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for further electoral gains in 1974.

"The same party that garnered 56% of the

Congressional Races and increased the number of

Democratic Senators and Governors in 1972 will re-

elect and elect even greater numbers of Democrats

in 1974, said Humphrey.

"Enduring Republican Minority"

And, instead of an "Emerging Republican Majority,"

there will be an enduring Republican Minority," noted Humphrey.

The right chemistry both within and out side of the Party will be with us in 1974," said Humphrey.

There is a great reconciliation going within the Democratic Party. Elected officials, labor leaders, women, minority groups, average working Americans--Mr. and Mrs. Middle American--can again feel that they are a part of the councils of the Party.

Demos getting together

No Regrets - Thanks

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"We are reestablishing the confidence and trust of the people in the leadership of the party."

"We must continue to broaden the base of the Party concerned not only about the unemployed but the problems of the employed: With not only those who are on welfare but also those who pay bills and pay the taxes for welfare; we must be about a tax system that favors the privileged few and at the same time promote those incentives that keep this economic expanding in order to provide jobs and income for working people.

"The Democratic Party is once again speaking to the needs of a majority.

At the same time, Democrats are being helped by the Republican Party (Nixon Administration).

"As the opposition party, the Democratic Party has a lot to oppose--not out of simple blindness but because the programs and the policies of the Republican Party and Nixon Administration do not speak to the needs of the average working families of this country.

"The Nixon Budget is a budget in retreat. It asks people who have less to do more for themselves". It

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means less money for the cities and rural areas; less attention to the health problems of all Americans; more cost for Grandpa and Grandma for their medicare; and less educational opportunity for your children.

It's a traditional Republican budget of opposition those programs that have meant so much to the average American Family.

But there is plenty in this budget for the special few and the big corporations--those who gave millions to the Re-Election Campaign of the President.

Additionally, said Humphrey, the Nixon Administration refuses to move ahead on Tax Reform.

Insread, they are trying to scare the American people away for tax reform by telling the people that tax reform means the elimination of personal deductions and mortgage interest.

Tax Reform
Tax reform really means that the Republican Campaign contributor, big business, and the privileged few will have to start paying their fair share. That is what the Nixon Administration doesn't like.

"There were over 276 persons in 1971 making more than \$100,000 who didn't pay one dime of federal income taxes. [And, each year, some corporations pay more to foreign governments in taxes than they do to the United States Treasury.

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Humphrey noted that under the Nixon Administration corporate taxes have decreased from 20 percent of the nation's total tax revenues in 1969 to 15 in 1974. But at the same time, payroll taxes on the Average working family have increased from 21% in 1969 to 31% in 1974.

The tax system is unfair--and the working people of this nation know that the Democratic Party is their only hope of getting some tax justice anytax fairness.

Another issue going for the Democrats, said Humphrey is this Republican Administration's record on our national economy.

Inflation

Phase I and II--though not fairly administered because profits zoomed while wages were held down--at least but a bite on the inflation. Now with Phase III, the Administration has once more turned loose the fires of inflation--and this time they can't blame it on Democrats.

Cost

"Food cost to the American family have climbed faster than at any time since the Korean War. Meat, fish, poultry prices have shot up 13 percent for the year ending last February.

Everything is going up lumber, fuel oil, clothing, gasoline--and the Actions of the Administration only

means more promises and higher prices.

Finally, said Humphrey, there is the ugly odor of corruption stemming from the Watergate Bugging incident.

The American people are beginning to think that this Administration has something to hide. And, by not laying all the cards on the table and coming clean, this Administration faces losing the confidence of the American people.

Humphrey also warned the Democrats to not get complacent.

"We must remember that the Republican party will have a multimillion dollars war chest for 1974. The Republican have already began their 1974 Campaign by trying to picture the Democratic Party as the protectors of the status-quo, for higher taxes and greater federal spending, and as a captive of the special interest.

We have to be on guard. We have to get out story accurate, propose progress, constructive alternatives to Republican programs. We have to act responsible--as the majority Party should.



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