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JOHNSON-HUMPHREY ADMINISTRATION IS LOSING THE ANTI-POVERTY WAR:
POVERTY WAR POORLY RUN: ~~BY~~ BASIC APPROACH (STATES LEFT OUT) IS WRONG

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 2. Republicans determined ~~ix~~ that the poverty war be won without ~~fixx~~ further wasting of America's substance and its people.
 3. Administration anti-poverty program mired in the mud of waste, lavish spending, ~~absur~~ses, diversion of funds, high operating costs, failure to win cooperation of the poor themselves.
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POVERTY WAR (Cont'd)

4. We need well-run anti-poverty war--new strategy, better approach.
 5. Under Republican plan, anti-poverty operations would be run directly by people who know best how to run it--Head Start ~~by~~ Office of Education, Job Corps by Labor Department, etc. Only Community Action Program would remain with Office of Economic Opportunity.
 6. Community Action could be made to move forward if fulfill two ~~basic~~ requirements
----a. ~~Make states anti-poverty partners, with bonus fed'l funds on matching basis.~~ Give the poor at least one-third representation on local CAP ~~boards~~ boards.
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INFLATION PRESSURES CONTINUING TO MOUNT, JOHNSON KEEPS ASKING FOR ADVICE

1. Wholesale Price Index pressed upward 1/10th of one per cent in April,
indicating further buildup of ~~the~~ inflationary forces in the economy. The
over-all index is now 3.7 per cent higher than a year ago.
2. President Johnson ~~can't~~ can't make up his mind what to do about inflation...is
asking his Advisory Committee on Labor-Management Policy to tell ~~him~~ ^{it} what to do.
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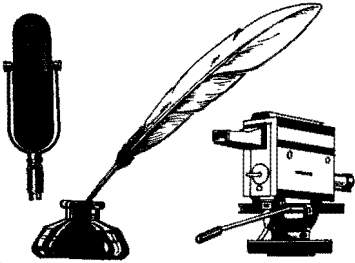
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Speech Cards

Poverty War

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FOR RELEASE AT 6:30 P.M.
MONDAY, MAY 9, 1966

SPEECH EXCERPTS--GENERAL REPUBLICAN RALLY, PHILADELPHIA, PA., DELAWARE COUNTY

The poor may not be getting poorer in Lyndon B. Johnson's so-called Great Society, but they're still poor. The promise of the Johnson-Humphrey Administration's anti-poverty program has not led them into the land of plenty.

Is it too early to expect solid results? It is not too early, nor is it too late, to redirect the anti-poverty program into productive channels. This is what we Republicans propose because we are determined that the poverty war be won without further wasting of America's substance and its people.

The Johnson-Humphrey Administration's anti-poverty program has been mired in the mud of waste, lavish spending, abuses, diversion of funds, excessively high administrative costs, failure to win the cooperation of the poor themselves.

The anti-poverty program has been poorly administered under the Johnson-Humphrey Administration.

We need an anti-poverty program, but it must be well run. We Republicans want to help the poor escape from the poverty cycle and become proud, productive citizens.

We believe the best way to fight the poverty war is to turn going successful programs like Head Start over to other federal agencies, leaving the community action program with the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The community action program could be made to move ahead with the proper direction. The proper approach requires that at least one-third of the community action board members should be the poor, selected by the poor themselves. The rest of the board would be made up of local officials and civic leaders.

The second basic requirement is a state bonus plan, giving additional money to those states which would match it 50-50. This would make the states partners in the poverty war.

The compelling need in this nation today is to build a good society for the employed-but-poor. They have been shut out from Lyndon Johnson's Great Society.

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Meantime the president talks of "disquieting signs" in the economy and of a possible income tax increase because it appears the overwhelmingly Democratic Congress will add \$3 billion to his \$112.8 billion budget.

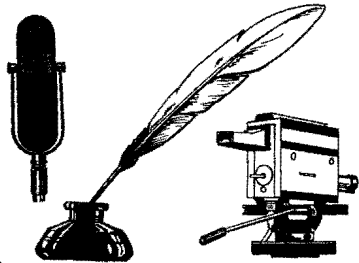
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When the House of Representatives last Thursday approved a \$10.5 billion health-education-welfare money bill, there were no White House lobbyists around to argue with Democratic congressmen that the amount ran \$500 million above the president's request.

Now Mr. Johnson has asked his Advisory Committee on Labor-Management Policy to tell him what to do about the inflation that threatens to wash out three to five dollars of every hundred Americans earn this year. He either doesn't know what to do or doesn't want to do it, so he asked each council member to ask himself: "If you were president, what would you do?"

Mr. Johnson seems to be a very confused man. To add to his confusion, Federal Reserve Board chairman William McChesney Martin is urging an immediate personal and corporate income tax increase. At the same time, Commerce Secretary Henry Fowler says "no, not now," and Gardner Ackley, chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, says an income tax boost is "virtually inescapable" if the big-spending Democrats in Congress keep adding to the president's budget.

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