

May 26, 1972

To: Senator  
From : Dan and Bob  
Re: LongBeach Headquarters opening statement.  
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Longbeach is is an area that was once--before WWII--a hot bed of some of the broadest welfare schemes broached such as Townsend plan, etc.

After WWII, the area has turned exceptionally conservative-- Being greatly concerned about moral issues, about high cost of living, about taxes, and about welfare giveaways--or what they perceive to be welfare giveaways.

The area is about evenly matched with blue and white collar types.

One person we talked to said that they are very concerned about the return of POW's . They are concerned about ~~the~~ amnesty and positions on that.

We have written a statement that stresses McGovern's defense ~~the~~ cutbacks as they impact jobs in the ~~Longbeach~~ Longbeach area.

We have also incorporated into this statement a couple of lines about the McGovern welfare program. What we are doing here is asking some basic questions, but pegging the questions to McGovern's suggestion in his written proposal that he would tap into the Social Security Trust fund to pay for his welfare legislation.

The area is heavy on defense spending contracts, ship yard and ship servicing.

There is a high payroll at the shipyard. ~~the~~ Aircraft, electrical parts, airframes, etc. are built there.

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

OPENING OF LONG BEACH HEADQUARTERS

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

MAY 26, 1972

I'M HERE TO TELL THE VOTERS OF LONG BEACH THAT THEY  
DO HAVE AN IMPORTANT CHOICE TO MAKE ON JUNE 6 WHEN THEY VOTE  
IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY.

IT WILL BE A CHOICE BETWEEN TWO MEN WHO DIFFER ON THE  
BEST WAY TO PUT THIS NATION BACK TO WORK AND GET OUR COUNTRY  
AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA BACK ON ITS FEET.

HUMPHREY OR McGOVERN -- IT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
HAVING A JOB OR LOOKING FOR WORK.

SENATOR McGOVERN HAS PROPOSED A DEFENSE CUTBACK  
PROGRAM WHICH THREATENS THE ECONOMIC HEALTH AND THE JOBS  
OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE LONG BEACH AREA.

SENATOR McGOVERN HAS PROPOSED HALTING ALL FURTHER  
BUILDING OF NAVAL SURFACE SHIPS. HE SAYS THAT "NO FURTHER

CONSTRUCTION IS REQUIRED."

WHAT WILL THIS DO TO THE NAVAL SHIPYARD HERE IN  
LONG BEACH?

HE ALSO PROPOSES THAT WE MOTHBALL 9 AIRCRAFT CARRIERS,  
100 CRUISERS, FRIGATES AND DESTROYERS AND REDUCE THE TOTAL  
NUMBER OF SUBMARINES BY 11.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

IT MEANS A CUTBACK IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.

IT MEANS A CUTBACK IN COMMERCE FOR THE RETAIL BUSINESSES  
OF THE AREA.

AND IT MEANS THAT THE NIXON RECESSION HERE IN LONG  
BEACH COULD BECOME THE McGOVERN RECESSION THROUGHOUT THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

AND HE PROPOSES THESE MASSIVE CUTBACKS WITHOUT A  
TRULY EFFECTIVE PLAN TO PROTECT THE JOBS, THE HOMES AND THE  
FINANCIAL SECURITY OF THE PEOPLE OF LONG BEACH,

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN McGOVERN AND HUMPHREY  
ON TAXES AND WELFARE,

SENATOR McGOVERN WANTS TO GIVE EVERYONE IN THE  
UNITED STATES REGARDLESS OF HOW MUCH MONEY THEY HAVE, A  
FREE WELFARE CHECK, BUT HE WON'T TELL US HOW MUCH IT'S  
GOING TO COST OR HOW MUCH YOUR TAXES WILL BE INCREASED TO  
PAY FOR IT,

HE SAYS -- WAIT UNTIL I'M PRESIDENT, THEN I WILL BE  
ABLE TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH YOUR TAXES WILL INCREASE,

BUT HE DOES SUGGEST A FEW THINGS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM:

--HE SUGGESTS THAT PARTS OF SACRED SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM COULD BE USED TO FINANCE HIS WELFARE GRANT PROGRAM.

I'M OPPOSED TO USING SOCIAL SECURITY FUNDS FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE THAN HELPING TO PROVIDE DIGNITY AND DECENCY FOR ELDERLY AMERICANS.

I HAVE PROPOSED A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR OLDER AMERICANS, INCLUDING --

--A 25% INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY,

--A COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR ELDERLY ON SOCIAL SECURITY,

--CHANGES IN MEDICARE, SUCH AS ELIMINATING THE \$50 DEDUCTIBLE AND THE DOCTOR'S INSURANCE,

--FREEZE THE HOSPITAL CO-PAYMENT.

--A COMPREHENSIVE HOME HEALTH CARE PROGRAM TO MAKE  
PREVENTIVE MEDICINE A REALITY.

--AND, A CUT IN PAYROLL TAXES TO TAKE PART OF THE  
BURDEN OFF THE WORKING FAMILIES.

I'M OPPOSED TO USING SOCIAL SECURITY FUNDS FOR WELFARE  
OF ANY TYPE.

THIS ISN'T WHAT THE HARD WORKING FAMILIES OF LONG BEACH  
WANT.

PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA WANT JOBS -- NOT MORE WELFARE.

I HAVE A DETAILED JOB PROGRAM TO PUT AMERICA BACK TO  
WORK.

AND THEY ARE FED UP WITH HIGH PROPERTY TAXES AND GIANT  
CORPORATIONS, AND THE PRIVILEGED FEW OF THIS COUNTRY NOT

PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE.

I'VE PROPOSED A DETAILED LOOPHOLE CLOSING PLAN THAT  
WILL CUT THE PROPERTY TAXES OF PEOPLE IN LONG BEACH.





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