

TEXT OF VICE-PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY'S
REMARKS TO CDC, SUNDAY, MARCH 21

HUMPHREY

Tom Carvey, I wanted to call up my friends assembled in Sacramento. I hear you've been having a great time. In fact I hear that my neighbor from Wisconsin, Gaylord Nelson, was out there and gave you a rip-snorting speech that laid you in the aisles. Is that right?

CARVEY

Gaylord Nelson did a great job.

HUMPHREY

It's good that he had a chance to be with you so that you could become acquainted with him, and he with you, because he is destined to be a leader in the United States Senate. Tom, first of all I want to say a word of greeting to an old friend who is with you, and who I think is one of the great political heroes of our country, Alan Cranston - a man of loyalty, and competence and character and ability. And I want you to know that your fine Governor has been here in Washington the last day or so. In fact, about an hour ago I had lunch with Pat Brown right here in the nation's capitol. I hope to be out in California in a few days as some of you may know,.....to address the..... University of California at Los Angeles. After what that university did to Michigan last night on the basketball court I'm not sure that a midwesterner even dares to come there.....Here in Washington we are having very busy days.... ..I would like so much to have been able to come to the convention. in Sacramento with my friends at CDC, if for no other reason than to once again personally thank each of you for the magnificent and generous support which you have always given me and the truly magnificent role which the CDC played in the victory last November for President Johnson and Hubert Humphrey in the state of California. I want to thank you on behalf of the President and again to thank you personally myself. I looked to you for help, and when I looked to you, I found you, and when I asked you for help, you came through. You're just wonderful. Now can I just mention a word to you about some of the things ahead of us. We have great programs here at the Congress and we are going to need your help.

We have a program of aid to education and it's a tremendous

program. The heart and core of the whole effort we are making here in Washington, for a better America and for a better opportunity for all of our people. We have a health program that covers every area of human existence from the child to the elderly citizen, from the large cities and universities to the rural communities. We need your help on that. This is what we mean - steps in building the great society. We have programs of conservation and I'm sure that Gaylord Nelson talked to you about that, for he is truly the conservationist of the 89th Congress. And we have programs of aid to our cities, a whole new endeavor, a tremendous, massive effort to work with people of our cities on housing and urban development, hopefully to establish a new Department of Government on Urban Affairs. But above all what we are going to seek to do and I know we will, is to see to it that every American regardless of race, color or creed, shall enjoy not only the words of equal opportunity, but shall enjoy those words in fact in his daily life - equal opportunity in employment, in public accommodations, equal opportunity in housing and equal opportunity for a chance to vote and be registered and to have something to say about the government under which the individual lives. That message of President Johnson a little over a week ago, was one of the great moments in American history and I believe that it was President Johnson's finest hour. The President represented that evening the conscience of America. He spoke out for the decent people of this nation, and he called upon everyone to redeem the promise and the pledge that was given better than a hundred years ago in the Emancipation Proclamation. And this Congress, in a very few weeks, will pass legislation that will unquestionably and totally and fully protect the right to vote. See to it that registration is carried out, see to it that people can go to the ballot box and cast their vote and to see to it that the votes are counted and counted honestly. And when that day comes, believe me, there'll be a different America because the only way that a citizen has a chance in this great free country of ours, is when he has something to say about the government that governs him. This is what we mean by representative government. I am sure that you agree with me that the most important item of legislation before the Congress now is the right to vote bill, the protection of that vote. So

you CDCers get busy, and make darn sure that not only California members vote for it, but you spread your influence a little bit, will you, and get into some of those other states too!

CARVEY

Thank you very much Mr. Vice-President.

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Notes for telephone call to CDC Convention

2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, 1965

It's wonderful to be able to participate even in this limited fashion in one of the great gatherings of the Democratic spirit in America -- the California Democratic Clubs convention in Sacramento. I can hear the enthusiasm and the excitement that always attend any gathering of the CDC.

I am so pleased that you have had a chance to hear my good and valued and trusted friend, Senator Gaylord Nelson. I hear that he laid'em in the aisles! It was good that he got a chance to get acquainted with you, and that you got a chance to know him.

Tom Carvey, I want to say a special "hello" to you, and to thank you for ~~your~~ the vast amounts of time and energy you have taken away from your family and your business affairs to devote to the cause of liberal democracy in California and the nation. Thank you, thank you.

I want to greet my good Friend, Alan Cranston, who is with you, I understand. Your great governor, Pat Brown, is here in Washington this weekend, and I am looking forward to visiting with him tomorrow. I am sure he would want me to pass on ~~in your~~ a personal word of greeting to you all.

These are busy days here in Washington -- our President, Lyndon Johnson, is keeping me mighty busy. And I'm not complaining. It is, indeed, a great honor and a privilege to be working with this great President. I know that all of my friends gathered there in Sacramento were as heartened and thrilled as I was at that tremendous address to the Congress the President delivered last week. Surely it was his finest hour, and surely the CDC can be even more proud of their faith and confidence which you so strongly expressed in the campaign of last year.

I want to personally thank each of you for the magnificent support you have always given to me, and for the truly splendid role the CDC played in the overwhelming victory of President Johnson in California last November. The President is grateful to you. I am grateful to you.

I only wish that I could be there with you. I always get such a great kick out of being with you, and of feeling myself among close friends -- as I have so often been able to do in the past. I look forward to an opportunity in the future to be with you in person again.

Thanks. Have a good convention. Keep your spirits up. Keep the cause of liberal democracy shining bright in California. The next election is right



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