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THERE ARE THOSE WHOSE IDEA OF AN AGREEABLE PERSON IS SOMEONE WHO AGREES WITH THEM.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I FIND IT NOT ONLY AGREEABLE BUT A DISTINCT PLEASURE BE HERE WITH YOU -- AND THAT DOES NOT PRESUPPOSE THAT YOU WILL AGREE WITH EVERYTHING I SAY, OR EVEN WITH ANYTHING I SAY. In the dropper - dropper without BUT THIS IS AN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDA-TION, AND I HOPE TO DO A LITTLE EDUCATING TODAY, PERHAPS WHEN I AM FINISHED I WILL FIND THAT MANY OF YOU WHO ARE AGREEABLE PEOPLE BUT DO NOT PRESENTLY SHARE MY VIEWS WILL WIND UP AGREEING WITH ME. and partage the it can become a two way that, with me sharing your views after an allarge I views. WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU BECAUSE I FEEL SURE YOU ARE PEOPLE OPEN MINDS. THIS IS A REFRESHING CHANGE FOR

AFTER ENGAGING IN DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TO BE SERIOUS, SINCE THIS IS A LABOR GROUP I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN WITH THIS QUOTATION: "LABOR IS PRIOR TO, AND INDEPENDENT OF, CAPITAL. CAPITAL IS ONLY THE FRUIT OF LABOR, AND COULD NEVER HAVE EXISTED IF LABOR HAD NOT FIRST EXISTED. LABOR IS THE SUPERIOR OF CAPITAL, AND DESERVES MUCH HIGHER CONSIDERATION. (HOWEVER) CAPITAL HAS ITS RIGHTS, WHICH ARE AS WORTHY OF PROTECTION AS ANY OTHER RIGHTS." WHO MADE THAT STATEMENT? EUGENE DEBS? SAMUEL GOMPERS? FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT? NOT ANY OF THESE. THOSE WORDS WERE SPOKEN BY A GREAT REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, DURING HIS FIRST ANNUAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS ON DEC. 3, 1861.

I BEGAN WITH THIS QUOTE FROM LINCOLN BECAUSE IT POINTS UP A POLITICAL TRUTH WHICH NEEDS TELLING UNTIL IT IS ETCHED IN THE MIND OF

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EVERY WORKING MAN IN AMERICA: THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS DEDICATED TO THE WELFARE OF ALL THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT LAND OF OURS. THIS WAS TRUE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY LED BY ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND IT IS TRUE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TODAY.

THERE IS NO KIND OF HONEST LABOR THAT DEMEANS A MAN. THE BEST SERVICE A MAN CAN DO FOR HIMSELF AND HIS COUNTRY IS TO DO WELL WHATEVER JOB HE IS CALLED UPON TO DO.

THE WORKING MAN IN AMERICA TODAY ALSO WOULD DO HIMSELF AND HIS COUNTRY A GREAT SERVICE IF HE WOULD BECOME DEEPLY INVOLVED IN POLITICS. NOT IN TERMS OF <u>BLINDLY</u> AFFILIATING HIMSELF WITH ONE POLITICAL PARTY OR THE OTHER BUT IN SHARPLY ANALYZING THE RECORDS AND THE PHILOSOPHIES OF THE TWO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES AND THEN MAKING AN INTELLIGENT, CHOICE.

AS AN ELECTION APPROACHES MOST AMERICAN VOTERS AT LEAST SUBCONSCIOUSLY MAKE A CHOICE OF SOME KIND. OFTEN THIS IS SIMPLY AN INTUITIVE REACTION TO A PARTICULAR CANDIDATE AND IGNORES THE ISSUES.

TODAY I APPEAL TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- AND ESPECIALLY TO THE WORKING MEN AND WOMEN OF AMERICA -- TO EXAMINE THE ISSUES CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING A CHOICE NEXT NOVEMBER 5. TO QUOTE A MAN WHO RECENTLY PLACED HIMSELF ABOVE POLITICS I AM SAYING, "COME. LET US REASON TOGETHER."

AMERICA TODAY IS A COUNTRY IN CRISIS. WE MUST MEET AND RESOLVE THE CHALLENGES WHICH CONFRONT US IF OUR NATION IS TO SURVIVE. I SHALL NOT SPEAK ABOUT VIETNAM

EXCEPT TO SAY THAT I APPLAUD THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO LIMIT THE BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM AS THE BASIS FOR INITIATING PEACE TALKS AND TO GRADUALLY SHIFT THE BURDEN OF THE FIGHTING FROM U.S. TROOPS TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE. INCIDENTALLY, IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW THAT THE BOMBING LIMITATION PLAN USED BY LYNDON JOHNSON AS A BASIS FOR PEACE TALKS WAS URGED UPON THE PRESIDENT PRIVATELY -- AND LATER MADE PUBLIC -- BY A GROUP OF NINE HOUSE REPUBLICANS A YEAR AGO. Surnetwork ductor is to fring NVN to pure A YEAR AGO. Tokk. 2 will do within a dampt dat that Afort. OTHER CRISES NOW ARE THRUSTING THEMSELVES UPON US WITH GREATER URGENCY THAN THE VIETNAM CONFLICT.

WE RECENTLY SAW PARTS OF MORE THAN 100 AMERICAN CITIES BURNED AND LOOTED IN A KIND OF RE-RUN OF LAST YEAR'S CIVIL DISORDERS. THIS IS THE CRISIS OF THE CITIES.

WE HAVE ALSO SEEN THE JOHNSON-HUMPHREY ADMINISTRATION AND DEMOCRATIC-CONTROLLED CONGRESS SPEND US INTO ACCUMULATED DEFICITS TOTALLING \$70 BILLION WHILE INFLATION PUFFED UP THE ECONOMY AND CHEAPENED THE DOLLAR. THIS HAS REACHED THE POINT WHERE EUROPEANS HAVE LOST CONFIDENCE IN THE AMERICAN DOLLAR, OUR RECORD-LOW GOLD STOCK IS SLIPPING AWAY FROM US, THE

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DOLLAR IS IN QUESTION AS A WORLD CURRENCY, A PARALYSIS OF WORLD TRADE THREATENS AND A RECESSION, MAY AWAIT US.

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WHEREVER POSSIBLE, OVERWHELMING MANPOWER -- NOT FIREPOWER -- SHOULD BE USED TO QUELL RIOTS.

NEITHER DO I THINK IT HELPFUL FOR A HIGH PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO ENCOURAGE RIOTING BY SPEAKING AS THOUGH SLUM CONDITIONS JUSTIFY WIDESPREAD CIVIL DISORDERS.

I REFER TO THE STATEMENT MADE BY VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY ON JULY 18, 1966, BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AT NEW ORLEANS WHEN HE SAID: "IF I WERE IN THOSE CONDITIONS -- IF THAT SHOULD HAPPEN TO HAVE BEEN MY SITUATION, I THINK YOU WOULD HAVE A LITTLE MORE TROUBLE THAN YOU HAVE HAD ALREADY, BECAUSE I HAVE ENOUGH SPARK LEFT IN ME TO LEAD A MIGHTY GOOD REVOLT UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS."

WELL, WE HAVE HAD MORE TROUBLE -- A LOT MORE.

I AGREE WITH THOSE WHO BELIEVE WE SHOULD DEAL FIRMLY WITH RIOTERS, AND I WANT AS MUCH AS ANY OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIAL IN AMERICA TO WIPE OUT SLUM CONDITIONS. BUT I SUBMIT THAT BOTH THE MAYOR OF CHICAGO AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT ERR ON THE SIDE OF EXTREMISM.

THE BEST WAY TO HANDLE RIOTS IS TO PREVENT THEM. IF THAT PROVES IMPOSSIBLE, THEN EXPERIENCE INDICATES WE SHOULD SMOTHER THEM WITH POLICE AND MILITARY MANPOWER AND WHOLESALE ARRESTS. AFTER SOME DELAY AND POSSIBLY SOME INDECISION, THIS WORKED WELL IN THE RECENT WASHINGTON, D. C., RIOT. THE PROBLEM THERE WAS THAT THE MILITARY WASN'T MOVED IN FAST ENOUGH. THE MISERABLE CONDITIONS OF THE

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SLUMS ARE WELL KNOWN. THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR SUCH CONDITIONS AND WE SHOULD MOVE TO ERADICATE THEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. BUT NEITHER IS THERE ANY EXCUSE FOR RIOTING -- EVEN UNDER THE CONDITIONS THE VICE-PRESIDENT SPOKE OF.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN ONCE SAID: "THERE IS NO GRIEVANCE THAT IS A FIT OBJECT OF REDRESS BY MOB LAW." THAT IS ALSO MY CREDO, AND I COMMEND IT TO ALL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE INCLUDING THE 24 MILLION NEGROES IN THIS NATION. IF NEGROES WOULD REVOLUTIONIZE TO

RIGHT THE WRONGS DONE THEM, LET THEM USE THE BALLOT AND NOT THE BULLET, THE SOAP BOX AND NOT THE TORCH.

AS FOR THE 177 MILLION WHITE AMERICANS, LET THEM ALL BEGIN LIVING THE TRUTH THAT THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE HELD TO BE SELF-EVIDENT -- THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL. HOW SHOULD WE GO ABOUT PREVENTING RIOTS? THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CIVIL DISORDERS HAS LAID OUT A BLUEPRINT FOR US. WHILE I DO NOT AGREE WITH SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS, I FIND MUCH GOOD IN THE REPORT. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? LET'S

START WITH THE FACT THAT NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF JOB-AGE NON-WHITE YOUTHS IN THE 20 LARGEST METROPOLITAN AREAS ARE UNEMPLOYED. MOST OF THESE YOUTHS ARE NEGROES.

DO WE SPEND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO MAKE WORK FOR THESE YOUTHS? OR SHOULD WE INDUCE INDUSTRY TO TRAIN AND HIRE THEM FOR DECENT, GOOD-PAYING JOBS DESPITE THEIR PAST RECORDS? I THINK THE ONLY WAY TO LICK URBAN

POVERTY AND PREVENT RIOTS IS TO REBUILD NOT ONLY THE CENTRAL CITIES BUT THE PEOPLE IN THEM. THE BEST HOPE FOR ACHIEVING THIS IS TO BRING INDUSTRY INTO THE PEOPLE-REBUILDING PROCESS THROUGH A SYSTEM OF INCOME TAX CREDITS OFFERED TO INDUSTRY AS AN INCENTIVE -- TAX CREDITS TO PAY THE EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH COSTS INVOLVED IN ON-THE-JOB TRAINING FOR THE POORLY MOTIVATED HARD-CORE UNEMPLOYED AND THE UNDER-EMPLOYED.

I AM COMPLETELY CONVINCED YOU WILL SEE A RETURN FOR ALL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN THIS KIND OF GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT -- AN INVESTMENT IN PEOPLE AND THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM, AN INVESTMENT IN DOMESTIC TRANQUILLITY WHICH WILL MAKE TAXPAYERS OUT OF TAX EATERS AND POTENTIAL RIOTERS.

WHAT HAVE THE BILLIONS POURED INTO THE WAR ON POVERTY ACCOMPLISHED? FROM WHAT I HAVE SEEN THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN MEAGER IN TERMS OF THE FUNDS SPENT. THE WAR ON POVERTY HAS PRODUCED SOME TANGIBLE RESULTS -- BUT AT EXTRAVAGANT COST.

THE REPUBLICAN APPROACH IS TO HELP THE POOR AND DISADVANTAGED HELP THEMSELVES UP THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LADDER -- NOT TO RELY ON FEDERAL TAX DOLLARS TO SOLVE ALL THE PROBLEMS OF POVERTY. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, ON-THE-JOB TRAINING, TAX INCENTIVES AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES -- THESE ARE THE MEANS BY WHICH POVERTY CAN BE ELIMINATED.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CANNOT SDLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THE CITIES. THAT TASK REQUIRES THE TALENT, RESOURCES AND CREATIVITY OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. BUSINESS ALREADY IS RESPONDING --IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING AS WELL AS JOB TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT FOR JOBS. IT IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO IDENTIFY THE PROBLEMS AND TO PROVIDE THE INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS TO MAKE HUMAN RENEWAL A NATIONWIDE INDUSTRY.

THERE ARE LIMITS -- PARTICULARLY IN THIS TIME OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL CRISIS -- TO FEDERAL FUNDING OF SOLUTIONS TO THE URBAN CRISIS. I PERSONALLY FEEL THAT TAX CREDITS TO TRIGGER A NATIONWIDE PROGRAM OF LOW-INCOME HOME CONSTRUCTION AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING BY INDUSTRY IS THE ONLY REALISTIC COURSE BOTH IN TERMS OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE AND WHAT IS MOST BENEFICIAL.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WOULD LIKE THE WORKING MEN AND WOMEN OF AMERICA TO BELIEVE THAT ALL THE DO-GOODER DOLLARS SPENT BY DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATIONS COME OUT OF THE POCKETS OF THE RICH. THIS, OF COURSE, IS SHEER NONSENSE. 2RS

I AM NOT SURPRISED THAT THERE IS A POOR PEOPLE'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON. THIS IS AN INDICATION OF JUST HOW FAR THE WAR ON POVERTY HAS FALLEN SHORT. PERHAPS THERE SHOULD ALSO BE A TAXPAYERS MARCH ON WASHINGTON TO ASK WHERE ALL THE BILLIONS WENT THAT HAVE PUSHED THIS COUNTRY'S NATIONAL DEBT PAST THE \$350 BILLION MARK SO THAT WE NOW PAY INTEREST ON THAT DEBT OF NEARLY \$15 BILLION A YEAR. THINK OF WHAT THAT \$15 BILLION ANNUALLY COULD DO FOR OUR POOR! INSTEAD IT IS GOING INTO THE POCKETS OF INVESTORS RICH ENOUGH TO BUY HIGH-INTEREST-PAYING GOVERNMENT SECURITIES. at last in many meeting of the THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, IS LARGELY

IDENTIFIED WITH LABOR. YET DEMOCRATIC PARTY POLICIES IN RECENT YEARS HAVE BEEN DAMAGING TO LABOR AND HAVE HURT THE WORKING MAN.

THE AMERICAN WORKER THINKS HE HAS MADE STRONG WAGE GAINS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS. BUT THE U.S. LABOR DEPARTMENT HAS FLATLY STATED THAT INFLATION HAS WIPED OUT THOSE SUPPOSED WAGE ADVANCES.

IT USED TO BE SAID THAT A EOOL AND HIS MONEY WERE SOON PARTED. NOW IT HAPPENS TO ALL OF US -- BECAUSE OF THE MISTAKEN FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICIES PURSUED BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN RECENT YEARS.

TO INVITE INFLATION IS TO INVITE DISASTER, AND THAT IS JUST WHAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS DONE. WHEN PRESIDENT JOHNSON SAYS "YOU NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD" HE IS EQUATING INFLATION WITH PROSPERITY. HE IS SAYING INFLATION <u>IS</u> PROSPERITY. I SAY HE IS DEAD WRONG.

IT IS NOT PROSPERITY FOR THE AMERICAN WORKER TO BE PLACED ON A TREADMILL WHERE HE KEEPS RUNNING HARD BUT NEVER GETS ANYWHERE. INFLATION IS A DELUSION. THE WORKER DOESN<sup>9</sup> T GET AHEAD WITH CHEAP DOLLARS THAT KEEP DROPPING IN VALUE -- EVEN IF HE ACCUMULATES MORE OF THEM. CONSIDER THE FACT THAT THE 1957-59

DOLLAR NOW IS WORTH JUST 83 CENTS IN PURCHASING POWER. PONDER THE FACT THAT THE COST OF LIVING HAS GONE UP NEARLY 20 PER CENT SINCE THE 1957-59 PERIOD. AND THEN LET THE PRESIDENT TELL YOU THE AMERICAN WORKER NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD.

LET THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY ALSO EXPLAIN WHY TOTAL FEDERAL SPENDING HAS GONE UP 80 PER CENT BETWEEN 1960 AND 1967 WHILE THE POPULATION INCREASED ONLY 11 PER CENT...AND WHY THE NUMBER OF FEDERAL EMPLOYES HAS INCREASED 25 PER CENT AND THE COST OF THE FEDERAL CIVILIAN PAYROLL HAS JUMPED 75 PER CENT DURING THAT SAME PERIOD.

IS VIETNAM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHARP JUMP IN SPENDING? BETWEEN 1960 AND 1967, DEFENSE SPENDING ROSE 68 PER CENT WHILE NON-DEFENSE SPENDING INCREASED BY 97 PER CENT. THE WHOLE NATION IS IN TROUBLE BECAUSE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS OVERCOMMITTED AMERICA BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD, AND BECAUSE THE

DEMOCRATIC PARTY BELIEVES ONLY IN FEDERAL SOLUTIONS, FEDERALLY FINANCED AND FEDERALLY ADMINISTERED. Mit by myster.

I AM SURE SOME ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS PRIVATELY BLAME OUR INFLATIONARY SPIRAL ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY. THIS IS NONSENSE. THE TRUTH IS THAT THE JOHNSON-HUMPHREY ADMINISTRATION COULD HAVE HALTED THE PRESENT INFLATION IN ITS BEGINNING STAGES TWO YEARS AGO WITH A HOLD-DOWN IN FEDERAL SPENDING. INSTEAD THE ADMINISTRATION KEPT RIGHT ON STIMULATING AN ALREADY OVERHEATED ECONOMY. IN DESPERATION, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD TIGHTENED UP ON THE MONEY SUPPLY. THE RESULT WAS SHARPLY RISING PRICES DESPITE RECORD-HIGH INTEREST RATES AND A VIRTUAL DEPRESSION IN HOME CONSTRUCTION.

EARLY IN 1967 WE HAD A MINI-RECESSION, AND THEN THE INFLATIONARY SPIRAL TOOK HOLD AGAIN AS THE JOHNSON-HUMPHREY ADMINISTRATION LED US TOWARD THE FIRST \$20 BILLION DEFICIT SINCE WORLD WAR II.

IN 1967 WORK STOPPAGES WERE THE HIGHEST SINCE 1959. U.S. LABOR DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1967 SHOW 3,756 STOPPAGES INVOLVING 2.5 MILLION WORKERS, WITH 28.3 MILLION MAN-DAYS LOST.]

THE UNIONS CLEARLY WERE TRYING TO CATCH UP WITH JOHNSON-HUMPHREY INFLATION. BUT WHAT HAPPENED? WHEN WAGES ARE ADJUSTED FOR CONSUMER PRICE INCREASES AND FOR SOCIAL SECURITY AND INCOME TAXES, WE FIND THAT WEEKLY EARNINGS OF THE AVERAGE WORKER IN NON-AGRICULTURAL PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT WERE ACTUALLY A TRIFLE LOWER IN 1966 THAN IN 1965 AND AGAIN A TRIFLE LOWER IN 1967 THAN IN 1966.

YOU CAN'T WIN IN A RACE WITH The working mom of the matin low in this context. INFLATION, THE AMERICAN WORKER NEEDS REAL PROGRESS -- REAL WAGE GAINS ACHIEVED THROUGH A RESTORATION OF PRICE STABILITY.

SPENDING LIKELY WILL RESULT IN AN INCOME TAX INCREASE. WHERE WILL THAT LEAVE THE AMERICAN WORKER?

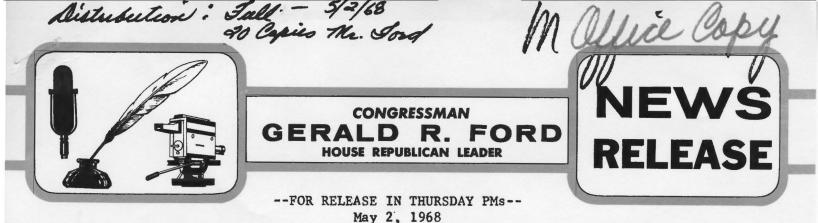
I PLEAD TODAY FOR COMMON SENSE IN GOVERNMENT. I AM HERE TO TELL YOU THAT MOLLY AND THE BABIES WANT AND NEED AND DESERVE MORE THAN FOOD IN THE BELLY AND A DRIVE IN THE FAMILY CAR ON SUNDAY. THE AMERICAN WORKER WANTS TO ADVANCE. THROUGHOUT HISTORY, OUR WORKERS HAVE ALWAYS STOOD OUT BECAUSE THEY HAVE STOOD ON THEIR OWN TWO FEET. THEY HAVE HELPED TO MAKE AMERICA GREAT. THEY DESERVE TO ENJOY THEIR JUST SHARE OF THE FRUITS OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY -- NOT HAVE IT TAKEN FROM THEM BY INFLATION AND HIGH TAXES.

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I WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE BY AGAIN QUOTING A GREAT DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT WHOSE WISE WORDS ARE BEING IGNORED BY HIS PARTY TODAY. IN HIS FIRST INAUGURAL ADDRESS, ON MARCH 4, 1801, THOMAS JEFFERSON SAID: "STILL ONE THING MORE, FELLOW CITIZENS -- A WISE AND FRUGAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH SHALL RESTRAIN MEN FROM INJURING ONE ANOTHER, WHICH SHALL LEAVE THEM FREE TO REGULATE THEIR OWN PURSUITS OF INDUSTRY AND IMPROVEMENT, AND SHALL NOT TAKE FROM THE MOUTH OF LABOR THE BREAD IT HAS EARNED. THIS IS THE SUM OF GOOD

GOVERNMENT, AND THIS IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE OUR CIRCLE OF FELICITIES." THANK YOU.

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A Speech by Rep. Gerald R. Ford, R-Mich., House Republican Leader, before the Allied Educational Foundation, Local 815, IBT, at 12 noon Thursday, May 2, 1968, at the Americana Hotel, New York City.

There are those whose idea of an agreeable person is someone who agrees with them.

I want you to know that I find it not only agreeable but a distinct pleasure to be here with you--and that does not presuppose that you will agree with everything I say, or even with anything I say.

But this is an Educational Foundation, and I hope to do a little educating today. Perhaps when I am finished I will find that many of you who are agreeable people but do not presently share my views will wind up agreeing with me.

I welcome this opportunity to speak to you because I feel sure you are people with open minds. This is a refreshing change for me after engaging in debate in the House of Representatives.

To be serious, since this <u>is</u> a labor group I would like to begin with this quotation:

"Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much higher consideration. (However) Capital has its rights, which are as worthy of protection as any other rights."

Who made that statement? Eugene Debs? Samuel Gompers? Franklin D. Roosevelt?

Not any of these. Those words were spoken by a great Republican president, Abraham Lincoln, during his first annual message to Congress on December 3, 1861.

I began with this quote from Lincoln because it points up a political truth which needs telling until it is etched in the mind of every working man in America: The Republican Party is dedicated to the welfare of all the working people of this great land of ours. This was true of the Republican Party led by Abraham Lincoln and it is true of the Republican Party of today.

There is no kind of honest labor that demeans a man. The best service a man can do for himself and his country is to do well whatever job he is called upon to do.

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The working man in America today also would do himself and his country a great service if he would become deeply involved in politics. Not in terms of <u>blindly</u> affiliating himself with one political party or the other but in sharply analyzing the records and the philosophies of the two major political parties and then making an intelligent choice.

As an election approaches most American voters at least subconsciously make a choice of some kind. Often this is simply an intuitive reaction to a particular candidate and ignores the issues.

Today I appeal to the American people--especially to the working men and women of America--to examine the issues carefully before making a choice next November 5.

To quote a man who recently placed himself above politics I am saying, "Come. Let us reason together."

America today is a country in crisis. We must meet and resolve the challenges which confront us, if our Nation is to survive.

I shall not speak about Vietnam except to say that I applaud the President's decision to limit the bombing of North Vietnam as the basis for initiating peace talks and to gradually shift the burden of the fighting from U.S. troops to the South Vietnamese. Incidentally, it may interest you to know that the bombing limitation plan used by Lyndon Johnson as a basis for peace talks was urged upon the President privately--and later made public--by a group of nine House Republicans a year ago.

Other crises now are thrusting themselves upon us with greater urgency than the Vietnam conflict.

We recently saw parts of more than 100 American cities burned and looted in a kind of re-run of last year's civil disorders. This is the crisis of the cities.

We have also seen the Johnson-Humphrey Administration and Democraticcontrolled Congress spend us into accumulated deficits totalling \$70 billion while inflation puffed up the economy and cheapened the dollar. This has reached the point where Europeans have lost confidence in the American dollar, our record-low gold stock is slipping away from us, the dollar is in question as a world currency, a paralysis of world trade threatens and a recession may await us.

It is difficult for white Americans to see the burning and the looting without some reacting as the mayor of Chicago did when he said police should shoot to kill arsonists and shoot to maim looters. But I don't think this is the answer.

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Wherever possible, overwhelming manpower--not firepower--should be used to quell riots.

Neither do I think it helpful for a high public official to encourage rioting by speaking as though slum conditions justify widespread civil disorders.

I refer to the statement made by Vice-President Humphrey on July 18, 1966, before the National Association of Counties at New Orleans when he said: "If I were in those conditions--if that should happen to have been my situation, I think you would have had a little more trouble than you have had already, because I have enough spark left in me to lead a mighty good revolt under those conditions."

Well, we have had more trouble -- a lot more.

I agree with those who believe we should deal firmly with rioters, and I want as much as any other public official in America to wipe out slum conditions. But I submit that both the mayor of Chicago and the Vice-President err on the side of extremism.

The best way to handle riots is to prevent them. If that proves impossible, then experience indicates we should smother them with police and military manpower and wholesale arrests. After some delay and possibly some indecision, this worked well in the recent Washington, D. C., riot. The problem there was that the military wasn't moved in fast enough.

The miserable conditions of the slums are well known. There is no excuse for such conditions and we should move to eradicate them as quickly as possible. But neither is there any excuse for rioting--even under the conditions the Vice-President spoke of.

Abraham Lincoln once said: "There is no grievance that is a fit object of redress by mob law." That is also my credo, and I commend it to all of the American people including the 24 million Negroes in this Nation.

If Negroes would revolutionize to right the wrongs done them, let them use the ballot and not the bullet, the soap box and not the torch.

As for the 177 million white Americans, let them all begin living the truth that the Declaration of Independence held to be self-evident--that all men are created equal.

How should we go about preventing riots? The National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders has laid out a blueprint for us. While I do not agree with some of the recommendations, I find much good in the report.

Where do we go from here? Let's start with the fact that nearly one-third of job-age non-white youths in the 20 largest metropolitan areas are unemployed. Most of these youths are Negroes. (more)

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Do we spend billions of dollars to make work for these youths? Or should we induce industry to train and hire them for decent, good-paying jobs despite their past records?

I think the only way to lick urban poverty and prevent riots is to rebuild not only the central cities but the people in them.

The best hope for achieving this is to bring industry into the peoplerebuilding process through a system of income tax credits offered to industry as an incentive--tax credits to pay the extraordinarily high costs involved in on-thejob training for the poorly motivated hard-core unemployed and the underemployed.

I am completely convinced you will see a return for all of the American people in this kind of government investment--an investment in people and the free enterprise system, an investment in domestic tranquillity which will make taxpayers out of tax eaters and potential rioters.

What have the billions poured into the War on Poverty accomplished? From what I have seen the results have been meager in terms of the funds spent. The War on Poverty has produced some tangible results--but at extravagant cost.

The Republican approach is to help the poor and disadvantaged help themselves up the economic and social ladder--not to rely on Federal tax dollars to solve all the problems of poverty. Educational programs, on-the-job training, tax incentives and equal opportunities--these are the means by which poverty can be eliminated.

The Federal Government cannot solve the problems of the cities. That task requires the talent, resources and creativity of private enterprise. Business already is responding--in the field of housing as well as job training and recruitment for jobs. It is the Federal Government's responsibility to identify the problems and to provide the incentive for business to <u>make human renewal a</u> <u>nationwide industry</u>.

There are limits--particularly in this time of federal financial crisis--to federal funding of solutions to the urban crisis. I personally feel that tax credits to trigger a nationwide program of low-income home construction and on-thejob training by industry is the only realistic course both in terms of what is possible and what is most beneficial.

The Democratic Party would like the working men and women of America to believe that all the do-gooder dollars spent by Democratic Administrations come out of the pockets of the rich. This, of course, is sheer nonsense.

I am not surprised that there is a Poor People's March on Washington. This is an indication of just how far the War on Poverty has fallen short. Perhaps

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there should also be a Taxpayers March on Washington to ask where all the billions went that have pushed this country's national debt past the \$350 billion mark so that we now pay interest on the debt of nearly \$15 billion a year. Think of what that \$15 billion annually could do for our poor! Instead it is going into the pockets of investors rich enough to buy high-interest-paying government securities.

The Democratic Party is largely identified with labor. Yet Democratic Party policies in recent years have been damaging to labor and have hurt the working man.

The American worker thinks he has made strong wage gains in the past two years. But the U.S. Labor Department has flatly stated that inflation has wiped out those supposed wage advances.

It used to be said that a fool and his money were soon parted. Now it happens to all of us--because of the mistaken fiscal and monetary policies pursued by the Democratic Party in recent years.

To invite inflation is to invite disaster, and that is just what the Democratic Party has done. When President Johnson says "you never had it so good" he is equating inflation with prosperity. He is saying inflation <u>is</u> prosperity. I say he is dead wrong.

It is not prosperity for the American worker to be placed on a treadmill where he keeps running hard but never gets anywhere. Inflation is a delusion. The worker doesn't get ahead with cheap dollars that keep dropping in value--even if he accumulates more of them.

Consider the fact that the 1957-59 dollar now is worth just 83 cents in purchasing power. Ponder the fact that the cost of living has gone up nearly 20 per cent since the 1957-59 period. And then let the President tell you the American worker never had it so good.

Let the Democratic Party also explain why total federal spending has gone up 80 per cent between 1960 and 1967 while the population increased only 11 per cent...and why the number of federal employes has increased 25 per cent and the cost of the federal civilian payroll has jumped 75 per cent during that same period.

Is Vietnam responsible for the sharp jump in spending? Between 1960 and 1967, defense spending rose 68 per cent while nondefense spending increased by 97 per cent.

The whole nation is in trouble because the Democratic Party has overcommitted America both at home and abroad, and because the Democratic Party believes only in federal solutions, federally financed and federally administered.

I am sure some Administration officials privately blame our inflationary

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spiral on labor and industry. This is nonsense. The truth is that the Johnson-Humphrey Administration could have halted the present inflation in its beginning stages two years ago with a hold-down in federal spending. Instead the Administration kept right on stimulating an already overheated economy. In desperation, the Federal Reserve Board tightened up on the money supply. The result was sharply rising prices despite record-high interest rates and a virtual depression in home construction.

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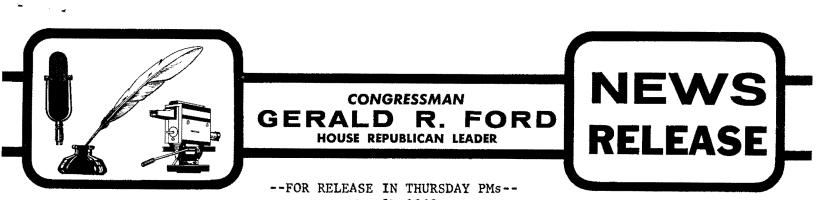
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A Speech by Rep. Gerald R. Ford, R-Mich., House Republican Leader, before the Allied Educational Foundation, Local 815, IBT, at 12 noon Thursday, May 2, 1968, at the Americana Hotel, New York City.

There are those whose idea of an agreeable person is someone who agrees with them.

I want you to know that I find it not only agreeable but a distinct pleasure to be here with you--and that does not presuppose that you will agree with everything I say, or even with anything I say.

But this is an Educational Foundation, and I hope to do a little educating today. Perhaps when I am finished I will find that many of you who are agreeable people but do not presently share my views will wind up agreeing with me.

I welcome this opportunity to speak to you because I feel sure you are people with open minds. This is a refreshing change for me after engaging in debate in the House of Representatives.

To be serious, since this <u>is</u> a labor group I would like to begin with this quotation:

"Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much higher consideration. (However) Capital has its rights, which are as worthy of protection as any other rights."

Who made that statement? Eugene Debs? Samuel Gompers? Franklin D. Roosevelt?

Not any of these. Those words were spoken by a great Republican president, Abraham Lincoln, during his first annual message to Congress on December 3, 1861.

I began with this quote from Lincoln because it points up a political truth which needs telling until it is etched in the mind of every working man in America: The Republican Party is dedicated to the welfare of all the working people of this great land of ours. This was true of the Republican Party led by Abraham Lincoln and it is true of the Republican Party of today.

There is no kind of honest labor that demeans a man. The best service a man can do for himself and his country is to do well whatever job he is called upon to do.

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The working man in America today also would do himself and his country a great service if he would become deeply involved in politics. Not in terms of <u>blindly</u> affiliating himself with one political party or the other but in sharply analyzing the records and the philosophies of the two major political parties and then making an intelligent choice.

As an election approaches most American voters at least subconsciously make a choice of some kind. Often this is simply an intuitive reaction to a particular candidate and ignores the issues.

Today I appeal to the American people--especially to the working men and women of America--to examine the issues carefully before making a choice next November 5.

To quote a man who recently placed himself above politics I am saying, "Come. Let us reason together."

America today is a country in crisis. We must meet and resolve the challenges which confront us, if our Nation is to survive.

I shall not speak about Vietnam except to say that I applaud the President's decision to limit the bombing of North Vietnam as the basis for initiating peace talks and to gradually shift the burden of the fighting from U.S. troops to the South Vietnamese. Incidentally, it may interest you to know that the bombing limitation plan used by Lyndon Johnson as a basis for peace talks was urged upon the President privately--and later made public--by a group of nine House Republicans a year ago.

Other crises now are thrusting themselves upon us with greater urgency than the Vietnam conflict.

We recently saw parts of more than 100 American cities burned and looted in a kind of re-run of last year's civil disorders. This is the crisis of the cities.

We have also seen the Johnson-Humphrey Administration and Democraticcontrolled Congress spend us into accumulated deficits totalling \$70 billion while inflation puffed up the economy and cheapened the dollar. This has reached the point where Europeans have lost confidence in the American dollar, our record-low gold stock is slipping away from us, the dollar is in question as a world currency, a paralysis of world trade threatens and a recession may await us.

It is difficult for white Americans to see the burning and the looting without some reacting as the mayor of Chicago did when he said police should shoot to kill arsonists and shoot to maim looters. But I don't think this is the answer.

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Wherever possible, overwhelming manpower--not firepower--should be used to quell riots.

Neither do I think it helpful for a high public official to encourage rioting by speaking as though slum conditions justify widespread civil disorders.

I refer to the statement made by Vice-President Humphrey on July 18, 1966, before the National Association of Counties at New Orleans when he said: "If I were in those conditions--if that should happen to have been my situation, I think you would have had a little more trouble than you have had already, because I have enough spark left in me to lead a mighty good revolt under those conditions."

Well, we have had more trouble--a lot more.

I agree with those who believe we should deal firmly with rioters, and I want as much as any other public official in America to wipe out slum conditions. But I submit that both the mayor of Chicago and the Vice-President err on the side of extremism.

The best way to handle riots is to prevent them. If that proves impossible, then experience indicates we should smother them with police and military manpower and wholesale arrests. After some delay and possibly some indecision, this worked well in the recent Washington, D. C., riot. The problem there was that the military wasn't moved in fast enough.

The miserable conditions of the slums are well known. There is no excuse for such conditions and we should move to eradicate them as quickly as possible. But neither is there any excuse for rioting--even under the conditions the Vice-President spoke of.

Abraham Lincoln once said: "There is no grievance that is a fit object of redress by mob law." That is also my credo, and I commend it to all of the American people including the 24 million Negroes in this Nation.

If Negroes would revolutionize to right the wrongs done them, let them use the ballot and not the bullet, the soap box and not the torch.

As for the 177 million white Americans, let them all begin living the truth that the Declaration of Independence held to be self-evident--that all men are created equal.

How should we go about preventing riots? The National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders has laid out a blueprint for us. While I do not agree with some of the recommendations, I find much good in the report.

Where do we go from here? Let's start with the fact that nearly one-third of job-age non-white youths in the 20 largest metropolitan areas are unemployed. Most of these youths are Negroes. (more)

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Do we spend billions of dollars to make work for these youths? Or should we induce industry to train and hire them for decent, good-paying jobs despite their past records?

I think the only way to lick urban poverty and prevent riots is to rebuild not only the central cities but the people in them.

The best hope for achieving this is to bring industry into the peoplerebuilding process through a system of income tax credits offered to industry as an incentive--tax credits to pay the extraordinarily high costs involved in on-thejob training for the poorly motivated hard-core unemployed and the underemployed.

I am completely convinced you will see a return for all of the American people in this kind of government investment--an investment in people and the free enterprise system, an investment in domestic tranquillity which will make taxpayers out of tax eaters and potential rioters.

What have the billions poured into the War on Poverty accomplished? From what I have seen the results have been meager in terms of the funds spent. The War on Poverty has produced some tangible results--but at extravagant cost.

The Republican approach is to help the poor and disadvantaged help themselves up the economic and social ladder--not to rely on Federal tax dollars to solve all the problems of poverty. Educational programs, on-the-job training, tax incentives and equal opportunities--these are the means by which poverty can be eliminated.

The Federal Government cannot solve the problems of the cities. That task requires the talent, resources and creativity of private enterprise. Business already is responding--in the field of housing as well as job training and recruitment for jobs. It is the Federal Government's responsibility to identify the problems and to provide the incentive for business to <u>make human renewal a</u> <u>nationwide industry</u>.

There are limits--particularly in this time of federal financial crisis--to federal funding of solutions to the urban crisis. I personally feel that tax credits to trigger a nationwide program of low-income home construction and on-thejob training by industry is the only realistic course both in terms of what is possible and what is most beneficial.

The Democratic Party would like the working men and women of America to believe that all the do-gooder dollars spent by Democratic Administrations come out of the pockets of the rich. This, of course, is sheer nonsense.

I am not surprised that there is a Poor People's March on Washington. This is an indication of just how far the War on Poverty has fallen short. Perhaps

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there should also be a Taxpayers March on Washington to ask where all the billions went that have pushed this country's national debt past the \$350 billion mark so that we now pay interest on the debt of nearly \$15 billion a year. Think of what that \$15 billion annually could do for our poor! Instead it is going into the pockets of investors rich enough to buy high-interest-paying government securities.

The Democratic Party is largely identified with labor. Yet Democratic Party policies in recent years have been damaging to labor and have hurt the working man.

The American worker thinks he has made strong wage gains in the past two years. But the U.S. Labor Department has flatly stated that inflation has wiped out those supposed wage advances.

It used to be said that a fool and his money were soon parted. Now it happens to all of us--because of the mistaken fiscal and monetary policies pursued by the Democratic Party in recent years.

To invite inflation is to invite disaster, and that is just what the Democratic Party has done. When President Johnson says "you never had it so good" he is equating inflation with prosperity. He is saying inflation <u>is</u> prosperity. I say he is dead wrong.

It is not prosperity for the American worker to be placed on a treadmill where he keeps running hard but never gets anywhere. Inflation is a delusion. The worker doesn't get ahead with cheap dollars that keep dropping in value--even if he accumulates more of them.

Consider the fact that the 1957-59 dollar now is worth just 83 cents in purchasing power. Ponder the fact that the cost of living has gone up nearly 20 per cent since the 1957-59 period. And then let the President tell you the American worker never had it so good.

Let the Democratic Party also explain why total federal spending has gone up 80 per cent between 1960 and 1967 while the population increased only 11 per cent...and why the number of federal employes has increased 25 per cent and the cost of the federal civilian payroll has jumped 75 per cent during that same period.

Is Vietnam responsible for the sharp jump in spending? Between 1960 and 1967, defense spending rose 68 per cent while nondefense spending increased by 97 per cent.

The whole nation is in trouble because the Democratic Party has overcommitted America both at home and abroad, and because the Democratic Party believes only in federal solutions, federally financed and federally administered.

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