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SENATOR HUMPHREY HAILS DAVID DUBINSKY ON HIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY AS
ILGWU PRESIDENT

The following is full text of a testimonial statement made by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) honoring David Dubinsky on the occasion of his 25th anniversary as President of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, June 13, 1957:

"For me David Dubinsky has always been the finest symbol of the heart, the spirit, and the intelligence of the labor movement. The 25 years he has spent as President of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union have permeated the economic, social, and political life in America with the spirit of humanitarian democracy. The results of his leadership have been felt beyond the confines of the garment industry. The strength of his personality and the intensity of his idealism have affected all aspects of our nation's life.

"In labor relations, his union has set the pattern for a harmonious industrial stability while attaining the highest standards of working conditions and wages for its members.

"The significance of David Dubinsky's political leadership can best be expressed by noting the great careers of Franklin Roosevelt and Herbert Lehman. The ILGWU has made a significant contribution to the political success of these two great Americans.

"The ethical life of America has been strengthened by the

high standards of morality which have been identified with David Dubinsky.

"The cultural life of America has been enriched by the pioneering services of the ILGWU in bringing the fine arts and the members of the ILGWU together.

"The ILGWU was an early leader in workers' education and a staunch advocate of public education. Health, Education and Welfare find in David Dubinsky and the ILGWU, vigorous and effective support. Democracy here and abroad has had no finer friend, nor more loyal champion, than David Dubinsky. His energies and the resources of his union have been in a great measure, responsible for the preservation of free trade unionism all over the world.

"It is indeed an honor to be permitted to join the nation in paying tribute to David Dubinsky on his 25th anniversary as President of the ILGWU. I consider it a great privilege to be his friend."

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MESSAGE TO TESTIMONIAL TO DAVID DUBINSKY
Madison Square Garden, New York City - Thursday, June 13, 1957

I deeply regret that circumstances here in the Senate have developed which make it inadvisable for me to attend the 25th anniversary testimonial to my good friend and your great leader, David Dubinsky. We are opening debate on the Mutual Security Act - the foreign aid bill. There are a number of amendments being offered, which, if adopted, could seriously weaken our foreign aid program. As a member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and one who has worked many days in preparing this legislation, I have an obligation to be here when the final votes are taken. One never knows whether these votes will come today or tomorrow, but the votes will be close - in fact, so close that the absence of one member may decide the issue.

Therefore, my heart is heavy today. I am torn between my duty here in the Senate and affection and friendship for David Dubinsky and the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union. But I know that Dave Dubinsky would want me to do my duty, particularly when it comes to a program that is designed to strengthen free nations and to protect the security of America.

One of the joys of my ~~public~~ life has been the privilege of knowing David Dubinsky. His friendship is a precious gift. To have the support and assistance of the International Ladies Garment workers is wonderful in itself, because this is truly one of the great free trade unions of the world. But, when you put Dubinsky and the ILGWU together, you have a force for effective, liberal political and economic democracy that cannot be equaled.

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My congratulations to Dave Dubinsky on his 25th year as President of the ILGWU. He is one of America's truly great spokesmen for freedom and democracy. He has been, and continues to be, one of the most *distinguished, constructive and* powerful figures on the American political and economic scene. He is not only a vigorous anti-Communist, but he is equally vigorous in his pro-democracy.

Good luck to you, Dave. Americans owe you a debt of gratitude and those of us who have shared in your friendship and generosity are ever grateful.

Hubert H. Humphrey



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