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HISTRADUT TESTIMONIAL DINNER HONORING WILBUR HOBBY

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

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LEAD-OFF JOKE

IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK WITH SO MANY OLD FRIENDS AND GOOD
FRIENDS ... AND IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK IN THE NATION'S BASKETBALL
CAPITAL, THE RESEARCH TRIANGLE.

WHILE I AM HERE, I WANT TO ASSURE THE COACHES AT CAROLINA,
DUKE, AND NORTH CAROLINA STATE THAT I WILL DO FOR THEM WHAT
NIXON DID FOR THE MIAMI DOLPHINS. IF ^{Not} ~~THEY~~ ^{these coaches} WON'T RUN FOR
PRESIDENT -- I WON'T SUGGEST BASKETBALL STRATEGY.

BACKGROUND EXCERPTS ON WILBUR HOBBY

WHEN I LAST VISITED RALEIGH ... IN 1968 ... THERE WAS A
LARGE CROWD AT THE AIRPORT. IT WAS A WARM RECEPTION, BUT THERE
WAS A VOCAL MINORITY.

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L A BLACK COLLEGE STUDENT ^{Shouted} ~~SCREAMED~~ AT ME: "WHAT HAVE YOU
 EVER DONE FOR BLACK PEOPLE?" MY REPLY WAS: "SOMETHING I HOPE,
 BUT NOT ENOUGH." ^{Good friends,} ~~A~~ HISTRADUT MIGHT ASK WHAT HAVE I DONE TO PRESERVE
 THE FREEDOM AND INTEGRITY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL, AND AGAIN I
 WOULD ANSWER "SOME THINGS, BUT PERHAPS NOT ENOUGH."

L BUT TONIGHT WE HONOR AN AMERICAN WHO HAS DONE ENOUGH -- THAT
 IS, HE HAS DONE HIS VERY BEST -- NOT ONLY FOR BLACK PEOPLE AND
 FOR ISRAEL, BUT ALSO FOR ALL OF THE POOR AND FOR ALL OF THE
 WORKINGMEN OF ALL RACES AND ALL CREEDS AND ALL NATIONS ... A
 GREAT, ^{big} ~~TRULY~~ EFFECTIVE AND LOVABLE HUMANITARIAN, WILBUR HOBBY.

L WILBUR HOBBY IS A GOOD FRIEND / I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR MANY
 YEARS / WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER IN 1956, IN 1960, AND 1968 ^{'64} + 1972

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L I'VE BEEN WITH HIM ON MANY OCCASIONS, WATCHED HIM GROW
AND ACHIEVE NATIONAL PROMINENCE. HE HAS FORGED A ROLE FOR
HIMSELF IN NORTH CAROLINA. HE IS AN ENTHUSIASTIC, HARD-WORKING
DEMOCRAT WHO IS ABLE TO WORK WITH ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE. HE HAS
ENCOURAGED THE PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN POLITICS.

L HE EXEMPLIFIES THE BEST TRADITION OF LEADERSHIP IN THE
AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT.

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*now a word about*HISTRADUT ~~BACKGROUND~~

L THROUGH ITS LABOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN THE U.S., HISTRADUT
IS DOING A GREAT DEAL TO RE-ENFORCE AMERICAN-ISRAELI FRIENDSHIP
AND UNDERSTANDING.

L HISTRADUT'S ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MONUMENTAL IN TERMS OF
DEVELOPMENT OF ISRAEL.

L 90% OF WORKING POPULATION OR 1.1 MILLION PEOPLE ARE MEMBERS.
IT'S NOW IN ITS 51ST YEAR -- 25 YEARS OLDER THAN THE STATE OF
ISRAEL.

L ALL FOUR PRIME MINISTERS OF ISRAEL -- DAVID BEN GURION, MOSHE
SHADET, LEVI ESHKOL AND GOLDA MEIR CAME FROM THE RANKS OF HISTRADUT.

L IT'S TIME THE AMERICAN PUBLIC KNEW MORE ABOUT THE GREAT
WORK OF THE HISTRADUT --

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1. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN ISRAEL

2. FREE MEDICAL COVERAGE TO REFUGEES AND EFFECTIVE JOB

PLACEMENT FOR THEM

3. AN ACTIVE FOREIGN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN AFRICA,

ASIA AND MOST RECENTLY IN BANGLADESH - S. Pakistan

and now

~~EXCERPTS~~

HISTRADUT IS PREPARING FOR A LARGE INFLUX OF JEWS FROM THE
SOVIET UNION IN 1972.

THROUGH OUR CONCERTED EFFORTS THE SOVIET UNION *is beginning* ~~HAS APPARENTLY~~

to respond ~~SHOULD~~ TO THE OUTRAGE OF CONSCIENCE AND DECIDED TO PERMIT

A GREATER NUMBER OF JEWS TO EMIGRATE,

h BUT THIS IS NO TIME TO RELAX PRESSURE ON THE SOVIET UNION!

h MORE MUST BE DONE TO CONVINCE THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT THAT
IN ACCORDING JEWS HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY THESE PEOPLE SHOULD
BE ALLOWED TO CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN THE SOVIET UNION AND PRACTICE
JUDAISM OR EMIGRATE.

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~~IS~~ WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR GOVERNMENT
TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF THE STATUS OF SOVIET JEWRY IN PRESIDENT
NIXON'S FORTH-COMING VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION.

L I CALL UPON THE PRESIDENT TO ~~IN THIS WAY~~ PRESS THE CASE
OF THE SOVIET JEWS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

L THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD HAS BEEN DRAWN TO THE PLIGHT
OF SOVIET JEWRY.

L NOW IS THE TIME FOR QUIET AND ~~SUBORDINATE~~ *but firm* DIPLOMATIC
DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENT NIXON AND THE LEADERS OF THE
KREMLIN ON THIS QUESTION.

I URGE THAT THE PRESIDENT, IN TRYING TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL
OF HIS TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION -- GREATER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES -- NOT FORGET THAT A BASIC HUMANITARIAN
QUESTION IS INVOLVED:

THE FUTURE OF 3 MILLION PEOPLE AS A PRACTICING AND
IDENTIFIABLE MINORITY.

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A
PRIORITY OF THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT AND OF HISTRADUT.

THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN GUIDED BY CONSIDERATIONS OF HUMAN
RIGHTS AND HUMAN JUSTICE.

Labor - elderly - needy
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L BUT NOWHERE IS THEIR CONCERN MORE EVIDENT THAN IN THEIR
COMMITMENT TO PROGRAMS WHICH AID CHILDREN -- THE GREATEST
RESOURCE OF ANY COUNTRY -- OUR GREATEST RESOURCE FOR THE FUTURE!

L THE WILBUR HOBBY SCHOLARSHIP FUND THAT WE ARE ESTABLISHING
THIS EVENING WILL ENABLE UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN IN ISRAEL --
JEWISH, CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM -- TO ATTEND HIGH SCHOOLS AND
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

L ~~I CAN TELL ALL OF MY GOOD FRIENDS HERE THIS EVENING THAT~~ *I regret to say*
~~I DO NOT BELIEVE~~ *does not* THAT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION SHARES OUR
INTENSE CONCERN FOR THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN.

L LAST MONTH PRESIDENT NIXON VETOED THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM.

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h THE VETO WAS AN INCREDIBLE, CRUEL, AND HEARTLESS BLOW TO
HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES.

h THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WAS A MAJOR FIRST STEP IN
MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL AMERICAN CHILDREN FOR IMPROVED
PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION, BETTER MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE AND DAY
CARE CENTERS THAT ARE TRUE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.

h IN FEBRUARY, 1969, PRESIDENT NIXON CALLED FOR A "NATIONAL
COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE ALL AMERICAN CHILDREN AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
HEALTHFUL AND STIMULATING DEVELOPMENT DURING THE FIRST FIVE
YEARS OF LIFE."

h THE PRESIDENT VIOLATED THAT PLEDGE.

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NO

h HE HAS SAID ^{"L"} NO TO ENDING THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL ISOLATION
OF CHILDREN BORN INTO POVERTY.

L HE HAS SAID NO TO MILLIONS OF WOMEN -- OF ALL INCOMES --
WHO WANT TO WORK AND WHO WANT TO PLACE THEIR CHILDREN IN

EDUCATIONAL DAY CARE CENTERS -- NOT JUST STORAGE AREAS WITH
BABY SITTERS.

h WHY SHOULD WE PAY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN WELFARE RELIEF
TO WOMEN WHO WANT TO WORK BUT WHO ARE PREVENTED FROM DOING SO
BECAUSE THEY CAN'T LEAVE THEIR CHILDREN AND BECAUSE THERE ARE
NOT ENOUGH ADEQUATE DAY CARE CENTERS?

h THE WOMEN OF AMERICA HAVE A RIGHT TO WORK AND TO PURSUE
CAREERS *if they so desire*

But AND THEY ALSO HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN GIVEN

that
THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE, A WEALTHY NATION

CAN PROVIDE.

h THE CHILDREN OF AMERICA NEED MORE THAN JUST AN ANTI-POVERTY
PROGRAM. *h* ALL ARE IN NEED OF WHAT THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

WAS TRYING TO PROVIDE: A COUNTRY OF HEALTHY AND WELL-EDUCATED

CHILDREN.

h THE PRESIDENT'S VETO WAS A SHAMEFUL ACT. HE HAS TURNED HIS
BACK ON HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN.

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h WE ALL HAVE A DUTY TO SEE THAT OUR CHILDREN ARE AT THE
TOP OF THE LIST OF GOVERNMENTAL PRIORITIES.

2 CARING IS NOT ENOUGH.!

action *This belated*
 L WE MUST TAKE ACTION IN ORDER NOT TO ~~DEPRIVE OUR NATION~~
~~OF WHAT IT SO BADLY NEEDS~~ *country needs*
 THE TALENTS AND ENERGIES OF MILLIONS
can be
 OF YOUNG AND HEALTHY PEOPLE WHO ~~ARE~~ EDUCATED TO THE LIMIT OF
 THEIR ABILITIES. o

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must go to Charlotte

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to then to go with me.

HISTRADUT TESTIMONIAL DINNER HONORING WILBUR HOBBY Raleigh January 22, 1972

LEAD-OFF JOKE

It's good to be back with so many old friends and good friends. . .and it's good to be back in the Nation's basketball capital, the Research Triangle.

While I am here, I want to assure the coaches at Carolina, Duke, and North Carolina State that I will not do for them what Nixon did for the Miami Dolphins. If they won't run for President--I won't suggest basketball strategy.

BACKGROUND EXCERPTS ON WILBUR HOBBY

When I last visited Raleigh. . .in 1968. . .there was a large crowd at the airport. It was a warm reception, but there was a vocal minority.

A black college student screamed at me: "What have you ever done for Black people?" My reply was: "Something I hope, but not enough." Histradut might ask what have I done to preserve the freedom and integrity of the state of Israel, and again I would answer "Some things but perhaps not enough."

But tonight we honor an American who has done enough--that is, he has done his very best--not only for Black people and for Israel, but also for all of the poor and for all of the workingmen of all races and all creeds and all Nations. . .a great, gruff, effective and lovable humanitarian, Wilbur Hobby.

Wilbur Hobby is a good friend. I've known him for many years. We've been together in 1956, in 1960 and 1968.

I've been with him on many occasions, watched him grow and achieve national prominence. He has forged a role for himself in North Carolina. He is an enthusiastic, hard-working Democrat who is able to work with all kinds of people. He has encouraged the participation of young people in politics.

He exemplifies the best tradition of leadership in the American labor movement.

HISTRADUT BACKGROUND

Through its labor educational program in the U.S. Histradut is doing a great deal to re-enforce American-Israeli friendship and understanding.

Histradut's achievements have been monumental in terms of development of Israel.

90% of working population or 1.1 million people are members. It's now in its 51st year--25 years older than the state of Israel.

All four Prime Ministers of Israel--David Ben Gurion, Moshe Shadot, Levi Eshkol and Golda Meir came from the ranks of Histradut.

It's time the American public knew more about the great work of the Histradut--

1. Vocational education in Israel
2. Free medical coverage to refugees and effective job placement for them
3. An active foreign technical assistance program in Africa, Asia and most recently in Bangladesh.

EXCERPTS

Histradut is preparing for a large influx of Jews from the Soviet Union in 1972.

a. Through our concerted efforts the Soviet Union has apparently succumbed ^{the policy of Consensus} to ~~pressure~~ and decided to permit a greater number of Jews to emigrate.

But this is no time to relax pressure on the Soviet Union.

More must be done to convince the Soviet government that in according Jews human rights and dignity these people should be allowed to choose to remain in the Soviet Union and practice Judaism or emigrate.

I believe we have an excellent opportunity for our government to raise the question of the status of Soviet Jewry in President Nixon's forthcoming visit to the Soviet Union.

I call upon the President to do this and to press the case of the Soviet Jews at the highest level.

The attention of the world has been drawn to the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Now is the time for quiet and substantive diplomatic discussions between President Nixon and the leaders of the Kremlin on this question.

I urge ^{that} the President ^{that} in trying to achieve the goal of his trip to the Soviet Union, ^{greater understanding between our two countries--} ~~that he~~ not forget that a basic humanitarian question is involved:

the future of 3 million people as a practicing and identifiable minority.

International humanitarian concerns have always been a priority of the American labor movement and of Histadrut.

They have always been guided by considerations of human rights and human justice.

But nowhere is their concern more evident than in their commitment to programs which aid children--the greatest resource of any country--our greatest resource for the future.

The Wilbur Hobby Scholarship Fund that we are establishing this evening will enable underprivileged children in Israel--Jewish, Christian and Moslem--to attend high schools and vocational schools.

I can tell all of my good friends here this evening that I do not believe that the Nixon Administration shares our intense concern for the well-being of children.

Last month President Nixon vetoed the Child Development Program.

The measure was designed to provide good care and education and health services for our children.

The veto was an incredible, cruel and heartless blow to hundreds of thousands of families.

The Child Development Program was a major first step in meeting the needs of all American children for improved pre-school education, better medical and dental care and day care centers that are true child development centers.

In February 1969, President Nixon called for a "national commitment to provide all American children an opportunity for healthful and stimulating development during the first five years of life."

The President violated that pledge. He has said no to ending the education and social isolation of children born into poverty.

He has said no to millions of women--of all incomes--who want to work and who want to place their children in educational day care centers--not just storage areas with baby sitters.

Why should we pay millions of dollars in welfare relief to women who want to work but who are prevented from doing so because they can't leave their children and ^{because} there are not enough adequate day care centers?

The women of America have a right to work and to pursue careers.

And they also have a right to have their children given the best possible education and health care a wealthy nation can provide.

The children of America need more than just an anti-poverty program.

All are in need of what the Child Development Program was trying to provide: a country of healthy and well-educated children.

The President's veto was a shameful act. He has turned his back on hundreds of thousands of children.

We all have a duty to see that our children are at the top of the list of governmental priorities.

Caring is not enough.

We must ^{take action} ~~do something~~ in order not to deprive our nation of what ^{it} ~~is~~ so badly needs: the talents and energies of millions of young and healthy people who are educated to the limit of their abilities.

Letter to the Committee of the Senate on Education and the Labor Committee



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