

STATEMENT BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
JULY 13, 1960

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey announced today that his personal vote as a delegate would be cast for Adlai Stevenson, after Minnesota's "favorite son" vote in his behalf.

"Minnesota's delegation has expressed a desire to cast a favorite son vote in my behalf, despite my early release of all delegates committed to me and my request not to be placed in nomination. I have asked all my friends to vote their own conscience for the good of our nation.

I shall exercise that same right and responsibility by casting my personal vote for Adlai Stevenson. It is a vote of personal conviction based upon my belief that Adlai Stevenson is best qualified to serve as President of the United States at a time when the security of our nation and the free world is threatened.

Sen McCarthy, Hoover

It is a very special pleasure to meet with all of you who have paid me the highest compliment by supporting me for President of the United States. You understand, I am sure, my gratitude and appreciation.

Because we have fought and worked together, and won and lost together in many battles on many issues, I desire to make clear to you first my answer to the questions: "What will Humphrey do?" and "What does Humphrey want?"

Here is the answer:

It is my desire that all delegates pledged in my behalf feel completely free to follow the course of their own conscience and good judgment in selecting the nominee to lead the Democratic Party to victory in November.

I therefore ask that my name not be placed in nomination for the Presidency at the convention on Wednesday.

Having again made clear that I am not a candidate for the Presidency, I want to make equally clear that insofar as I am concerned, each of you is released from any legal, moral, or personal commitment to vote for me.

I have one final statement. I have repeatedly said that I am not a candidate for the vice presidency. However, I do have a candidate whom I support for this office.

Governor Orville Freeman and I have fought together for more than 15 years for the same ideals that all of us here share. No one more deeply possesses the dedication to the program all of us believe in. I ask you to support him for the vice presidency, as I intend to do with all my heart.

A year ago last December, in discussing the 1960 election outlook, I said that the most important question facing the Democratic Party was the purpose to which it dedicated its strength, influence and efforts. In other words, the question of "what for" is more important than the question of "who".

As I look at this convention, I am convinced that the efforts that you and I have mutually shared have borne fruit. We have won our victory. The platform this convention will, with your support, adopt will be the most liberal in the history of our party. And the candidate we are about to select this week will champion and embrace that program and he will win for that

program the enthusiastic support of a majority of the American people.

SPEECH BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
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This Convention -- through its platform and
nominees -- can be and must be a turning point in
our history.

h For eight years, the Republican Administration
has talked about difficulties, about problems. It
has accepted the past, and rejected the future.

We as Democrats can and will turn difficulties
into challenges, and problems into opportunities. The
future is ours.

h This generation can not relax on the soft pillow
of luxury, or retreat from the frightening dangers to

survival. This generation must rise to high and demanding responsibilities.

↳ We Americans, we Democrats, have a mission -- a mission of service to our fellow Americans, to ^{all} mankind.

↳ If ever there was a time for government to serve the people, for America to serve mankind, that time is now.

↳ If ever there was a time to dedicate our abundance, our industry, our science to the benefit of people, ^{our Education} progress, and peace, that time is now.

↳ If ever there was a time to practice as well as preach human brotherhood, that time is now.

We must demonstrate that a proud and strong nation
is humble enough to dedicate its strength to peace, to
service, to kindness.

In these coming months, we shall be speaking not
only to America, but to the world.

We shall talk of what America is, but even more
of what America can be and will be.

We shall say what America is for -- as well as what
it is against.

We must offer ^{the world} a charter of hope -- for freedom, for
opportunity, for security, for human dignity, and -- above
all -- for peace.

The difference between the Soviet society and ours is not what we do in outer space, but ~~what~~^{the} value we place upon the inner man -- the soul and the spirit.

We seek a world in which every member of the human race shares in the abundance of a beneficent Providence.

We seek a world in which human rights are honored everywhere, in deed as well as in word.

We seek a world in which science and technology are the servants of humanity -- not the masters.

These are high aspirations, high hopes. But we are not afraid of the future. We are not afraid to dream. We dare to try. We welcome adventure.

And we are not afraid of dedicated work and
realistic action. Our platform and our nominees
have vitality, courage and imagination. With them,
we shall give to America and the world a charter of
hope.

A great Democrat -- Woodrow Wilson -- gave this
country a New Freedom.

A great Democrat -- Franklin D. Roosevelt -- gave
America a New Deal.

A great Democrat -- Harry S. Truman -- gave us a
Fair Deal.

A great Democrat -- Adlai E. Stevenson -- set forth
the grand design for a new America.

Our new leaders -- Senator John F. Kennedy and
Senator Lyndon B. Johnson -- can and will give America
and all the world what the times most urgently require
-- a New Hope.



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