEDERAL ^{tax} DOLLARS THAT COULD BE USED IN

EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO STIMULATE THE ECONOMY

to correct some of our ills & fulfill some of our needs

< SO MUCH FOR ONE PART OF THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION'S

ECONOMIC PROGRAM. WHAT IS THE REST OF THE NIXON PROGRAM?

Manufactured - Premeditated Recession

IT IS LARGE DOSES OF UNEMPLOYMENT TO CURE THE FEVER

Recessions

OF INFLATION. BUT THE FEVER PERSISTS, WHILE WELL OVER

5 MILLION AMERICANS REMAIN OUT OF WORK, AND THE COST

OF LIVING IS HIGHER THAN EVER BEFORE

as the President states has little rhyme "everyday in everyday" now we are getting better & better

< THE PRESIDENT SAYS HIS ECONOMIC PROGRAM IS A SO-CALLED

"FULL EMPLOYMENT" BUDGET, BUT WHAT WE HAVE NOW AND WILL

HAVE FOR SOME TIME IS AN UNEMPLOYMENT BUDGET.

after Vetting 2 Education Bills -
- a Program to Train Doctors to build
Hospitals - after ⁴ starting budgets + yet coming
up with defects
THE ADMINISTRATION HAS CHOSEN TO IMPOUND, LOCK UP, FREEZE

OVER \$11 1/2 BILLION ALREADY APPROPRIATED BY CONGRESS FOR

~~THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR~~ FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

THAT CAN MEAN JOBS AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR OUR PEOPLE,

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I AM TALKING ABOUT (\$200 MILLION HELD BACK FROM
URBAN RENEWAL) AND (\$200 MILLION MORE DOLLARS FROM BASIC
WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES GRANTS, AND STILL ANOTHER
(\$200 MILLION TAKEN AWAY FROM URBAN MASS TRANSIT,) MEANWHILE,
THE MODEL CITIES PROGRAM, THAT HAD SO MUCH POTENTIAL,
HAS BEEN GUTTED BY THE IMPOUNDMENT OF OVER \$700 MILLION
IN AN ALREADY SMALL BUDGET.

THEN WE HAVE A TOTAL OF \$757 MILLION DOLLARS BEING
WITHHELD FROM OUR AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS
that was programmed to
upgrade + modernize rural
america

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*Public
WORKS*

hundreds of
ADD TO ~~THAT \$17~~ MILLION HELD BACK FROM BEING

APPLIED TO VITAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS ACROSS THE

COUNTRY.

< AND I AM COMPLETELY MYSTIFIED HOW LOCKING UP

*Health
Services*

\$86 MILLION APPROPRIATED BY CONGRESS FOR HEALTH SERVICES

AND EDUCATION WILL IN ANY WAY SERVE TO CONTROL INFLATION.

< THESE HOLD-BACKS OF AUTHORIZED FUNDS ARE DOWNRIGHT

ECONOMICALLY, SOCIALLY, AND MORALLY WRONG. I MAINTAIN

THAT A SERIOUS CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED

ABOUT THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT, WHEN LAWS PASSED BY

CONGRESS ARE RESHAPED OR NULLIFIED THROUGH EXECUTIVE

POWER.

*Let my people
let our money
go.*

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I CALL UPON THE ADMINISTRATION TO STOP PLAYING

RUSSIAN ROULETTE WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TO RELEASE

THESE IMPOUNDED FUNDS IMMEDIATELY AS MEASURES TO MEET

CRITICAL NATIONAL NEEDS, TO EXPAND JOB OPPORTUNITIES,

AND TO REVIVE THE ECONOMY.

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THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION'S ECONOMIC PROGRAM

IS ~~ALSO~~ THE LIQUIDATION OF THE WAR ON POVERTY ON THE

INSTALLMENT PLAN. It LOOKS AS THOUGH THE WAR ON POVERTY

IS THE ONLY WAR THE PRESIDENT REALLY PLANS TO END IN

THE NEAR FUTURE.

*War
on
Poverty*

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THE NIXON ECONOMIC PROGRAM IS PLATITUDES, ANNOUNCEMENTS
OF BETTER DAYS AHEAD, THAT INFLATION IS OVER. HOW MANY
TIMES HAVE WE HEARD THAT IN THE LAST TWO YEARS?

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IF IT IS TRUE, IT IS CERTAINLY THE BEST-KEPT
SECRET FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, WHO PAY THE BILLS.

NOR HAS THE FARMER LEARNED THIS WONDERFUL NEWS.
HE SEES ONLY A REPUBLICAN ECONOMIC PROGRAM THAT HAS LEFT
HIM WITH AN AGRICULTURAL DEPRESSION EXCEEDED ONLY BY
THE WORST DAYS OF THE 1930's.

BUT WHATEVER ~~THE~~ ^{the} ~~DAUGHT~~ ECONOMIC FORECASTS ARE

FROM THE WHITE HOUSE, THE FACTS ARE THAT WE HAVE AN
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 6%, THAT THE COST OF LIVING IS STILL
GOING UP, THAT JOBS ARE TOO OFTEN ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO
FIND, AND THAT THE ACTUAL INTEREST RATES PLUS ADDITIONAL
COSTS FOR A LOAN FOR THE AVERAGE FAMILY ARE STILL HIGH.

180,000
unemployed
in
Mass

Losses - Costs of Recession

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L IF OUR PRESENT GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT "GAP" CONTINUES,

THIS RECESSION WILL HAVE COST THE WORKING PEOPLE OF

THIS COUNTRY MORE THAN \$55 BILLION DOLLARS IN LOST REAL

INCOME DURING 1970 AND 1971. OUR STATES, COUNTIES, AND

CITIES WILL CONFRONT A LOSS OF ALMOST \$6 BILLION DOLLARS

IN REVENUES OVER THE SAME PERIOD. THAT'S MORE THAN THEY

WILL EVER RECEIVE ANNUALLY UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S GENERAL

REVENUE-SHARING PROPOSAL. AND UNCLE SAM WILL LOSE

\$31 BILLION DOLLARS BECAUSE HIS REVENUES ARE BASED ON THE

INCOME OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THESE FANTASTIC LOSSES

OUGHT TO SHOCK THIS ADMINISTRATION INTO IMMEDIATE ACTION.

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BUT THEY HAVE NOT. INSTEAD, THIS ADMINISTRATION
CONTINUES TRYING TO CHECK INFLATION BY "CALLING NAMES"

WHILE FAILING TO GET THE AMERICAN ECONOMY UP TO FULL

PRODUCTION LEVELS. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS IMPLIED THAT

WORKERS ARE GREEDY. IT HAS SPECIFICALLY BLAMED OUR

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS FOR CONTRIBUTING TO INFLATIONARY

TRENDS HITTING AT WAGE INCREASES WHILE GIVING SCANT

ATTENTION TO THE COSTS OF LAND, OF MATERIALS, OF

FINANCING, AND OF PRICE-SETTING PRACTICES.

Now THAT KIND OF ECONOMIC WISDOM IS PLAIN NONSENSE.

IT REFLECTS A BASIC REFUSAL BY THIS ADMINISTRATION TO

LISTEN AND SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR COUNTRY, AND WHAT

THE REAL INJUSTICES AND DISABILITIES ARE IN THE AMERICAN
ECONOMY. workers jobs - imports

Inflation
due
to
workers!

Collective
Bargaining

New Bill 7 Rls

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I CONTEND THAT THE WAY TO BREAK THIS IMPASSE IS TO
WRITE A NEW BILL OF RIGHTS FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

JUSTICE DEMANDS THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT RIGHT WE
MUST ESTABLISH IS THE RIGHT OF EVERY AMERICAN TO A GOOD
JOB AT A FAIR WAGE. HUMAN DIGNITY AND SOCIAL CONSCIENCE
DEMAND THIS! THE NATION'S WELL-BEING -- ITS ECONOMIC
GROWTH AND URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT -- IS ABSOLUTELY
DEPENDENT UPON THE FULFILLMENT OF A FIRM COMMITMENT TO
THIS RIGHT.

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get
going

Now THAT MEANS WE ~~HAVE GOT TO~~ ^{*must*} GET AMERICA'S POWERFUL
BUT CRIPPLED INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS SECTOR ON ITS FEET
AGAIN, RESTORING OUR ECONOMY TO ITS FULL POTENTIAL.

Minimum wage
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L IT MEANS WE MUST GET THE MINIMUM WAGE UP TO A 1971
 LEVEL, NOT 1961. ²⁰⁰ L THAT'S PLAIN, GOOD ECONOMIC SENSE. L IT
 GIVES THE WORKER CONFIDENCE AND INCREASED SECURITY, AND
 THAT MEANS THE ACTUAL APPLICATION OF PURCHASING POWER TO
STIMULATE THE ECONOMY. L IT CAN GET A LOT OF FAMILIES OFF
 THE WELFARE ROLLS. AND IT SAYS THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM
 MUST ALSO BE A FAIR ENTERPRISE SYSTEM.

L BUT WHERE THE PRIVATE SECTOR JOB MARKET IS LIMITED,
 GOVERNMENT HAS SIMPLY GOT TO STEP IN. L IT MUST GENERATE
 SUBSTANTIAL AND USEFUL PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT
 OPPORTUNITIES WITHOUT DELAY.

*Public
Service
Emp*

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I CALL FOR FINAL ENACTMENT OF THE SENATE-PASSED
EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT ACT, WHICH CAN MEAN UP TO 200,000
NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES -- JOBS THAT ARE IMPORTANT IN THE
PROVISION OF ESSENTIAL PUBLIC SERVICES AND IMPROVED HEALTH
AND EDUCATION SYSTEMS, AMONG OTHER VITAL NEEDS OF OUR
SOCIETY.

L WE CAN ALSO STIMULATE OUR ECONOMY BY ACCELERATING
PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, BY UNDERTAKING
A MAJOR JOB RETRAINING PROGRAM GEARED TO NEW LABOR
MARKETS, AND BY PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SHORT-TERM
ASSISTANCE TO THOSE WHO ARE TEMPORARILY UNEMPLOYED IN
HELPING THEM MEET ESSENTIAL LIVING COSTS SUCH AS HOME
MORTGAGE PAYMENTS.

help our people through
WE CAN ~~PLACE PEOPLE IN JOBS ON THE FRONTIER OF~~ EXPANDED

AND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY AND EDUCATIONAL
SYSTEMS.

L AND WE CAN DEMONSTRATE INTELLIGENT CONCERN AND
A SENSE OF ECONOMIC JUSTICE IN MAKING FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS
IN SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS / BY GEARING THESE BENEFITS
TO THE COST-OF-LIVING / AND BY RAISING THE MINIMUM PAYMENT
LEVELS, WE CAN ASSURE THOSE LIVING ON FIXED INCOMES THE
VITAL SENSE OF ECONOMIC SECURITY. / AND THIS WILL ALSO
GENERATE ADDITIONAL CONSUMER PURCHASING POWER.

L WE ALSO OUGHT TO SPEED UP THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF TAX
RELIEF PROVISIONS ENACTED BY CONGRESS IN 1969.

THAT MEANS INCREASING THE PERSONAL EXEMPTION AND THE
STANDARD DEDUCTION. I THINK IT IS ABOUT TIME THIS
ADMINISTRATION GAVE A SQUARE DEAL TO THE HARD-PRESSED
MIDDLE-INCOME BREADWINNER. AND TAX RELIEF ACCELERATION
MEANS MORE DOLLARS IN THE AMERICAN ECONOMY, RATHER THAN
WITHHELD BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

OUR FAMILIES NEED ADDITIONAL RELIEF FROM LOCAL
TAXES. THAT IS ONE BASIC REASON I HAVE INTRODUCED
LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH A GENERAL REVENUE-SHARING
PROGRAM THAT REALLY WORKS, AND THAT SEES TO IT THAT
OUR STATES AND CITIES RECEIVE CRITICALLY NEEDED FUNDS
TO CONTINUE PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE IMMEDIATE STEPS THAT CAN AND
MUST BE TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN REVITALIZING
THE AMERICAN ECONOMY. BUT WE MUST NOT STOP HERE. WE
MUST SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN BASIC
RIGHTS FOR ALL AMERICANS IN THE PRESENT DECADE.

IN ADDITION TO ESTABLISHING THE ABSOLUTE RIGHT OF
ALL OUR PEOPLE TO EMPLOYMENT AT A FAIR WAGE, I PROPOSE
THE DRAFTING OF A BILL OF RIGHTS THAT TAKES ACCOUNT OF
THE PROFOUND SOCIAL NEEDS OF AMERICA'S CITIZENS.

LET US THEREFORE ESTABLISH:

- THE RIGHT OF OUR PEOPLE TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE
- AND TO THE PREVENTION AS WELL AS THE CURE OF MAJOR
- ILLNESS;

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-- THE RIGHT TO BE FREE OF POVERTY AND DEPRIVATION;

-- THE RIGHT TO THE FULLEST EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

FOR ALL, TO THE FULL EXTENT OF ABILITY AND NEED;

-- THE RIGHT TO A DECENT HOME IN A SUITABLE LIVING

ENVIRONMENT;

-- THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY, ^{The Right} TO SAFETY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS,

^{The Right} AND TO EFFECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT, ^{The Right to} THAT ALSO ASSURES

THE FULL AND EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAWS TO EVERYONE;

-- AND THE RIGHT TO A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, TO

ACCESSIBLE PARKLAND AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES,

^{The Right} AND TO THE PROTECTION OF THE BEAUTY AND VALUE OF OUR

NATURAL RESOURCES.

WE ARE A STRONG, INTELLIGENT, AND RESOLUTE PEOPLE,
WITH ADEQUATE GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE WE WILL GET THIS
COUNTRY MOVING AGAIN. AMERICA CAN GET HOLD OF ITSELF.
OUR GOVERNMENT DOES HAVE THE CAPACITY TO RESPOND AND
DELIVER ON THE EMERGENCY ORDERS PLACED BY THE CITIZENRY
TODAY. YOU CAN BE SURE THAT I WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE
TO SEE THAT THIS IS DONE. FOR WE ARE TALKING ABOUT
PEOPLE -- PEOPLE WHO DESERVE A LIFE OF DECENCY AND DIGNITY.

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