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The Honorable Hubert Humphrey  
Vice-President of the United States

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VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, HUBERT HUMPHREY

Thank you. Thank you Congressman Craley and my good friend Milton Shapp without question, or without doubt, the next Governor of the great Keystone State of Pennsylvania.

I don't really mind that sort of backwash noise from that airplane because I have had such a very exciting and pleasant visit with this fine audience already that nothing can upset me the balance of the day. What a way to start a morning out, to have one of these lovely, young ladies - and I'm looking at you - reach over and give you a Good Morning kiss. I want to thank you; that's within the Democratic tradition, and it's just the pep pill that a Vice-President needs. And, it is sort of a thing, Governor, that you must become accustomed to; it is very refreshing.

I am so pleased that for these few moments that we have together that I can say a word in behalf of my friend, Milt Shapp.

You know friends, speaking at an airport rally is sort of like a prize fight. You get three minutes on stage, one minute to rest while they are getting the props slowed down. Hopefully, though, that we can last the next round here to do the job we want to do this morning.

I know that you have been having a meeting this morning of the "Farmers For Shapp" committee. Milt Shapp's group of rural workers and party workers are here today with us. This

is a time in the campaign in Pennsylvania when our Democratic candidate for Governor has been sitting down and working out a program with the farm leaders and the rural leaders of this great and magnificent State; that has a mixture of both heavy industry and fine modern agriculture.

I only want to say after having talked to Milt Shapp for some time about his program for cities, for education - particularly his program for education, and his program for rural Pennsylvania, that that program just as his slogan says: "Make Sense." It makes real sense for rural Pennsylvania. It's a kind of a program that Pennsylvania farmers can respect, the kind that they need because this man understands both the importance of the farm family to our economy and to the stability of this nation, as well as the importance of a highly diversified rural community. In other words industry and agriculture, side by side, do make a better life for the people of this fine State.

I talked to Congressman Craley this morning as we were coming here about his District, and I think it's the 19th, isn't that correct? The 19th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. And, he was discussing with me and describing to me the nature of his District. And, I said: "Well, Neiman, that is exactly the kind of a District in which I live back in Minnesota; a District in which there are small farms and a wide diversification of industry; in which there are many fine communities that are not as large as our largest cities, but large enough to have a truly cosmopolitan atmosphere." And, when I came here on the platform,

I looked at these fine chairs and I said: "Is this some of the furniture out of your furniture manufacturing plants in the District?" He claims everything - he said "yes." The only thing that he didn't claim was this truck bed that we are standing on. It looks a little hacked up, something like the Republican party - lots of slivers in it; you have to be careful.

But, I do know that this is an area in which many of the same activities that I am so familiar with take place. This is the area where you make some of the largest turbines, and some of the best in all of America. This is the area where the great caterpillar tractors are produced, paper industry, furniture, metals, carpets, tires. In other words, the diversification it provides an opportunity for people to earn a good living and to enjoy the fruits of that good living. An area of fine education, of good homes, of fine main streets, and as we say "shopping areas" and of the family-size farm where the family unit, itself, is able to earn a good living for themselves and to make a great contribution to their country. I have a special fondness for this kind of an area.

Now I asked Congressman Craley, I said: "Congressman, you have some mighty sturdy people up your way." He said: "They are not only sturdy, Mr. Vice-President, but they are independent." And I said: "I married one just like that." And, I said: "Isn't this the area of that so-called Pennsylvania Dutch group?" And, he said: "That's right." I said: "I married one of those too." It's the same girl I want you to know.



But in all honesty, we know very well that this is a very self-reliant people. The people here in this vast area of Pennsylvania are people that do not expect any hand-outs from their government; they do not ask for a welfare State. They ask for an opportunity; they ask for an opportunity to make their own way; they ask for a government in Washington not that dominates their life, but a government that cooperates with their people, and that is exactly the kind of government that President Lyndon Johnson and your Congress is trying to give you.

I want to emphasize that for just this brief moment with you. Sometimes I am of the opinion that we get so busy that we move so fast that we do not really sense the philosophy or the attitude of people in public office, or even in private life. The President of the United States is a man that sees the role of your Federal government as one of removing the impediments to progress; not one of guaranteeing everybody the good life, but rather a government that makes possible for you and your loved ones and your family to make a good life for yourselves. And, this is the kind of attitude that builds a strong country; this is the attitude that has made Pennsylvania one of the truly great States. And, I rejoice in the knowledge that we have today in our Federal establishments, in our Federal government, men who understand that the purpose of government is not to do things for the people, but rather to work with the people so they can do things for themselves; and this we are doing.

Of all the great things that we can do, none is more important than what Governor Milton Shapp has emphasized for this State - to open the gates of opportunity for every young man and woman to education; to build the educational resources of this magnificent State, and to help build them throughout the United States. And, I know that he is dedicated to that proposition and has advanced this as one of his main tenants, or main principals and platform planks. You give him a chance and you'll see this State take off with a mighty surge of forward movement.

You know when I think of what this State can be with a Democratic Administration. Henry Leader is here with us now and I remember Henry's brother so well that served with such distinction, George Leader, my good friend. Henry, we sure want you in that State Senate. We know this is going to mean a great deal to this area, and it is going to mean a great deal to the new Governor of this State, and there isn't any doubt in my mind that that new Governor is going to need your cooperation and will welcome it.

Now, I want you good friends here to go back to work and to get on with the job of getting this election won. I have had people say to me in this campaign, reporters that come to me, and they are good friends of ours, and they say: "Well, what is the attitude of the country?" "Is it one of indifference, is it one of apathy, what do the voters think?" And, I have been very frank with them. I said: "I think the campaign is just now

beginning to warm up." It's sort of everything in season, you know. The World Series is over. I was over there to cheer on the winners and console the losers. As I said I had experienced some of both and I thought I was the one man that could go to both dressing rooms. I didn't share the intimate talk with them. However, I said: "If you have a choice between winning or losing - win." And, you have that choice. You have that choice right here and you can win - not can, you shall win, you must win. We have made tremendous progress in this country, and let's not let it be held back by State Administrations, or by people elected to Congress that are not in tune with the last half, the second half of the 20th Century.

You have a marvelous Congressman here; a man that has made a name for himself in this term in the 89th Congress, and he can come home to you with a record of performance and a record of accomplishment. I know of no Congress that has ever produced a program as fine and as meaningful to the American people as the 89th Congress of which Congressman Craley is a member.

Now, everything requires teamwork. Your government is not in Washington; that's only part of it. Your government is in Harrisburg. Your government is not only in Congress; it's also in your State Legislature, and that's why your legislative candidates are so important; that's why your Governor candidate is so important. And, let's make it a real team. A real team where you have a progressive government, a hard-working, prudent, progressive government in Washington, and where you have a hard-

working, progressive, imaginative, creative government here in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with Milton Shapp in the Governor's chair, and with Craley back representing the 19th District in Congress, and with Henry Leader back there in the State Senate, with Lyndon Johnson in the White House, and keep me on the job too for a little while, and with a Democratic Congress, and a Democratic President, you need a Democratic Governor and a Democratic Legislature.

Thank you very much.





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