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THE YOUTH VOTE

AT LAST YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE WEAPON TO
FIGHT FOR GOOD JOBS, FOR DECENT DIETS, FOR INCREASED
EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS. YOU NOW HAVE WHAT LABOR UNIONS HAVE,
WHAT FARMERS HAVE, WHAT THE ELDERLY HAVE: THE VOTE.

THE 26TH AMENDMENT IMMEDIATELY MEANT 11.5 MILLION NEW
VOTERS, AND 3.5 MILLION YOUNG AMERICANS TURN 18 EVERY YEAR. IN
ALL BUT ONE STATE, THE NUMBER OF NEW VOTERS SURPASSES THE
PLURALITY WON BY EITHER CANDIDATE IN 1968. THE 25 MILLION
NEW VOTERS IN 1972 WILL PROVIDE THE MARGIN OF VICTORY.

BUT, TO BE EFFECTIVE -- YOU MUST ORGANIZE, REGISTER,
AND VOTE.

-- If I were 18 and saw a nation still at war in Southeast Asia, I would vote.

-- If I were 18 and saw white teenage unemployment at 13% and black teenage unemployment close to 35%, I would vote.

-- If I were 18 and saw millions of needy school children being cut out of a free lunch program, I would vote.

-- If I were 18 and knew that over 5 million of my fellow citizens were unemployed through no fault of their own, I would vote.

-- If I were 18 and believed that America must do better in health care, in education, in protection of the environment, in controlling crime, in providing housing, I would vote.

-- IF I WERE 18 AND SAW MY GOVERNMENT RESPONDING TO THE CRISIS OF THE MOMENT AT HOME AND ABROAD, BUT LACKING EVEN THE FEEBLEST PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR OR THE NEXT DECADE IN EDUCATION, IN HEALTH CARE, IN HOUSING, I WOULD VOTE.

-- YES, IF I WERE 18 AND HAD HEARD SO MANY GOVERNMENT PROMISES, BUT SEEN SO FEW RESULTS, I WOULD VOTE.

YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AND PEACE CORPS - A BUDGETARY DISASTER

THE PEACE CORPS HAS GIVEN MANY THOUSANDS OF YOUNG AMERICANS A ROLE TO PLAY -- AS FULL CITIZENS REPRESENTING THEIR COUNTRY ABROAD. I AM PROUD OF MY LEADING ROLE IN FOUNDING THE PEACE CORPS AND SUPPORTING IT THESE PAST TEN YEARS.

BUT NOW, WHEN APPLICATIONS TO THE PEACE CORPS ARE AT A FIVE YEAR HIGH -- UP 40% IN 1971 -- AND MAY EQUAL THAT THIS YEAR -- THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE PEACE CORPS IS ENDANGERED BY REPUBLICAN INDIFFERENCE.

THE ADMINISTRATION ASKED CONGRESS FOR \$82 MILLION FOR THE PEACE CORPS THIS YEAR -- A BARELY ADEQUATE FIGURE FAR BELOW THE \$100 MILLION-PLUS BUDGETS WHEN I WAS VICE PRESIDENT AND SERVED AS HEAD OF THE PEACE CORPS ADVISORY COUNCIL. AND THIS FIGURE WAS CUT TO \$68 MILLION IN THE HOUSE.

I AM FIGHTING TO BRING THE PEACE CORPS BUDGET BACK UP TO WHERE IT SHOULD BE. I WILL NOT LET THE PEACE CORPS DIE!

AT A TIME WHEN HOST COUNTRIES WANT 2,000 MORE VOLUNTEERS, THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION IS THREATENING TO CUT THE PEACE CORPS IN HALF -- AND REDUCE IT FROM 8,000 TO 4,000 VOLUNTEERS. THE PEACE CORPS CANNOT BE DESTROYED!

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD (SACB) -- ANOTHER BUDGETARY DISASTER

WHEN SO MANY NEEDS CRY OUT FOR FUNDS, WHEN NIXON CALLS FOR BUDGETARY RESTRAINT -- WHAT DOES THIS ADMINISTRATION DO? IT CALLS FOR AN INCREASE IN FUNDS -- FROM \$405,000 TO \$706,000 -- FOR ONE OF THE MOST VICIOUS AND IRRELEVANT PROGRAMS IN THIS NATION'S HISTORY - THE SACB.

THE SACB DOES ABSOLUTELY NOTHING NOW. INSTEAD OF ABOLISHING IT, NIXON WANTS IT TO INVESTIGATE THE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- WHAT YOU AND I DO POLITICALLY, WHAT GROUPS WE JOIN, WHAT WE SAY. THIS IS DANGEROUS AND THIS IS WRONG.

YOU YOUNG CITIZENS MUST PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS, MUST DEMAND YOUR RIGHTS IN OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM. AND DON'T BE AFRAID OF GOVERNMENT SCARE TACTICS.

AMERICAN YOUTH AS A SPECIAL GROUP - (OPTIONAL. IF YOU WANT TO GET PARTISAN.)

YOUNG PEOPLE -- FROM INFANTS TO 30 YEARS OLD -- HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS AND SPECIAL PROBLEMS. AND I BELIEVE THESE HAVE BEEN UNMET BY THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION WHILE IT SUPPOSEDLY CHAMPIONS THE HOPES AND SPIRITS OF AMERICAN YOUTH. LET ME ILLUSTRATE:

-- THE PRESIDENT QUIETLY DISMATTLED THE CABINET LEVEL COUNCIL ON YOUTH OPPORTUNITY -- OF WHICH I WAS THE CHAIRMAN WHEN I WAS VICE PRESIDENT. THIS WAS THE ONLY GOVERNMENT AGENCY SOLELY COMMITTED TO THE PROBLEMS OF YOUTH -- ESPECIALLY THE POOR.

-- THE PRESIDENT VETOED A MANPOWER TRAINING ACT WHICH CONTAINED \$36.4 MILLION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS. HE HAD REQUESTED ONLY \$5 MILLION.

-- THERE ARE FEW JOBS FOR THE RETURNING VIETNAM VETERANS. THEIR UNEMPLOYMENT RATE STANDS AT NEARLY 8%.

-- AND WHERE ARE THE JOBS FOR YOUNG TEACHERS, LAWYERS, ENGLISH MAJORS AND COLLEGE EDUCATED PEOPLE IN GENERAL? IN THIS RECESSION, JOBS ARE SCARCE AND THE UNEMPLOYED AND UNDEREMPLOYED PH.D.'S ARE EVERYWHERE.

-- THE PRESIDENT REFUSES TO PROVIDE THE NATION WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR ECONOMIC RETRAINING IN THE FACE OF REDUCED SPENDING IN THE DEFENSE INDUSTRIES. THOUSANDS OF YOUNG ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS ARE JOBLESS -- TALENTS WASTED THAT COULD BE USED TO FIGHT POLLUTION AND CRIME.

-- THE PRESIDENT'S ATTORNEY GENERAL IS UNWILLING TO ISSUE GUIDELINES TO STATES AS TO HOW THEY SHOULD IMPLEMENT THE 26TH AMENDMENT, NOR IS HE WILLING TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PLAY ANY ROLE IN SHAPING STATE RESIDENCY LAWS AS APPLIED TO NEW YOUNG VOTERS.

MY FRIENDS, THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS DEVELOPED NO
COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AND HAS ATTEMPTED TO EMASCULATE
EXISTING YOUTH PROGRAMS. WHILE VOICING CONCERN, WHILE SHOWING
INTEREST, WHILE EMBRACING SOME OF THE HOPES OF YOUTH, PRESIDENT
NIXON CONTINUES HIS DELIBERATE POLICY OF NO YOUTH POLICY. WHY
SHOULDN'T THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THIS NATION BE GIVEN THE SAME
ATTENTION THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION LAVISHES ON BIG BUSINESS?

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