STATEMENT OF CALIFORNIA JEWISH YOUTH FOR HUMPHREY

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WE ARE YOUNG JEWISH DEMOCRATS. WE WORKED FOR SENATOR HUBERT HUMPHREY OF MINNESOTTA IN THIS YEAR'S DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY. WE SUPPORTED SENATOR HUMPHREY BECAUSE WE FELT HIS CANDIDACY REPRESENTED THE BEST VEHICLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROGRAMS WE BELIEVED IN.

WE WOULD HAVE ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTED VIRTUALLY ANY ON THE OTHER DEMOCRATIC CONTENDERS. YET WE CANNOT AS AMERICANS, AS DEMOCRATS, OR AS JEWS SUPPORT SENATOR GEORGE MC GOVERN. ACCORDINGLY WE ARE NOW SUPPORTING, AND URGE OUR COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT, THE EFFORT TO RE-ELECT PRESIDENT NIXON.

THIS HAS NOT BEEN AN EASY DECISION TO ARRIVE AT. ONE OF THE REASONS WE WROKED FOR SENATOR HUMPHREY THIS PAST YEAR WAS A DESIRE TO SEE RICHARD NIXON RETIRED. BUT IF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS TO EVER RETURN TO THE PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES THAT MADE IT THE MAJORITY PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES, THEN THE MC GOVERN CANDIDACY MUST BE REPUDIATED AS STRONGLY AS THE GOLDWATER REACTIONARIES WERE REPUDIATED BY THINKING REPUBLICANS IN 1964.

SENATOR MC GOVERN COMES TO US WITH A RECORD OF INDECISION AND INDECISIVENESS. WE DO NOT TRUST HIS RHETORIC OR HIS PROMISES. HE DECLARES THAT HE IS NOW A DOMESTIC LIBERAL. BUT WE REMEMBER THAT HE VOTED TO EMASCULATE THE HISTORIC CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, THAT HE VOTED FOR THE RACIST BYRD. AMENDMENT IN MAY 1968, AND THAT HE HAS VOTED CONSISTENTLY (AS RECENTLY AS AUGUST 8, 1972) AGAINST MEANINGFUL GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION. WHAT ARE

HIS DOMESTIC PROPOSALS? HE HAS REVISED HIS TAX-REFORM PROPOSALS AND WELFARE PROPOSALS UNTIL HIS MOST FERVENT SUPPORTERS CAN'T TELL WHAT HIS CURRENT POSITIONS ARE. IN 1971 ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUSES OF AMERICA HE ESPOUSED THE WHOLE ARRAY OF LIBERAL POSITIONS ON DRUGS, ABORTION, AMNESTY AND RIGHTS OF HOMOSEXUALS. AND IN 1972 HE SUDDENLY BEGAN TO REVERSE HIMSELF WHEN THE POLLS SHOWED PUBLIC REPUGNANCE TO SEVERAL OF HIS POSITIONS. WHERE DOES HE STAND?

HIS FOREIGN POLICY IS ONLY A LITTLE LESS CONFUSED. HE WOULD SLASH OUR DEFENSE POSTURE DRASTICALLY. YET HE NOW PROMISES TO KEEP A "RESIDUAL" AMERICAN MILITARY FORCE IN THAILAND. HE VOTED FOR THE GULF OF TONKIN RESOLUTION IN 1964, AGAINST REPEAL OF TONKIN RESOLUTION IN 1965 AND 1966, AND FOR VIET NAM APPROPRIATION BILLS UNTIL 1969, BUT HE NOW TELLS US THAT THE WAR HAS ALWAYS BEEN IMMORAL. HE PROMISES TO HAVE THE POW'S HOME 90 DAYS AFTER HIS INAUGURATION, BUT EXPECTS US TO TRUST HIM WHEN WE ASK HOW HE WILL DO THIS.

AS JEWS WE ARE ALSO ALARMED BY HIS INCONSISTENT RECORD ON ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY. IN RECENT MONTHS HE HAS BEGUN TO COURT THE JEWISH VOTE WITH PROMISES OF SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. BUT THIS CAN'T CHANGE HIS STATED PROPOSALS OF ONLY A YEAR OR TWO AGO. ON MARCH 3, 1971, HE SUGGESTED INTERNATIONALIZING JERUSALEM AND CALLED ON ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ARAB TERRITORIES THAT SHE OCCUPIED IN SELF-DEFENSE. ON JULY 20, 1970 HE URGED ISRAEL TO PAY "REPARATIONS" TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES FORBID ISRAEL'S USE OF AMERICAN EQUIPMENT OVER ARAB TERRITORY.

ONE OF HIS CLOSEST ADVISORS, RICK STEARNS HAS SIGNED VIRULENT ANTI-ISRAEL

ADS IN THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE WASHINGTON POST. YET WHEN HIS OWN JEWISH SUPPORTERS AT THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION DEMANDED STEARN'S RESIGNATION, THE SENATOR REFUSED (JTA, JULY 14, 1972). THE SAME RICK STEARNS IS NOW HERE IN CALIFORNIA COORDINATING SENATOR MC GOVERN'S WESTERN CAMPAIGN. HERE AT HOME HE HAS PUSHED FOR A RACIAL QUOTA SYSTEM WHICH WOULD DESTROY THE MERIT SYSTEM ON WHICH AMERICAN PLURALISTIC DEMOCRACY IS FOUNDED.

ACCORDINGLY WE ARE SUPPORTING THE PRESIDENT. RICHARD NIXON HAS, TO BE SURE, BEEN FAR FROM PERFECT IN HIS PERFORMANCE AS PRESIDENT. BUT HE HAS SHOWN COURAGE AND CONSISTENCY. HE HAS ENDED THE ANACHRONISTIC ISOLATION OF COMMUNIST CHINA, HAS INTRODUCED THE FIRST PRESIDENTIALLY-SPONSORED FAMILY ASSISTANCE PLAN IN OUR HISTORY, HAS APPOINTED WITHOUT A QUOTA SYSTEM MORE MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS AND WOMEN TO MEANINGFUL FEDERAL POSTS THAN ANY PRESIDENT IN THIS CENTURY, AND HAS NEGOTIATED THE HISTORIC SALT AGREEMENTS WITH THE RUSSIANS.

IT IS EASY TO MAKE PROMISES. PRESIDENT NIXON HAS DEALT WITH WEEFARE REFORM, DISARMAMENT, AND DOMESTIC TURMOIL WITH PRAGMATIC INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS. HE DID NOT CREATE INFLATION OR THE VIET NAM WAR - HE INHERITED THEM. WE ALL WISH THE WAR WAS OVER ALREADY. BUT WE DON'T BELIEVE GEORGE MC GOVERN'S PROMISES OR PROGRAMS TO END IT. YES, HE NOW SAYS HE WILL END THE WAR. HE ALSO NOW SAYS THAT HE WILL SUPPORT ISRAEL. A FEW WEEKS AGO HE WAS PLEDGING THE SAME ALL OUT SUPPORT TO SENATOR TOM EAGLETON. PRESIDENT NIXON DOES NOT ASK US TO ACCEPT PROMISES. HE HAS PERFORMED WITH EXPERTISE NOT ONLY IN THE BROAD SPECTRUM OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC AFFAIRS BUT HE HAS, WITHOUT BRASH PROMISES OR LOUD PROPAGANDA, BEEN A FIRM FRIEND OF ISRAEL AND OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY HERE AT HOME. WE ARE SUPPORTING THE PRESIDENT. WE URGE YOU TO JOIN US.

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