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Remarks of Senator Hubert H. Humphrey
Twin Cities Campaign Kick-off Luncheon
Thursday noon, October 18

At this point, some three weeks before the election, I thought it would be useful to bring together the representatives of the Twin Cities radio, television and newspaper media for an informal meeting with the DFL ticket in the Twin Cities.

We are honored today to have the standard bearer of our party, Lt. Governor Karl Rolvaag, here to represent the state ticket, Congressman Joseph Karth of the 4th District, Don Fraser, seeking the Congressional seat in the 5th District, and Irving Keldsen, seeking to represent the 3rd District.

I would have been in Minnesota sooner to stand beside these men had the Congressional session permitted. I believe in them - I have confidence in them - I am proud of them. These are my friends, my ~~political~~ ^{political} intellectual colleagues, men with whom I have worked over the years. I have great respect for them - what they are and what they stand for.

Senator McCarthy and I have been asked to participate in a coordinated campaign. Our intention is to carry out such a coordinated campaign to ^{help} win the governorship and the other key state offices and to increase the DFL representation in the Congress.

The Twin Cities will be the decisive area of the campaign. We are stronger than ever in northeastern Minnesota. In rural Minnesota, farm families know what the Democratic party has done for them in passing the new farm bill. Minnesota farmers know how

vital it is they elect DFL Congressmen who support the Kennedy farm program. And they recognize in Karl Rolvaag a leader who will not only be a strong governor in St. Paul, but will also represent them and their special problems in the councils of Washington, a leader who understands and responds to the needs and hopes of Minnesota farm families.

We have a magnificent state ticket led by Lt. Governor Rolvaag. His running mate, State Senator Keith, has demonstrated throughout the state that he is not only a brilliant advocate of the DFL program, but also a strong and tireless campaigner, who speaks and acts from deep conviction. May I ask Senator Keith to please stand.

Attorney General Mondale is finding throughout the state the warm welcome and admiration which his splendid record has merited. His opponent could not have been better chosen by the DFL Convention itself - for from our point of view he is an ideal challenger - a carpetbagger from Pennsylvania, a kind of reverse, right-wing, Harold Stassen. ~~May I ask Mr. Mondale to stand.~~

Karl Rolvaag and the whole DFL state ticket have done a first-class job of bringing the issues before the people of the outlying districts of our state. Now the campaign concentrates on this great metropolitan area.

Here, where within ^{a circle of} 30 miles ^{of the} ~~of the center of the area~~ 40% of our Minnesota voters live ^{here}, will be the battleground. We are fortunate, indeed, that three of our strongest Congressional

candidates are concentrated here. Congressman Karth has in a few short years become one of the powerful leaders in the House - an extraordinary rise to influence and prestige. He is already loved and respected as few men have been who have represented St. Paul and its suburbs. He deserves a record-breaking vote of confidence from the 4th District. May I ask Congressman Karth to please stand.

Irving Keldsen has taken on the most difficult task - from a *(mayor)* statistical point of view - in the Minneapolis suburbs. And he is demonstrating that you cannot predict a political campaign on the basis of statistics. He is making an eloquent and determined and courageous challenge. May I ask Mr. Keldsen to please stand.

In the City of Minneapolis ~~my city~~, the city I have known so well for so many years - Don Fraser is on the move, *upward*. And his supporters are on the move. Don's fine record, his charm and intelligence, are winning the independent vote. His organization is superb. Minneapolis is a DFL city. It has a DFL Mayor. It has helped to elect two DFL United States Senators. It is inconceivable to me that Minneapolis will do anything less than send to Washington a DFL Congressman. Mr. Fraser, will you please stand.

Here in the Twin Cities our standard bearer, Karl Rolvaag, is a man of tested courage, intelligence and determination, a rugged campaigner. He is coming to grips with a Governor whose record of broken promises, of failures of accomplishment, is an open invitation for exposure. It is the task of this campaign to bring this record of sorry performance out from behind the *publicity* ~~stage~~ screen and the incense-

burning and the sleight-of-hand antics with which he has tried to obscure it.

the coming weeks
~~I think this~~ will be a most interesting, the most vital stage of the campaign - an exciting campaign. And I would like to ask Lt. Governor Rolvaag if he would outline to us what he feels will be the central objectives of his campaign as we face these ~~fast~~ *and* crucial weeks.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am honored to present to you my friend, my colleague, your next Governor, Lt. Governor Karl Rolvaag.

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