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Nixon Talks Off-the-Cuff To AFL-CIO

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BAL HARBOUR (Fla.)—President Nixon, throwing away the text of a prepared speech, told delegates to the AFL-CIO convention here today that he must make his economic program work — with or without labor's help.

He said he was going to give them a "straight" shoulder speech, even though he was speaking against him politically.

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The President tried to identify with labor by recalling his own humble beginnings as one of five sons of a poor grocer, and he said all work, no matter how menial, is more honorable than welfare. It drew a sprinkling of applause.