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EXCERPTS OF REMARKS AT MILWAUKEE NOVEMBER 14, 1959

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This has happened to us not only in the world of TV *Popularity for leadership* "entertainment" but in politics and government as well. *mediocrity for truth*

We have been lured away from the good old American values of truth and reality and of not trying to be anybody but ourselves. *Truman + Adlai*

Let's face facts. Let's get back to reality. Let's forget the make-up men and go ahead and let the blemishes show. Let's grapple with the questions that nobody has supplied advance answers to. Let's put honesty to work again.

I for one do not intend to seek controversy for controversy's sake; but neither do I intend to shun a fight when a vital issue is at stake. Nor have I any intention of going around this country uttering sweet nothings in order to avoid getting people mad at me. And I urge upon my party that it act likewise. If we fail to act boldly and honestly on the great issues facing us we will not win next year and we will not deserve to win. *FDR*

Between now and next summer, when the parties will adopt platforms and nominate candidates, I intend to go wherever and whenever I can in order to raise questions, discuss the issues, encourage debate, and urge thoughtful appraisal of how America is facing up to the problems of the 1960's. *Al Smith Hook at New*

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have shown that we could hammer out policy in open and frank debate, that we were not afraid of honest dissent, and that we could then translate our thinking and our resolutions into decision, into action.

This is the only way to get anything done. We cannot do it with mirrors. We cannot do it by supplying questions and answers in advance. We cannot do it by rigging the show. We must be honest with ourselves and the world.

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SENATOR HUMPHREY: LEADERSHIP, NOT SHOWMANSHIP

MILWAUKEE, Wisc., Nov. 14 -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, referring to the TV quiz scandals, charged tonight America had *we have* fallen for a kind of 'pitch' in our national life that substitutes nonsense for ^{Common sense} ~~reality~~, public relations for public service, and showmanship for leadership." *make-believe for Reality!* (1)

"This has happened to us not only in the world of TV 'entertainment' but in politics and government as well," ~~the~~ Minnesota Democrat declared in the main address before the Wisconsin State Democratic Convention tonight.

"We have been lured away from the good old American values of truth and reality and of not trying to be anybody but ourselves," ~~he said.~~

"Let's face facts," ~~the Senator declared.~~ "Let's get back to reality. Let's forget the 'make-up men' and go ahead and let the blemishes show. Let's grapple with the questions that nobody has supplied advance answers to. Let's put honesty to work again."

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