

AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION

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Mr. Edwin G. Nourse
Executive Office of The President
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nourse:

More than four million people are out of work and even conservative estimates say that seven million will be unemployed by January 1, unless counter measures are taken.

Full-scale unemployment has already taken hold in several communities in New England and the West...Industrial production took another tumble in May and June, bringing the total down 13% in seven short months...Consumer buying power is growing weaker.

While there is no call for hysteria or panic, we think these figures are a startling indication of danger ahead--unless America acts quickly to forestall it. If the country acts now, before it is too late, there will be little need for harsh and costly measures later. Whatever action is taken at the present time can be relatively moderate. And let me, as a member of the Senate, assure you that there is very deep interest on Capitol Hill in going to work on programs for full employment, increased production and greater purchasing power.

Unwilling to wait on the "wait and see" school of economic thought, Americans for Democratic Action has called for July 19, 1949, a meeting of Government officials, Congressional leaders, and heads of labor, liberal and other public-interest groups to work out an effective program to halt the depression before it starts. We invite your participation.

The meeting will be held at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C. Registration will be held from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

If you can attend--and we urge you to do so--please fill out the enclosed card and return it as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

s/ Hubert H Humphrey

Hubert H. Humphrey
National Chairman