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MOOD COUNTY DEMOCRATIC DINNER

Parkersburg, "est Virginia

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I have come to the "ountain State this evening to join with many old friends to honor two great Presidents and two great Democrats.

Tonight, as we mention the legacy of Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman, I want to tell about the future of our nation and our Party.

On a cold January morning 38 years and, President Franklin D. Roosevelt stood on the steps of the United States Capitol to take his oath of office to begin his second term.

As this great man fixed his gaze on the assembled guests he looked beyond the crowd and beyond Washington. He said that he saw a nation of 125 million people, one third of whom were ill housed, ill clad, and ill nourished.

Today, if Gerald R. Ford really looked closely at this nation beyond "ashington, he would see almost 10 million workers without jobs, twenty-five million poor people, and millions upon millions of families wondering whether they will become the next victims of this disastrous recession.

The vision and compassion of Poosevelt and Truman stand in stark contrast to the shortsighted and do-nothing Republican Administrations of Pichard Nixon and Cerald Ford.

If Mr. Ford and his Cabinet would look beyond the corporate board rooms of Mall Street, they would see the real America of factories, shops and farms -- they would see a people who are relentlessly battered by hard times.

They would see countless numbers of families who are bearing the heavy burden of Republican economic policies which say "yes" to high profits, but "no" to fair wages: 'yes' to corporate bail-outs, but "no" to job programs: "yes" to tight money, and "no" to low interest rates.

Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman never would have said "No" time and time again to the aspirations and hopes of American working families when times were tough.

Every proposal that a Democratic Congress makes to move the economy ahead and create jobs is attacked by the "hite House as inflationary.

It's the same old Republican response -- the same old song we have heard before: "No, No, Go Slow, Not Now, Veto."

In the place of creative policies to lift this nation out of the depths of the worst recession since the Great Pepression, we have only negativism, fear and doubt.

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.

Instead, the Administration reserves its outrage for the trouble which the money market might experience in handling the federal budget deficit -- a deficit created by its own mistakes and miscalculations. I don't like deficits, either. But there are some things that horrify me more:

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-- I'm horrified that 8.9 percent of the American labor force officially is recorded by the government as being out of work, while the count has been lost on hundreds of thousands more who have become so discouraged that they have stopped looking for work altogether.

-- I'm horrified that 3.5 million Americans must work halftime because they can't find full-time employment, and that 22 percent of all teenagers are jobless.

-- I'm horrified by the \$1.5 trillion we will lose in paychecks, income, 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.

These are the deficits that plague the people of "est Virginia. And these are the deficits that should horrify all Americans -- including those in the "hite House.

The depths of the recession and the seriousness of the economic crisis require bold action. Democrats in the tradition of FDR and Harry Truman cannot live with the Administration's plan. It's unacceptable -- economically and morally. It will perpetuate unemployment above 6 percent until 1980.

This is not the time to listen to the quaking voices of the faint of heart.

Every day we delay costs thousands of additional Americans jobs ind 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 maximum unemployment check for a railcoad worker is a mere \$63.50 a week -- a national disprace.

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

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

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

-- "e 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.

These are just a few of the solutions to some very complex problems. I wish I could tell you that I have all the answers and a fool-proof way of getting our economy back on the track.

But I don't, and I won't deceive you.

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However, I can assure you that Democrats in Congress are hard at work and are taking the lead in devising policies that truly serve the interests of all the people -- not the special interests of the few.

Concress, rather than the President, is coming up with the right answers -- on jobs, energy, taxes, health care and on all issues which matter to the people of West Virginia.

Congress has a better idea -- not Ford.

In all of this, a clear pattern has emerged. Not only does Congress have the job of coming up with sensible and fair policies, but Congress first has to dispose of the unworkable and unfair programs suggested by the President.

Well, I can report that Congress is doing both jobs and doing them successfully. As Democrats, we should take pride in the record that is being written on Capitol Hill.

But there is, after all, a much more sensible way to proceed. We need to get a Democrat back into the Oval Office of the White House.

Just imagine the difference it would make if we had a Democratic President.

Consider the difference in jobs -- or have you forgotten that unerployment was only 3.4 percent when Richard Nixon took the oath of office in January of 1969?

Consider the difference it would make in terms of housing programs -- or have you forgetten that we were building 2.5 million new houses a year under President Johnson, and today we are building less than 900,000?

Consider the difference in fighting poverty -- or have you forgotten that for eight years straight, we dramatically reduced the numbers of people living in poverty, only to have those numbers begin to rise less than two years after the Republicans took over?

Consider the difference in fighting disease -- or have you forgotten that President Nixon, and now President Ford, have slashed the funds going to biomedical research?

But there is something else Democrats should consider:

How much we helped Richard Nixon win the Presidency in 1968 and again in 1972.

Our divisions and our internal bickering were major factors in both elections. You know it. And believe me, I know it!

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We lost the Presidency on both occasions. And we also lost the chance to use the power and resources of the federal government in behalf of the people.

We, as Democrats, lost. But the American people lost a lot more. When we next ponder the 8 million people now out of work, or the record-high prices, or the rising crime rate, or the growing numbers of people living in poverty, we had better remember who really paid the price for our losses in 1968 and 1972.

I do not believe we have the right to ask the American people to pay such a price again. We have the duty to choose a presidential nominee, and to unite around him, and to conduct the kind of hard-hitting and unified campaign that can make sure the country will not be exposed to four more years of Republican government.

"e need a Democratic president. Give us a Democrat in the White House, and we can truly bring this country back to life.

That is the opportunity that lies within our grasp.

If we Democrats remember what Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman stood for and fought for, we will be victorious in 1976. For these men, government and politics was not an end in itself. It was a way to help people. It was a way to build a nation. It was a way to fulfill lives.

As Franklin Roosevelt said, "The test of our programs is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."

Today we face this same test. Let us work together to meet the challenge.

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e Can'l -8-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 MAXIMUM UNEMPLOYMENT CHECK FOR A RAIL-ROAD WORKER IS A MERE \$63,50 A WEEK -- A NATIONAL DISGRACE. WE CAN AND WE MUST PROVIDE AN EMERGENCY PROGRAM OF HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THOSE WHO LOST COVERAGE BECAUSE THEY ARE NOW OUT OF WORK ... SECOND, WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT SCRIMP ON SOCIAL SECURITY, ON RAILROAD RETIREMENT BENEFITS, OR ON FOOD STAMPS, AS THE PRESIDENT HAS PROPOSED. THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS WEEK REJECTS THIS CRUEL PROPOSAL.

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For these MEN, GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS WAS NOT AN END IN ITSELF IT WAS A WAY TO HELP PEOPLE IT WAS A WAY TO BUILD A NATION IT WAS A WAY TO FULFILL LIVES. AS FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT SAID, "THE TEST OF OUR RECE NOT WHETHER WE ADD MORE TO THE ABUNDANCE OF THOSE WHO HAVE MUCH; IT IS WHETHER WE PROVIDE ENOUGH FOR THOSE WHO HAVE

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TODAY WE FACE THIS SAME TEST. LET US WORK TOGETHER TO MEET THE CHALLENGE,

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