

# Blasts 'Reagonomics'

## Riegle calls for limitations on imports

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U.S. Sen. Donald W. Riegle, D-Flint, Monday was applauded and cheered by 2,500 members of the Communications Workers of America in Cobo Hall as he attacked the Reagan administration and "Reagonomics" and foreign competition.

"The Reagan administration must change our economic policies now so our people can go back to work," he told the national delegates to the convention.

"People are told by David Stockman that unemployment is part of the cure to our economic problems. It's time to put Stockman in an unemployment line and give him a taste of it," said Riegle, who is seeking a second six-year term in the Senate Nov. 2.

Riegle TOLD his audience that working people built America and fought its wars. "Someone needs to tell the president that it's the working people who pay his salary, his pension, for his Secret Service protection and his helicopter," he added.

Riegle advocated foreign trade limitations, a

subject which seemed to appeal to the delegates.

"I'm tired of seeing foreign products flooding into America, taking our jobs. It's time to put a stop to it," he said.

"It's time for the Congress to say no to this invasion of imports, and it's time our government went to bat for every man and woman who can out-produce any foreign worker. Those countries that block the sale of American goods in their country should not be allowed to flood America with their goods."

Riegle, an ex-Republican who is now comfortable on union turf, took full advantage of the pro-Democratic crowd.

Blasting Reagan for eliminating funding for student loans, the senator called them "the key to the future of this country."

A supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment, he pledged that it would be ratified during the upcoming session.

"Women should have protection under law, and Ronald Reagan wants to set the clock back 100 years," he said.

THE MOST THREATENING issue of the Republican president, Riegle said, is his defense budget. He said the president wants to spend more than \$1 trillion over the next six years to buy weapons the country "doesn't need and can't afford."

"We have over 9,000 big warheads and 15,000 small nuclear warheads. It would only take 200 big warheads to destroy Russia, and we'd still have 8,800 left," he said.

"The Reagan budget has asked to build 17,000 more nuclear warheads. That's why we need a verifiable nuclear weapon freeze," Riegle added.

He called the country's leadership insufficient, and said during the upcoming election campaign Democrats face tremendous challenges.

"We've lost control of the Senate, and it's time to get it back," he said.

While never directly asking for support for his own campaign, Riegle called on the voters to elect Democrats in their states and said they'll need all the help they can get because Republicans have money.

"My Republican opponent gets \$499,000 from the party. I have a hard time coping with that kind of money," he said.

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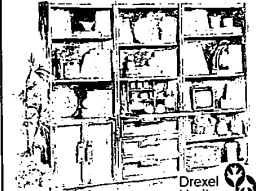
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