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HUMPHREY PREDICTS DEMO INCREASE

TACOMA, WASH., SEPT. 1 -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) predicted tonight that the Democrats will increase their majorities in Congress in the November election.

The Senate Majority Whip based his prediction on "the popularity of President Kennedy and his programs, the record of Democrats in the 87th Congress and the quality of Democratic candidates throughout the country."

Humphrey spoke here at the annual meeting of several hundred is leaders of the Young Democratic Clubs of America.

He told the meeting:

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Humphrey said that the party "could, with hard work, pick up an additional five seats in both the Senate and the House."

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"We will win because we have a hard-working, dedicated, intelligent, effective and enlightened leader as a President," he said.

"We will win because President Kennedy is popular with the people---and so are his programs."

"I don't accept this notion," he added, "that the President is personally popular but that none of his popularity carries over to his programs.

"That's like saying a particular automobile model is popular, but no one likes its design, its engine, its wheels, its maneuverability and its speed."

Humphrey stressed that the record of the 87th Congress "is a solid record of substantial achievement" and that the Administration's foreign and domestic policies are "programs of strength and progress."

The Senator added that the President's program for hospital care for the elderly under Social Security "will be a big issue in district after district throughout the land."

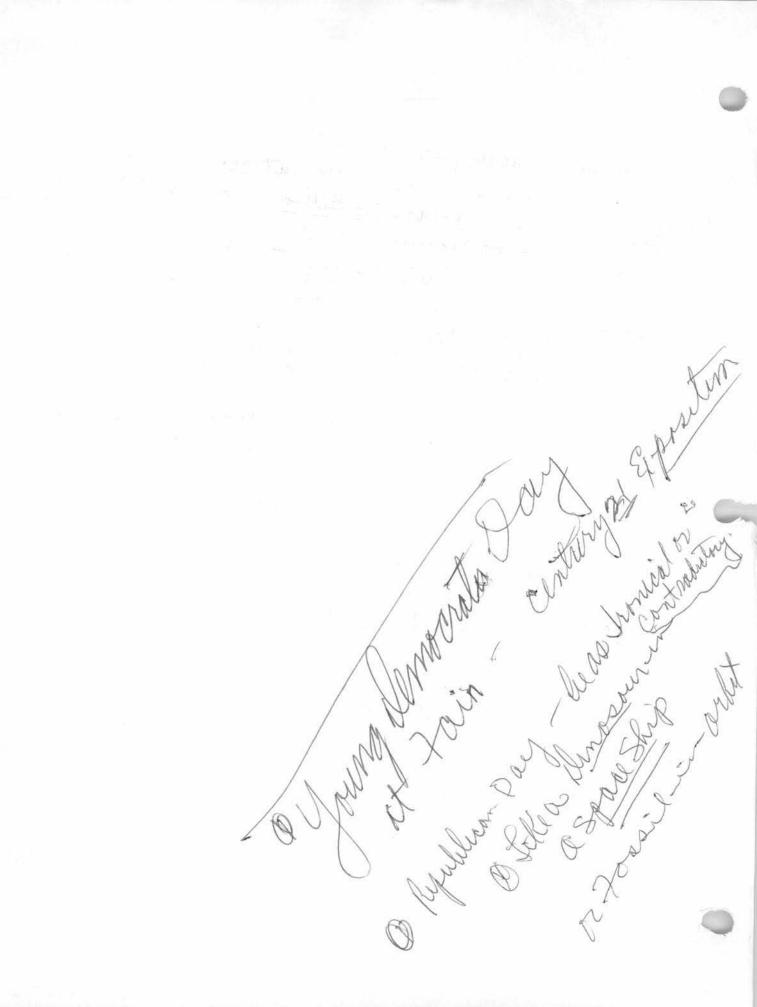
"It will help elect true supporters of the Administration," he concluded. "And with their help, the hospital care for the elderly program will be approved by the 88th Congress."

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- 2 -Hot Century Exposition really a "world's fair." the Officially. pamphlets say it is the TWENTY-FARST CENTURY EXPOSITION." The twenty-first century! Really, that's pushing it a bit. It makes me/feel obsolete --- as if I were someone out of the quaint and Romantic past. Most of you may think Humphrey is a liberal among liberals. But when it comes to time--- and the passing of the years-/-I'm just an old reactionary, I like the twentieth century. It's/my century. / I was born in it, and chances are I will end in it.

- 3 -So, frankly, I don't want to have anything to do with the twenty-first I'll Leave that to Barry Goldwater. century. He has not yet been able to get out of the 19th century. Apparently he just wants to skip this century. Maybe we ought to give him another chance.

The, instead of dwelling on the "Twentyfirst Century Exposition," I will do a little exposing of the twentieth century tonight. Maybe it will do us some good. We Democrats have a tendency to look ahead, to be thrilled by the future, to grasp opportunities, and---yes---to step eagerly into New Frontiers.

This is good !

But the present is important. This century, this year, this month are important. This week, this hour and this moment in this hall tonight are exciting and challenging. _ A Waat for Me

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Let us look hard at this moment in history. Let us ask: "What is the real truth---the ultimate importance---of this time in which we live?" The answer is simple. Our fathers got a hint of it, from men like Admiral

Byrd and Charles Lindberg and Louis Pasteur and Enrico Fermi. And we are given the answer, clearly and distinctly, from men like John Glenn and Yuri Gagarin and Jonas Salk.

The real truth of our age, the basic

discovery and intellectual breakthrough of

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our time is our full recognition that Infactive must do nothing is impossible.

Look at the past few weeks for evidence:

Manned flights in outer space, manned submarines meeting under the North Pole, man-made satellites beaming words and pictures and messages instantly from one continent to another.

"Nothing is impossible!" This is our

theme. This is the heading historians will use for the chapter on the Twentieth Century.

Most of us accept this theme and the truth of it. But there are, of course, a few fossils left who deny it.

I have met many of them, perhaps because I developed early an affection for the theme that "nothing is impossible."

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They told me that it was "impossible" for Hunphrey- An thschoo Mayor Middlest city who represented a minorit the 1948 Democratic Work We did, twe menton to lin + How America a great President - Hovery Was " Convention to adopt a strong civil rights plank. They were wrong. They told me that it was "impossible" for Humphrey --- a controversial, big-city Democrat in a rural State which had always sent Republicans to Washington---to win an election as United States Senator from Minnesota.

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with those who said "It's impossible." Oh, it was "impossible" for that old Model T to make it all the way from South Dakota to a college in Denver. It was "impossible" for a boy with no money to try for a full university education. It was "impossible" for a student with no bank account to get married.

Maybe I should have listened to them. Really. It would be pleasant to spend each day sitting in a rocking chair back in Huron, South Dakota, watching the cars and the world and the crises go by, and muttering about the dust bowl and Warren Harding. But I chose a course which I recognized as difficult and which the fossils labeled as "impossible." Apparently, that course was appropriate to this age and time. It worked. And it carried me to a position in which I can serve all of my nation and --- perhaps -- the whole of mankind. But, of course, you know that wild man Humphrey. When he first came to the Senate, he talked too much and he fought too hard against tradition and he had all sorts of wild, unworkable, impossible ideas.

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And the United States Disarmament

Agency.

And the Peace Corps. Yes, when Merst suggested these progress in the Congress, the line formed quickly to the right, and the chant was loud and strong: "It's impossible." By this time, I began to realize who "They" were. The fossils were now Almost all of them were identified. Republicans. Take the Food for Peace program. This "wild" idea suggested that the

United States send some of its massive supplies of surplus food to people overseas who were badly undernourished --- or even at the edge of starvation. Socalled This "unworkable" Food for Peace proposal included a provision for grants of American surplus food to the desperately hungry, but emphasized the sale of American food for local currency which would be loaned back to the country for vitally needed schools and hospitals and roads and economia

I remember clearly the first reaction of the reactionary Republicans: "Oh, it's impossible. It's too complicated. It's too expensive. It will upset the budget. It's a giveaway. It's just impossible." But We didn't listen. And today, Food for Peace is a reality. The arguments of the Republicans have been muted, but the results of the Food for Peace program speak eloquently. - and Doubledunder tennede 1. Nervitta They speak of \$17 billion dollars worth of agricultural surpluses sent overseas since 1954. They speak of more than 220 billion pounds of food shipped to hungry and undernourished people throughout the world. They speak of men and women and

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children whose lives were saved by American food, and of nations strengthened in the first, stumbling steps toward

freedom and security.

Consider the more recent program to

establish a United States Arms Control

exerted little effort through the years

to develop an honorable and reasonable, Accure, and

Montally disarmament policy.

This "impossible" legislative measure

Efection, top level called for the establishment of an agency 0 which would give our President and our administratives legretatives negotiators the staff, the framework and the technical knowledge necessary to pursue effectively the goal of a world free of the terrifying nuclear arms race. me memory of the reaction of the Republicans is clear: "Why talk about arms control in the midst of a Berlin crisis?" they said. "How can you discuss disarmament when we are building up our military arms? It's a sell-out to the Russians. It's appeasement. It's naive. Happeney's

Lectron will never pass." The legislation did pass, last year. And today, the United States Disarmament Agency is a reality---working closely with the President to develop sound policy and Wire our negotiators at Geneva the technical and political knowledge they need to seek those first, modest steps toward a world free of the terror of destructive nuclear power.

And finally, consider the Peace Corps.

This "impossible" Humphrey Bill was simple. It said: "Many young Americans with skills and strength and dedication want to serve their country and the cause of Peace and the pressing needs of people in underdeveloped lands." It suggested: "Let us send them overseas as well-trained volunteers in an organized program to teach, to strengthen, to help others build the conditions of freedom and peace."

You remember the reaction to that proposal as well as I do: "Wow, Humphrey's really blown a cork this time!" they said. "It's a lot of idealistic nonsense. It's a scheme to let the kids evade the draft.

It's head-in-the clouds foolishness.

Other countries will not accept the brats.

It will be diplomatic disaster. The bill

will never be approved by Congress."

You know the result. First as a Senate, then as a candidate, then as President, John F. Kennedy backed this proposal, Congress agreed and today the Peace Corps is reality.

Today, thousands of American men and women no longer have to ask: "What can I do for my country?" They <u>are</u> doing. And the people they are serving in dozens of countries and the cause of peace are the winners. AMMUAN full full.

They have built such a magnificent record that the nations in which they have served now ask for <u>more</u> Peace Corps units, and additional nations are seeking the services of the Peace Corps.

And what of those who said that the Peace Corps was "impossible?" All they have to show for their opposition and scepticism and warnings is one, indiscreet penny postcard.

Today, the fossils of the right persist.

The only change is a change of issues.

They move from defeat to defeat, succeeding

only in their uncanny ability to place

themselves on the wrong sides and the losing

sides of major issues.

Those who hold high the banner proclaiming

"It's Impossible" are not completely

ineffective. Make no mistake about that.

But they cannot halt it. The President's program of hospital and health care for the elderly under Social

Security is an example.

This program is needed. It is carefully

planned. It is prudently financed. It is

supported by the strong majority of

Americans of all ages.

But it suffered a setback in this session of Congress. It met with the usual protests: "It's unworkable. It's too cumbersome. It's too expensive."

The Anderson-King Bill was not approved by the 87th Congress. But I

not failure. It was not defeat. It was

I'm not just arguing semantics on this. I am speaking of political realities. The basic reality is that this is <u>good</u> legislation, and it is supported by the American people. The program of health and hospital care for the elderly under social security has been delayed. The reality of public support for this program will soon become more clearly evident to Congress. And I predict that this program <u>will</u> be established by the 88th Congress.

you will see.

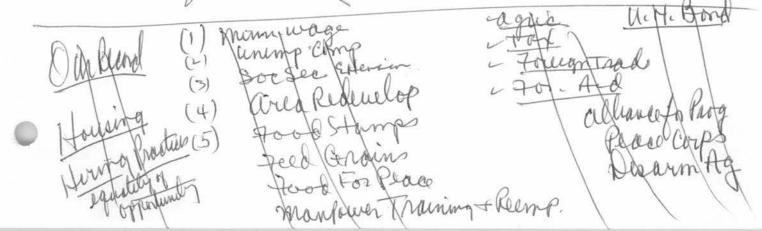
Most major pieces of legislation do not win approval by Congress the first time they are introduced. Most of the major and progressive legislative bills in our history have been introduced in <u>several</u> different Congressional sessions before they finally won full approval.

In the past year and a half, this Congress and the Kennedy Administration have built a good record, both domestically and internationally. We <u>have</u> moved ahead, despite the obstinancy of Republicans at home and the communists abroad.

But we must admit that there have been

hs chairman of the senate subcommittee

on Disarmament, I have been particularly



disturbed by the obstinancy of the Soviet Union in our effort to reach agreement banning nuclear weapons testing.

The United States has been reasonable and specific at the conference table in Geneva. We have submitted a workable and complete draft treaty calling for an end to all nuclear weapons testing, with adequate controls and safeguards. Last month we offered, also, to sign an agreement banning tests in the atmosphere, without demands for on-site inspections in the Matter

The Soviets rejected our offers. They

have offered no reasonable proposals in return.

These were setbacks. These were serious setbacks --- not just for Homphrey's hopes, not just for United States policies. arl These were setbacks for humanity. But they were not final defeats. The cries have risen in the Nation that "It is impossible" to secure a workable and safeguarded test ban treaty with the Soviet I hear and read often the statement Union. that disarmament is just a dream, and that we will never be able to find a way to halt

the terrifying nuclear arms race.

Never? I refuse to admit that. I refuse to give up the quest---no matter how frustrating, tedious and slow it may be---for a secure, honorable and lasting peace.

But, We have <u>no peace</u> when the Soviet Union and the United States are playing a game of <u>leap-frog</u> toward possible oblivian with alternating series of nuclear weapons tests.

We have no peace when there is a chance that nuclear war can be triggered by mistake or miscalculation.

We have no peace when the capacity to produce nuclear weapons comes closer and closer to the <u>hands</u> of <u>many nations</u>, large and small.

We have no peace when our own health and the welfare of humanity are endangered by radioactive fallout from weapons testing.

We have no peace <u>now</u>, with all these risks and dangers present.

But, I will not admit that those risks and dangers cannot be removed from a tense world. I will never say: "It is impossible." Because then I would be saying that <u>peace</u> is impossible.

Nor would I say that peace is just a possibility. It is the central goal of our party and our Nation.

We seek other noble goals which the political cynics may label "impossible," but which we call <u>imperative</u>.

We seek a Nation and a world in which all men share the joys and the responsibilities of freedom.

We seek a Nation and a world free of

hunger, disease, ignorance and social

injustice.

We seek a Nation and a world relieved of the burdens and the terrors of a nuclear arms race.

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cruelty, violence and conflict are yhknown. Dreams? Impossible? I think not. othe 21'st Century These are attainable goals, in this twentieth century I an not ready assume that we must have a war every 2 years, of that such-and such a percentage human chapacter is cruck or greedy, or that there must always be for the or five per cent unemployed in this country, or that 70 per cent--- or 60 or 50 or even one---per cent of the world's people must always be undernourished.

I <u>believe</u> in the capacity and the will of the American people to achieve excellence, to reach greatness, and yes to attain

I believe in this destiny, because in this twentieth century we have leadership for greatness.

We have in the White House a man who does not make a full-time job of reciting such phrases as "It's too complex" or "It's too expensive" or "Let someone else do it."

Above all, we have as President a man

"Nothing is impossible." _ fib a dow, a Mould,

In John F. Kennedy, my friends, we have a President for six more years of progress toward greatness.

And we have leadership which is honorable and dedicated and effective in all branches of our government.

And we have you, who are giving leadership where it ultimately counts--among the <u>people</u> in the towns and cities and small communities and petropolitation

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I have spoken enough about destiny and the goals of leadership in this twentieth century.

We have a more immediate task. And D-Day is November 6. or Phould I say E-DAy Election DAY I leave you tonight with one, practical

challenge.

This is another of those "It's impossible" type of challenges.

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We democrats don't admit that "It's impossible." Sometimes we may grow a bit concerned about the so-called "odds," but then we remember Harry Truman and 1948 and we laugh at the odds.

precedent.

We work. We organize. We marshal our best efforts. We speak and we travel and we write and we ring doorbells and we stuff envelopes and we pass out pamphlets on the street corners to get our message and the story of our second to the

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people.

Those efforts---your efforts---are our answer to the experts who say "It's impossible." I make a flat prediction right now. And I am not too worried about crawling out on a limb to do it. Because the limb is a part of the strong and healthy and growing Democratic tree, and you are its

roots.

The prediction is:

We will win in November.

This will not be just a "holding action"

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We will win because our candidates are the best candidates.

And---above all---we will win because all of us, from President Kennedy down to the local precinct worker---accept fully the challenge and the basic theme of the time in which we live: "Nothing is impossible." With a November victory, we will be a step closer to victory for the Democratic programs the people and the Nation want and need.

And with those programs, we will be

closer to attainment of our goals in this--the twentieth---century.

Nothing is impossible! That is the challenge of this time, this century.

You will respond.

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