

REMARKS

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Thank you, my good and dear friend, Governor

Karl Rolvaag. - *It Goes South with*

It is always reassuring, when I look out into the St. Paul Auditorium and see it filled with the men and women who make up the Minnesota DFL party, and the Minnesota labor movement.

I remember that magnificent evening here in 1948 when a man whom all the smart money had written off came and stood here in this auditorium ... and you literally tore the roof off this building for him.

That was the year the Democratic Party was supposed to be in trouble.

Every major newspaper had been writing the obituary notices for *Truman* the President *Political* and his party for months.

He said we shall win!

That was the year the HST told the farmers
the Republicans had ⁻²⁻ put a pitchfork in their backs

Some of them had already set the type for the
morning after election: DEWEY WINS THE PRESIDENCY.

And you remember: ~~Our~~ ^{Truman} President came here to
St. Paul, and made a fighting speech.

And Minnesota ^{gave} ~~went over the top~~ for Harry Truman ✓

And ~~for~~ ^{yes} Hubert Humphrey. ~~And for~~ John Blatnik and Gene

McCarthy and Roy Wier and Fred Marshall ^{a great victory}

That was the year we made the great political
breakthrough in the Midwest for the Democratic Party.
And that was the year the Minnesota DFL came to maturity.

The news of the political death of the Democratic
Party nationally and the Minnesota DFL was greatly
exaggerated.

I want you to look around you. I want you to take a
look at your neighbor on each side of you. Look at him.
Look at her.

Aren't you proud? Aren't you glad we have the kind of fighting spirit and idealism and toughness and compassion that have been the hallmarks of this DFL party?

I am. I am proud to be a part of this great Party ... to have been a worker in the ranks and to be a leader. I am proud to be associated with the men and women who are the candidates of this party. I am proud that we have been able for a generation to keep coming up with men and women who are not only willing to run, willing to make those tremendous sacrifices of time and energy and income to become candidates, but ^{who} / are able, who are courageous, who are gifted, who make distinguished public servants when they are elected.

^ Governor Rolvaag -- Karl -- I want to come back to you in a moment. I have some special words to say about this good man, this good, solid, responsible Governor of ours.

But I want to remind all of you again -- on this night so close to election 1966 -- of the gifted men and women who have been chosen to lead our party.

There is not a state in the union that can come up with the Congressional delegation you have sent to Washington.

(2) We don't have just one brilliant Senator from Minnesota -- we have two.

(4) We don't have just one outstanding member of the House of Representatives. We have four -- all of them top men -- all of them respected, influential, listened to in the halls of Congress.

~~I am going to ask them to stand.~~

Senate

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Now there is Senator Eugene McCarthy. He is not running this year, but I want to remind you of the kind of men you have sent to Congress.

Is there a finer, more intelligent, more respected man in the Senate?

There is not.

I am proud to have served with Senator McCarthy.
And you must be proud to have sent him to the Senate and
to have kept him there!

And there is Senator Walter Mondale. Already
he has made a ^{great} name for himself in the Senate. ~~What~~
a great start he has made! And as youthful as he looks,
he has had years of experience already -- toughened and
seasoned in both state and federal government -- already
respected in Washington as he is in Minnesota. ~~I am proud~~
of him. ~~Aren't you?~~

He HAS BRILLIANCE, INTEGRITY,
STRENGTH AND ENERGY -- AND HE HAS
BEEN A TOWER OF STRENGTH IN THE
89TH CONGRESS.

*I am proud of you -- 40 U.
aren't you?*

✓ We are going to re-elect Fritz Mondale with the overwhelming vote of confidence that he deserves.

✓ And the Minnesota ~~delegation~~ [#] to the House of Representatives -- what a team!

House

~~Tough~~ ^H hard-working, able -- every one of them. And every one a man of intelligence, ~~and~~ ^{able}, articulate, experienced.

✓ Congressman John Blatnik of the Eighth District --

Blatnik

one of the real leaders of the House of Representatives . . . the dean of our delegation . . . ~~my~~ ^{my} old and dear and respected friend. ~~Mr. Clean Water~~

✓ Congressman Joe Karth of St. Paul and the Fourth District -- solid, able, steady -- a rock of integrity . . .

Karth

a powerful voice and leader in the whole field of space science and aeronautics.

Fraser

↳ Congressman Don Fraser of Minneapolis and the Fifth District -- another man respected by all who know him -- a gifted and compassionate voice in the Congress.

Olson

↳ And there is Alec Olson of the Sixth District -- fearless, outspoken, hard-working. ~~As every member of~~

~~the Minnesota DFL delegation, Alec Olson works hard and long for the people he represents.~~

~~He knows his people, he respects them, and they know him and respect him.~~

↳ And Alec Olson is going to be sent back to Washington to represent the Sixth District of Minnesota as sure as we are here in this auditorium.

↳ What a record of achievement these DFL Senators and Congressmen from Minnesota have shared in. What an Eighty-Ninth Congress this has been.

89th

↳ Let's look at the record. ~~We literally don't have time to discuss, point by point, all the landmark legislation~~

← Record
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opportunity!

that was passed by this Democratic Congress of benefit to every Minnesota family. But let us review just a few of the major achievements tonight.

↳ Medicare, for one. For nineteen million Americans the great and lonely fear of bankruptcy because of illness in their later years was overcome this year.

And who from Minnesota voted for it? McCarthy, Mondale. Blatnik. Karth. Fraser. Olson. ~~A Olson~~ ~~swap.~~ Every DFL member of Congress!

And who voted against it -- all four Republican Congressmen. And don't you let them forget it.

and ↳ Nine out of ten Republicans in the House voted to kill the Medicare bill -- including the four Minnesota Republicans.

Just run down the list of genuinely creative legislation that our Minnesota DFL team in Congress worked

and fought to get passed -- and every one of them opposed
and voted against by the Republic members of Congress
from Minnesota:

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After twenty long years of struggle, we passed the
Elementary and Secondary Education Act -- to upgrade our
children's education. Sixty-eight percent of the
Republicans in the House voted to recommit and kill that
bill -- including all four Republicans from Minnesota.

Recommit

Minimum
Wage

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We raised the minimum wage -- and brought eight
million ~~poor women, widows and workers at the bottom of~~
~~the wage scale~~ under the protection of a minimum wage
\$1.40 in 1967 - \$1.60 in 1968
of sixty-four dollars a week.

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Two of the Minnesota Republicans voted against
final passage of the ~~House-Senate~~ conference report on
minimum wage. All four of them voted to delay the step
increases in the minimum wage law.

You just name a constructive, solid, progressive piece of legislation passed by the Democrats, and it was over the opposition of ^{Republican} ~~Republic~~ Congressmen like those from Minnesota.

and many Republicans ~~They~~ voted in lockstep and like rubber stamps for the Republican National Committee against the housing bill . . . *Harry*

- - - against the Demonstration Cities bill . . .

- - - against ^{Rent Supplements} ~~the Foreign Aid Bill~~ . . .

- - - against the National Teachers Corps.

Three out of the four voted against the Higher Education Act for student loans, scholarships and teacher fellowships . . . *Educ*

~~Two of them~~ voted against a Department of Transportation to try to help make some sense out of our tangle of transportation problems.

water + air

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Three of the four voted to weaken the legislation
for clean water and clean air.

They all voted against continuing the War on

our Union Security

Poverty

We Democrats tried to repeal section fourteen b
of the Taft-Hartley Act to help the working man.
Eighty-six percent of the Republicans in the House --
including Minnesota's full contingent -- voted against us
and the working man. And don't you forget it.

Minnesota's DFL delegation to Congress wrote a
proud page of history in these past two years of the
Johnson Administration. They were part of a truly
historic Congress.

And what did we get from our ^{Republican} ~~Republican~~ friends sent
to Congress from Minnesota? Minnesota Republicans
obstructionism

opposition, negative thinking, old hat nineteenth century
attitudes. Vote no. Delay. Recommit. !

Those were the watchwords.

And that's why you ought to get out there and work your hearts out to send four other good men and women to Congress. And we have four able, outstanding, creative candidates that you ought to have a good look

-- Mrs. Elva Walker of the Third District . . .

of suburban Minneapolis.

-- George Daley of the First District . . .

southeastern Minnesota.

-- Charlie Christensen of the Second District . . .

southwestern Minnesota.

-- Keith Davison from the northwest and the

Seventh District.

Now those are the kind of people that four districts of Minnesota deserve to have representing them in Congress --

Ex Hon. Bob Short
Atty. Gen. Wayne Olson
Sec. State Joe Donovan
State - Treas. Harlan Christianson
State Aud. - Bob Hansen

not obstructionists, not no-sayers, but strong, affirmative people of ability and affirmation.

And that's what we need in ~~the State~~ in our

Minnesota legislature -- a majority of liberals who can

give Minnesota positive, constructive, progressive

legislation. And we can do it. We have never fielded a

fine list of candidates for the Minnesota House and Senate.

I have met them. I have seen them. They are outstanding

people. And we can elect a majority to the Senate. We

can elect a majority to the House. Believe it. And work

for it.

Finally, we have a strong state ticket. Bob Short

for Lieutenant-Governor. Wayne Olson for Attorney

General. Joe Donovan, our long-respected Secretary of

State. Harlan Christianson for State Treasurer. And


Bob Hansen for State Auditor.

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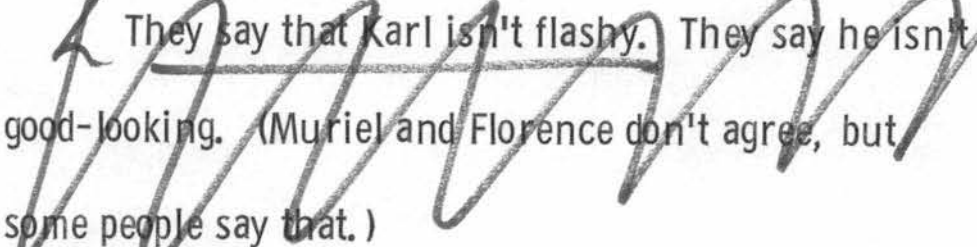
State
Ticket

Bob
Short
Wayne
Olson

They are all good men and true . . . men in the liberal tradition of our party . . . men who stand on the platform of our party . . . men who will serve Minnesota well when they are elected. They are solid support for the man who heads our state ticket.

 And I mean the Governor of Minnesota, Karl F. Rolvaag.

Now I want to say just a few words about my friend.

 They say that Karl isn't flashy. They say he isn't good-looking. (Muriel and Florence don't agree, but some people say that.)

Well, let me tell you something: Karl Rolvaag is a stonewall. He is a rock. He is a man of courage. He is brave. He will say what he means. He sticks by his friends and he sticks by his promises. And what he says he will do, he does!

↳ Karl Rolvaag may not be a comet, racing across the sky with a long shower of sparks trailing, but I will tell you this: Karl is as steady and ^{reliable} ~~steadfast~~ as the North Star. You know where he is, you know where he has been, and you know his record -- solid, solid as a rock.

↳ Not all the mud-slinging and personal vilification that can be piled up and thrown around Minnesota by irresponsible men are going to tarnish the reputation of this decent, honest man.

↳ Minnesota has never had so much to be thankful for. Men and women working -- and for good wages. Non-farm employment is up 15 per cent since 1962. ~~May~~ there are 21,000 new jobs in the electronics industry alone in the past three years -- and that's a \$100 million payroll increase for Minnesota.

(1956-61)

Reward

⌞ Farmers are getting better prices, workers are getting better pay checks, and business profits are up. Per capita income in Minnesota has improved 20 per cent since 1962. That's moving ahead! 1

⌞ Of course, there is much ~~more that can be done.~~ ~~Of course, we are still fighting poverty and illness and injustice.~~

But we have made great strides -- truly great strides. Karl Rolvaag has led Minnesota well.

Look what ~~he~~ ^{has} accomplished in education -- a 40 per cent increase in education support under his administration... six new junior colleges... thirteen new area vocational schools... the first new four-year college in nearly half a century ~~ready for students next year.~~

Governor Rolvaag has taken such leadership in the field of the mentally retarded that he was selected this week for the Presidential Citation by the National Association for Retarded Children. He has fought for better educational facilities in teaching, for better care and employment opportunities for these handicapped. Remember that!

Karl Rolvaag has been a builder. He has made wise and prompt use of federal assistance -- for water pollution control, for dormitory and classroom construction, for highway construction, ~~By the way,~~

Minnesota under Governor Rolvaag is second among the states of the Union in making prompt use of available Federal funds for highway construction. What nonsense to say that Minnesota lags in highway construction!

And under the Rolvaag Administration,
~~Governor Rolvaag has been a powerful force~~

There is
in ~~attracting~~ new investment and income to Minnesota.

Tourist income alone in Minnesota is up \$100 million

a year since 1962. And investment in new plant and

equipment since 1963 alone has been \$728 million --

almost three quarters of a billion dollars. That's building

for Minnesota! ~~And remember that Karl Rolvaag and~~

~~Walter Mondale and John Blatnik were the keys to the~~

~~great decision to bring the taconite industry to Minnesota --~~

~~and thousands of jobs to the Minnesota Iron Range.~~

~~I want you to remember that~~ Karl Rolvaag

delivers on what he promises.

He promised to do better for Minnesota. And he did.

prudent budget He promised to ~~change~~ the State of Minnesota budget *a*

And he did -- to the tune of a ~~total~~ *a* \$115 million

surplus next year. One hundred and fifteen million dollars

in the kitty -- and without a sales tax! *!!*

¹⁹
~~now that is real~~

~~Talk about~~ fiscal integrity and sound management.

↳ And I'll tell you something else: When Karl Rolvaag

says that he will veto a general sales tax, ~~a tax to~~

~~shift the burden from those who can afford to pay to~~

~~those who cannot afford to pay~~ you can believe him.

↳ have been listening to Karl Rolvaag spell out his

vision for the future growth of our State of Minnesota.

And remember: This is my state, as well as yours. Karl

Rolvaag is my governor, as well as yours.

↳ ~~I like what I hear. And I like what I see all~~

~~around me.~~

~~Who is not proud of Minnesota?~~

~~Who is not proud of the great record we have~~

~~made here in Minnesota?~~

~~I am~~
~~Anybody who is not proud of what Minnesota has~~

done these past four years ... ~~anybody who is not proud~~ *I am proud*

of the leadership that Karl Rolvaag and the DFL Party have given to Minnesota these past four years. ~~simply does not have eyes to see, and ears to hear, and a heart to feel.~~

↳ I want you to go out of here tonight and carry the message to every town and township in Minnesota -- into every neighborhood in every city of Minnesota.

We don't want to go backward. We want to continue forward.

We don't want to slip back into the nineteenth century. We want to stay in the jet age, in the space age, with twentieth century thinking and programs and leadership.

We don't want to go down the road of reaction with a man who supported Richard Milhous Nixon and Barry Goldwater.

Karl Ralvaag

✓ most Minnesotans
are opposed to a sales tax
but not Harold Swander

✓ Most Minnesotans opposed
Sen Goldwater in 1964
but not Harold Swander

x Most Minnesotans voted
for John Kennedy in 1960
but not Harold Swander

x Most Minnesotans are
for Medicare but
not Harold Swander

✓ Most Minnesotans
~~are for~~ are for Fair Play

Karl Rolvaag wants to take us on down that good
road we have started ^a of government with a heart, ^a
government ~~with compassion for the poor and the unfortunate~~

↳ Karl Rolvaag has fought all his life for the cause of
better education for our youngsters, for equal rights for
all our citizens, for care for our elderly and infirm.

↳ Karl Rolvaag believes in the vision of Franklin Delano
Roosevelt, and Harry Truman and Adlai Stevenson and
John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Baines Johnson -- a
liberal, compassionate vision.

↳ And Karl Rolvaag is going to be elected Governor
of the State of Minnesota on November 8.



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