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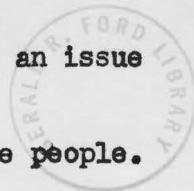
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1. The overall issue is whether ~~the~~ Americans can afford another four years of Democratic ~~rule~~ control of our domestic and foreign affairs. I say we can't afford it, and I feel certain the American people agree.

2. The chief issues are Vietnam, inflation, taxes, loss of confidence in the dollar, ^{crime,} and the problems of the cities including civil disorder.

3. There are those who say President Johnson's peace initiative has removed Vietnam as an issue. His peace moves may have eliminated Vietnam as an issue for the two Democratic senators who are after his job but not for the people.



Solomon

Bliss / Percy

Dudley

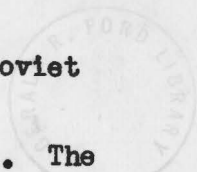
Glamorous - but really those
we must be practical &
pragmatic.

Same time - on a personal
basis there is incentive to
work at solving problems &
inspiration one gets from
participating in the greatest
experiment in self government
Churchill

Tulane

A. The war is far from over...despite all the optimism touched off by the President's bombing cutback and attempt to get peace talks started.

B. The President may, in fact, be telling the American people and the world that he has followed a policy which will lose the war and lose the peace--a policy of gradualism in the prosecution of the war. A policy which permitted North Vietnam to build up its war-making power with the help of the Soviet Union and Red China and to withstand all subsequent ~~the~~ allied attacks. The



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Issues - ① overall

{ FOREIGN
DOMESTIC

② Specifics

④ Vietnam -

④ Metropolitan or Big City -
Revenue Sharing
Categorical
Fiscal Chaos -

issue which confronts us, then, is whether ~~the United States will permit~~
there will be ~~policy~~ future Vietnams. The issue is whether The American people will
in future ignore so-called wars of national liberation and ~~allow~~ allow
world communism to expand unchecked, or again follow a policy of armed
resistance in terms of Johnson-Humphrey Administration measured response, or--
when ~~armed resistance~~ the use of arms appears unavoidable--to employ American
military might ~~with strength~~ *quickly,* ~~decisively~~ *by* and ~~effectively~~ *by* from the outset.

I ~~do~~ personally find neither ~~the~~ Johnson-Humphrey gradualism nor unchecked
Communist expansion acceptable. I stand on the side of ~~proper~~ proper use of
American power, the ^{proper} use of America's will and strength to restore and keep the
peace. To do nothing to halt communist aggression is to turn the balance of
power over ~~to~~ ^{to} the major Communist nations. To follow the Johnson-Humphrey
policy of gradualism is to ~~sacrifice~~ ~~American~~ send Americans into battle
under terms laid down by the enemy and to doom them to a war ~~of~~ of escalation
without end.

4. Tortured by what has happened ~~in~~ in Vietnam, the American people are also deeply troubled by ~~stand~~ the steady drop in the dollar's purchasing power...and inability to make ends meet during a period described by President Johnson as "83 months of uninterrupted prosperity." As one wag put it, "Every time the housewife thinks she can make ends meet, somebody moves the ends."

A. The cost-of-living has escalated right along with the Vietnam War due to Johnson-Humphrey Administration policies and ~~the~~ ^{taken} actions/by ~~the~~ Democrats ~~in~~ Congresses ~~since 1960~~ in Congress.

B. Inflation is rampant and will get worse. Consumer prices rose 3.3 per cent in/1966 and 1967, now are rising at a 4 per cent annual rate. Union members are finding that the wage gains they thought they had made in the last two years have been wiped out by inflation. ~~The~~ ^{Johnson-Humphrey inflation treadmill--} American worker is on a ~~running hard~~ ^{running hard} and getting nowhere ~~along the Johnson-Humphrey inflation road~~ and getting nowhere. ~~President~~ Johnson and Humphrey call it ~~the~~ prosperity, but any American wage-earner who stops to figure it out knows better. Johnson and Humphrey call inflation prosperity, but the Housewife calls it by its real name... higher and higher prices.

C. The way to solve a problem is to get at its root--and the root-cause of ^{excessive} inflation is ~~not~~ federal spending ~~that greatly exceeds income~~--spending that greatly exceeds income, spending that does not follow a system of priorities but flows in all directions at once. Thus inflation is caused by unsound fiscal practices--spending money we don't have for things we can do without, building up huge deficits, creating a dangerously imbalanced economy based on cheap money and ~~unsoundly~~ sharply escalating public and private debt.

D. There is agreement in the ~~George~~ ~~McC~~ Congress that ~~President~~ the \$186-billion Johnson-Humphrey budget for fiscal 1969 is not the "tight" budget the President alleges it to be--and it must be cut deeply enough ~~to~~ to reduce ~~the~~ planned fiscal 1969 spending by about \$6 billion. The President thus far has refused to cooperate--even to get the income tax increase he says ~~we~~ must have.

E. I ~~am~~ am not sold on the ~~absolute~~ absolute necessity of an federal income tax increase--but ~~if~~ if it does come it will be because the unsound

policies pursued by the Johnson-Humphrey Administration and ~~z~~ Democrats in Congress. They have been running the ~~mess~~ country since 1960. They have been in charge...and the responsibility for the financial mess this country is in falls right on their doorstep.

5. With our fiscal house in disarray, Europeans have come to look ~~upon~~ upon America with dismay. They have lost confidence in the dollar. They prefer gold. The gold drain has become so serious that ~~the~~ all gold backing has been removed from U.S. currency so that ~~none~~ all of our gold at Fort Knox ~~is~~ would be available to meet~~ing~~ the claims of foreign creditors who want to exchange dollars for gold. Conducting itself in the typical fashion of a

loose-living Democratic Administration, the Johnson-Humphrey Administration has resorted to controls on the private ~~sect~~ sector and on individual Americans to try to halt the gold outflow---a travel tax package, which Congress largely rejected, and strict restrictions on American investments abroad. In the long term, all such measures are self-defeating. The best way to stop the gold drain is for the United States to start living within its means here at home.

6. We ~~want~~ want no more of the Johnson-Humphrey kind of escalation in Vietnam--~~and~~ the policy of gradualism which has proved such a miserable failure. But we must ~~not~~ escalate the war against crime at home. We need legislation like the ~~Republican-oriented~~ Republican-oriented Law Enforcement Assistance Act which passed the House last year. We need to help our local law enforcement

A. I call the President's attention to the fact that 70 Republican congressmen have prepared a budget-cutting and priority-assigning package they call the "Human Renewal Fund." It involves reductions totalling \$6.5 billion ~~in~~ with \$2.5 billion to be ~~reallocated~~ rechanneled ~~into~~ to help our troubled cities and all Americans.

With
B. ~~With~~ a meaningful set of ~~priority~~ priorities, ~~the~~ ~~Senate~~ Congress could adjust the President's out-of-line budget to--



1/ mobilize private industry to provide ~~meaningful~~ meaningful jobs ~~for~~ and training for the hard-core unemployed and the underemployed through a system of federal income tax credits.

2/ use the tax credit approach to induce industry to expand in rural areas.

3/ Invest ~~more~~ much more in a strong effort to cope with the causes, prevention and control of crime.

4/ provide more funds for air and water pollution control projects.



8/ The spending issues dominated the last session of Congress, and it dominates this session. ~~The most serious problem~~ This Nation is floundering because of a failure to set priorities in a time when there are hundreds of demands upon the Federal treasury.

9; Only education, training ^{and a} good-paying job can answer the Negro's needs. He doesn't need a riot organizer or habitual criminals to "help" him attain his goals. I deplore the conditions that create Negro discontent, and I believe we must make steady progress toward eliminating those conditions. But ~~there~~ there is no

justification for riots. The forces of law and order must overwhelm those who would make a criminal playground of our central cities. Federal troops in sufficient numbers must be employed quickly in any area where it is impossible to maintain law and order through the use of local police and a ~~not~~ state's national guardsmen.

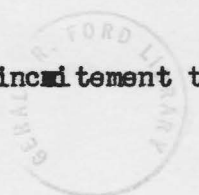
A. The Civil ~~Hi~~ Rights Act of 1968 ~~will have a beneficial effect~~ may help prevent riots in the future.

B. The open housing ~~provision~~ provision will have a beneficial psychological effect,

I believe.

C. At the same time, the Civil Rights Act of 1968 contains some anti-riot deterrents and penalties which may be helpful in preventing or moderating riots... a Republican*initiated anti-incitement provision and provisions ~~making it a crime~~ ^{dealing with} ~~the~~ transporting or teaching the use of firearms and explosives in a connection with ~~xx~~ a civil disorder, or interfering with a fireman or policeman on riot duty.

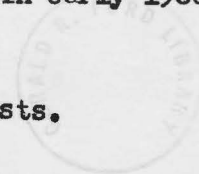
I personally believe that Stokely Carmichael should be indicted for incitement to riot in connection with the Washington, ~~riot~~ D.C., ~~disorders~~ ^{disorders}



10. Close examination shows ~~yx~~ that all of this country's ills ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ are directly to the ~~mistake~~ mistakes and policy failures of the Johnson-Humphrey Administration ~~and~~ and the party~~nd~~ which has controlled the Congress for the past seven-plus years.

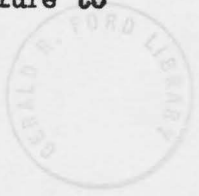
--Gradualism in Vietnam...a failure.

--Failure to meet ~~the threat of~~ inflationary pressures head-on in early 1966 through reductions in domestic spending as offsets to Vietnam War costs.



--Failure to tackle the problems of the cities with imaginative approaches like the Republican-sponsored Human Investment Act, National Home Ownership Foundation, and tax credits to bring new ~~plants~~ ^{, training} industrial plants/and jobs into the central cities.

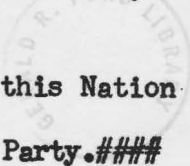
--Failure to ~~deal with inflation~~ maintain confidence in the dollar abroad ~~by~~ due to failure to maintain price stability at home and failure to keep our foreign ~~commitments~~ commitments in proper balance.

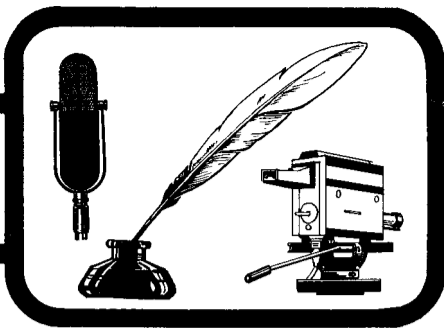


--Failure to keep our city streets safe and failure to maintain domestic tranquillity.

11. These are the shocking failures of the Johnson-Humphrey Administration and the Democratic Party. These are the issues of the 90th Congress. This is the majority party's dismal record as we approach the November 1968 election.

--I think the people will set the ~~record~~ record straight on November 5th, in the ~~only~~ only way that is ~~open~~ open to them--by entrusting control of this Nation to the responsible ~~problem solvers~~ problemsolvers, the sound party, the Republican Party.####





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Those Americans who have been caught up in the wave of peace-move euphoria should consider the fact that North Vietnamese troops and equipment have continued to pour into South Vietnam in maximum numbers and amount since the President announced his limitations on bombing the North.

Peace has to start somewhere. I hope we are moving in that direction--but not in the direction of peace at any price.

Both of the senators now contending for the Democratic presidential nomination want the United States to accept publicly -- before negotiations even begin -- a coalition government in Saigon. They have called upon the Johnson-Humphrey Administration to make plain it would accept coalition government as a settlement.

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Whether or not de-escalation continues and we move toward peace in Vietnam, staggering problems will face the 90th Congress when it resumes work on Monday.

Chief among these is a fiscal crisis of massive proportions, for Johnson-Humphrey Administration spending policies have brought this Nation to the edge of

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fiscal chaos. We must draw back from the brink of the precipice. We must act to save the dollar.

Will de-escalation stop inflation, or correct our balance of payments deficit, or halt the gold drain, or restore confidence abroad in the dollar? Will de-escalation suddenly wipe out the prospect of a \$20-billion-plus deficit at the end of this fiscal year and an even larger deficit for fiscal 1969? The answer clearly is "no" to all of these questions.

We are in a fiscal mess, and de-escalation is not going to solve our money problems.

At the same time the Nation is stunned by racial turmoil and the worsening plight of the cities.

The Johnson-Humphrey Administration finds itself impaled on the horns of a dilemma--the desperate need to put this country's fiscal house in order and the need to deal more effectively with our increasingly serious urban ills.

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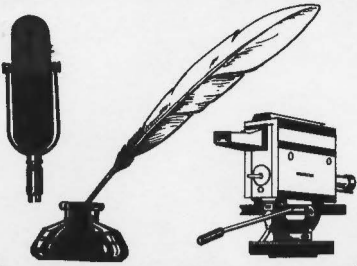
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The rising crime rate continues to be an issue. It has gone up 83 per cent since 1960. It reflects the fact that the Johnson-Humphrey Administration and the Democratic Congress have ridden off in all directions at once instead of coming to grips with our major problems.

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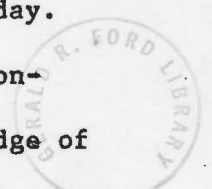
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