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I asked him How's it going and then said I came to town and the first thing I see is your picture in the paper. "That's what you get for speaking your mind. I got so pissed off at Dave Stockman at the hearing. What happened was that I took the time to go down on Friday and visit one of these volunteer church groups that is feeding the hungry in the city. I sat down beside a man who had worked all his life at Woody's and now is unable to make ends meet for himself and his wife on his social security. His wife is ill; but when she can she comes with him to get a meal. The same with a woman on the other side of me. Then I went into the kitchen to talk with the three or four volunteers. They go down to the eastern market and go through the dumpsters to find food that has been thrown away. And they find they can use about one third of the green peppers and one third of the tomatoes. Then they get chicken backs and try to put together a meal. But they have no wheat in that meal--with all the surplus wheat we have. They have no pasta products and they have no milk products. We have huge surpluses of all these products. Then Dave Stockman comes before the committee and says that we have to cut all our food and nutrition programs. I said to him if the gov't doesn't have a heart, people will think the gov't doesn't have a head. I got mad. And that's how I got all this press attention."

I talked with Mike about it. We agreed that it's the same MA as always. But the press is looking for anti Reagan sentiment now.

He says the guy from AP and Helen Dewar and Ward Sinclair all asked for interviews after Andrews let Stockman have it. Mike thinks the MA-Stockman feud goes back to the House.

Local people pick up national stories like that and gets big play.

I think he's out flanking Dorgan--but they wouldn't mention that.

Mike says now he calls reporters, whereas he didn't earlier.

They've added 2 new LA's since beginning of the year.