Polls open 8 Am to 8

Questions assigned to start "Ask Humphrey and Reeves" TV program

Senator Humphrey, why should I vote foryou rather than for some other candidate?

(On basis of record as Mayor of Minneapolis and as Senator)

- You and Senator Morse have such similar records. Why should voters choose you instead of him? (Need someone who can lead diverse forces and work with people)
- (To Frank) Why are you running for National Committeeman? (Stress qualifications for office)
  - Do you think a Draft Stevenson movement in the District will help Governor Stevenson or hurt him at Los Angeles?

(Will hurt him by injecting him in primary against his wishes. Not supported here by his true friends, etc.)

- How do you feel about the attacks that have been made against Mr. Reeves - saying that his candidacy is nothing but "racism"? (A new low in politics - does him an injustice. He is eminently qualified. Believe in finding best man for job, regardless of race, creed or color.)
- 6. How do you think things will turn out Tuesday? (Hope we'll win -- will be close. Difficult race because of various special problems here -- small registration, freeze-out in local labor press, large sums of money of opposition, etc.
  - If you were President, would you encourage the U.S. to support the return of civil and political liberties in Turkey as we have recently done in South Korea? (Our nation stands for freedom and liberty, etc.)
- People say you can't win the nomination because you're too liberal. Do you think this is true? (No - Americans need liberal, creative leadership at this time.)



(To Frank) What would you do about getting colored people jobs in the District?

(Support FEPC for District, as recently advocated by Sen. Humphrey)

10. Are you in favor of the Wisconsin Avenue Corridor connection between Route 240 and downtown Washington?

(Don't feel this is the solution to the problem. Evidence of other cities shows radial freeways are not the answer and often make the problem worse. Wrong to destroy one of the better residential neighborhoods - Cleveland Park - would just add one more blighted area to the city. Should concentrate on building a rapid rail transit system, such as would be permitted by Bible Bill. Estimated 110 million dollars would be spent on this highway program -- money might better be used for building new schools, hospitals, sewage disposal plants, etc. or raising teachers' salaries. Not convinced this is the best and cheapest way to solve traffic problems.)

(To Frank) If we get home rule in the District, do you think taxes will go up?

(Not necessarily. Taxation without representation unfair, etc.)

Memorandum to Senator Humphrey re TV show Sunday, May 1

Tues

1. The telephone number for viewers to call to ask questions during the program is EMerson 2-9216.

Wherever possible, plug the reception later today -- from 4 to 7 PM

at the Hotel 2400, 2400 - 16th Street, N.W. All registered Democrats

are invited. Anyone who hasn't had a chance to ask a question on

the air is welcome to come, meet Mrs. Humphrey and the local can
didates, and ask questions in person.

- 3. If possible, avoid any mention of Al Wheeler's name.
- 4. There will probably be a question about your position regarding the proposed Wisconsin Avenue corridor linking Route 240 and downtown Washington. This is very big issue in Cleveland Park, Forest Hills, Chevy Chase, etc. where good residential neighborhoods would be destroyed. You might say you don't feel this is the solution to the problem because:
  - 1) Evidence of other cities shows radial freeways often make traffic problems worse.
  - 2) It is wrong to destroy one of the better residential neighborhoods Cleveland Park and would just add one more blighted area to the city.
  - 3) Should concentrate on building a rapid rail transit system, such as would be permitted by Bible Bill.
    - 4) Highway program would cost an estimated 110 million dollars.

      Money might better be used for building new schools, hospitals, sewage disposal plants, etc. or raising teachers salaries.
    - 5) Route would serve mainly Maryland commuters. District funds would be used for Maryland residents.

In general, not convinced this is the best and cheapest way to solve this particular traffic problem.

Hotal 2400

Speech Excerpts -- CIVIL RIGHTS The gap that must concern all Americans is the gap between our preachments and our performance on human dignity and equality. We hear great concern about missile gaps and defense gaps, "But it seems to me that the gap which threatens our democracy today is not merely the missile gap, but the gap between our performance and our pronouncements on human dignity -- the gap between the pronouncements of our Constitution, and our performance under it. Let us never forget that the difference between the Communist world and the free World is essentially one of human rights. The difference between the free world and the Communist world

is a difference in spiritual values, human values, the value of a human being.

It is what we call the dignity of the human being possessing the God-given right of his own personality, of his own mind, of his own spirit.

The moral and ethical justification for democracy is that God did create man in his own image, and bestowed upon him certain inalienable rights---including the right of liberty.

Equality of voting rights is therefore more

than a legal right. It is also a God-Given and

divine and natural right, which has been expounded

by great philosophers such as Thomas Aquinas and

John Lacke and has been written into our own

Declaration of Independence by Thomas Jefferson.

So, when we speak of civil rights, while is is a fact that these are constitutional rights, I have reminded my colleagues in the senate within the debate of the past week that these rights go far deeper -that they are rights which were here even before the Constitution was written. god quen They are, indeed, the inalienable rights that our Founding Fathers spoke of in the Declaration of Independence. There are millions of people in America

who are without franchise, who have been denied their right of representation, was and denied their consitutional privileges and protections.

The Senate may indulge itself in what is
called a filibuster, but the fact remains
that every citizen of this Nation is
entitled to the right to vote when he
reaches his maturity. We can argue about
the technicalities from now until doomsday,
but that still remains the fact.
We must keep faith withthe right of every
man to the protection of his constitutional
right to vote.

But we should do even more. As vital as it
is to assure voting rights, it is also important that we do not ignore other important
civil rights proposals -- and top priority on
such a list is legislation designed to implement
the Supreme Court's school desegregation
decision.

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Reviewing his own long battle for human rights legislation, and the measures he is currently sponsoring, Senator Humphrey said that the 1960 civil rights bill must contain what he described as "the brain, heart, and soul" of his own measure, S. 810, now pending:

First, a declartaion of support for the Supreme

Court in its integration decisions.

Second, the step-by--step help to States and local authorities in complying with all deliberate speed.

Third, the authority for the Attorney General

to seek court orders enjoining against

violation of an individual's civil rights.

This is minumum justice in the field of civil rights in this year of 1960, Senator Humphrey declared.

Program Z

For the watching two--thirds of the world's people who are colored, for the watching one-third of the world's people who are today uncommitted in the contest between communism and democracy, the single act of adopting and carrying out such a bill will revalidate our credentials as practitioners at home of the rights of the individual human being that we preach abroad.

EXCERPTS OF

by

SENATOR HUBERT H.

Before the

OUTHEAST HUMPHREY-FOR-PRESIDENT CLUB 5211 B Street, S.E., Washington, D. C.

April 24, 1960

This afternoon I am going to speak bluntly and not tell jokes. The subject I want to talk about isn't funny, and I am deadly serious about it. The subject is salaries -- the salaries of Federal employees.

Most of you know all about this subject. Those of you who work for the Government don't need to be told what is wrong with our Federal pay scales. You have spent years serving the Government, but you earn hardly enough to pay the rent and food bills. You work hard and well, but you still worry about how you are going to buy shoes for the kids or the tire you need for your car. You are conscientious on the job and reliable in your work, but you find it harder and harder every month to make ends meet.

The trouble is that most of the American people don't know what's going on. They listen to the soothing and confusing words of the Administration and think that the millions of Federal employees are doing just dandy.

What is the result? Each year the cost of living goes up, and it costs more and more to pay for the basic necessities of life. Each year the millions of dedicated Federal workers hope and pray for a reasonable salary increase, but their hopes are dashed.

Oh, the President gives lip-service to the idea of adequate pay for Federal workers. He pats them on the back and smiles gratefully for their hard work. But he doesn't do anything about establishing decent wages for them.

This year was the same. All of us hoped for a Federal salary increase. We waited anxiously for the President's budget message. And what did he say? He stated that he was recommending a study of existing pay schedules.

We have had enough studies. The Federal employee has been studied to death. He can not pay his rent or grocery bill with a joint committee study. He can not pay for clothes for his family with quotations from the President. He can not pay for doctor bills with a committee recommendation.

We need a pay raise <u>now</u>, not next year or five years from now when the "studies" are completed. We need immediate changes in salary scales which meet the rising cost of living. We need an Administration and a Government with a heart, with full understanding of the needs of its workers.

Let's face it. Lagging, inadequate salaries put most Federal employees in the position of second-class citizenship. Thousands of talented Government workers receive less than unskilled workers in private business and industry.

I intend to tell this story to all Americans everywhere. I intend to work hard during this session of Congress to help establish an immediate change and increase in Federal pay scales.

It's high time the President took some interest in the pay of the people working for him. If -- with your help -- I am in the White House next January, I am not going to talk about studies and reports and recommendations for pay increases. I am going to see that Government employees are first-class citizens with incomes sufficient to live decently and honorably.

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