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LUNCHEON WITH HUMPHREY SUPPORTERS-ST PETERSBURG 12:30 P.M. JANUARY 12, 1972

Use the People
TWO DAYS AGO WHEN I BROUGHT MY CAMPAIGN TO THE PEOPLE OF FLORIDA I SAID THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IN THIS ELECTION IS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S DISREGARD OF "WE THE PEOPLE..." *and I mean -*

THE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR A LIVING---

THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THEIR LIFE SAVINGS IN A BANK---

THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK AND TIRED OF SEEING FOOD PRICES SKYROCKET---

THE PEOPLE WHO PAY MORE THAN THEIR FAIR SHARE OF TAXES---

IN SHORT, THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE NOT BEING LISTENED TO BY THE NIXON REPUBLICANS, ~~WHO ARE RUNNING THIS COUNTRY~~ *Silent majority Deaf Administration*

--IT IS WRONG THAT DURING ~~THE LAST TWO YEARS~~ THIS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION INTEREST RATES WERE ALLOWED TO CLIMB TO THEIR HIGHEST LEVELS SINCE THE CIVIL WAR MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR PEOPLE TO BUY A HOME OR A FARM. *Interest*

--IT IS WRONG THAT THE AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR 1971 WAS THE HIGHEST IN A DECADE AND THAT TODAY MORE THAN FIVE MILLION AMERICANS ARE WITHOUT A JOB. *Unemploy*

--IT IS WRONG THAT 20 PERCENT OF THE ELDERLY--AFTER A HARDWORKING AND PRODUCTIVE LIFE FULL OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR SOCIETY--ARE TODAY LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL. *Poverty*

--IT IS WRONG THAT MILLIONS OF OUR SENIOR CITIZENS THOUGH NOT IN POVERTY ARE FORCED TO LIVE BY DEMEANING, SCRAPING, AND SACRIFICING.

Food
- *It's wrong that we pile up surplus food while children go hungry, over 20,000 schools with no school lunch program, and our elderly have their food stamps cut back.*

*Medical
Care.*

--IT IS WRONG WHEN THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS ADOPTED A DO-NOTHING
POLICY TOWARDS THE RISING COSTS OF MEDICAL CARE, BUT THEN THESE ARE
THE SAME NIXON REPUBLICANS WHO FOUGHT ^{against} MEDICARE TOOTH AND NAIL ~~DOWN TO THE VERY LAST~~
~~DAY THAT~~ THIS GREAT MEASURE FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS--WHICH I FOUGHT for
SO HARD--WAS FINALLY PASSED! ~~it~~

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE A PATRIOTIC PEOPLE AND THEY WILL ALWAYS
MAKE WHATEVER SACRIFICES ARE NEEDED FOR THE GOOD OF THE NATION.

*a patriotic
people*

BUT THEY INSIST--AND RIGHTLY SO--THAT THE BURDEN OF SACRIFICE
BE SHARED BY ALL.

AND IT WAS WRONG THAT AFTER 2½ YEARS OF REPUBLICAN CREATED
RECESSION FOR THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION TO ARBITRARILY PROCLAIM A FREEZE
ON THE WAGES OF ALL WORKING AMERICANS, WHILE PROVIDING A SPECIAL
EXEMPTION TO THAT FREEZE FOR PROFITS, DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST RATES,

WHEN THE REPUBLICANS HELP THEIR SPECIAL INTEREST FRIENDS AT THE
EXPENSE OF THE AVERAGE AMERICAN WORKING FAMILY, IT IS TIME FOR
SOMEONE TO STAND UP ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE AND SAY:

THIS IS WRONG.

THIS IS UNJUST.

THESE ONE-SIDED ECONOMIC POLICIES MUST COME TO AN END.

*Florida
Gov Askeu
Lawton
Chiles*

FLORIDIANS HAVE HAD GREAT SUCCESS IN MAKING GOVERNMENT OPEN
AND RESPONSIVE TO PEOPLE.

THE PEOPLE OF FLORIDA WON WHEN THEY ELECTED MEN LIKE REUBIN ASKEW
AND LAWTON CHILES.

THESE ARE THE TYPE OF MEN WHO ARE PROVING EVERY DAY THAT THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE NO LONGER HAVE TO BE SHUT OUT OF GOVERNMENT,

THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN BE TOLD THE TRUTH, AND THAT PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED WITH ~~THE~~ SOLUTIONS INSTEAD OF PUBLICITY.

↳ AND NOWHERE IS THE REPUBLICAN TENDENCY TO HIDE FROM THE REAL AND IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS OF THE PEOPLE MORE EVIDENT THAN IN THE AREA OF HEALTH CARE FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS.

↳ THE UNMET PROBLEMS OF OUR ELDERLY ARE AS CLEAR AS THE FLORIDA SKIES ON A SUNNY DAY.

--WHY GO TO A DOCTOR, IF YOU CAN'T PAY FOR THE MEDICINE WHICH HE SAYS YOU MUST HAVE.

--HOW MANY OLDER AMERICANS COULD AVOID INJURY OR ILL HEALTH IF THEY COULD SIMPLY ~~BUY~~ had FOR EYEGLASSES, OR DENTAL WORK OR DENTURES?

--WHY DO WE PERMIT THOUSANDS OF THE ELDERLY TO END UP IN THE HOSPITAL UNDER EMERGENCY TREATMENT SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GET NUTRITIOUS MEALS.

↳ I SAY AGAIN, IT IS WRONG, IT IS UNJUST, AND IT IS INHUMANE FOR A SOCIETY SUCH AS OURS TO FAIL TO DEAL ADEQUATELY AND IMMEDIATELY WITH THESE URGENT PROBLEMS OF THE ELDERLY.

AND, TODAY, HERE IN ST. PETERSBURG, I SAY THAT ~~THIS~~ THIS COUNTRY NEEDS IS A NEW DEAL FOR THE ELDERLY. — *yes we need*

A PROGRAM OF IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE ACTION WHEREBY WE WILL RESTORE THE DIGNITY, THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY, AND THE SELF-RESPECT OF 20 MILLION ELDERLY AMERICANS.

A NEW DEAL FOR THE ELDERLY MEANS:

THE RIGHT TO A LIVEABLE INCOME THROUGH FUNDAMENTAL REFORM OF OUR

new deal

SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM.

↳ THE RIGHT TO GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT THROUGH JOB RETRAINING, JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS AGAINST JOB DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF AGE.

↳ THE RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE DIET FOR THE ELDERLY.

↳ THE RIGHT TO IMPROVED HEALTH CARE AND HEALTH PROTECTION THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

↳ THE RIGHT TO DECENT AND INEXPENSIVE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY SO THAT A BED IN A NURSING HOME IS NOT THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE LEFT TO A SENIOR CITIZEN.

↳ IT TOOK 15 YEARS ~~FIGHTING THE NIXON REPUBLICANS~~ TO PASS MEDICARE.

WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN EMBARK TODAY ON A NEW DEAL FOR THE ELDERLY.

~~IN STANDING UP AGAINST THE UNFAIR POLICIES OF NARROW REPUBLICANS~~

↓ HAVE OFTEN BEEN ACCUSED OF FIGHTING IN THE OLD DEMOCRATIC TRADITION OF FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT AND HARRY TRUMANN.

↳ I WELCOME THAT CHARGE.

FOR THE TRADITION OF ROOSEVELT, TRUMAN, KENNEDY, AND JOHNSON IS THE TRADITION OF FIGHTING FOR THE LITTLE GUY, OF FIGHTING TO GIVE A DECENT BREAK TO THE AVERAGE AMERICAN.

and THIS IS MY TRADITION.

AND I'M PROUD OF IT.

IN 1972 RICHARD NIXON WILL BE FORCED TO DEFEND FOUR YEARS OF REPUBLICAN NEGLECT OF THE REAL NEEDS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

HE WILL BE DEFENDING HIS OWN RECORD AND I SAY HE AND THE PARTY HE LEADS

*the tradition of
caring for people
Govt with a heart*

ARE VULNERABLE.

VULNERABLE ON THEIR HANDLING OF THE ECONOMY.

VULNERABLE ON AN INTOLERABLE EMPLOYMENT RATE.

VULNERABLE ON THEIR NEGLECT OF THE MOUNTING PROBLEM OF OUR
CITIES AND COUNTRYSIDE.

I'M TAKING MY CASE TO THE PEOPLE IN ORDER TO OFFER PLANS AND
PROGRAM TO GET THIS NATION MOVING ONCE AGAIN--TO CREATE A REAL
PROSPERITY IN WHICH ALL OUR CITIZENS SHARE.

To the
People

I ASK FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT SO THAT WE CAN GET ON WITH THE
WORK OF BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA.

ask your help - if not
I hope I may have your respect

LUNCHEON WITH HUMPHREY & SUPPORTERS
ST. Petersburg 12:30 p.m. 12 January 1972

Two days ago when I brought my campaign to the people of Florida I said that the most important issue in this election is the Nixon administration's disregard of "We the people...."

The people who work for a living--

The people who have their life savings in a bank--

The people who are sick and tired of seeing food prices skyrocket--

The people who pay more than their fair share of taxes--

In short, the great majority of the American people are not being listened to by the Nixon Republicans who are running this country.

--It is wrong that during the first two years of this Republican administration interest rates were allowed to climb to their highest levels since the Civil War ~~while millions of Americans went on the jobless line~~ making it impossible for people to buy a home or a farm.

--It is wrong that the average unemployment rate for 1971 was the highest in a decade and that today more than five million ~~xxx~~ Americans are without a job.

--It is wrong that 20 percent of the elderly--after a hardworking and productive life full of contributions to our society--are today living below the poverty level.

--It is wrong that millions of our senior citizens ^{though not in poverty} are forced to live by demeaning scraping and sacrificing.

--It is wrong when this Administration has adopted a do-nothing policy towards the rising costs of medical care, ~~and things~~ ^{prices}. But then these are the same ^{Nixon} Republicans who fought Medicare tooth and nail down to the very last day that this great measure for our senior citizens--which I fought so hard--was finally passed/

The American people are a patriotic people and they will always
nation.
make whatever sacrifices are needed for the good of the ~~country~~

But they insist--and rightly so--that the burden of
sacrifice be shared by all. (And it was wrong that after ~~two~~
2½ years of Republican created recession for the Nixon administration
to arbitrarily ~~declare~~ proclaim a freeze on ^{the} wages ~~and~~ of all working
Americans, while providing a special exception to that freeze for
profits, dividends and interest rates.

When the Republicans help their special interest friends at the
expense of the average American working family, it is time for
someone to stand up on behalf of the people and say:

This is wrong.

This is unjust.

These one-sided economic policies must come to an end.

~~I stand here today as a man who has fought proud that for 20
years in Congress I fought against Nixon Republicanism in
the Congress~~

Floridians have had great success in making government open
and responsive to people.

The people of Florida won when they elected ^{men like} Reubin Askew and
Lawton Chiles.

These are the type of men who are proving every day that
the American people no longer have to be shut out of government,
~~and~~ that the American people can be told the truth, and that ~~we~~
~~in standing up again~~
~~can't have to solve problems with publicity~~ problems
can be solved ^{real} with solutions instead of publicity.

And nowhere is the Republican tendency to hide from the real and immediate problems of the people more evident than ^{snior} in the area of health care for our ~~elderly~~ citizens.

The ^{met} ~~umet~~ problems of our elderly are as clear as the Florida skies on a sunny day.

--Why go to a doctor, if you can't pay for the medicine which he says you must have.

--How many older Americans could avoid injury or ^{ill} health if they could simply pay for eyeglasses, or ~~dentak~~ dental work or dentures?

--Why do we permit thousands of the elderly to end up in the hospital under emergency treatment simply because they have been unable to get nutritious meals.

I say again, it is wrong, it is unjust and it is inhumane for a society such as ours to fail to deal adequately and immediately with these ~~pre~~ urgent problems of the elderly.

And, today, here in St. Petersburg, I ^{say} ~~declare~~ that what this country needs ~~is not only for the welfare of the elderly~~ is a New Deal for the Elderly.

A program of immediate and effective action whereby we will restore the dignity, ^{the} self-sufficiency and self-respect ^{the} ~~of~~ 20 million elderly Americans.

~~A New Deal for the Elderly which will ensure that the contributions to our society of our senior citizens will never be forgotten.~~

A New Deal for the Elderly means:

The right to a liveable income ~~throug~~h fundamental reform of our social security system.

The right to gainful employment through job retraining, job opportunities and ⁿenforcement of laws against job discrimination because of age.

The right to an adequate diet for the elderly.

The right to improved health care and health protection through a comprehensive program of national health insurance.

The right to decent and inexpensive housing for the elderly so that a bed in a nursing home is not the only alternative left to a senior citizen.

It took 15 years fighting the Nixon Republicans to pass Medicare.

With your help, we can embark/^{today} on a New Deal for the elderly, ~~the~~
~~axmushxshxoxtxrxtxmrcx~~

~~Icjustxwantcxoxtxrxtxmrcx~~

In standing up against the unfair policies of narrow Republicanism I have often been accused of fighting in the old Democratic tradition of Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman.

I welcome that charge.

For the tradition of Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy and ~~Johnson~~ Johnson is the tradition of fighting for the little guy of fighting to give a decent break to the average American.

That is my tradition.

And I'm proud of it.

In 1972 Richard Nixon will be forced to defend four years of Republican neglect of the real needs of the American people/

He will be defending his own record and I say he ~~is~~ ~~vulnerable~~ and the party he leads are vulnerable.

Vulnerable on their handling of the economy.

Vulnerable on an intolerable employment rate.

Vulnerable on their neglect of the mounting problems of our cities and countryside.

I'm taking my case to the people in order to offer plans and programs to get this nation moving once again--to create a real prosperity in which all our citizens share.

I ask for your help and support so that we can get on with the work of building a better America.

COVERING MEMO TO THE SENATOR:

THIS IS THE SPEECH FOR YOUR ST. PETERSBURG LUNCHEON. I WAS TOLD THAT THE AUDIENCE WOULD HAVE MANY SENIORS IN IT. THE SPEECH HAS BEEN SLANTED TOWARD THE ELDERLY. BUT IT ALSO CONTAINS MANY OF THE THEMES YOU WANT TO ~~XXXXXX~~ USE IN CONNECTION WITH MY MEMO OF LAST EVENING.

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