

HUMPHREY FOR PRESIDENT

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HUMPHREY LAUNCHES PENNSYLVANIA CAMPAIGN
WITH INDICTMENT OF "UNFAIR NIXON TAX
AND ECONOMIC POLICIES"

PHILADELPHIA, April 6--Senator Hubert H. Humphrey launched his Pennsylvania primary campaign today with a ringing indictment of the Nixon Administration's "inept and inequitable economic and tax policies."

Returning to the city where he announced his candidacy for the Presidency on Jan. 18, Humphrey chose as the site for his tax-economy speech the Internal Revenue Service Plaza here.

"The first priorities of the new administration we must elect next November are clear," Humphrey said.

"We must overhaul a tax system that is riddled with loopholes and special deals for the super-rich. We must change the inequitable wage-price system that permits prices to soar but holds a rigid line on wages and salaries. And we must end the intolerably high unemployment in this wealthiest Nation on earth.

"I call for a return to fairness where working Americans get hit the hardest--in our tax system.

"In 1969 and 1970, 300 Americans making more than \$200,000 a year paid no taxes--none at all. Yet a working man living in Philadelphia and earning \$10,000 a year must pay 28 per cent of his salary in taxes.

"Four decades ago, Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated his administration to social and economic justice. But today the privileged few still reap vast benefits at the expense of the many.

"I pledge today that if I am successful in this election year, I will re-dedicate the national administration to Franklin Roosevelt's ideal of economic justice."

Calling the Nixon price control system "a hoax and a sham," Humphrey charged that prices have risen more sharply since the President's freeze and Phase II plans than before he changed his plan.

"Corporations have submitted nearly 7,000 price increase applications. The Nixon Price Commission turned down only 114 of those requests and forced a roll-back of price increases in only six cases.

(more)

"Meanwhile, your wages have been held tightly to a 5.5 per cent increase.

"I call for a government price control and enforcement system that is fair--that stands clearly against the special interests and for the working man and woman, the small businessman, the salaried employee, the farmer, the professional.

"And I call for action now to provide job opportunity.

--"Five and a half million Americans have been thrown out of work.

--"700,000 more are so discouraged that they have given up looking for jobs.

--"And 17 million family members, in this wealthiest nation on earth, lacked the money to pay their bills last year.

"I say it's wrong that the American worker is forced to pay with his job for the inept, economic failures of this Republican Administration.

"The issue in America today is fairness--economic justice.

"I pledge a fair society that will never use forced unemployment to fight inflation.

"I pledge a fair society that uses the productive resources of this nation to solve the needs of all the people--a society that makes all the people the beneficiaries of our wealth and our resources, not the victims of recession and hard times."

--HHH--

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MEMORANDUM

FOR: SENATOR

FROM: DAN

SUBJECT: IRS RALLY

We have prepared a brief, hard-hitting speech on taxes and the economy. The central theme is fairness. We have found some good information on the tax burden of a working man in Philadelphia who earns \$10,000 a year. He pays \$2,800 or 28 percent of his salary on taxes.

A word on the event: Vic had a good suggestion. When you talk taxes you can point at the IRS building and mention that this is a fitting place to talk taxes. However, there is a real danger of overdoing this and looking powerless and small before a giant structure.

ONE-FACT NOT INCLUDED IN THE TEXT: We just found out that there are only 35 Internal Revenue Agents working out of the regional office where you will speak who are charged with price controls for the entire Eastern half of Pennsylvania. This is a vast area of millions of people and thousands of business establishments. This is a vivid example of the ineffective nature of the controls, of how they can't be enforced.

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REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

I.R.S. PLAZA

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

APRIL 6, 1972

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TODAY I RETURN TO PHILADELPHIA--THE CITY OF "WE THE
PEOPLE. . ."

L I RETURN TO RENEW MY COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF
to end our involvement in a war
PENNSYLVANIA TO PUT AMERICA BACK ON ITS FEET TO PUT OUR
HOUSE IN ORDER AND GET OUR COUNTRY MOVING AGAIN.

L THIS IS OUR TASK.!

L AND IT MUST BE DONE.!

IN THE PAST WEEKS I HAVE TRAVELED THE LENGTH AND
BREADTH OF THIS NATION--TALKING WITH PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS
OF LIFE.!

L I HAVE FOUND SKILLED WORKERS WITHOUT JOBS. ~~WHO CAN'T~~

I have found veterans from Vietnam
~~AND THEIR FAMILIES.~~
with no jobs.
~~I have found~~

I have found workers losing their
pensions - ~~with~~ 001638

I have found - 2 001639

└--FARMERS WHO ARE FORCED TO ABANDON THEIR LAND *because of low income.*

└--ELDERLY CITIZENS WHO WON'T GO TO A DOCTOR BECAUSE

THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO,

└--WORKING FAMILIES WHO ARE BEING TAXED BEYOND WHAT

THEY CAN PAY,

└--PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT THEIR FUTURE.

└--FACTORY WORKERS WHO ARE WORKING ONE WEEK AND LAID

OFF THE NEXT,

└--SMALL BUSINESSMEN WITHOUT A MARKET FOR THEIR GOODS,

--HOUSEWIVES WHO CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY THE HIGH-PRICED

MEATS AND VEGETABLES THEY KNOW THEIR CHILDREN MUST HAVE.

L AND EVERYWHERE I HAVE FOUND AMERICANS WONDERING WHY
A NATION CAN ALLOW MILLIONS TO SUFFER UNBEARABLE ECONOMIC
HARDSHIPS IN A LAND SO RICH, SO STRONG AND SO PRODUCTIVE.

FOUR DECADES AGO, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT DEDICATED
HIS ADMINISTRATION TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE. BUT
TODAY THE PRIVILEGED FEW STILL REAP VAST BENEFITS AT THE
EXPENSE OF THE MANY.

L I CHARGE THIS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION WITH UNFAIR
ECONOMIC AND TAX POLICIES.

AND I CALL NOW FOR A RETURN TO A FAIR SOCIETY.

I CALL FOR A RETURN TO FAIRNESS AT THE PLACE WHERE
WORKING AMERICANS GET HIT THE HARDEST--IN OUR TAX SYSTEM.

L ~~HAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION BEEN FAIR ON TAXES?~~

L ~~THE ANSWER IS "NO."~~ no.

L I SAY THAT THE TAX SYSTEM OF THIS NATION IS RIDDLED
WITH LOOPHOLES AND SPECIAL DEALS FOR THE PRIVILEGED FEW.

L IN 1969 AND 1970, 300 AMERICANS MAKING BETTER THAN
\$200,000 PAID NO TAXES.

L A PHILADELPHIA WORKER MAKING \$10,000 PAYS 28 PERCENT
OF HIS SALARY IN TAXES. HERE'S HOW:

--\$110 IN STATE SALES TAX

--\$230 IN STATE INCOME TAX

--\$331 IN A WAGE TAX

--\$574 IN PROPERTY TAXES

--\$500 IN SOCIAL SECURITY TAX

--\$1,000 IN FEDERAL INCOME TAX

L TOSS IN THE CIGARETTE TAX, THE GAS TAX AND THE
AMUSEMENT TAXES — *those are extra.*

L AND THIS WORKING FAMILY WILL HAVE PAID \$2,800 IN
TAXES ON A \$10,000 INCOME.

L THIS BURDEN IS BANKRUPTING PENNSYLVANIANS. IT'S
WRONG THAT YOU HAVE TO WORK 3 MONTHS OUT OF EVERY YEAR

JUST TO PAY YOUR TAX BILL.

L A GOVERNMENT IN A FAIR SOCIETY ^{*should slam*} ~~SLAMS~~ THE DOOR SHUT
ON TAX LOOPHOLES *that favor the super-rich.*

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A Fair government

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L ~~an~~ DOESN'T GIVE A \$9 BILLION TAX BREAK TO BIG

BUSINESS AND \$67 TO A WORKING PERSON.

L IT REFORMS ITS TAX SYSTEM TO MAKE ALL PAY THEIR FAIR

SHARE AND IT REDUCES THE UNFAIR PROPERTY TAX BURDEN ON

THE HOMEOWNER.

L HAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION BEEN FAIR ON PRICES AND
WAGES?

L THE ANSWER IS "NO."

PRICES ARE SOARING AND PENNSYLVANIANS KNOW IT.

--GROCERY PRICES ARE UP, SOME ITEMS COST 10 TO 20 PERCENT
MORE.

N.Y. Calif. Pa.

Pennsylvania 3rd largest state

{ There are only 35. I.R.S Agents
working out of this very Regional
office who are charged with
enforcement of Price Controls
for the entire eastern half of
Pennsylvania

✓ President / knew it wouldnt work

✓ He knows its not working

✓ He is not doing anything
about it.

✓ and He will not do anything about
it unless you demand it!

--HAMBURGER, THE STAPLE OF AMERICAN DIETS, COSTS AS
MUCH AS STEAK.

--RENTS ARE UP 15 TO 20 PERCENT.

← ← THE NIXON PRICE CONTROLS ARE A HOAX AND A SHAM.

--THERE HAS BEEN A GREATER PRICE RISE SINCE THE FREEZE

AND PHASE II THAN BEFORE MR. NIXON CHANGED HIS GAME PLAN
LAST AUGUST.

L CORPORATIONS HAVE SUBMITTED NEARLY 7,000 PRICE
INCREASE APPLICATIONS | *the price commission has*
THEY'VE TURNED DOWN ONLY 114 AND

HAVE FORCED A ROLL BACK OF PRICE INCREASES IN ONLY 6 CASES.

AND, ALL THE TIME ~~THE~~ WAGES AND PENSIONS HAVE BEEN

HELD TIGHTLY TO A 5.5 PERCENT INCREASE.

Should be
 L AN ADMINISTRATION IN A FAIR SOCIETY ~~IS~~ AS TOUGH AND

AS HARD ON PRICES AND PROFITS AS IT IS ON WAGES.

should be as
 IT'S ~~AS~~ TOUGH ON THE BIG INSURANCE FIRMS, THE GIANT

STEEL COMPANIES AND THE LARGE CONGLOMERATES AS IT IS ON

THE WAGES OF WORKING FAMILIES.

genuine
 L I CALL FOR A GOVERNMENT PRICE CONTROL ~~PROGRAM~~ *program*
that is workable [^] *that is enforceable* — and
~~SYSTEM~~ THAT IS FAIR — THAT STANDS CLEARLY AGAINST THE

SPECIAL INTEREST AND FOR AMERICAN WORKERS, TEACHERS, SMALL

BUSINESSMEN, SALARIED EMPLOYEES, AND FARMERS. — *yes the people*

L HAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION BEEN FAIR ON JOBS?

THE ANSWER IS "NO."

over
--5 1/2 MILLION AMERICANS HAVE BEEN THROWN OUT OF WORK.

--700,000 ARE SO DISCOURAGED THEY HAVE GIVEN UP LOOKING *for jobs.*

--~~2.0~~ *2.0* MILLION FAMILY MEMBERS LAST YEAR WERE WITHOUT

THE MONEY TO PAY THEIR BILLS.

I SAY IT'S WRONG THAT THE AMERICAN WORKER IS FORCED
the loss of
TO PAY WITH HIS JOB FOR THE ~~LOSS OF~~ ECONOMIC
FAILURES OF THIS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION.

L GOVERNMENT IN A FAIR SOCIETY PROVIDES JOB OPPORTUNITY
FOR THOSE WHO CAN AND WANT TO WORK.

L IT MAKES JOBS THE FIRST CONCERN OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

L THE ISSUE IN AMERICA TODAY IS FAIRNESS.

L I PLEDGE TO YOU A FAIR SOCIETY THAT WILL NEVER USE
FORCED UNEMPLOYMENT TO FIGHT INFLATION.

L I PLEDGE TO YOU A FAIR SOCIETY THAT WILL NEVER LET
PRICES AND PROFITS SKYROCKET WHILE WAGES ARE FROZEN.

L I PLEDGE TO YOU A FAIR SOCIETY THAT WILL HAVE A TAX
SYSTEM WHICH IS NOT RIGGED AGAINST WORKING AMERICANS.

L I PLEDGE A FAIR SOCIETY THAT USES THE PRODUCTIVE
RESOURCES OF THIS NATION TO SOLVE THE NEEDS OF ALL THE
PEOPLE--A SOCIETY THAT MAKES ALL THE PEOPLE THE BENEFICIARIES
OF OUR WEALTH AND OUR RESOURCES, NOT THE VICTIMS OF RECESSION
AND HARD TIMES.



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