

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
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AND AEROSPACE WORKERS

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It is a pleasure to be with you today at the convention of your great union, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. Under the able leadership of my good friend Red Smith, your union has been in the forefront of every effort to promote economic and social justice for all Americans. The weight of your union has helped to tip the scales of justice in our nation toward the fulfillment of the sacred promise of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness embodied in our Constitution.

In just two months the American people must make a decision on the kind of America they want for themselves and their families for the next four years. And let me tell you some good news. They will decide that they want to restore majority rule to our land, government that is truly of, by and for the people.

They will clearly and decisively reject continuation of the insensitive, incompetent, inconsistent excuse for leadership that we have been subjected to under eight long years of Republican control of the Executive Branch of government.

They will elect two able Democratic leaders -- two friends of working Americans -- Governor Jimmy Carter and Senator Walter Mondale.

Three weeks ago Gerald Ford received the Republican nomination for the Presidency. In his acceptance speech he remembered to say all of the right things and conveniently forgot to mention many of the most important things.

Well, today I intend to correct the record, to clear up this convenient case of Republican amnesia.

In his acceptance speech in Kansas City, Gerald Ford said that "inflation has been cut in half." That's fine! But, what he forgot to say is that inflation still is roaring along at the rate of six percent, and that is nearly three times faster than prices rose in the Democratic's 60's.

In his Kansas City speech, Gerald Ford said that "almost four million Americans have found new jobs or got their old jobs back." That's fine too! But what he forgot to say is that today more than nine million Americans who want to work are without work.

He forgot to say that in the last two months one-half million Americans have been added to our unemployment rolls. And he forgot to say that more of our citizens have been out of work and still are out of work than at any other time since the Great Depression of the 1930's.

In his acceptance speech in August, Gerald Ford said that "production is up, purchases are up." That's good! But, what he forgot to say is that the latest Republican recession will cost our economy \$1 trillion in goods not produced and dollars that never will be found in any pay envelope. That is a loss of \$4,651 for every man, woman and child in America by 1980. This is money thrown down the drain because of Republican economic mismanagement.

Who can blame the Republicans for this curious case of amnesia? I'm sure they would all just as soon forget the binge of moral and economic bankruptcy they have given our nation during the last eight years.

But all of their efforts to bury the past in a tidal wave of empty rhetoric won't hoodwink the American people.

-- Our senior citizens won't forget what inflation has done to their standard of living.

-- The unemployed won't forget the indignity and suffering that they and their families were forced to endure.

-- Our young people won't forget those who made their toil for a good education useless when it came to getting a job.

The Republicans may reassure each other for a while with this convenient amnesia, but the American people suffer from no such sickness -- they will remember the Nixon-Ford years all too well.

And they will remember some of the things that Gerald Ford did say, but wishes the people would forget.

On February 9, 1974, Gerald Ford said: "The country as a whole is not going to have a recession." Yet, within a few short months the whole country was in the grips of the worst recession since the Great Depression.

On August 28, 1974, Gerald Ford said: "public enemy number one is inflation. If we take care of inflation ... most of our other domestic problems will be solved. We won't have high unemployment." Of course, this single-minded focus on inflation, at a time of deepening recession, aggravated inflation, pushed the unemployment rate up to nine percent, cut production, and nearly threw our nation into another depression.

On August 19, 1975, Gerald Ford said: "Housing is beginning to go, and that is going to end the unemployment in the construction trades." Yet the number of homes completed has remained virtually constant since that time and the unemployment rate in the construction and building trades today is at a depression level of 17.7 percent.

On August 25, 1975, Gerald Ford said: "I am optimistic... for the specific improvement of job opportunities for young people, the minorities." One year later, youth and minority unemployment remain a national crisis. Today 18 percent of our young people are unemployed, 34 percent of our young minorities cannot find work, and 13 percent of all minorities are seeking jobs in vain.

On December 17, 1973, Gerald Ford said: "I will not be a candidate -- and I mean that very strongly and sincerely." Oh, that he could have kept at least this one promise.

The time is at hand to go beyond the Republican rhetoric and examine the Republican record.

In the Democratic 60's -- 1961 through 1968 -- the economy grew at a healthy yearly rate of 4.8 percent. In the Republican 70's -- 1969 to 1976 -- the economy expanded at an anemic 2.3 percent annual rate, less than one-half the rate of the 1960's.

In the Democratic 60's, we managed to keep the yearly increase in prices to 2.2 percent, while the self-proclaimed inflation fighters of the Republican '70's have saddled our citizens with an annual inflation rate of 6.5 percent.

In the Democratic 60's, your income, after inflation, rose by 4.7 percent each year. In the Republican 70's, however, this rate of income growth was slashed by nearly 50 percent.

In the Democratic 60's, the number of unemployed Americans was reduced by more than two million people. But the Republican 70's have seen 5.2 million tragic additions to the ranks of the unemployed.

The dismal record of Republican economic mismanagement stands in stark contrast to the record of stable prosperity for all segments of our society achieved under Democratic leadership in the 1960's.

We will confront the "bankrupt policies" of this tired Republican Administration with a new vision of America from a new and energetic Democratic Administration -- under the banner of Governor Carter and Senator Mondale.

We believe in jobs and we will commit government to policies which assure every person willing and able to work with an opportunity to work!

We believe in our young people! And, we will champion the cause of education and a prosperous American future.

We respect our senior citizens and we will assure them generous and decent care.

We believe in the right of every American to a full life and we will establish a national health care system that provides quality health care to all.

We believe that our cities must be saved and we will present a program that replaces slums with decent homes and neighborhoods -- a Marshall Plan for America's cities.

We believe in ending the uncertainties facing both farmers and consumers and we will develop a national food and agricultural policy that provides abundance with fair prices for farmers and stable prices for consumers.

We believe that the quality of life for all of our people must be assured! And we are committed to protecting our environment and conserving our natural resources.

We believe in ending prejudice! And we shall see that equal opportunity reaches into every aspect of American life. These are our goals -- our promises to America.

Progressives in the labor movement and in the Democratic Party always have believed that no challenge is too great for the American nation.

Therefore, we must muster our strength, our courage, our imagination, our great energy. We can become whatever we want to be.

America is a young country with its future before it. The American people are builders. They are restless. They are energetic. They are idealists who want to put their ideals to the test.

America looks to new leaders who can make our country both dynamic and just; who have a sense of compassion, but also a dedication to individual initiative -- leaders who can inspire and are inspired by our history, but who sense that our greatness is in the future.

With hard work and your help, America's best days -- America's great days -- have only just begun.

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Bill Hatcher ~~after~~ I Paid My \$10⁰⁰
I Have My Keychain.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE WITH YOU TODAY AT THE CONVENTION
OF YOUR GREAT UNION, THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS
AND AEROSPACE WORKERS. UNDER THE ABLE LEADERSHIP OF MY GOOD
FRIEND RED SMITH, YOUR UNION HAS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF EVERY
EFFORT TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR ALL AMERICANS.

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h THE WEIGHT OF YOUR UNION HAS HELPED TO TIP THE SCALES OF JUSTICE
IN OUR NATION TOWARD THE FULFILLMENT OF THE SACRED PROMISE OF
LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS EMBODIED IN OUR
CONSTITUTION.

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h IN JUST TWO MONTHS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MUST MAKE A DECISION
ON THE KIND OF AMERICA THEY WANT FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR
FAMILIES FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. AND LET ME TELL YOU SOME

GOOD NEWS. - On Nov 2, - Election Day -
The American People will elect
the Democratic Ticket of Carter/Mondale

yes the american people will

~~THEY WILL DECIDE THAT THEY WANT TO~~ RESTORE MAJORITY RULE TO

OUR LAND, GOVERNMENT THAT IS TRULY OF, BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE.

THEY WILL ~~REJECT CONTINUATION OF~~

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THIS CONVENIENT CASE OF REPUBLICAN AMNESIA.

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THAT "INFLATION HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF." THAT'S FINE! BUT,

the Nixon-Ford years gave us
WHAT HE FORGOT TO SAY IS THAT ~~INFLATION STILL IS ROARING ALONG~~

devastating inflation and inflation is still roaring

along AT THE RATE OF SIX PERCENT, AND THAT IS NEARLY THREE TIMES

FASTER THAN PRICES ROSE IN THE DEMOCRATIC'S 60'S.

L IN HIS KANSAS CITY SPEECH, GERALD FORD SAID THAT "ALMOST

FOUR MILLION AMERICANS HAVE FOUND NEW JOBS OR GOT THEIR OLD

JOBS BACK." THAT'S FINE TOO! BUT WHAT HE FORGOT TO SAY IS

THAT TODAY MORE THAN NINE MILLION AMERICANS WHO WANT TO WORK

ARE WITHOUT WORK.

*— and in Two Republican
nations 57 million american workers
at one time or another, lost their jobs —
loss of income of 500 Billion. to american
workers.*

and

HE FORGOT TO SAY THAT IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS ^{OVER} ONE-HALF

MILLION AMERICANS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO OUR UNEMPLOYMENT ROLLS,

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THE GREAT DEPRESSION OF THE 1930's - \$

L IN HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH IN AUGUST, GERALD FORD SAID THAT

"PRODUCTION IS UP, PURCHASES ARE UP." THAT'S GOOD! BUT, WHAT

HE FORGOT TO SAY IS THAT THE LATEST REPUBLICAN RECESSION WILL

COST OUR ECONOMY \$1 TRILLION IN GOODS NOT PRODUCED AND DOLLARS THAT ^{1 Trillion}

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AMNESIA? I'M SURE THEY WOULD ALL JUST AS SOON FORGET THE BINGE
OF MORAL AND ECONOMIC BANKRUPTCY THEY HAVE GIVEN OUR NATION
DURING THE LAST EIGHT YEARS.

BUT ALL OF THEIR EFFORTS TO BURY THE PAST IN A TIDAL WAVE
OF ~~THE~~ ^{campaign} RHETORIC WON'T HOODWINK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

L-- OUR SENIOR CITIZENS WON'T FORGET WHAT INFLATION HAS
DONE TO THEIR STANDARD OF LIVING.

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THAT THEY AND THEIR FAMILIES WERE FORCED TO ENDURE.

L-- OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WON'T FORGET THOSE WHO MADE THEIR ^{efforts}
TO FOR A GOOD EDUCATION USELESS WHEN IT CAME TO GETTING A

JOB,

-- Our construction industry ~~and the~~ won't
forget the loss of contracts & work

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THIS CONVENIENT AMNESIA, ^{causing election year} BUT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SUFFER FROM
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ALL TOO WELL.

L YES, THEY WILL REMEMBER THIS CONVENIENT CASE OF
ELECTION YEAR AMNESIA; ^{and} THEY WILL REMEMBER THAT THE REPUBLICAN
PROGRAM SUFFERS FROM A SEVERE CASE OF ECONOMIC ANEMIA; AND THEY WILL
REMEMBER THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S LEADERSHIP IS AFFLICTED
WITH POLITICAL SCHIZOPHRENIA -- HIGH LEVEL PROMISES AND
LOW LEVEL PERFORMANCE.

L AND THEY WILL REMEMBER SOME OF THE THINGS THAT GERALD
FORD DID SAY, BUT WISHES THE PEOPLE WOULD FORGET.

L ON FEBRUARY 9, 1974, GERALD FORD SAID: "THE COUNTRY
AS A WHOLE IS NOT GOING TO HAVE A RECESSION." L YET, WITHIN
A FEW SHORT MONTHS THE WHOLE COUNTRY WAS IN THE GRIPS OF THE
WORST RECESSION SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION.

L ON AUGUST 28, 1974, GERALD FORD SAID: "PUBLIC ENEMY
NUMBER ONE IS INFLATION. IF WE TAKE CARE OF INFLATION ...
MOST OF OUR OTHER DOMESTIC PROBLEMS WILL BE SOLVED.

WE WON'T HAVE HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT," OF COURSE, THIS SINGLE-MINDED

FOCUS ON INFLATION, AT A TIME OF DEEPENING RECESSION,

AGGRAVATED INFLATION, PUSHED THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UP

TO NINE PERCENT, CUT PRODUCTION, AND NEARLY THREW OUR

NATION INTO ANOTHER DEPRESSION.

✓ ON AUGUST 19, 1975, GERALD FORD SAID: "HOUSING IS

BEGINNING TO GO, AND THAT IS GOING TO END THE UNEMPLOYMENT

IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES." ~~YET THE NUMBER OF HOMES~~

✓ YET THE HOUSING INDUSTRY REMAINS IN A DEPRESSION.

AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING

TRADES TODAY IS AT A DEPRESSION LEVEL OF 17.7 PERCENT.

✓ ON AUGUST 25, 1975, GERALD FORD SAID: "I AM OPTIMISTIC...

FOR THE SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENT OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG

PEOPLE, THE MINORITIES."

ONE YEAR LATER, YOUTH AND MINORITY UNEMPLOYMENT REMAIN A NATIONAL CRISIS
AND INDEED A NATIONAL DISGRACE. NO AMOUNT OF POLITICAL DOUBLE-TALK CAN COVER
UP THE SHOCKING FACTS. TODAY ²⁰ PERCENT OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE

UNEMPLOYED, ⁴⁰ PERCENT OF OUR YOUNG MINORITIES CANNOT FIND WORK,

AND ¹⁴ PERCENT OF ALL MINORITIES ARE SEEKING JOBS IN VAIN.

ON DECEMBER 17, 1973, GERALD FORD SAID: "I WILL NOT BE
A CANDIDATE -- AND I MEAN THAT VERY STRONGLY AND SINCERELY."

OH, THAT HE COULD HAVE KEPT AT LEAST THIS ONE PROMISE.

THE TIME IS AT HAND TO GO BEYOND THE REPUBLICAN RHETORIC
AND EXAMINE THE REPUBLICAN RECORD.

IN THE DEMOCRATIC 60'S -- 1961 THROUGH 1968 -- THE ECONOMY
GREW AT A HEALTHY YEARLY RATE OF 4.8 PERCENT. IN THE REPUBLICAN
70'S -- 1969 TO 1976 -- THE ECONOMY EXPANDED AT AN ANEMIC 2.3
PERCENT ANNUAL RATE, LESS THAN ONE-HALF THE RATE OF THE 1960'S.

L IN THE DEMOCRATIC 60's, WE MANAGED TO KEEP THE YEARLY
INCREASE IN PRICES TO 2.2 PERCENT, WHILE THE SELF-PROCLAIMED
INFLATION FIGHTERS OF THE REPUBLICAN '70's HAVE SADDLED OUR
CITIZENS WITH AN ANNUAL INFLATION RATE OF 6.5 PERCENT.

L IN THE DEMOCRATIC 60's, YOUR INCOME, AFTER INFLATION,
ROSE BY 4.7 PERCENT EACH YEAR. L IN THE REPUBLICAN 70's, HOWEVER,
THIS RATE OF INCOME GROWTH WAS SLASHED BY NEARLY 50 PERCENT.

L IN THE DEMOCRATIC 60's, ~~THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED AMERICANS~~ *the unemployment rate*
was reduced from 6% to 3.5
~~WAS REDUCED BY MORE THAN TWO MILLION PEOPLE~~ L BUT THE

we have seen the unemployment
REPUBLICAN 70's ~~HAVE SEEN 5.2 MILLION TRAGIC ADDITIONS TO~~
rate grow to over 9% - and
~~THE RANKS OF THE UNEMPLOYED~~
in many cities - 10, 12, 15% or more

That to the Record

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THE DISMAL RECORD OF REPUBLICAN ECONOMIC MISMANAGEMENT
STANDS IN STARK CONTRAST TO THE RECORD OF STABLE PROSPERITY
FOR ALL SEGMENTS OF OUR SOCIETY ACHIEVED UNDER DEMOCRATIC
LEADERSHIP IN THE 1960's.

We have had enough of this Republicanism
WE WILL CONFRONT THE "BANKRUPT POLICIES" OF THIS TIRED
Administration - we need a new
REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION WITH A NEW VISION OF AMERICA FROM

and
A NEW AND ENERGETIC DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION -- UNDER THE

BANNER OF ~~GOVERNOR~~ CARTER AND ~~SENATOR~~ MONDALE.

= etc. =
L WE BELIEVE IN JOBS AND WE WILL COMMIT GOVERNMENT TO

POLICIES WHICH ASSURE EVERY PERSON WILLING AND ABLE TO WORK

WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK!

Americans want jobs
not welfare - Work not
the Vote!

L WE BELIEVE IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE! AND, WE WILL CHAMPION

THE CAUSE OF EDUCATION AND A PROSPEROUS AMERICAN FUTURE.

L WE RESPECT OUR SENIOR CITIZENS AND WE WILL ASSURE THEM

GENEROUS AND DECENT CARE.

L WE BELIEVE IN THE RIGHT OF EVERY AMERICAN TO A FULL

LIFE AND WE WILL ESTABLISH A NATIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

THAT PROVIDES QUALITY HEALTH CARE TO ALL.

L WE BELIEVE THAT OUR CITIES ^{can and} MUST BE SAVED AND WE WILL

PRESENT A PROGRAM THAT REPLACES SLUMS WITH DECENT HOMES

AND NEIGHBORHOODS -- A MARSHALL PLAN FOR AMERICA'S CITIES. !

L WE BELIEVE IN ENDING THE UNCERTAINTIES FACING BOTH

FARMERS AND CONSUMERS AND WE WILL DEVELOP A NATIONAL FOOD

AND AGRICULTURAL POLICY THAT PROVIDES ABUNDANCE WITH FAIR

PRICES FOR FARMERS AND STABLE PRICES FOR CONSUMERS.

L WE BELIEVE THAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OF OUR
PEOPLE MUST BE ASSURED! AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROTECTING
OUR ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES.

L WE BELIEVE IN ENDING PREJUDICE! AND WE SHALL SEE THAT
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY REACHES INTO EVERY ASPECT OF AMERICAN LIFE.

L THESE ARE OUR GOALS -- OUR PROMISES TO AMERICA!

L PROGRESSIVES IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT AND IN THE DEMOCRATIC
PARTY ALWAYS HAVE BELIEVED THAT NO CHALLENGE IS TOO GREAT
FOR THE AMERICAN NATION.

L THEREFORE, WE MUST MUSTER OUR STRENGTH, OUR COURAGE, OUR
IMAGINATION, OUR GREAT ENERGY. L WE CAN BECOME WHATEVER WE
WANT TO BE.

AMERICA IS A YOUNG COUNTRY WITH ITS FUTURE BEFORE IT,

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE BUILDERS. THEY ARE RESTLESS. THEY

ARE ENERGETIC. THEY ARE IDEALISTS WHO WANT TO PUT THEIR IDEALS

TO THE TEST.

AMERICA LOOKS TO NEW LEADERS WHO CAN MAKE OUR COUNTRY BOTH

DYNAMIC AND JUST; WHO HAVE A SENSE OF COMPASSION, BUT ALSO

A DEDICATION TO INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE -- LEADERS WHO CAN

INSPIRE AND ARE INSPIRED BY OUR HISTORY, BUT WHO SENSE THAT OUR

GREATNESS IS IN THE FUTURE. !

WITH HARD WORK AND YOUR HELP, AMERICA'S BEST DAYS -- AMERICA'S

GREAT DAYS -- HAVE ONLY JUST BEGUN.

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