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PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT

PROVIDENCE, R.I. MAY 16, 1972

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*former Gov
John Delle*

*Mayor Ramsey (E. Prov)
Mayor Humphreys Donnelly
(Newport)*

I'VE COME TO RHODE ISLAND TODAY TO TELL THE DEMOCRATS

OF THIS STATE THAT I AM NOT TAKING THEM FOR GRANTED.

I WANTED TO COME HERE BEFORE THE PRIMARY TO PERSONALLY
INFORM MY FELLOW DEMOCRATS WHERE I STAND ON THE IMPORTANT
ISSUES OF THIS CAMPAIGN.

ALTHOUGH I WILL BE IN THE STATE FOR JUST ONE DAY, I HAVE
A MESSAGE FOR THE VOTERS OF RHODE ISLAND: I SINCERELY BELIEVE
THAT I AM THE BEST QUALIFIED MAN TO PUT AMERICA BACK TO WORK AND
TO PUT OUR NATION BACK ON ITS FEET.

I KNOW THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE FED UP WITH A REPUB-
LICAN ADMINISTRATION THAT PUTS MORE THAN 31,000 PEOPLE IN RHODE
ISLAND OUT OF WORK TO FIGHT INFLATION.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE FED UP WITH A REPUBLICAN ADMINIS-
TRATION THAT ASKS THE FAMILIES OF RHODE ISLAND TO FIGHT INFLATION
AND THEN SAYS TO THE GIANT CORPORATIONS: YOU CAN RAISE YOUR PRICES
AND REAP ENORMOUS PROFITS.

*Rep
P. Lyons*

THE PEOPLE OF RHODE ISLAND KNOW THAT IT'S NOT FAIR WHEN
AN ADMINISTRATION SHIFTS THE TAX BURDEN ONTO THE SHOULDERS OF
THOSE LEAST ABLE TO PAY WHILE DOING NOTHING TO CLOSE UNFAIR
TAX LOOPHOLES WHICH BENEFIT BIG BUSINESS.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DESPERATELY WANT PEACE IN VIETNAM,
THE WITHDRAWAL OF OUR TROOPS AND THE RETURN OF OUR POW'S.

I BELIEVE I CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THESE GREAT PROBLEMS
WHICH TOUCH ALL THE PEOPLE OF RHODE ISLAND. I HAVE THE EXPERIENCE
AND I HAVE THE WILL TO GET THE JOB DONE.

I KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE OF RHODE ISLAND WANT SOME STRAIGHT
ANSWERS ON SOME TOUGH ISSUES.

I WANT TO LET THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE KNOW NOW THAT I
AM OPPOSED TO THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA. I AM OPPOSED TO
GENERAL, UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY. I AM OPPOSED TO CASUAL AND INDIS-
CRIMINATE ABORTION ON DEMAND.

AND I DO FAVOR AIDING FAMILIES WHO CHOOSE TO SEND THEIR
CHILDREN TO PAROCHIAL AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS WITH TAX CREDITS.

Soc Sec, Jobs, urban and
environment

Law
enforce
Safe streets
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IF THE PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE WERE FORCED TO SHUT DOWN, THE MASSIVE INFLUX OF ADDITIONAL STUDENTS INTO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WOULD CRUSH THE PROPERTY TAX PAYER.

FINALLY, I WANT TO TELL THE PEOPLE OF RHODE ISLAND THAT I OPPOSE MASSIVE AND INDISCRIMINATE CUTS IN OUR DEFENSE BUDGET THAT WOULD THROW ADDITIONAL THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE OUT OF WORK IN THIS STATE WHO DEPEND ON DEPARTMENT OF NAVY AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DOLLARS FOR THEIR LIVELIHOOD.

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*Mobile
workshop -*

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I've come to Rhode Island today to tell the Democrats of this state that I am not taking them for granted.

I wanted to come here before the primary to personally inform my fellow Democrats where I stand on the important issues of this campaign.

Although I will be in the state for just one day, I have a message for the voters of Rhode Island: I sincerely believe that I am the best qualified man to put America back to work and to put our nation back on its feet.

I know that the America people are fed up with a Republican administration that puts more than 31,000 people in Rhode Island out of work to fight inflation.

The American people are fed up with a Republican administration that asks the families of Rhode Island to fight inflation and then says to the giant corporations; You can raise your prices and reap enormous profits.

The people of Rhode Island know that it's not fair when an administration shifts the tax burden onto the shoulders of those least able to pay while doing nothing to close unfair tax loopholes which benefit big business.

~~Finally~~ Finally, The American people desperately want peace in Vietnam, the withdrawal of our troops and the return of our POW's.

I believe I can do something about these great problems which touch all the people of Rhode Island. I have the experience and I have the will to get the job done. ✓

I know that ~~they~~ people of Rhode Island want ~~from me~~ some straight answers on some tough issues.

I want to ~~let~~ the people of this state know ^{now} that I am opposed to the legalization of marijuana. I am opposed to general, unconditional amnesty. I am opposed to casual and indiscriminate abortion on demand.

And I do favor aiding families who choose to send their children to parochial and ~~pr~~ivate schools with tax credits.

If the private and parochial schools of this state were forced to shut down, the massive influx of additional students into the public schools would crush the property tax payer.

Finally, I want to tell the people of Rhode Island that I oppose massive and indiscriminate cuts in our defense budget that ~~would~~ ^{would} throw additional thousands of people out of work in this state who depend on Department of Navy and Department of Defense dollars for their livelihood.



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