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REMARKS BY SENATOR EDMUND S. MUSKIE
RALLY FOR MAYOR FRANK SEDITA - ST. FLORIAN'S SCHOOL
8:30 A.M., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1971

I'M PROUD TO STAND HERE THIS MORNING WITH FRANK SEDITA.

I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT IT'S TIME TO GIVE FRANK SEDITA A PROMOTION.

WHEN A MAN MAKES A GREAT RECORD AS MAYOR, HE HAS A RIGHT TO RUN
FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

WHEN A MAN BRINGS FEDERAL AID INTO THE CITY AS MAYOR, YOU KNOW THAT
HE CAN BRING A FAIR SHARE OF AID INTO ERIE COUNTY.

AND WHEN NIXON ECONOMICS SENDS UNEMPLOYMENT TO 9% IN BUFFALO, IT'S
TIME TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE WHITE HOUSE -- THAT THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO
ARE OUT OF WORK ARE GOING TO PUT THE PRESIDENT OUT OF A JOB IN 1972.

AND YOU CAN SEND THAT MESSAGE BY CASTING YOUR VOTE FOR FRANK SEDITA
ON NOVEMBER 2ND.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT ANYONE HERE WANTS FOUR MORE YEARS OF REPUBLICAN
RULE IN ERIE COUNTY OR IN THIS COUNTRY.

REMEMBER THE PRESIDENT'S 1968 CAMPAIGN PLEDGE. . . TO TAKE PEOPLE OFF
THE WELFARE ROLES AND PUT THEM ONTO PAYROLLS? SINCE THE DAY RICHARD NIXON
SET FOOT IN THE WHITE HOUSE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON WELFARE HERE HAS
SOARED BY 1100%. AND THE NUMBER OF WORKERS OUT OF WORK FROM YOUR
FACTORIES AND OFFICES HAS CLIMBED FROM 20,000 TO 70,000.

AND FRANK SEDITA'S VICTORY NEXT TUESDAY WILL BE DEFEAT FOR THE MAN WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THIS. IN CASE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN, RECALL THE CAMPAIGN SLOGAN OF 1968 -- NIXON'S THE ONE.

THE PRESIDENT THINKS THAT YOU WILL SETTLE FOR AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 40% HIGHER THAN WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE. THAT'S HIS GOAL FOR THE NEXT YEAR. WELL, HE MAY BE GOING TO CHINA AND HE MAY BE GOING TO RUSSIA, BUT I DARE HIM TO COME HERE AND LOOK YOU IN THE EYE AND TELL YOU THAT 5% UNEMPLOYMENT IS "ACCEPTABLE."

I THINK I KNOW WHAT YOU'D SAY.

I KNOW WHAT FRANK SEDITA WOULD SAY.

AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE GOING TO ELECT FRANK SEDITA COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

REMEMBER THE COUNTY HOSPITAL? THE REPUBLICANS WAITED AND DELAYED FOR AN ENTIRE DECADE ON THAT PROJECT -- AND THE COST CLIMBED FROM \$30 MILLION TO \$125 MILLION. AND NOW THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS EVEN TAKEN AWAY THE CHANCE FOR THE 50% AID THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT USED TO PAY. DON'T FORGET THAT WHEN YOU CAST YOUR BALLOT.

REMEMBER THE 108% RISE IN COUNTY TAXES DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS? AT THE SAME TIME, FRANK SEDITA KEPT CITY TAXES DOWN TO A GROWTH OF 35%. DON'T FORGET THAT WHEN YOU CAST YOUR BALLOT

AND WHEN YOU VOTE, REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE VOTING NOT ONLY FOR A CANDIDATE, BUT FOR THE KIND OF CITY YOU WANT, THE KIND OF COUNTY YOU WANT, THE KIND OF COUNTRY YOU WANT TO LIVE IN.

THINK ABOUT THAT. MY FATHER THOUGHT ABOUT IT WHEN HE LEFT THE OPPRESSION OF EASTERN EUROPE TO SEEK REFUGE IN RUMFORD, MAINE. AND THE OTHER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF IMMIGRANTS STILL SHARE THAT VISION -- THE VISION OF A VIBRANT, GROWING, PROSPEROUS COUNTRY.

FRANK SEDITA SHARES IT TOO.

THAT'S WHY I SUPPORT HIM.

THAT'S WHY I PROUDLY STAND WITH HIM.

AND THAT'S WHY HE'S GOING TO BE THE BEST EXECUTIVE THIS COUNTY'S EVER SEEN.

GIVE HIM THAT CHANCE.

YOU CAN DO IT -- NEXT WEEK -- HERE IN ERIE COUNTY.

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