

Remarks of Senator Hubert H. Humphrey
Airport Reception
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
October 15, 1964

Senator Humphrey: Thank you very much, Lynn. Thank you.

Voices: We want Humphrey.

Senator Humphrey: You have got me. Thank you. Thank you very much.

Ladies and gentlemen, may I just respond to this warm greeting from my friends here in Wisconsin and Milwaukee. It is wonderful to be introduced by a friend who today is a candidate for Congress in the First District, and I want to wish Lynn Stalbaum the very, very best, and I know he is going to have it and I know the people are going to work for him. (Applause)

With me here is the lovely wife of the Mayor of Milwaukee, Mrs. Maier. I am so glad to see you. Thank you for coming down. (Applause) I am delighted, too, that we have here our good friend, the Governor of the State, who is a good Governor, who is going to be a good Governor, who is going to stay on as Governor, John Reynolds. (Applause)

And it is always good to come to Wisconsin where there is a La Follette on the ticket, and I know he is going to be elected Attorney General of this State, too, and I want to wish him the best. (Applause)

I met my old friend Gaylord Nelson, your former Governor and a wonderful, fine Senator, and I also met the wife of a very good Senator, good friend of mine, Senator Proxmire, and I met Helen, and I am so glad that she was here, too. (Applause)

Let me just put it this way. It is good to come to Wisconsin, the land of Kennedy and Humphrey. (Applause)

And let me let you in on a secret. The late beloved President Kennedy would have wanted me to say this night that every vote that John Kennedy received here and every vote that Hubert Humphrey received here we want to go to Lyndon Johnson, our President. (Applause)

Well, at last I found out which of these microphones to speak into.

My campaign has been marked by a search for the right microphone.

But I can assure you that even if we don't find the right microphone every time, we have got the right candidate, the Democratic candidate.

You know, every once in a while I hear some sort of a bellowing sound, and it indicates to me that it is those people that are way, way back in the 19th Century, the Goldwaterites. (Applause)

Now, may I assure you that the State of Wisconsin is going to perform its public duty and its great opportunity. The State of Wisconsin is going to re-elect as its Governor John Reynolds-- (Applause) -- and it is going to re-elect for the U.S. Senate Bill Proxmire. (Applause)

It is going to send Democrats to the House of Representatives in Washington. (Applause)

And it is going to give Lyndon Johnson, our President, a smashing victory.

Thank you very much. (Applause) Good-bye now. Good-bye.

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We believe that the Democratic party has demonstrated under the Kennedy-Johnson administration its fidelity to the ideals of the past, its responsibility to the challenges of the present, and its commitment to the opportunities of the future.

The Goldwaterites--the rearguard of a defeated past--want to turn the clock back--they want to abandon the challenges of tomorrow for the fantasies of yesterday.

They want to establish a kind of selfish irresponsibility in both domestic and international relations which violates the fundamental principles of the American tradition--both conservative and liberal.

Let us make no mistake about it: the Republican party has fallen into the hands of reckless men, men who have inscribed clearly on the public record their willingness to gamble with the American heritage.

On no issue is this more clearly illustrated than in the all-important field of education.

From our earliest days, we have believed in the central importance of providing an education for our citizens, and we have believed that government at all levels has a role to play.

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In the midst of the Civil War, Congress enacted the Land Grant Act, laying the ground work for a public university in every state of the Union. Today, those 60 land grant colleges enroll most of the undergraduates in the nation. They grant the majority of all higher degrees.

Twenty years ago, Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed into law the G.I. Bill of Rights. More than ten million veterans of World War II benefited from that law and today we are clipping the coupons from our national investment. The increased earning power of those ten million veterans is bringing in an estimated billion dollars of added revenue to our Federal Treasury every year! And what opportunities were created for millions who could not otherwise have continued their education!

Those are the facts of the American past. But the Goldwater candidate for President wants to rewrite that history. He wants us to believe that all those magnificent contributions to American education are unconstitutional. Any man who believes that simply does not understand American history. He refuses to face the facts.

But what about the future? By the end of this decade, college enrollment will almost double. Lyndon Johnson faced that fact. And so did the 88th Congress. It enacted a law providing funds for more college classrooms, more laboratories, more libraries.

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Lyndon Johnson also knows that "in the future the trained American will be the indispensable American." The 88th Congress knew that, too. It voted the largest expansion of vocational education in years: the number of vocational students will double by 1968--the number of vocational teachers will be increased by half.

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Not only President Kennedy and President Johnson but President Eisenhower recognized the need for more college scholarships, for more scientists, mathematicians and technicians to cope with the age of space and technology. They built on the lessons of the G.I. Bill and they supported the National Defense Education Act. So did most of the Congress.

But the man who now holds the banner of the Republican Party was out of step. He voted against that Act in 1958, and he voted against it again last year. And when he did, the Senate disagreed with him twenty to one.

This temporary Republican standard-bearer is out of step because he does not understand today's world.

On November 3, the choice is clear. You can vote for a man who believes that "the only way we can hope to deal with the population explosion is with the knowledge explosion."

Or you can vote for a man who says, "The child has no right to an education...and in most cases, the children will get along very well without it."

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But our work is not finished. Nor will it ever be finished. Our country will continue to grow and its needs will grow, too.

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Senator Humphrey. Thank you. Thank you very much.

Governor Reynolds, I can't tell you how good it is, first of all, to be introduced by you, and, secondly, to hear a band of Wisconsin play the "Minnesota Rouser." That is marvelous. (Applause - Laughter)

I am simply delighted, my good friends of Wisconsin, to be here with you once again. I said at the airport when we came into this fine community of Milwaukee tonight that this was the land of John Kennedy and Hubert Humphrey, and I would like to add also of Governor Reynolds. (Applause)

I hope, my dear friend, Senator Proxmire, and my dear friend, Gaylord Nelson, won't hold it against me if we just claim this land -- (Applause) -- for a man that is no longer with us, a great President, and for one that was proud to be in this State arguing, fighting it out, and then joining that great President as one of his legislative lieutenants in the 1,000 days of John Kennedy's dramatic leadership of this nation. (Applause)

Permit me to take just a moment to express a personal greeting to the many people that are here, that are with us tonight on television, to the candidates of the Democratic Party in Wisconsin, and to greet each and every one. I wish I had the time to speak of each one. But I want to make it clear that one of the finest men that serves this State in the Nation's Capital is the gentleman that is the Senior Senator from this State. He is up for re-election, and I haven't a shadow of doubt but what the people of Wisconsin are going to reward him with their support because this man, William Proxmire, works, day in and day out for the people of Wisconsin. (Applause)

And I can't express to you adequately my gratitude for your sending to Washington in the Senate a partner, one that is a friend of mine and a friend of yours and your former distinguished Governor, Gaylord Nelson. (Applause)

And to your incumbent Congressmen, Congressman Reuss and Congressman Zablocki, Congressman Kastenmaier, may I say no finer group could you find anywhere in the United States Congress than these three distinguished men. (Applause)

And you are going to send us some more. You are going to send us some more. I have the whole list of them and to save time and just to remind you, let's get busy and see to it that in every single district of this state there is a Democrat sent to the Congress of the United States to represent the State of Wisconsin. (Applause)

And I come here tonight to pay tribute to a courageous Governor, to one that puts a premium upon service to the people of this State.

I know what Governor Reynolds has been doing. I know how he has worked for education for our young, how he has fought for care for the afflicted, and let me say to you, John Reynolds, that any Governor that will work to provide educational facilities for the youth and will work to provide loving care for those who are mentally retarded and for those who are sick, that man is a good and faithful servant and deserves the support of the people of the State. (Applause)

I thank my friend, Jerry Bartell, and the Reverend clergy, and all of you for your kindness to me.

Now I want to talk to you tonight about the serious aspects of this national election. I enjoy a good campaign, and I have been enjoying this one. We have traveled across America, north, south, east, and west, and I find a happy people. I find the American people strong and vital, optimistic, confident, and happy.

But I also find them concerned about the future, and that is to be expected in the kind of a world in which we live, a world in which there

are changes that take place so fast that it is almost impossible to keep up to them, changes today in the Kremlin, changes in every part of the world.

If ever there was a time that we needed a steady hand on the Ship of State, if ever there was a time that we needed experience on the job, if ever there was a time that you needed someone who knew the art and the science of government, that time is now, 1964. (Applause)

And I am happy to say that we have just exactly that kind of a man as the captain of our Ship of State, as our President, Lyndon Johnson. (Applause)

Now, there is one basic question in this election the American people must answer. Which candidate and which party understands the world of today and the role of the government in that world?

I think the American people have a clear choice, and I think they are going to make the right one. We believe that the Democratic Party has demonstrated under the Kennedy-Johnson Administration its fidelity to the ideals of the past, its responsibility to the challenges of the present, and its commitment to the opportunities of the future. (Applause)

The Goldwaterites, the rear guard of a defeated past, they want to turn the clock back. They want to abandon the challenges of tomorrow for the fantasies of yesterday. They love to live and talk in their never, never land of a Mythological America that never existed. They want to establish a kind of selfish irresponsibility in both domestic and international relations which violates the fundamental principles of the American tradition, both conservative and liberal.

So let us make no mistake about it. The Republican Party has fallen into the hands of reckless men, men who have inscribed clearly on the public record their willingness to gamble with the American heritage, and I have said from every platform in America that the temporary spokesman of the Republican Party has repudiated his own Party, fails to live by the great inspiration of Lincoln, the founder of that Party, fails to follow the traditions of that Party.

Mr. Goldwater is not a Republican. Mr. Goldwater is a radical. And he ought to be so-called. (Applause)

On no issue is this matter of recklessness and this willingness to gamble with the American heritage more clearly demonstrated than in the all-important field of education, and, Governor, I speak of education in Wisconsin because this State is known for its outstanding educational achievements, and your Administration, Governor Reynolds, is known for its great achievements in the field of education. (Applause)

From our earliest days we Americans have believed in the importance of providing education for our citizens, and we have believed that government at all levels has a vital role to play.

As early as 1785, and that should have been early enough for the Republican Standard Bearer, the Continental Congress provided for land in every township in the Northwest Territory to be set aside for public education, federal aid, if you please. From the very beginning of our present Constitution, Congress consistently ceded both for the public schools and the colleges the public lands. In the midst of the Civil War, fighting to preserve this Union, Abraham Lincoln and the Congress enacted the famous Land-Grant College Act, laying the groundwork for a public university in every state of the Union, one in Wisconsin, one in Minnesota, our great land-grant colleges, and today there are 68 land-grant colleges, and they enrolled most of the undergraduates in the nation and in many areas provide the doctor's degrees, the graduate study. They grant the majority of all higher education degrees.

20 years ago Franklin Roosevelt signed into law the G.I. Bill of Rights. More than 10 million veterans of World War II benefitted from that law, and today we are literally reaping the dividends from our great national investment.

I am of the opinion that much of the present prosperity is due in a large measure to the education that was obtained under the G.I. Bill of Rights by 10 million veterans. (Applause)

The increased earning power of those 10 million veterans has not only helped our economy but it is bringing an estimated billion dollars a year of added revenue to the federal treasury, and what opportunities were created for millions who could not have otherwise obtained an education.

Now, these are the facts of the American past, but the Goldwater candidate for President wants to rewrite history or forget it. He wants us to believe that all of those magnificent contributions to American education are unconstitutional, and any man who believes that, and he does, -- let me quote him. He said, "Federal intervention in education is unconstitutional. Federal aid, however desirable it may be, must be regarded as unconstitutional."

Any man that doesn't know any better than that is not qualified to serve as President of the United States. (Applause)

What is more, he simply does not understand American history.

Now, what about the future? By the end of this decade college enrollment will almost double. President Lyndon Johnson faced that fact. Governor Reynolds has faced that fact. And so did the 88th Congress.

It enacted a law providing funds for more college classrooms, more laboratories, more libraries, but the Goldwater candidate voted against the college aid bill, voted against the medical education bill, even though his Republican colleagues disagreed with him two to one.

President Johnson also knows that in the future the trained American will be the indispensable American. The 88th Congress knew it, too. Governor Reynolds knows this in Wisconsin. That 88th Congress voted the largest expansion of vocational education in years. It voted manpower retraining for workers that were displaced by automation or a change in industry.

The number of vocational students will double by 1968. The number of vocational teachers will be increased under that bill by 50 percent.

Once again the Goldwater candidate refused to face the facts. He voted against manpower training. He voted against the vocational education bill even though his Republican colleagues disagreed with him seven to one.

If this man is a Republican, then I have never met one.

He is just himself, and he stands alone like an iceberg. (Applause)

I said that because an iceberg is rather cold, two-thirds submerged, unknown (-- (laughter) -- and one-third visible. (Laughter -- applause)

And it is the invisible part that causes you the trouble. (Laughter -- Applause)

More than 61 million Americans have no public library facilities, and a library is the center of learning. You can't have an enlightened America without libraries. President Johnson knew this. So did the 88th Congress. It passed a law providing for aid and assistance to public libraries.

So the Goldwater candidate again refused to face the facts. I am beginning to think he is anti-book. (Laughter) (Applause)

There is some reason to believe he is anti-people. (Laughter)

Senator Goldwater and his radical followers, they fight against these programs of education. But they have kidnapped the Republican Party. Now he is their temporary spokesman. G.O.P. which stood for so many years for Grand Old Party has now a new definition. "Goldwater, our problem." (Applause -- Laughter)

Is it any wonder that General Eisenhower said recently, something is strange. Something is wrong. (Laughter)

But, my friends, it is not the Republican Party that is out of step with the 20th Century. It is their temporary leader. Not only President Kennedy and President Johnson but President Eisenhower recognized the need for more college scholarships, for more scientists, for more mathematicians to cope with the age of space and technology. They built on the lessons of the G.I. Bill and they supported the National Defense Education Act.

I was one of the sponsors of that Act. The Congress supported the Act. But the man who now holds in his faltering hands the banner of the Republican Party was again out of step. He voted against the National Defense Education Act in 1958 under a Republican President, and he voted against it last year once again. And when he did, he disagreed with the Senate 20 to 1.

So on November 3rd I say the choice is clear. You can vote for a man who believes that the only way we can ever hope to deal with the population explosion is with knowledge explosion. That is President Johnson. Or you can vote -- (Applause) -- or you can vote for a man who says -- and listen to this one: "The child has no right to an education and in most cases the children will get along very well without it."

That is the statement of the temporary spokesman of the Republican Party that says he wants to lead America. Lead it where? Back. Way back.

This kind of a statement indicates that a man is not qualified to be President of the United States. (Applause)

In the field of education the function of government is to create opportunities, to assist in the fullest development of the human resources. Every president that I have known of, surely in this century, has understood that fact.

The government must also play a role in opening the way for the fullest development of our natural resources, and just as the 88th Congress has earned the title of the education Congress, Senator Nelson, you a great conservationist, you would be pleased to know as you do know that this 88th Congress has been called in many places the conservation Congress. And here again -- (Applause) -- and here once again the choice between the candidates is just as clear in the field of conservation as in education. A wilderness bill passed to preserve the great primitive areas of America, a wilderness bill that doesn't cost the taxpayer one nickel. But needed for future generations. Needed to preserve the beauty of our great wilderness areas.

But the Congressman, or the Senator, from Arizona, he was out of step once again. His Republican colleagues disagreed with him three to one. The Senate as a whole disagreed with him six to one. The entire Congress disagreed with him 52 to one.

As usual, Senator Goldwater voted no. (Laughter) Most people voted yes. The Land and Water Conservation Bill supported so openly by your two senators and your congressional delegation is another achievement of the 88th Congress. As both population and leisure grow we must provide funds for recreational areas, provide for the great out-of-doors. What state should know more about this or be more interested than Wisconsin and Michigan and Minnesota or Illinois? We know the importance of recreational facilities. We know the importance of our lakes and our streams and our forests. But not Senator Goldwater! (Applause)

So, my fellow Americans, let me say in every area, in education, in conservation, yes, Governor, in mental health and mental retardation, the Democratic Party has stood for progress, has worked with the people. The Democratic Party and President Johnson know the importance of responsible leadership.

I ask you now -- (Applause) -- I ask you now as you decide this issue

of November 3rd whether the future of this country should be entrusted to a man who distrusts the very government that he wishes to head, or do you want to put it in charge of a man who believes in it, who understands it, and who knows how to work with it?

Do you want to entrust your future to a man whose hands are unsteady, whose temperament is one of impetuosity, or do you want to entrust the future of this country to a proven leader, to a President who understands the role of a President, who understands responsibility, who understands that government at all levels must work together for the American people? I think I know your answer. (Applause)

I believe, I sincerely believe, that what John F. Kennedy said in that great inaugural address is still our challenge. Listen to his words. "In the long history of the world only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility. I welcome it."

That is the credo of a responsible political party. That was the credo of John Kennedy. And I say to you it is the credo of Lyndon Johnson, the President of the United States. (Applause and Cheers)

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