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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

Agenda for the
Meeting with the President
Tuesday, August 3, 1976, 2:00 p.m.

1. Political
2. Revenue Sharing
3. Stockpiling
4. Science and Technology
5. New York City TAB A
 - a. Mayor Beame's problem now is
 - ° not only to insure that the City's financial plan is executed as approved by his Administration; but
 - ° to defend it against "external" attacks such as the effects of strikes and the results of court action.
6. STATUS
 - a. August issue.

TAB
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SUMMARY

1. Mayor Beame freezes \$75.9 million of Federal Public Works Act aid.
2. Construction unions make 25% cut in wage rates and benefits for workers on residential rehabilitation projects.
3. Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) says 50¢ fare can be held through 1977.
4. Strike announced by Non-medical Employee Union against 16 municipal hospitals.
5. Coalition of 11 community organizations join City in court action against Stavisky-Goodman law.

New York Report for August 2, 1976

1. Mayor Beame Freezes \$75.9 Million of Federal Public Works Act Aid
 - A. Although it has not been announced, Mayor Beame has frozen the \$75.9 million of Federal Public Works Act aid which the City expects to receive.
 - B. The Mayor insists that these funds will be used exclusively to insure against any unforeseeable developments which may threaten the City's 1976-77 financial plan.

2. Construction Unions Make 25% Cut in Wage Rates and Benefits for Workers on Residential Rehabilitation Projects
 - A. The Construction Trades Unions in New York City, under the leadership of Peter Brennan, formerly Secretary of Labor, agreed to cut wage rates and employee benefits by 25% for union members working on residential rehabilitation projects.
 - B. Traditionally much of the rehabilitation has been done by non-union labor.
 - C. William Green, Regional Administrator for HUD, says that rehabilitation projects have been approved for 3,000 apartments.
 - D. One report indicated that as many as 100,000 buildings in New York City are in need of rehabilitation.
 - E. Comment. If successful -- and it might be -- this union action could be an important factor in helping to meet the housing shortage and in stimulating economic recovery.

3. Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) says 50¢ Fare Can be Held through 1977
 - A. To the surprise of many, Dave Yunch of MTA announced that the 50¢ subway fare can be held through 1977.
 - B. This, he said, results from cutbacks in service and tough cost cutting, despite continuing public complaints about noise, dirt, and poor maintenance.

- C. Comment. Dave's private business experience has shown what can be done. Whether the public will be willing to pay the "cost" remains to be seen. It appears, however, that there will be neither a fare increase nor a need for an increased City subway subsidy in 1977.
4. Strike Announced by Non-medical Employee Union Against 16 Municipal Hospitals
- A. Local 420 of the Hospital Employees Union has announced a strike for Wednesday, August 4.
- B. The strike threat reflects the dismissal of more than 1,000 employees by the City's Health and Hospitals Corporation and dissatisfaction with failure of the Corporation to cut back its affiliation payments to private voluntary hospitals.
- C. Comment. In all probability, the strike will be averted. But an important problem is the rivalry between Local 1199, representing the non-medical employees in private voluntary hospitals, which will resist any attempts to cut back affiliation payments by the Municipal Hospitals, and Local 420, which is pressing for such cutbacks.
5. Coalition of 11 Community Organizations Join City in Court Action Against Stavisky-Goodman Law
- A. Mayor Beame is in court to strike down the Stavisky-Goodman law, which would mandate an increase of \$115 million in the Board of Education budget, and which would effectively destroy the City's financial plan.
- B. The City has been joined by 11 community groups including Catholic charities, the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, the Jewish Board of Guardians, and District Council 37 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union.
- C. Comment. Such widespread support of the Mayor is significant. The Mayor must win this one, regardless of whatever series of appeals that may be necessary.