

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

STEELWORKERS' DISTRICT 23  
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I am delighted to be able to be with you tonight to participate in your annual Legislative Conference.

Your great union and your outstanding President, my good friend, I.W. Abel, remain in the forefront of the progressive movement for social and economic justice in America. You can take great pride in the contribution that your union has made in making America a more just society.

The American labor movement has been the cutting edge for social and economic progress in our nation for decades. And this is a fact of American political history. It is a fact which you need to think about from time to time; it is a source of strength for battles yet to come.

But today I do not want to look back at past victories, but ahead to new challenges.

Today our economy is in trouble, and it's important that we realize how we got into this economic nightmare and, more importantly, what we can do together to get out of it.

Six years of disastrous Nixon-Ford policies have derailed the nation's economy and thrown its working families into a ditch.

The miscalculations, mistakes, and misplaced priorities of these two Presidents have put more of our workers on the streets than at any time since the dreary days of the Great Depression. Republican economic mismanagement has given us the highest rate of unemployment in this nation in 34 years. GNP dropped over 10 percent last quarter and plant capacity is operating at only 65 percent.

In its zeal to fight inflation, the White House and the Federal Reserve Board have pushed our economy into the ditch of recession and tragic unemployment.

I wish I could tell you that I have all the answers, a magic formula, a fool-proof way of getting our economy back on the track, incomes rising once again, and all our people back to work.

But I don't, and I won't deceive you. You've been taken for a ride too often in the past, and I won't build up false hopes just to see them dashed by the economic facts of life.

However, we can do much more to create jobs and income now and speed recovery than the White House is willing to do.

This is no time for half-hearted, traditional, do-nothing, trickle-down conservative economic policies. This adds up to just one thing -- a serious unemployment recession for the rest of the decade.

The Employment Act of 1946 requires the federal government to "promote maximum employment, production and maximum income." It was clearly recognized in that Act that maximum

employment must be the central focus of our nation's economic policy.

This promise to America's workers has been broken, and this law of the land has been violated and trampled upon.

Today we must recommit America to the goal and the promise of full employment -- a job for every American who is willing and able to work.

Only an America with its people and resources at work can provide a decent home for every family, quality education for each boy and girl, and comprehensive health care for every man, woman and child.

And, only an America working toward these goals can hold its head high. This is the way to celebrate our Bicentennial -- life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Perhaps we would get bolder action and more compassion from this Administration if some of its top advisers had a little taste of unemployment themselves.

Perhaps then they would know what unemployment really means.

-- It means drawing your last unemployment check with no job in sight.

-- It's food stamps, instead of paychecks.

-- It's welfare, instead of work.

-- It's facing eviction because you can't pay the rent or meet the mortgage.

-- It's borrowing from your brother-in-law or letting your insurance lapse.

-- It's sitting around wondering what the kids think of you.

-- It's facing yourself in the mirror and asking "Why?" and "How much longer?"

-- It's wondering how a nation this rich, this enterprising, this great, can let more than 8 million Americans who want to work, and need to work, go without work.

But, every proposal to move the economy ahead and create jobs is attacked by the White House as inflationary.

It's the same old response -- the same old song. We have heard it often from the last two Administrations -- "No, no, go slow, not now, veto."

These are not policy makers -- they are people infected with the cancer of fear, doubt and pessimism.

We hear no cry of outrage from this Administration over the plight of the millions of Americans who have no job, or workers whose hours have been slashed, or farmers and small business people who are going broke. No, their cries of "horror" are reserved for the trouble the money market might experience in handling a large federal deficit -- a deficit that their own misguided policies created.

I'm concerned about the budget deficit, too. But there are some other deficits that "horrify" me even more:

-- I'm horrified by the employment deficit -- over 8 million men and women out of work -- 1 million American dropouts from the labor force -- 3.5 million Americans on part-time jobs, because they can't find full time work. I'm "horrified" by 40 percent black teenage unemployment, 22 percent for all teenagers, and a real national unemployment rate of 12 percent.

-- I'm horrified by our take-home pay deficit -- the buying power of your paychecks has dropped all the way back to the 1964 level -- the average workweek has shrunk to 35.9 hours, its lowest level since the Depression.

-- I'm horrified by the \$1.5 trillion we will lose in paychecks, family incomes, production, and opportunity for our citizens in the next five years, because we could not operate our economy at anywhere near full employment.

-- I'm horrified by the housing deficit, the health care deficit and the educational opportunity deficit.

Yet, I'm horrified that we have people in the Executive Branch, the Congress, and the Federal Reserve Banks that tolerate such conditions.

These are the deficits that plague the people of this country. And, these are the deficits that should "horrify" all Americans -- including those in the White House.

We face a large federal deficit in this country this year and next, not because we tried too hard to provide our citizens with a better life, not because we put too many of our citizens to work, and not because we over-reached in terms of what our economy could produce.

No, we face large deficits today because this Administration has failed dismally to keep our nation at work. When you are unemployed, you don't pay taxes. When production is down, the tax revenues go down, too. And that is why we have large deficits, and that is why America is in trouble!

Unemployment and recession produce deficits, and the only way to balance the budget is to put America back to work and get paycheck levels back where they belong. If the peoples' budgets are alright, the federal budget will be balanced.

The depths of the current recession and the seriousness of the present economic crisis, require bold action. We cannot live with the Administration's plan. It is unacceptable. It accepts an unemployment rate of at least 6 percent for the rest of this decade. This is no time to listen to the quaking voices of the faint of heart.

Every day we delay costs thousands of additional Americans jobs and income.

And there are many things that we can do that will make a difference.

First, we can and we must take better care of the unfortunate victims of recession. This means both an extension of unemployment compensation and an increase in its level. Today the average unemployment check is a mere \$65 a week -- a national disgrace.

We can and we must provide an emergency program of health insurance for those who lose coverage because they are now out of work.

Second, we cannot and will not scrimp on Social Security, on retirement benefits, or on food stamps, as the President has proposed. Congress will reject this cruel proposal.

Third, we must get the economy moving again. And to do this:

-- We need a greatly expanded program of public service jobs capable of providing at least 1 million people with work, immediately. Congress has passed initial legislation to help achieve this objective, and the President must sign this essential legislation.

-- We need an accelerated program of public works.

-- We need to set interest rates for housing at 6 percent and get hundreds of thousands of construction workers back on the job. There is no way out of a national recession while housing is in a depression. If we can afford to lend the Russians millions of dollars at 6 percent to buy American pipe, why can't we do likewise to help our people live decently?

-- We need to see to it that financial assistance comes from the federal government, to those state and local governments facing a major fiscal crisis. Unless this is done, they will be forced to cut back drastically on jobs and services or increase taxes substantially.

Tax cuts and spending programs will be useless if interest rates stay high and credit tight. The policies of the Federal Reserve Board have been a major cause of the current recession. These policies must be changed, or the Federal Reserve Board itself must be changed.

And we must begin to do a much better job of planning for the future of our economy and for the wise use of our evermore limited resources. If we are to provide a better life for all Americans in the years to come, we must begin to plan for it today.

Americans are learning a very bitter lesson from the economic catastrophe of the 1970's. It is a lesson we must never forget.

During the last year of the Johnson Administration, the unemployment rate was 3.6 percent. Today it is 8.9 percent.

During the period 1960 to 1968, our economy grew at an average rate of 6 percent each year. Since the Republicans came to the White House, that rate has been cut by two thirds.

During the '60's, the buying power of your paychecks grew by about 4 percent a year; this year it has dropped back to the 1964 level.

During the 60's, we reduced the number of Americans living in poverty by over 10 million. In the 1970's, all these gains have been wiped out.

In the 1960's, we were building homes at the rate of 1.5 to 2 million units a year -- today we are building at about half that rate.

But, we can change all of this -- we can get America moving again -- we have what it takes!

We have some tremendous problems. But let us not overlook our equally great strengths.

We have the most highly trained and able workers in the world.

We have a democratic society that has been the envy of the world for almost two centuries.

We have the most advanced science and technology.

We have the finest educational system.

We have rich land and able farmers.

We have vast natural resources.

Yes, we have so much.

That is why it is so frustrating to witness what is going on in America today -- the lost pride, the lost confidence and the dwindling hope.

Then what is wrong? Well, as I see it, we need strong, effective, compassionate and progressive leadership. With it, problems can be boldly attacked; without it, we flounder in confusion and frustration.

Congress must grab the torch and provide the progressive leadership that this nation so desperately needs today. We must work, speak and act in the great tradition of Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, John Kennedy, and Lyndon Johnson.

We must fight to regain lost ground and then launch a mighty effort for a better tomorrow for all Americans.

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I AM DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO BE WITH YOU TONIGHT TO  
PARTICIPATE IN YOUR ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE.

YOUR GREAT UNION AND YOUR OUTSTANDING PRESIDENT, MY  
GOOD FRIEND, I.W. ABEL, REMAIN IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE PROGRESSIVE  
MOVEMENT FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE IN AMERICA. YOU  
CAN TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN THE CONTRIBUTION THAT YOUR UNION  
HAS MADE IN MAKING AMERICA A MORE JUST SOCIETY,

THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT HAS BEEN THE CUTTING EDGE FOR  
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN OUR NATION FOR DECADES. AND  
THIS IS A FACT OF AMERICAN POLITICAL HISTORY. IT IS A FACT  
WHICH YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT FROM TIME TO TIME; IT IS  
A SOURCE OF STRENGTH FOR BATTLES YET TO COME.

✓ BUT TODAY I DO NOT WANT TO LOOK BACK AT PAST VICTORIES,  
BUT AHEAD TO NEW CHALLENGES.

✓ TODAY OUR ECONOMY IS IN TROUBLE, AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT  
WE REALIZE HOW WE GOT INTO THIS ECONOMIC NIGHTMARE AND, MORE  
IMPORTANTLY, WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER TO GET OUT OF IT.

✓ SIX YEARS OF DISASTROUS NIXON-FORD POLICIES HAVE DERAILED  
THE NATION'S ECONOMY AND THROWN ITS WORKING FAMILIES INTO  
A DITCH.

✓ THE MISCALCULATIONS, MISTAKES, AND MISPLACED PRIORITIES  
OF THESE TWO ~~PRESIDENTS~~ *Administrations* HAVE PUT MORE OF OUR WORKERS ON THE  
STREETS THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE THE DREARY DAYS OF THE GREAT  
DEPRESSION. ✓ REPUBLICAN ECONOMIC MISMANAGEMENT HAS GIVEN US  
THE HIGHEST RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN THIS NATION IN 34 YEARS.



GNP DROPPED OVER 10 PERCENT LAST QUARTER AND PLANT CAPACITY  
IS OPERATING AT ONLY 65 PERCENT.

IN ITS ZEAL TO FIGHT INFLATION, THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE  
FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD HAVE PUSHED OUR ECONOMY INTO THE  
DITCH OF RECESSION AND TRAGIC UNEMPLOYMENT.

I WISH I COULD TELL YOU THAT I HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS, A  
MAGIC FORMULA, A FOOL-PROOF WAY OF GETTING OUR ECONOMY BACK  
ON THE TRACK, INCOMES RISING ONCE AGAIN, AND ALL OUR PEOPLE BACK  
TO WORK *quickly*

BUT I DON'T, AND I WON'T DECEIVE YOU. ~~YOU'VE BEEN TAKEN~~  
~~FOR A RIDE TOO OFTEN IN THE PAST, AND I WON'T BUILD UP FALSE~~  
~~HOPES JUST TO SEE THEM DASHED BY THE ECONOMIC FACTS OF LIFE.~~

HOWEVER, WE CAN DO MUCH MORE TO CREATE JOBS AND INCOME  
NOW AND SPEED RECOVERY THAN THE WHITE HOUSE IS WILLING TO DO.

THIS IS NO TIME FOR HALF-HEARTED, TRADITIONAL, DO-  
NOTHING, TRICKLE-DOWN CONSERVATIVE ECONOMIC POLICIES. THIS  
ADDS UP TO JUST ONE THING -- A SERIOUS UNEMPLOYMENT RECESSION  
FOR THE REST OF THE DECADE.

THE EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1946 REQUIRES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
TO "PROMOTE MAXIMUM EMPLOYMENT, PRODUCTION AND MAXIMUM  
INCOME." IT WAS CLEARLY RECOGNIZED IN THAT ACT THAT MAXIMUM  
EMPLOYMENT MUST BE THE CENTRAL FOCUS OF OUR NATION'S ECONOMIC  
POLICY.

THIS PROMISE TO AMERICA'S WORKERS HAS BEEN BROKEN, AND  
THIS LAW OF THE LAND HAS BEEN VIOLATED AND TRAMPLED UPON.

TODAY WE MUST RECOMMIT AMERICA TO THE GOAL AND THE PROMISE  
OF FULL EMPLOYMENT -- A JOB FOR EVERY AMERICAN WHO IS WILLING  
AND ABLE TO WORK.

ONLY AN AMERICA WITH ITS PEOPLE AND RESOURCES AT WORK CAN  
PROVIDE A DECENT HOME FOR EVERY FAMILY, QUALITY EDUCATION FOR  
EACH BOY AND GIRL, AND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE FOR EVERY  
MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD.

AND, ONLY AN AMERICA WORKING TOWARD THESE GOALS CAN HOLD  
ITS HEAD HIGH. THIS IS THE WAY TO CELEBRATE OUR BICENTENNIAL  
-- LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

h PERHAPS WE WOULD GET BOLDER ACTION AND MORE COMPASSION  
FROM THIS ADMINISTRATION IF SOME OF ITS TOP ADVISERS HAD A  
LITTLE TASTE OF UNEMPLOYMENT THEMSELVES -

*We shall see to that  
in Nov 1976*

L PERHAPS THEN THEY WOULD KNOW WHAT UNEMPLOYMENT REALLY  
MEANS.

L -- IT MEANS DRAWING YOUR LAST UNEMPLOYMENT CHECK WITH NO JOB  
IN SIGHT.

-- IT'S FOOD STAMPS, INSTEAD OF PAYCHECKS.

-- IT'S WELFARE, INSTEAD OF WORK.

-- IT'S FACING EVICTION BECAUSE YOU CAN'T PAY THE RENT  
OR MEET THE MORTGAGE.

L -- IT'S BORROWING FROM YOUR BROTHER-IN-LAW OR LETTING  
YOUR INSURANCE LAPSE.

L- IT'S SITTING AROUND WONDERING WHAT THE KIDS THINK OF YOU.

L- IT'S FACING YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR AND ASKING "WHY?"

AND "HOW MUCH LONGER?"

-- IT'S WONDERING HOW A NATION THIS RICH, THIS ENTERPRISING,

THIS GREAT, CAN LET MORE THAN 8 MILLION AMERICANS WHO WANT TO

WORK, AND NEED TO WORK, GO WITHOUT WORK.

L BUT, EVERY PROPOSAL TO MOVE THE ECONOMY AHEAD AND CREATE  
JOBS IS ATTACKED BY THE WHITE HOUSE AS INFLATIONARY.

L IT'S THE SAME OLD RESPONSE -- THE SAME OLD SONG. WE HAVE  
HEARD IT OFTEN FROM THE LAST TWO ADMINISTRATIONS -- "NO, NO,

GO SLOW, NOT NOW, VETO."

L THESE ARE NOT POLICY MAKERS -- THEY ARE PEOPLE INFECTED  
WITH THE CANCER OF FEAR, DOUBT, AND PESSIMISM.

L WE HEAR NO CRY OF OUTRAGE FROM THIS ADMINISTRATION OVER  
THE PLIGHT OF THE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WHO HAVE NO JOB,  
OR WORKERS WHOSE HOURS HAVE BEEN SLASHED, OR FARMERS AND  
SMALL BUSINESS PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING BROKE. NO THEIR CRIES  
OF "HORROR" ARE RESERVED FOR THE TROUBLE THE MONEY MARKET  
MIGHT EXPERIENCE IN HANDLING A LARGE FEDERAL DEFICIT -- A  
DEFICIT THAT THEIR OWN MISGUIDED POLICIES CREATED.

may I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE BUDGET DEFICIT, TOO, BUT THERE ARE  
SOME OTHER DEFICITS THAT "HORRIFY" ME EVEN MORE:



L-- I'M HORRIFIED BY THE EMPLOYMENT DEFICIT -- OVER 8  
MILLION MEN AND WOMEN OUT OF WORK -- 1 MILLION AMERICAN  
DROPOUTS FROM THE LABOR FORCE -- 3.5 MILLION AMERICANS ON  
PART-TIME JOBS, BECAUSE THEY CAN'T FIND FULL TIME WORK L I'M  
"HORRIFIED" BY 40 PERCENT BLACK TEENAGE UNEMPLOYMENT 22  
PERCENT FOR ALL TEENAGERS, AND A REAL NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT  
RATE OF 12 PERCENT.

L-- I'M HORRIFIED BY OUR TAKE-HOME PAY DEFICIT -- THE BUYING  
POWER OF YOUR PAYCHECKS HAS DROPPED ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE  
1964 LEVEL -- THE AVERAGE WORKWEEK HAS SHRUNK TO 35.9 HOURS,  
ITS LOWEST LEVEL SINCE THE DEPRESSION.

L -- I'M HORRIFIED BY THE \$1.5 TRILLION WE WILL LOSE IN  
PAYCHECKS, FAMILY INCOMES, PRODUCTION, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR  
OUR CITIZENS IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, BECAUSE WE COULD NOT  
OPERATE OUR ECONOMY AT ANYWHERE NEAR FULL EMPLOYMENT.

L -- I'M HORRIFIED BY THE HOUSING DEFICIT, THE HEALTH CARE  
DEFICIT AND THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY DEFICIT.

L YES, I'M HORRIFIED THAT WE HAVE PEOPLE IN THE EXECUTIVE  
BRANCH, THE CONGRESS, AND THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS THAT  
TOLERATE SUCH CONDITIONS.

L THESE ARE THE DEFICITS THAT PLAGUE THE PEOPLE OF THIS  
COUNTRY. AND, THESE ARE THE DEFICITS THAT SHOULD "HORRIFY"  
ALL AMERICANS -- INCLUDING THOSE IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

h WE FACE A LARGE FEDERAL DEFICIT ~~IN THIS COUNTRY~~ THIS YEAR  
AND NEXT, NOT BECAUSE WE TRIED TOO HARD TO PROVIDE OUR  
CITIZENS WITH A BETTER LIFE, NOT BECAUSE WE PUT TOO MANY  
OF OUR CITIZENS TO WORK, AND NOT BECAUSE WE OVER-REACHED  
IN TERMS OF WHAT OUR ECONOMY COULD PRODUCE.

h No, WE FACE LARGE DEFICITS TODAY BECAUSE THIS ADMINISTRATION  
HAS FAILED DISMALLY TO KEEP OUR NATION AT WORK. WHEN YOU ARE  
UNEMPLOYED, YOU DON'T PAY TAXES. WHEN PRODUCTION IS DOWN, THE  
TAX REVENUES GO DOWN, TOO. AND THAT IS WHY WE HAVE LARGE  
DEFICITS, AND THAT IS WHY AMERICA IS IN TROUBLE!

UNEMPLOYMENT AND RECESSION PRODUCE DEFICITS, AND THE ONLY  
WAY TO BALANCE THE BUDGET IS TO PUT AMERICA BACK TO WORK AND  
GET PAYCHECK LEVELS BACK WHERE THEY BELONG. / IF THE PEOPLES'  
BUDGETS ARE ALRIGHT, THE FEDERAL BUDGET WILL BE BALANCED. !

THE DEPTHS OF THE CURRENT RECESSION AND THE SERIOUSNESS OF  
THE PRESENT ECONOMIC CRISIS, REQUIRE BOLD ACTION. / WE CANNOT  
LIVE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN. / IT IS UNACCEPTABLE. !

IT ACCEPTS AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF AT LEAST 6 PERCENT FOR  
THE REST OF THIS DECADE. / THIS IS NO TIME TO LISTEN TO THE  
QUAKING VOICES OF THE FAINT OF HEART.

*that*  
L EVERY DAY WE DELAY COSTS THOUSANDS OF ADDITIONAL AMERICANS

JOBS AND INCOME.

*What We Can Do!*

L AND THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT WE CAN DO THAT WILL MAKE  
*--*

A DIFFERENCE.

① L *→* FIRST, WE CAN AND WE MUST TAKE BETTER CARE OF THE UNFORTUNATE

VICTIMS OF RECESSION | THIS MEANS BOTH AN EXTENSION OF UNEMPLOY-  
MENT COMPENSATION AND AN INCREASE IN ITS LEVEL | TODAY THE

AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT CHECK IS A MERE \$65 A WEEK -- A NATIONAL

DISGRACE.

L *→* WE CAN AND WE MUST PROVIDE AN EMERGENCY PROGRAM OF HEALTH

INSURANCE FOR THOSE WHO LOSE COVERAGE BECAUSE THEY ARE NOW OUT

OF WORK.

2 SECOND, WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT SCRIMP ON SOCIAL SECURITY,  
ON RETIREMENT BENEFITS, OR ON FOOD STAMPS, AS THE PRESIDENT  
HAS PROPOSED. CONGRESS ~~WILL~~ REJECT THIS CRUEL PROPOSAL.

3 THIRD, WE MUST GET THE ECONOMY MOVING AGAIN. AND TO DO THIS:

-- WE NEED A GREATLY EXPANDED PROGRAM OF PUBLIC SERVICE JOBS  
CAPABLE OF PROVIDING AT LEAST 1 MILLION PEOPLE WITH WORK,  
IMMEDIATELY. CONGRESS HAS PASSED ~~THE~~ LEGISLATION TO HELP  
ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE, AND THE PRESIDENT MUST SIGN THIS  
ESSENTIAL LEGISLATION.

4-- WE NEED AN ACCELERATED PROGRAM OF PUBLIC WORKS.



↳ -- WE NEED TO SET INTEREST RATES FOR HOUSING AT 6 PERCENT  
AND GET HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS BACK ON  
THE JOB. THERE IS NO WAY OUT OF A NATIONAL RECESSION WHILE  
HOUSING IS IN A DEPRESSION. IF WE CAN AFFORD TO LEND THE  
RUSSIANS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AT 6 PERCENT, <sup>7</sup> ~~TO ANY OTHER AN~~  
~~PIE~~ WHY CAN'T WE DO LIKEWISE TO HELP OUR PEOPLE LIVE  
DECENTLY?

↳ -- WE NEED TO SEE TO IT THAT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMES  
FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, TO THOSE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERN-  
MENTS FACING A MAJOR FISCAL CRISIS. UNLESS THIS IS DONE, THEY  
WILL BE FORCED TO CUT BACK DRASTICALLY ON JOBS AND SERVICES  
OR INCREASE TAXES SUBSTANTIALLY.

L TAX CUTS AND SPENDING PROGRAMS WILL BE USELESS IF INTEREST  
RATES STAY HIGH AND CREDIT TIGHT. L THE POLICIES OF THE FEDERAL  
RESERVE BOARD HAVE BEEN A MAJOR CAUSE OF THE CURRENT RECESSION.

L THESE POLICIES MUST BE CHANGED, OR THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD  
ITSELF MUST BE CHANGED.

L AND WE MUST BEGIN TO DO A MUCH BETTER JOB OF PLANNING FOR  
THE FUTURE OF OUR ECONOMY AND FOR THE WISE USE OF OUR EVERMORE  
LIMITED RESOURCES. L IF WE ARE TO PROVIDE A BETTER LIFE FOR  
ALL AMERICANS IN THE YEARS TO COME, WE MUST BEGIN TO PLAN FOR  
IT TODAY.

*ch*  
L AMERICANS ARE LEARNING A VERY BITTER LESSON FROM THE  
ECONOMIC CATASTROPHE OF THE 1970's. L IT IS A LESSON WE MUST  
NEVER FORGET.

DURING THE LAST YEAR OF THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION, THE  
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 3.6 PERCENT, TODAY IT IS 8.9 PERCENT.

L DURING THE PERIOD 1960 TO 1968, OUR ECONOMY GREW AT AN  
AVERAGE RATE OF 6 PERCENT EACH YEAR. SINCE THE REPUBLICANS  
CAME TO THE WHITE HOUSE, THAT RATE HAS BEEN CUT BY TWO THIRDS.

L DURING THE '60's, THE BUYING POWER OF YOUR PAYCHECKS  
GREW BY ABOUT 4 PERCENT A YEAR; THIS YEAR IT HAS DROPPED  
BACK TO THE 1964 LEVEL.

h DURING THE 60's, WE REDUCED THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS LIVING  
IN POVERTY BY OVER 10 MILLION. IN THE 1970's, ALL THESE GAINS  
HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT.

L IN THE 1960'S, WE WERE BUILDING HOMES AT THE RATE OF 1.5  
TO 2 MILLION UNITS A YEAR -- TODAY WE ARE BUILDING AT ABOUT  
HALF THAT RATE. *and at 6% Mortgage money*

L BUT, WE CAN CHANGE ALL OF THIS -- WE CAN GET AMERICA MOVING  
AGAIN -- WE HAVE WHAT IT TAKES!

WE HAVE SOME TREMENDOUS PROBLEMS, BUT LET US NOT OVERLOOK  
OUR EQUALLY GREAT STRENGTHS.

L WE HAVE THE MOST HIGHLY TRAINED AND ABLE WORKERS IN THE  
WORLD.

T WE HAVE A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY THAT HAS BEEN THE ENVY OF  
THE WORLD FOR ALMOST TWO CENTURIES.

L WE HAVE THE MOST ADVANCED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

L WE HAVE THE FINEST EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

L WE HAVE RICH LAND AND ABLE FARMERS.

L WE HAVE VAST NATURAL RESOURCES.

L YES, WE HAVE SO MUCH.

THAT IS WHY IT IS SO FRUSTRATING TO WITNESS WHAT IS GOING

ON IN AMERICA TODAY -- THE LOST PRIDE, THE LOST CONFIDENCE

AND THE DWINDLING HOPE.

(Tradition of America  
Pioneering - optimism)

L THEN WHAT IS WRONG? WELL, AS I SEE IT, WE NEED STRONG,

EFFECTIVE, COMPASSIONATE AND PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP. WITH IT,

PROBLEMS CAN BE BOLDLY ATTACKED. WITHOUT IT, WE FLOUNDER IN

CONFUSION AND FRUSTRATION.

*Therefore,*

CONGRESS MUST GRAB THE TORCH AND PROVIDE THE PROGRESSIVE

LEADERSHIP THAT THIS NATION SO DESPERATELY NEEDS TODAY. *L*WE

MUST WORK, SPEAK AND ACT IN THE GREAT TRADITION OF FRANKLIN

ROOSEVELT, HARRY TRUMAN, JOHN KENNEDY, AND LYNDON JOHNSON.

*L*WE MUST FIGHT TO REGAIN LOST GROUND AND THEN LAUNCH A  
MIGHTY EFFORT FOR A BETTER TOMORROW FOR ALL AMERICANS.

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