

Pittsburgh, January 17, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey said today that "the deliberations ~~and decisions~~ of the Pay Board and Price Commission were shrouded in secrecy <sup>the</sup> thus undermining ~~the~~ confidence of labor and business in ~~their~~ decisions. Vital to economic recovery."

"There is widespread confusion among the American people as to why some wage and ~~price~~ price increases are approved and why other are rejected." Humphrey said "its time for the Republican administration to end this secrecy and level with the people."

Speaking at a luncheon for Democratic and Labor Leaders from Allegheny County, Humphrey said that the Pay Board and Price Commission were mandated by the Congress to hold formal hearings on wages, salaries, prices, rents and corporate dividends. No such formal hearings have been held and I am advised that the Cost of Living Council is delaying decisions as to ~~whether~~ whether the Price Commission and Pay Board will ever hold these formal hearings.

"Minutes were to be taken at the meetings of the Pay Board and Price Commission. But this is seldom done," Humphrey said "and they certainly don't make them public."

"The secret activities of these important governmental bodies only adds further to the unwarranted secrecy in government today."

"No one knows the precise details of how and why auto makers were granted ~~price~~ increases the other day for the second time in recent months. No one knows the exact details of how and why the pay increase for 100,000 aerospace workers was first rejected and then granted at a lower level."

The Senator said that "industrial secrets can be safeguarded and we can still have an economic stabilization program that controls inflation and restores confidence in the

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