

# NEWS RELEASE HUMPHREY HEADQUARTERS

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## HUMPHREY ANNOUNCES COMPREHENSIVE MANPOWER PROPOSAL TO CREATE 1 MILLION JOBS IN REBUILDING AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5--Senator Hubert H. Humphrey announced tonight that he will introduce comprehensive manpower legislation that would provide one million new jobs in the public sector--"jobs with a future, jobs for young and old, jobs with expanding opportunities for service to our communities."

Senator Humphrey said, "These one million new jobs, coupled with new jobs provided in the Emergency Employment Act of 1971 and an estimated 3000,000 job opportunities expected from reform of our welfare system will mean that nearly 1.5 million Americans now unemployed will be able to find meaningful work at decent wages in the coming months."

The legislation--the Comprehensive Manpower Act of 1972--will be introduced shortly in the Senate, he said. Among other things, it will:

-- Provide for 250,000 new jobs for young people through a five-fold expansion of the Neighborhood Youth Corps."

--"Tie in with community educational institutions so that the young can work and still have the opportunity to continue their educations."

--Provide badly needed coordination of the Nation's manpower programs through establishment of a National Council of Manpower Advisors."

-- Establish a National Institute of Manpower Policy to undertake research on national manpower needs, establish an effective early warning system on unemployment trends, and pull together research programs geared to moulding jobs to men, rather than men to jobs."

Outlining his proposal at a COPE dinner honoring former Philadelphia

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Mayor James Tate, Senator Humphrey said:

It's time we faced up to the magnitude of the unemployment problem in our Nation and did something about it."

"The average rate of unemployment for 1971--six per cent--was the highest in a decade. And still this administration refuses to act."

"It tells us that a certain level of unemployment is acceptable and necessary. But there is no such thing as acceptable level of unemployment because hunger is not acceptable, poverty is not acceptable, ill health is not acceptable, and lives shattered by joblessness are unacceptable."

"All of us feel the effects of the Nixon recession. But it has hit some harder than others--the young and the old, the returning Vietnam veteran, the minority group member."

A society that prides itself on being humane and progressive can no longer tolerate:

-- Teenage unemployment of 17 per cent."

-- Unemployment among youth in inner cities of 40 per cent and higher."

-- Unemployment of 12 per cent among those in the 20 to 24 age bracket."

-- Unemployment among construction workers of more than ten per cent."

Humphrey said his comprehensive Manpower Act with its community jobs program offers the opportunity, "to launch a head on attack on unemployment and at the same time improve the quality of life in communities across the nation."

"The time has come to make government the employer not of last resort--but of new opportunities for public service."

"We need safe streets. We need more and better hospitals and clinics with adequate staffing. We need to improve education to create new recreation areas and campsites to restore the quality of our water and the pruity  
(MORE)

of our air.

These are some of the tasks to be taken up by those in the Comprehensive Manpower Act program---not senseless leaf raking or dead end jobs. And in these tasks, people can be given not only new jobs, but new hope."

This is a rich Nation. We have the people, the skills, the resources. Let us roll up our sleeves and get this great Nation moving again."

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REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

COPE DINNER HONORING MAYOR JAMES TATE

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

FEBRUARY 5, 1972

IT'S TIME TO TALK VIGOROUSLY ABOUT THE NUMBER ONE PROBLEM  
OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY: MORE THAN FIVE MILLION AMERICANS OUT OF  
WORK.

LET'S FACE UP TO THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM: THE AVERAGE  
RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR 1971 -- SIX PERCENT -- WAS THE HIGHEST  
IN A DECADE.

TONIGHT I WANT TO SPELL OUT THE DIMENSIONS OF THE ECONOMIC  
DISARRAY CREATED BY THIS ADMINISTRATION.

BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH FOR POLITICAL CANDIDATES TO DECRY THE  
RECORD OF THE OPPOSITION.

SO TONIGHT, I WANT TO SUGGEST SOME CONCRETE REMEDIES INCLUDING  
A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY JOB PROGRAM WHICH I WILL INTRODUCE  
IN THE SENATE AND WHICH TOGETHER WE WILL ENACT.

Talk about our Country!

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Frank Sullivan, Teacher

THE TRAGIC UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL AFFECTING OUR ECONOMY HAS  
BEEN COUPLED WITH A RUN-AWAY INFLATION AVERAGING FOUR PERCENT

A YEAR.

Jobs

Start

(Game Plan)

NOW WHEN THIS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION TOOK OFFICE, WE WERE

TOLD THAT A CERTAIN LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT WAS "ACCEPTABLE" AND

NECESSARY TO LOWER THE FIRES OF INFLATION.

(quack Remedy)

BUT UNEMPLOYMENT HAS NOT CURED INFLATION AND EVEN IF IT

COULD, A MAN'S JOB AND HIS FAMILY'S SECURITY SHOULD NEVER BE

A PAWN IN ANYBODY'S ECONOMIC GAME PLAN!

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT!

BECAUSE HUNGER IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, POVERTY IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, POOR

HEALTH IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AND A RUINED LIFE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE!

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*But*

NOW WE ARE BEING TOLD BY HIGH ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS  
 THAT WE WILL HAVE TO LIVE WITH HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT *WE ARE TOLD*

THAT FIVE PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT IS THE BEST WE CAN DO WITHOUT

THROWING THE ECONOMY OUT OF KILTER *AND WE ARE TOLD BY THE PRESIDENT'*

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS THAT PERSISTENT AND HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT

ACCOMPANIED BY RAPID INFLATION HAVE NOW BECOME A STRUCTURAL PART

OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

*I* I SAY PERSISTENTLY HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AND RAGING INFLATION

THAT EATS THE GUTS OUT OF ANYBODY'S POCKETBOOK HAVE BECOME A

STRUCTURAL PART OF REPUBLICAN ECONOMIC POLICIES. AND 5 PERCENT

UNEMPLOYMENT IS ~~NOT ACCEPTABLE. IT IS NOT~~ CLEARLY NOT THE BEST WE CAN DO.

*not acceptable. It is not  
 the best we can do. It is tragic  
 costly, and intolerable.*

now more unemployed  
statistical fudging!!

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IT'S MERELY THE BEST THIS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION IS  
WILLING TO OFFER THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

ALL SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY ARE FEELING THE EFFECTS OF  
THE WIDE GAP BETWEEN THE PROMISE OF FULL EMPLOYMENT AND THE  
REALITY OF <sup>over 6</sup> 5.2 MILLION AMERICANS OUT POUNDING THE PAVEMENTS.

Gout  
Raines

L BUT UNEMPLOYMENT HITS ESPECIALLY HARD AT THE TWO ENDS OF  
THE POPULATION -- THE YOUNG AND THE OLD

L TODAY OVER A MILLION WORKERS AGED 45 OR OLDER ARE LOOKING  
FOR JOBS.

(Workers 45 + over)

L THE NUMBER WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER IF IT INCLUDED  
THE MANY WHO HAVE GIVEN UP THE SEARCH IN DESPAIR.

(over 1 million hidden  
unemployed)



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## WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

THEY ARE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II / THEY ARE EXPERIENCED

ENGINEERS AND TEACHERS. THEY ARE HEADS OF SMALL BUSINESS FIRMS

WHO HAVE BEEN MERGED OUT OF THEIR JOBS OR FORCED INTO BANKRUPTCY.

THEY ARE SKILLED WORKERS IN ALL OF THE MANY OCCUPATIONS AND

## INDUSTRIES HIT HARD BY THE THREE YEARS OF NIXON SLUMP

THEY WERE HARD-WORKING, TAXPAYING CITIZENS, THEN, WITH

SICKENING SUDDENNESS, THE BOTTOM DROPPED OUT OF THEIR LIVES.

MANY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE UNLIKELY TO FIND JOBS AGAIN IN

THEIR LIFETIME UNLESS YOUR GOVERNMENT ~~AND TIME~~ MOVES SOON TO DO

## SOMETHING ABOUT THE JOB CRISIS.

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*Thyung*  
 L NOW LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE YOUNG -- THE YOUNG WHOM WE

ALWAYS DESCRIBE AS THE HOPE OF AMERICA.

L ALMOST 17 PERCENT OF OUR TEEN-AGERS SEEKING WORK WERE  
 UNABLE TO FIND JOBS LAST YEAR. BLACK TEENAGERS IN POVERTY AREAS

HAVE HAD IT MUCH WORSE -- ALMOST 40 PERCENT UNEMPLOYED

L ~~ALMOST 8 PERCENT~~ *and* VIETNAM VETERANS IN ~~THEIR HOMELANDS~~

ARE ~~UNEMPLOYED~~ L FOR THOSE IN THE 20-24 AGE BRACKET IT'S

EVEN ~~WORSE~~ 12 PERCENT. *unemployed*

L THESE ARE THE STATISTICS, BUT THEY ARE MUCH MORE. THEY ARE

HUMAN TRAGEDIES THAT CANNOT BE TOLERATED BY A HUMANE AND PROGRESSIVE

SOCIETY.

*Tragedies*

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L AND IT'S NOT ONLY THE UNEDUCATED AND THE UNDERPRIVILEGED  
WHO ARE FINDING THE DOORS CLOSED AGAINST THEM.

L THE JOB OUTLOOK FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES IS THE WORST  
IN A DECADE. FOR COLLEGE GRADUATES IT IS THE GRIMMEST SINCE THE  
GREAT DEPRESSION OF THE 1930'S. AND PH.D.'S HAVE BECOME A WASTED  
SURPLUS ON TODAY'S JOB MARKET.

L I COULD GO ON AND ON WITH MORE DEEPLY DEPRESSING FIGURES.

L JOBLESSNESS AMONG WOMEN -- MANY OF THEM HEADS OF FAMILIES --  
IS 5.7 PERCENT. FOR NON-WHITE ADULTS, IT WAS ALMOST 10 PERCENT  
LAST YEAR. FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS -- AND WE'RE ALWAYS HEARING  
HOW HIGH ON THE HOG THEY LIVE -- IT WAS OVER 10 PERCENT.

L THESE ARE TRAGIC STATISTICS L BUT EVEN MORE TRAGIC IS THE

ATTITUDE TOWARD THEM OF HIGH OFFICIALS OF OUR GOVERNMENT.

L EIGHT MONTHS AGO THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, SECRETARY

*Sect Connally*

CONNALLY, THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S "CHIEF ECONOMIC SPOKESMAN,"

SAID "WE ARE GOING TO REQUIRE SOME DEGREE OF PATIENCE ON THE

PART OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE," ON UNEMPLOYMENT.

L THE TIME FOR PATIENCE IS PAST,

*Time for Patience is over.*

L I HAVE RUN OUT OF PATIENCE L THE AMERICAN WORKER AND MILLIONS

OF FAMILIES HAVE RUN OUT OF PATIENCE THIS WITH REPUBLICAN TRICKLE-DOWN

ECONOMICS

*just doesn't work - I shall know*

*It doesn't trickle*

*Phase I*  
*Phase II*

*Phase II*

Employment Act

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THE TIME HAS COME TO DELIVER ON THE SOLEMN PLEDGE THE

CONGRESS GAVE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE 25 YEARS AGO WHEN IT ENACTED

THE ~~1946~~ EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1946.

*maximum employment  
maximum production  
maximum purchasing power*

THE TIME HAS COME TO MAKE GOVERNMENT THE EMPLOYER NOT ONLY

OF LAST RESORT -- BUT OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

WE ARE A GREAT NATION OF MASSIVE WANTS CRYING FOR ATTENTION.

WE NEED SAFER STREETS.

WE NEED MORE AND BETTER HOSPITALS AND CLINICS.

WE NEED BETTER SCHOOLS.

WE NEED CLEANER WATER AND PURER AIR.

WE NEED A BROAD RANGE OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

*- Day Care centers  
- Parks  
- Transportation  
- airports  
- water/sewer*

*We need homes -  
We need new neighborhoods  
We need housing for the elderly*

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Rebuild America

Marshall Plan

We need to go to work - Put  
America to work - Build,  
Grow - Expand

THESE NEEDS ADD UP TO A GREAT OPPORTUNITY -- AN OPPORTUNITY

We need ships - Docks - Electronics

TO MAKE A HEAD-ON ATTACK UPON UNEMPLOYMENT AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY

We need Aero-space-Industry  
OF LIFE IN AMERICA AT THE SAME TIME.

Exports - Imports

TONIGHT I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THAT I WILL SOON INTRODUCE

THE COMPREHENSIVE MANPOWER ACT OF 1972.

How to Pay for it -  
Produce!!

THE FIRST AIM OF THIS LEGISLATION IS TO PROVIDE 1,000,000

JOBS IN A COMMUNITY JOB PROGRAM -- JOBS WITH A FUTURE -- JOBS

AT EVERY LEVEL OF SKILL -- JOBS FOR YOUNG AND OLD -- JOBS WITH

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES THESE

JOBS REPRESENT A TREMENDOUS INVESTMENT IN AMERICA'S FUTURE.

Exports - Imports

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L THESE ONE MILLION NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES WHEN COUPLED WITH  
NEW JOBS PROVIDED IN THE EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1971 AND AN  
ESTIMATED 300,000 JOB OPPORTUNITIES EXPECTED FROM REFORM OF  
OUR WELFARE SYSTEM WILL MEAN THAT NEARLY 1.5 MILLION AMERICANS  
NOW UNEMPLOYED WILL BE ABLE TO FIND MEANINGFUL WORK AT DECENT  
WAGES IN THE COMING MONTHS.

L THE COMPREHENSIVE MANPOWER ACT WILL GIVE HOPE AND PROMISE  
-- A PROMISE THAT CAN BE KEPT -- TO YOUNG AMERICANS WITHOUT  
JOBS.

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L OF THE 1 MILLION JOBS IN THIS NEW COMMUNITY JOBS  
PROGRAM, 250,000 WILL GO TO THE YOUNG IN A FIVE-FOLD EXPANSION  
OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS.

L THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS IS A TRIED AND TESTED PROGRAM.  
IN EXPANDING IT WE WOULD BE PUTTING UNEMPLOYED TEENAGERS TO WORK  
WHERE WE NEED WORK DONE -- IN THE COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS  
OF AMERICA.

L WE WOULD BE HELPING TO PROVIDE A MORE LIVABLE ENVIRONMENT  
IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NATION THROUGH COMMUNITY JOB PROGRAMS.

AND THE PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE STRONG TIES TO COMMUNITY  
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SO THAT THE YOUNG CAN WORK AND STILL  
HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATIONS.



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I WANT TO CLEAN UP THE CONFUSING MANPOWER MESS ONCE AND FOR ALL. TO DO THIS I HAVE PROPOSED IN THIS LEGISLATION SEVERAL NEW AND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO COORDINATE AND IMPROVE STATE, LOCAL, AND FEDERAL MANPOWER PROGRAMS.

TOO OFTEN MANPOWER TRAINING LEADS TO MORE TRAINING -- NOT TO JOBS. THIS MUST CHANGE.

AT THE END OF THE TRAINING TUNNEL THERE MUST BE A JOB. AND OUR FINAL AIM MUST BE TO MOULD JOBS TO MEN, RATHER THAN MEN TO JOBS.

THE COMPREHENSIVE MANPOWER ACT IS ONLY A FIRST STEP. WE WILL NEED THE DETERMINATION OF PEOPLE AND OF GOVERNMENT,

Our industries, our ships, our airports  
 our roads, <sup>14-</sup> ~~can be made what~~

L OUR CITIES, OUR SCHOOLS, OUR DAY-CARE CENTERS, OUR

HOSPITALS OUR RIVERS AND LAKES CAN BE MADE WHAT THEY SHOULD BE,

AND PEOPLE CAN ~~BE GIVEN~~ <sup>have</sup> NEW HOPE AND DECENT LIVES IN THE

PROCESS.

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WE HAVE THE PEOPLE, THE SKILLS, THE RESOURCES. LET'S ROLL

UP OUR SLEEVES AND RESOLVE TO GET THIS GREAT NATION MOVING

AGAIN.

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Philadelphia  
Sept Feb 5  
COFE Dinner  
Honoring Mayor  
James  
Tate

# Community job program

It's time to talk seriously about the number one problem

of the American economy: More than five million Americans

out of work.

Let's face up to the magnitude of the problem!  
~~Less than two months ago we learned that the average~~

rate of unemployment for 1971--<sup>six</sup>~~6~~ percent--was the highest in  
a decade.

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~~The~~ <sup>afflicting our economy</sup> tragic unemployment level ~~has~~ been coupled with

a run-away ~~rate of~~ inflation averaging <sup>four</sup>~~6~~ percent a year.

<sup>Now when this</sup>  
~~I am sure we all remember the theory offered to us~~

<sup>took office, we were told</sup>  
~~by a new Republican administration that certain levels of unemployment~~

<sup>and necessary</sup>  
~~was~~ "acceptable" ~~in order to dampen the~~ fires of inflation.

~~But~~ unemployment has not cured inflation, ~~and so even if it~~ could,

a man's job and his family's security should never be a pawn in

anybody's economic <sup>game</sup> ~~gain~~ plan. [There is no such thing as an

acceptable level of unemployment because hunger is not

acceptable, poverty is not acceptable, poor health is not

acceptable and ~~there is no such thing as a~~ ruined life is

not acceptable.

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Tonight I want to spell out  
the dimensions of the economic <sup>disarray</sup> ~~disarray~~  
created by the Administration.

But it's not enough for political  
candidates to deny the record of  
the opposition.

So tonight I want to suggest  
some concrete remedies including  
comprehensive ~~the~~ <sup>which</sup>  
a "Community job program" ~~which~~  
I will introduce in the Senate  
and which together we will  
enact.

Now we are being told by high administration officials that we will have to live with high unemployment. We are told that <sup>five</sup> percent unemployment is the best we can do without throwing the economy out of kilter. And we are told by the President's council of Economic Advisors that <sup>persistant and</sup> high unemployment ~~exists~~ accompanied by <sup>now</sup> rapid inflation have/become a structural part of the American economy.

I say persistantly high unemployment and raging inflation that eats the guts out <sup>of</sup> anybody's pocketbook have become a structural part of Republican economic policies. And 5 percent unemployment is clearly not the best <sup>we</sup> ~~the Nixon administration~~ can do. ~~rather~~ <sup>merely</sup> ~~it's just~~ <sup>this</sup> the best ~~a~~ Republican administration ~~is~~ willing to offer the American people.

All sectors of ~~unemployment~~ the economy are feeling the effects of ~~xx~~ <sup>wide</sup> the yawning gap between ~~nothing~~ the promise of ~~a~~ full employment and the reality of 5.2 million Americans out pounding the pavements, especially But unemployment hits/hard at the two ends of the population-- the young and the old.

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Today over a million workers aged 45 or older are looking vainly for ~~any~~ jobs. ~~--- The~~ <sup>people?</sup> number would be significantly higher if it included the many who have given up the search ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> despair.

Who are these ~~unfortunate Americans?~~ <sup>people?</sup> They are veterans of World War II, <sup>they are</sup> experienced engineers and teachers, <sup>they are</sup> heads of small businesses, firms who have been merged out of their jobs or forced into bankruptcy, <sup>they are</sup> older government employees who have been marked for job oblivion, <sup>they are</sup> and skilled workers in all of the many occupations and industries hit hard by the three year ~~of~~ Nixon slump.

~~They~~ <sup>They</sup> were hard-working, taxpaying citizens. Then, with sickening suddenness, the bottom dropped out of their lives, ~~as if an earthquake had opened up the ground beneath them.~~

Many of these people are unlikely to find jobs again in their lifetime unless your government and mine moves ~~--- Soon~~ to do something about the job crisis.

Now let's take a look at the young-- the young whom we always describe as the hope of America.

Almost ~~17%~~ <sup>Percent</sup> of our teen-agers seeking work were unable to find ~~it~~ <sup>jobs</sup> last year. Black teenagers in the poverty areas <sup>have</sup> had it ~~over twice as bad~~ <sup>much worse</sup> - almost ~~40%~~ <sup>Percent</sup> unemployed.

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Almost 9 percent of our Vietnam veterans in their twenties

are unemployed. And for those in the 20-24 age bracket it's worse --

over 12 percent. <sup>but they are not to be left out</sup>

These are statistics that a society that prides itself on being humane and progressive simply cannot tolerate.

And it's not only the uneducated and the underprivileged who are finding the doors closed against them. Qualified observers have

called the job outlook for high school graduates <sup>is</sup> the worst

in a decade, and for college graduates <sup>it's</sup> the grimmest since the

great depression of the 1930s. And

wasted surplus on today's job market. As for those hard-earned Ph.D.'s <sup>they are becoming a</sup>

I could, ~~I regret to say~~, go on and on with these more

deeply depressing figures. Unemployment among professional and

technical workers is almost 11 percent, the highest in the quarter

century that records of this privileged category of workers has

been kept. In these days of women's liberation, joblessness

among women - many of them heads of families - is 5.7 percent.

For non-white adults, it's almost 10 percent last year. For construction workers --

and we're always hearing how high on the hog they live -- it was over 10 percent

(not really shocking figures)



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[I have <sup>the</sup> statistics. But they  
are much more. They are human  
tragedies that cannot be tolerated  
by a humane and progressive  
society. [And it's...



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~~These are~~ *These are* ~~figures like these are~~ *figures like these are* ~~planning, even tragic.~~ *planning, even tragic.* But even

more alarming and tragic is the attitude toward them of high officials of our government. ~~Because behind the statistics~~

~~the Secretary of the Treasury~~  
Eight months ago Secretary Connally, the Nixon administration's

"chief economic spokesman" ~~said that speaking on the unemployment~~

said "We are going to require some degree of patience on the

part of the American people," *on unemployment.*

*The time for patience is past.*

I have run out of ~~patience~~ *patience*. The American worker  
*And millions of families have run out of patience*  
has run out of patience with <sup>Republican</sup> trickle-down economics.  
*on*

The time has come ~~now~~ to deliver on the solemn pledge the Congress gave to the American people 25 years ago when it enacted the Full Employment Act of 1946.

The time has come to make ~~the~~ *the* federal government the employer not only of last resort--but of new opportunities for <sup>public</sup> ~~public~~ *public* service.

We are a great nation of massive wants crying for attention.

We need safer streets.

We need ~~more~~ *more* and better hospitals and clinics.

We need better schools.

We need cleaner water and purer air.

We need a <sup>broader</sup> ~~whole wide~~ range of public services.

~~These~~ These needs add up to a great opportunity--an opportunity to make a head-on attack upon <sup>the</sup> ~~A~~ employment and improve the quality of life in America at the same time.

Tonight I would like to announce that I will soon introduce the Comprehensive Manpower ~~Employment~~ Act of 1972.

The first aim of this legislation is to provide ~~222,000~~ 1,000,000 jobs <sup>in a community job program</sup> ~~thousand in the public sector~~--jobs with a future--jobs at every <sup>jobs for young and old--</sup> level of skill--jobs with expanding opportunities for service to our communities. These jobs represent a tremendous investment in America's future.

~~These one million new job opportunities when coupled with~~

~~new jobs provided from~~ in the Emergency Employment Act of 1971 <sup>and</sup>

<sup>as</sup> ~~The~~ estimated 300,000 job opportunities expected from reform of

our welfare system will ~~that~~ mean that nearly 1.5 million

<sup>now unemployed</sup> Americans <sup>A</sup> will be able to find meaningful work at decent wages in the coming months.

~~And essential part of~~ The Comprehensive Manpower  
Act <sup>will</sup> ~~is designed to~~ give hope and promise <sup>-- a promise that can be kept --</sup> to young Americans  
without jobs.

<sup>new community jobs</sup>  
Of the 1 million jobs in the <sup>will</sup> program 250,000 ~~would~~ go  
to the young in a five-fold expansion of the Neighborhood  
Youth Corps.

The Neighborhood Youth Corps is a tried and tested program.  
~~Putting young people to work~~

In expanding it we would be putting unemployed teenagers to  
work where we need work done--in the communities and neighborhoods  
<sup>It would be</sup>  
of America, helping to provide a more livable environment for in  
<sup>across the Nation</sup>  
our nation's communities through ~~public service employment~~ <sup>community job programs</sup>, with  
<sup>And the program will provide</sup>  
strong ties to community educational institutions <sup>so that</sup> ~~such as~~  
<sup>can</sup> ~~the young could~~ work and <sup>still</sup> have the  
opportunity to continue their  
educations.

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I want to clean up the confusing manpower mess once and  
for all. To do this I have proposed in this legislation  
and improve  
ways to coordinate state, local and Federal manpower ~~program~~  
programs.

Too often manpower training leads to more training--not  
to jobs. This must change.

At the end of the training tunnel there must be a job.  
And our <sup>final</sup> aim must be to  
~~And the aim must be to~~ mould jobs to men, rather than men to  
jobs.

Act only  
The Comprehensive Manpower ~~act~~ is a first step. We still  
need the determination of people and <sup>of</sup> government.

Our cities, our schools, our day-care centers, our hospitals  
our rivers and lakes ~~and~~ can be made what they should be.  
~~And~~ And people can be given new hope and decent lives in the  
process of rebuilding

We have the people, the skills, the resources. Let's  
roll up our sleeves and resolve to get this great nation moving again.



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