ADDRESS OF

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

JEFFERSON - JACKSON DAY DINNER

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Appease or retreat?

We will not abandon a friend for an enemy.

We will not forget the lessons of history.

Reasons that aggression is never satisfied.
0  I knew the price of beef up
but $100 for a hamburger
seems a bit high.

The way to succeed in
business -
Sell hamburgers in Oklahoma.

0  Missed my speech - when I
found you were joining the
President's Club here too!
0  If you want to contribute - set up!
The mantle of leadership is not a cloak of comfort; it is a role of responsibility.

Leadership offers no privilege. No luxury.

Peace is our goal. We seek no conquest. We want no war. But we will not
A better America for all—
Civil Rights  
Voting Rights  
Waron Poverty  
Human Resources
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Business - for Labor -
for Consumer -
Integrity, Jobs, Profit
Goods -
Econ. Growth
the future standards - 198
A better America for
the young -
Educa - Elementary - Sec
5 million unemployed -
Higher Vocational
The Day of Sectionalism is gone.
The Day of Racism is gone.
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We seek to build a better America.

(1) More Prosperous. Yet,
We are prosperous,
We cannot climb to an
(2) A better America - through

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An exciting time to be alive.

Space Age—but also the Age of Concern.


The theme: the great society. Quality—not Quantity!
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Majority Leader -

Miracle Worker

Mighty Atom

Little Giant

Oklahoma Democrats - Building

Trying, helping, working

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