

Nixon economics called a 'rip-off'

WASHINGTON — A Democratic congressional spokesman accused the Nixon administration yesterday of undermining the quality of life of two-thirds of the nation through passive economic policies.

Throughout the administration, Rep. Henry Reuss of Wisconsin said, there has been "a rip-off of the vast majority of American families who try to make a go of it on incomes of \$15,000 a year or less."

Reuss, a member of the Senate -House Economic

Committee, spoke on CBS in an equal-time rebuttal to President Nixon's May 25 radio speech on the economy.

He quoted Nixon's statement that large wage increases and an over-rapid expansion of the economy were the principal dangers and that some increase in unemployment might be inevitable.

He said a positive policy is needed to combat rising joblessness, worsening inflation and an inequitable tax structure.