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AFL-CIO DINNER

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Columbus - Franklin
County Geo Meany
Award Dinner

L FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR
THE AMERICAN WORKING FAMILY. LABOR AND I HAVE BEEN
TOGETHER IN THESE BATTLES.

L TONIGHT I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT WHERE ALL
OF US ARE--YOUR FAMILIES, YOUR HOPES, AND DREAMS,
OUR COUNTRY.

L I WANT TO PRAISE THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT FOR
WHAT IT HAS DONE TO MAKE ^{better the} ~~people's~~ LIVES ^{of} ALL AMERICANS.

L AND IT'S ONLY FITTING THAT TONIGHT WHEN WE SPEAK
OF GEORGE MEANY, THAT WE LOOK AT PAST ACHIEVEMENTS AND
FUTURE HOPES.

L THERE ARE SOME IN THIS NATION WHO TODAY ^{heap} SCORN ~~ON~~ ^{the} ~~THE~~ WORKING MAN AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT.

L THEY SAY THAT LABOR HAS BECOME MUSCLE BOUND AND UNRESPONSIVE TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS.

L THEY SAY THAT LABOR NO LONGER FIGHTS FOR THE LITTLE GUY, FOR THE MINORITIES, AND FOR THE POOR. ^{and}

L I SAY HOW TRAGICALLY WRONG THEY ARE. [!]

LOOK BACK OVER THE HISTORY OF RECENT PROGRESSIVE
SOCIAL LEGISLATION:

--WE COULD NOT HAVE PASSED MEDICARE WITHOUT THE
BACKING OF THE AMERICAN WORKING MAN.

--WE COULD NOT HAVE ~~BROKEN~~ ^{Passed} THE FILIBUSTER AGAINST
THE 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT WITHOUT LABOR'S HELP.

--WE COULD NOT HAVE PASSED THE WAR ON POVERTY, THE
VOTING RIGHTS ACT, THE FOOD STAMP BILL WITHOUT LABOR.

AND, TODAY IT IS THE SAME: OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND
SAFETY, THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION,
SOCIAL SECURITY INCREASES, UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION,
WORKINGMEN'S COMPENSATION REFORM, MINIMUM WAGES AND FAIR
LABOR STANDARDS AND A HARD LOOK AT WHERE AMERICAN DOLLARS
AND JOBS ARE GOING OVERSEAS.

AND THERE WOULD NOT EVEN BE A DEBATE OVER NATIONAL
HEALTH INSURANCE IF LABOR ~~WAS~~ ^{had} NOT ~~meant~~ ^{meant} IT IS LABOR

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(1) L WHO IS FIGHTING OFF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES, THE AMA,
THE BIG CORPORATIONS, AND THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION--
ALL WHO WANT TO DEFEAT YOUR RIGHT TO COMPLETE AND
UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE.

But LABOR HASN'T GIVEN UP.

L THIS YEAR LABOR FACES ITS MOST IMPORTANT BATTLE,
ITS MOST MOST SERIOUS FIGHT! THE VITAL, CRITICAL
NECESSITY TO DEFEAT RICHARD NIXON IN 1972.

L FOR IT'S RICHARD NIXON AND HIS ECONOMIC POLICIES
THAT HAVE PUT 5 1/2 MILLION AMERICANS OUT OF WORK,
INCREASED YOUR PAYROLL TAXES, BROUGHT INTO YOUR HOMES
THE FEAR THAT YOU MIGHT LOSE YOUR JOBS AND NOT BE ABLE
TO PAY YOUR BILLS.

L FOR THREE YEARS RICHARD NIXON AND HIS ECONOMIC
POLICIES HAVE CAUSED INCREASED INFLATION AND THE HIGHEST
INTEREST RATES SINCE THE CIVIL WAR.

L IT IS RICHARD NIXON WHO GAVE A \$10 BILLION TAX
BREAK TO THE GIANT CORPORATIONS WHILE YOU AND I GOT
each
LESS THAN \$60 DOLLARS IN TAX RELIEF.

L we've
I'VE BEEN PATIENT LONG ENOUGH WITH RICHARD NIXON.

ALL OF US HAVE WAITED TOO LONG. L ALL OF US HAVE
SUFFERED TOO MUCH.

L WE'VE HEARD PROMISES, WE'VE SEEN GAME PLANS, WE'VE
BEEN THROUGH A FREEZE AND NOW WE HAVE PHASE II CONTROLS.

L THEY'RE ALL A FAILURE. I'VE HAD ENOUGH.

~~TONIGHT I'M GOING TO TAKE MY GLOVES OFF AND TELL~~
~~IT LIKE IT IS.~~

L I CHARGE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S PHASE II ECONOMIC
POLICIES ARE A HOAX ON THE AMERICAN WORKER, A SHAM AND
A CRUEL EXERCISE DESIGNED TO FOOL THE AMERICAN CONSUMER.

L WE ARE TOLD BY THE WHITE HOUSE THAT PRICES ARE
CONTROLLED--THAT THEY WON'T GO UP.

L BUT YOU AND I KNOW BETTER. THERE'S ONLY ONE THING
THAT'S NOT GOING UP--YOUR WAGES.

L PRESIDENT NIXON STOOD BEFORE GEORGE MEANY AND THE
AFL-CIO CONVENTION IN MIAMI NOT LONG AGO AND SAID THAT

PRICES WEREN'T GOING UP, HE ASKED THE MEMBERSHIP TO
ASK THEIR WIVES IF THIS WASN'T THE CASE.

L TONIGHT I ASK YOU! ASK YOUR WIVES IF PRICES ARE
GOING UP. L THEY'LL TELL YOU ABOUT HOW MUCH MORE IT COSTS
TO BUY A WEEK'S GROCERIES AND HOW MUCH MORE IT COSTS TO
BUY CLOTHING FOR THE KIDS.

L LET'S LOOK AT HOW THESE SO CALLED "CONTROLS" AFFECT
YOU.

L THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION IS BACKPEDDLING ON PRICE
CONTROLS. THEY TOLD US THAT INFLATION WOULD BE CUT TO
LESS THAN 3 PER CENT A YEAR.

L NOW, THEY ADMIT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. AND, THEY SAY

THEIR REAL GOAL IS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THREE AND FOUR
PER CENT A YEAR.

L THE REPUBLICANS ARE BACKPEDDLING--AND FOR EVERY
STEP IN REVERSE YOU PAY HIGHER PRICES--YOUR FOOD COSTS
MORE, YOUR CARS COST MORE, YOUR TAXES ARE HIGHER, AND
YOUR PAYCHECK IS LESS.

AND IF BACKPEDDLING WASN'T ENOUGH, THEY FILLED THE
PRICE CONTROL SYSTEMS WITH HOLES BIG ENOUGH FOR A MACK
TRUCK.

--75 PER CENT OF ALL RETAIL STORES HAVE NO CONTROLS

--THESE ARE THE STORES WHERE YOU SHOP, ~~WHERE YOU HAVE~~

~~CHARGE ACCOUNTS~~--AND THERE ARE NO EFFECTIVE PRICE CONTROLS

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HERE.

--YOUR RENTS ARE GOING UP--THE ADMINISTRATION

CONVENIENTLY DECONTROLLED NEARLY HALF OF ALL RENTAL

UNITS. AND MANY LARGE REAL ESTATE OPERATORS AND LAND-

LORDS ARE GETTING RICH,

--THERE ARE NO PRICE CONTROLS ON USED CARS, ON

USED TIRES!

--THERE ARE NO CONTROLS ON THE COST OF BUYING

A HOME, ON WATER RATES, AND SEWER RATES, ON LIFE

INSURANCE PREMIUMS, ON MORTGAGE RATES, AND ON MOST FOOD

PRICES.

--AND MANY CORPORATIONS OWNED BY GIANT CONGLOMERATES



ARE NO LONGER EFFECTIVELY CONTROLLED.

--MEDICAL COSTS, CAR REPAIR COSTS, DENTAL SERVICES,

TELEVISION REPAIR SERVICES--NO EFFECTIVE CONTROLS HERE

EITHER.

L THESE CONTROLS ARE LIKE A GIANT SIEVE WITH LEAKAGE
EVERYWHERE.

BACKPEDDLING, LEAKAGE, and THE THIRD INGREDIENT IS

NO EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT. that's the story

L NO ENFORCEMENT MEANS THAT THE CONSUMER IS NOT BEING
PROTECTED, THAT PRICE VIOLATORS ARE NOT BEING PUNISHED,
AND THAT RETAILERS CAN OPERATE WITHOUT FEAR OF BEING
CAUGHT.

AND IF YOU DO HAVE A COMPLAINT, THE REGULATIONS
ARE SO COMPLEX, SO HARD TO UNDERSTAND, THAT LAWYERS
HIRED BY BIG STORES AND THE LARGE CORPORATIONS CAN
FIND AN EXCUSE, A LOOPHOLE, AN OUT THAT WILL MAKE YOU
PAY HIGHER PRICES.

↳ THE PRICE AND WAGE SYSTEM SHOULD HAVE BEEN DESIGNED
TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN WORKING FAMILY CONSUMER.

↳ BUT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION DESIGNED THE ENTIRE
SYSTEM TO PROTECT ITSELF.

↳ I WANT TO KNOW WHY ALL THE PRICE AND WAGE HEARINGS
ARE HELD IN PRIVATE?

L I WANT TO KNOW WHY THE DOORS OF THE PRICE COMMISSION
AND PAY BOARD ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE PRESS?

L I WANT TO KNOW WHY ALL THESE RECORDS ABOUT DECISIONS
WHICH AFFECT US ARE NOT MADE PUBLIC.

CLOSED DOOR POLICY-MAKING IS WRONG, AND PRESIDENT
NIXON OUGHT TO STOP IT IMMEDIATELY.

L FINALLY, THE PHASE II PROGRAMS OF THE REPUBLICAN
ADMINISTRATION IGNORE THE UNEMPLOYED.

Jobs

L WHERE ARE THE JOBS, MR. PRESIDENT?

WHERE'S THE WORK?

L WHERE'S HOPE FOR TOMMORROW FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE
UNEMPLOYED MILLIONS?

THIS IS THE RECORD OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION
PRICE CONTROLS.

THIS IS WHY RICHARD NIXON MUST BE DEFEATED IN 1972.

THIS IS WHY I AM RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT IN 1972--TO
INSURE THAT LABOR'S MOST CRITICAL BATTLE ENDS IN VICTORY.

AND, THIS IS WHY I ASK YOUR HELP.

Franklin County AFL-CIO George
Meany Dinner Honoring former Mayor M.E.
"Jack" Sussman.
Columbus March 17

For the last 25 years I have been fighting for the American working family. Labor and I have been together in these battles.

Tonight I want to talk with you about where all of us are--your families, your hopes and dreams, our country.

I want to praise the American labor movement for what it has done to make decent lives for all Americans. And it's only fitting that tonight when we speak of George Meany, that we look at past achievements and future hopes.

There are some in this nation who today scorn the working man and the labor movement.

They say that labor has become muscle bound and unresponsive to people's needs.

They say that labor no longer fights for the little guy, for the minorities, and for the poor.

I say how tragically wrong they are.

Look back over the history of recent progressive social legislation:

--we could not have passed medicare without labor's help.

--we could not have broken the filibuster against the 1964 Civil Rights Act without the backing of the American working man.

--we could not have passed the war on poverty, the voting rights act, the food stamp bill without labor.

News
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Beer imports

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And, today it is the same:

1 - Occupational health and safety,

2 - the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission,

3 - Social Security increases, unemployment compensation,

workingmen's compensation reform, minimum wages, ^{and} fair labor

standards, ^{and a look back at where American dollars and jobs are going overseas.}

And there would not even be a debate over National Health Insurance if labor was not behind it. It is labor who is fighting off the insurance companies, the AMA, the big corporations, and the Nixon Administration--all who want to defeat your right to complete and universal health care.

Labor hasn't given up.

This year Labor faces its most important battle, its most serious fight! The vital, critical necessity to defeat Richard Nixon in 1972.

For it's Richard Nixon and his economic policies that have put 5.4 million Americans out of ^{work} ~~jobs~~, increased your payroll taxes, brought into your homes the fear that you might lose your jobs and not be able to pay your bills.

For three years Richard Nixon and his economic policies have caused increased inflation, ^{and} the highest interest rates since the civil war.

It is Richard Nixon who gave a \$10 billion tax break to the giant corporations while you and I got less than \$60 dollars in tax relief.

Foreign Trade

only thing effectively frozen is wages

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I've been patient long enough with Richard Nixon.

All of have waited too long. All of us have suffered too much.

We've heard promises, we've seen game plans, we've been through a freeze and now we have Phase II controls. They're all a failure. I've had enough.

Tonight I'm going to take my gloves off and tell it like it is.

I charge that the President's Phase II economic policies are a hoax on the American worker, a sham and a cruel exercise designed to fool the American consumer.

We are told by the White House that prices are controlled --that they won't go up.

But you and I know better. There's only one thing that's not going up--your wages.

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Let's look at how these so called "controls" affect you.

The Nixon Administration is backpeddling on price controls. They told us that inflation would be cut to less than 3 per cent a year.

Now, they admit that's impossible. And, they say that their real goal is somewhere between three and four per cent a year.

The Republicans are backpeddling--and for every step in reverse you pay higher prices--your food cost more, your cars cost more, your taxes are higher, and your paycheck is less.

Nixon - JAC-CIO-
wishes to have and ask

And if backpeddling wasn't enough, they filled the price control systems with holes big enough for a ~~h~~ack truck.

--75 per cent of all retail stores have no controls--these are the stores where you shop, where you have charge accounts--and there are no effective price controls here.

--Your rents are going up--the Administration conveniently decontrolled nearly half of all rental units. And many large real estate operators and landlords are getting rich.

--There are no price controls on used cars, on used tires, There are no controls on the cost of buying a home, on water rates, and sewer rates, on life insurance premiums, on mortgage rates, and on most food prices.

--And many corporations owned by giant conglomerates are no longer effectively controlled.

--Medical costs, car repair costs, dental services, television repair services,--no effective controls here either.

These controls are like a giant sieve with leakage every where.

Backpeddling, leakage, ~~and~~ **T**he third ingredient is no effective enforcement.

No enforcement means that the consumer is not being protected, that price violators are not being punished, and that retailers can operate without fear of being caught.

And if you do have a complaint, the regulations are so complex, so hard to understand, that lawyers hired by big stores and the large corporations can find an excuse, a loophole, an out that will make you pay higher prices.

The price and wage system should have been designed to protect the American working family consumer.

But the Nixon Administration designed the entire system to protect itself.

I want to know why all the price and wage hearings are held in private?

I want to know why the doors of the Price Commission and Pay Board are closed to the public and to the press?

I want to know why all these records about decisions which affect us are not made public.

Closed door policy-making is wrong. And President Nixon ought to stop it immediately.

Finally, the Phase II programs of the Republican Administration ignore the unemployed.

Where are the jobs, Mr. President?

Where's the work?

Where's hope for tomorrow for the families of the unemployed millions?

This is the record of the Nixon Administration Price Controls.

This is why Richard Nixon must be defeated in 1972.

This is why I am running for President in 1972--to insure that labor's most critical battle ends in victory.

And, this is why I ask your help.

Get country moving again

Use many facts

Take your action.

positive approach

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[President Nixon stood before George Meany and the AFL-CIO convention in Miami not long ago and said that prices weren't going up. He asked the membership to ask their wives if this wasn't the case.

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[Tonight I ask you: Ask your wives if prices are going up. They'll tell you about ~~rising food costs~~ ~~and rising~~ ~~costs~~ ~~at the grocery store~~ ~~and~~ how much more it costs to buy a week's groceries ^{and how much more it costs to buy} ~~clothing~~ ^{ES} for the kids,

MEMORANDUM

March 15, 1972

TO: Senator

FROM: Dan S.

SUBJECT: Columbus-Franklin County AFL-CIO 13th Annual
George Meany Awards Banquet Honoring
Former Mayor Jack Sensenbrenner

Your comments on the Nixon price and wage control structure being a sham and a fraud were not picked up from your Meet the Press appearance. Bob and I have taken this theme and we worked it in the form of a very hard-hitting speech on the economy. This is the place where you really will take your gloves off and give it to Nixon on the price and wage control issue.



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