

Carmell Gravelle

President

Vic Bussee

REMARKS OF VICE PRESIDENT

Gov McKeithen  
Gov McKeithen

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

AFL-CIO Baton Rouge

Mayor W.W. Dumas

APRIL 9, 1965

Rev - clerg.

Mayor Skero SKI - Row  
of New Orleans

Jim a Southern

S. DAK  
SEMPLE OK  
2. million

4 new S.W. City of  
Washington

your  
warm  
reception

My friends, I am delighted to return to

Louisiana.

(Gov McKeithen - Country Boy  
from Grayson Town - 485 - Daland  
606 -  
now 545

One of the great privileges of my life was

studying at Louisiana State University. One of

my friends then was your fine Senator, my own

successor as majority whip of the United States

Senate, Russell Long.

Rev  
Long.

Space - Agric -

Industry  
Commerce

Russell and I, you know, were on the debating

team at LSU together. In those days we were always

on the same side. Whenever Russell gets out of hand,

I just remind him that together we beat the British --

debating team, that is.

(Mississippi Banders - 2nd  
main - to New Orleans

line stand shoulder to shoulder with  
your Senator Russell Long on most of the  
great economic issues confronting our country

~~But I don't have to remind him that we still~~

↳ we have a common opponent -- the force of economic  
reaction, the forces which would fight the laboring  
man represented here by you delegates, the forces  
which turn a deaf ear to the needs of our rural  
people -- in Minnesota as well as Louisiana.

~~And I need not remind either you or Russell that~~ and

we intend to defeat those forces.

↳ This administration has a single goal for all  
Americans -- opportunity. It has a means of reaching  
that goal -- cooperation. So I appear before you  
today as an advocate of opportunity and of cooperation.

opportunity

↳ I am an optimist. I believe that these are  
exciting days and that the tomorrows of our lives will  
be even more exciting. Our nation is in the midst of  
its greatest peacetime record of economic growth.

Your Federal Govt - Cost expenditures  
in Research & Development -  
in Goods & Services -  
South a great opportunity  
if there is ~~for~~ social order,  
equality of treatment,  
and a healthy environment.

← And the labor movement in America is helping to create that growth ... new wealth ... new and better goods and services ... for more people than ever before. But we are creating far more than that.

← We are creating in this country the means of sustained national growth. <sup>and,</sup> Not just economic growth. <sup>+ richer</sup> But a fuller growth which can keep us free and secure in the future.

← We are improving and strengthening every major resource of this nation -- our educational system, our medical facilities, our housing, our recreation, and our most important resource, our people.

← We are doing this through an unprecedented peace-time effort of national cooperation.

← This is the cooperation which is developing between people who once opposed each other as a

matter of course -- cooperation between North  
and South, Negro and white, farmer and city dweller,  
business and labor.

Cooperation  
unity

There is another word for this developing  
cooperation. It is consensus.

Consensus is voluntary agreement based on  
constructive dialogue, mutual respect, and under-  
standing. - LBJ - "Come Let us Reason together"

In our American consensus today, we are joining  
together in the fight on old common enemies: poverty,  
disease, ignorance, discrimination.

The  
old  
enemies

It is exhilarating. It is, in the words of  
the President,

"the excitement of becoming, always becoming,

trying, probing, failing, resting and trying

again -- but always trying and always gaining."

United we stand. And united we gain.  
and We must gain. Our needs are multiplying.

In five years, 211 million people will live in our country -- half of them under the age of 25.

In 10 years, we will need -- each year --  
over two million new homes. We will need schools  
for 10 million additional children ... welfare and  
health facilities for 5 million more people over the  
age of 60.

*next 10 yrs*  
*1 1/2 million new jobs each yr.*  
*80 to 90 thousand per month*

We have no time to lose. We must challenge  
the tasks at hand.

We must make our cities more livable -- places  
where children can play, and men and women can work, in  
safety and health.

We must preserve our natural heritage before it  
is lost ... we must preserve our landscape and our  
forests. We must preserve clean air and water.

L We must find ways to help our rural citizens  
adjust to technological revolution and social change.

L We must solve the problems of our urban  
centers. - Slums, - open spaces - Transportation

L We must have no little dreams. We can make no  
little plans.

President Johnson has proposed -- and your  
Congress is passing -- legislation which will help  
create the freedom and opportunity we seek.

Programs to provide adequate medical care ...  
to better educate our children ... to eradicate  
poverty ... to give each man and woman in this country  
truly equal opportunity.

yes, These investments carry a price tag.

But the cost per man -- or per million -- of  
national problems like illiteracy, school dropouts,  
poverty, delinquency, and yes -- discrimination --

④ Disarmament alone - cost in lost income over 20 Billions

-7-

is far greater than the cost of our efforts to  
overcome these things.

↳ We spend 450 dollars a year per child in  
our public schools. But we spend 1800 dollars a  
year to keep a delinquent in a detention home ...  
2500 dollars a year for a family on relief ... and  
3500 dollars a year for an inmate in state prison.

↳ We must make the investments necessary so that  
all in our society may be productive. ↳ Poor and  
uneducated people are poor consumers, They are a  
drain on our economy. They are wasted resources.

School  
Dropouts  
unemployed

↳ But beyond the economic good, there is the  
morality of our efforts.

We in America have always drawn strength from  
our belief that democracy can give the greatest reward  
of all: the opportunity for each man and woman to



Wilson said - he put his faith  
in Democracy because -  
" it releases the energy of  
every human being "

make something better of himself, in his own way. We believe in the dignity and worth of every man -- not just our society as a whole, but each man in it.

L That is why we educate a child ... or give a *helping* hand to those without jobs or hope ... or do the things we must do to insure that each American, whatever his color or national origin, shall have his equal chance. -

L We must do here at home the responsible tasks of freemen if we as Americans are to live up to our beliefs. L I ask your support and your work for the programs which will make these things possible.

*Can't fight for freedom abroad  
+  
living it here at home.*

II  
L I also ask your support and work for something else: for the belief that the world need not destroy itself by war, and that we Americans can help others, too, in other places, find a better life.

L We hear many voices these days saying that America is over-extended in the world ... that other people's problems needn't be our problems ... that we ought to close up shop overseas and enjoy our fruits here in the Good Old U.S.A.

Too easy, my friends. And too dangerous. Who in the world will work for democracy if we do not?

L Who in the world can preserve the peace if we do not?

L Who in the world can set the example, can offer the needed hand, if we do not.

L We live in a time when everything is complex, when there are no more rapid or easy answers. We live in a time when we must exert our patience as never before. Have we the patience, for instance, to continue a disagreeable struggle thousands of miles

from home -- perhaps for months and years ahead --  
without any guarantee of final success?

I can tell you that the forces of totalitarianism  
have that patience.

We must stand abroad as we stand at home:  
for the pledges made by Americans who came before us.  
We must love freedom and justice enough to practice it  
... and defend it.

President Johnson has made his commitment to  
all of us. I join him in that commitment.

We ask your help.

- - - - -

# INFORMATION

FROM THE  
PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE  
-ON-  
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
Washington 25, D. C.

REMARKS OF VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
AFL-CIO, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA  
APRIL 9, 1965

My friends, I am delighted to return to Louisiana.

One of the great privileges of my life was studying at Louisiana State University. One of my friends then was your fine Senator, my own successor as majority whip of the United States Senate, Russell Long.

Russell and I, you know, were on the debating team at LSU together. In those days we were always on the same side. Whenever Russell gets out of hand, I just remind him that together we beat the British -- debating team, that is.

But I don't have to remind him that we still have a common opponent -- the force of economic reaction, the forces which would fight the laboring man represented here by you delegates, the forces which turn a deaf ear to the needs of our rural people -- in Minnesota as well as Louisiana.

And I need not remind either you or Russell that we intend to defeat those forces.

This Administration has a single goal for all Americans -- opportunity. It has a means of reaching that goal -- cooperation. So I appear before you today as an advocate of opportunity and of cooperation.

I am an optimist. I believe that these are exciting days and that the tomorrows of our lives will be even more exciting. Our nation is in the midst of its greatest peacetime record of economic growth.

And the labor movement in America is helping to create that growth -- new wealth and better goods and services ... for more people than ever before. But we are creating far more than that,

We are creating in this country the means of sustained national growth. Not just economic growth. But a fuller growth which can keep us free and secure in the future.

We are improving and strengthening every major resources of this nation -- our educational system, our medical facilities, our housing, our recreation, and our most important resource, our people.

We are doing this through an unprecedented peace-time effort of national cooperation.

This is the cooperation which is developing between others who once opposed each other as a matter of course -- cooperation between North and South, Negro and white, farmer and city dweller, business and labor.

There is another word for this developing cooperation. It is consensus.

Consensus is voluntary agreement based on constructive dialogue, mutual respect, and understanding.

In our America consensus today, we are joining together in the fight on old common enemies: poverty, disease, ignorance, discrimination.

It is exhilarating. It is, in the words of the President:

"the excitement of becoming, always becoming, trying, probing, failing, resting, and trying again -- but always trying and always gaining."

United we stand, And united we gain.

We must gain. Our needs are multiplying. In five years, 211 million people will live in our country -- half of them under the age of 25.

In 10 years, we will need -- each year -- over two million new homes. We will need schools for 10 million additional children ... welfare and health facilities for 5 million more people over the age of 60.

We have no time to lose. We must challenge the tasks at hand.

We must make our cities more livable -- places where children can play and men and women can work, in safety and health.

We must preserve our natural heritage before it is lost ... we must preserve our landscape and our forests. We must preserve clean air and water.

We must find ways to help our rural citizens adjust to technological revolution and social change.

We must solve the problems of our urban centers.

We must have no little dreams. We can make no little plans.

President Johnson has proposed -- and your Congress is passing -- legislation which will help create the freedom and security we seek.

Programs to provide adequate medical care ... to better educate our children .. to eradicate poverty .. to give each man and woman in this country truly equal opportunity.

These investments carry a price tag.

But the cost per man -- or per million -- of national problems like illiteracy, school dropouts, poverty, delinquency, and yes -- discrimination -- is far greater than the cost of our efforts to overcome these things.

We spend 450 dollars a year per child in our public schools. But we spend 1800 dollars a year to keep a delinquent in a detention home ... 2500 dollars a year for a family on relief ... and 3500 dollars a year for an inmate in state prison.

We must make the investments necessary so that all in our society may be productive. Poor and uneducated people are poor consumers. They are a drain on our economy. They are wasted resources.

But beyond the economic good, there is the morality of our efforts.

We in America have always drawn strength from our belief that democracy can give the greatest reward of all: the opportunity for each man and woman to make

something better of himself, in his own way. We believe in the dignity and worth of every man -- not just our society as a whole, but each man in it.

That is why we educate a child ... or give a hand to those without jobs or hope ... or do the things we must do to insure that each American, whatever his color or national origin, shall have his equal chance.

We must do here at home the responsible tasks of free men if we as Americans are to live up to our beliefs. I ask your support and your work for the programs which will make these things possible.

I also ask your support and work for something else: for the belief that the world need not destroy itself by war, and that we Americans can help others, too, in other places, find a better life.

We hear many voices these days saying that America is over-extended in the world ... that other people's problems needn't be our problems ... that we ought to close up shop overseas and enjoy our fruits here in the Good Old U.S.A.

Too easy, my friends. And too dangerous. Who in the world will work for democracy if we do not?

Who in the world can preserve the peace if we do not?

Who in the world can set the example, can offer the needed hand, if we do not?

We live in a time when everything is complex, when there are no more rapid or easy answers. We live in a time when we must exert our patience as never before. Have the patience, for instance, to continue a disagreeable struggle thousands of miles from home -- perhaps for months and years ahead -- without any guarantee of final success?

I can tell you that the forces of totalitarianism have that patience.



We must stand abroad as we stand at home: for the pledges made by Americans who came before us. We must love freedom and justice enough to practice it ... and defend it.

President Johnson has made his commitment to all of us. I join in that commitment.

We ask your help.

- - - - -



# Minnesota Historical Society

Copyright in this digital version belongs to the Minnesota Historical Society and its content may not be copied without the copyright holder's express written permission. Users may print, download, link to, or email content, however, for individual use.

To request permission for commercial or educational use, please contact the Minnesota Historical Society.



[www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org)