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# HUMPHREY HAILS RECORD OF KENNEDY-JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION

Senate Majority Whip Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) told a Michigan Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner Saturday night that the Democrats "are going into the presidential campaign this fall with one of the greatest records of accomplishment ever made by a political party in just four years."

Humphrey contrasted the Kennedy-Johnson record of action with the Republican record of gilt-edged glamour designed to camouflage indecision and drift.

Humphrey said "Michigan voters are facing the same situations the people in Pennsylvania and New York found when they replaced Democratic governors with Republicans - lots of glamour, but little performance."

He noted that in Pennsylvania "Gov. Scranton is busy telling reporters and photographers for all the national magazines that he's not a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination - he has many problems at home."

Humphrey said that in New York "Gov. Rockefeller has been forced to take time off from his labors in the political vineyards of California to go back home and try to rescue his legislative program from a hostile Republican legislature."

"And here in Michigan," Humphrey said, "Gov. Romney has had to cut short a vacation in Hawaii because of a little difficulty with apportionment."

"These Republican non-politicians are always puzzled by such things as apportionment and legislatures," Humphrey added.

Humphrey praised the record of the Kennedy-Johnson Administration and said much has been done since John F. Kennedy's famous words in 1961 - "let us begin."

Among the major accomplishments he cited were:

- \*"The \$11.5 billion tax reduction - "the largest tax cut in history and the most significant economic legislation since the Employment Act of 1946."

- \*"The most far-reaching Trade Expansion Act since the Reciprocal Trade program of Cordell Hull."

- \*The Peace Corps - "a stirring example of the humanitarian and idealistic character of the American people."

- \*The Alliance for Progress - the "most significant economic and social program in American foreign policy since the Marshall Plan."

- \*"The most comprehensive program of aid to higher education any free nation in the world has ever known. A huge expansion of aid to vocational and technical education and aid to medical schools, schools of pharmacy, schools of nursing and other professional schools."

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\*"The greatest advance in the field of mental health and the first major attack on mental retardation by any country in the history of the world."

\*Area redevelopment programs to help distressed areas, accelerated public works to help communities and urban redevelopment to help rebuild our cities and towns.

\*In the field of housing "more nursing homes have been built for our old people in the last  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years than in the preceding 200 and more housing for the elderly than was built in the previous 100."

Lastly, he pointed out, "President Kennedy gave this nation the military sinew and power so that now we can negotiate from strength - so that now we command the respect of the Soviet Union to the point where they are willing, at long last, to talk more reasonably about the problems of lasting peace."

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MARCH 17, 1964

MEMO TO SENATOR

From Bob Jensen

OUTLINE FOR DETROIT J-J DINNER SPEECH

I. Opening remarks - praising party officials.

State Chairman Zol Ferency

Jerry Cavanaugh - young, dynamic Mayor of Detroit

Ex-Gov. Soapy Williams - I understand he will be there.

Ex-Gov. John Swainson

Millie Jeffries - Democratic National Committeewoman

Neil Staebler - your next Governor

Sen. Pat McNamara - who will play a leading role in  
pushing through the legislation for President Johnson's  
War on Poverty.

Sen. Phil Hart - up for re-election. Understand there are very few Republicans who want to run against him. Ellie Peterson, vice chairwoman of the Republican National Committee is making all the proper sounds as to how she's available for higher office. In that case, Janie Hart could do all the campaigning for Phil. She'd fly rings around any Republican candidate.

Have little doubt that President Johnson will carry Michigan, that Phil Hart will be re-elected and that Neil Staebler will be elected Governor.

People in Michigan are running into the same situations the people in Pennsylvania and New York found when they replaced Democratic governors with Republicans.

Lots of glamour but little delivery.

In Pennsylvania Gov. Scranton is busy telling reporters and photographers for all the national magazines that he's not a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination. That he has enough problems at home.

In New York, Gov. Rockefeller has to take time off from his labors in the political vineyards of California to go back and rescue his legislative program from a Republican legislature.

And here in Michigan, Gov. Romeny has to cut short a vacation in Hawaii because of a little difficulty with apportionment. These non-politicians are always puzzled by such things as apportionment and legislatures. Somehow things always look easier when you're drawing up fine blueprints. But the politician knows that politics means people - and you just can't blueprint people.

## II. Democratic Record

Democrats going into the campaign this fall with one of the greatest records of accomplishment ever made by a political party in just four years. We've done much since that snowy day in January when John F. Kennedy said "let us begin."

### Accomplishments - -

#### Civil Rights

Greatest Tax Cut in history - \$11.5 billion.

Most far-reaching trade act since the Reciprocal Trade program of Cordell Hull.

Education - broadest, most comprehensive program of aid to higher education any free nation in the world has know.

Mental Health - greatest advance in the field of mental health and the first major attack on mental retardation by any country in the history of the world.

Foreign Policy - Kennedy gave this nation the strength and the sinew so we can now negotiate from strength - where we command the respect of the Soviet Union to a point where they are willing, at long last, to talk more reasonably about the problems of lasting peace.

R III. Close on Unity Theme.

In closing I make one plea to my fellow Democrats. Let's enact our programs and conduct our campaigns without tearing anyone apart. Let's not set one section of the country against another - one group against another. Let's not indulge in personalities. Let us conduct ourselves with good manners, good taste and firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right.

I think the standard of conduct that we must have is one that can be judged by whether we are doing what is worthy of John F. Kennedy, worthy of the memory of the man who graced this nation, who commanded the admiration and affection of millions throughout the world.

We are not going to get into the petty little peeves of politics, nor are we going to indulge in the personal backbiting that is the mark of the inferior man, as Sam Rayburn used to say.

We are going to work on principles. We are going to be working for a better America.

I say to my fellow Democrats, every one of you who still mourn the loss of John Kennedy that the best thing you can do is to be worthy of his faith, worthy of his memory.

The best way I know that you can be worthy of his memory is to see to it that the man he selected as his running mate in 1960 - President Johnson - is re-elected with a smashing majority.

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