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REMARKS

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VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

CYO CONVENTION

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

NOVEMBER 13, 1965

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your excellency
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Your Excellency, Monsignor, Reverend Clergy, Sisters, Brothers

and my friends of the CYO:

I am deeply honored to receive this award,

"For God and Youth."

I'm favor both - I hope I may be
favor both - blessed by their favor

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with the youth of America. You are our builders of

the future. You will uphold our nation's best traditions

and practice good citizenship and civic responsibility.

not what!
so wrong!

✓ Greeting my colleague - Eugene McCarthy (X)

✓ I follow illustrious speakers

JFK & J. Edgar Hoover

Robert Kennedy - Harry Truman & Richard Nixon

Pope

↳ You are working, in the words of Pope Paul,
to "create a world that is more humane by promoting
the common good for all."

Young
country

↳ We are a young country. And we are getting
younger all the time. The average age of the signers
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includes Ben Franklin, who was 70 at the time. Thomas
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35. And by 1990, more than half of our population will
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J.F.K.

President

In House - & Senate

H.H. - 32 Major
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Johnson

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In America, more than in any other place in the world, a young person can rise as rapidly as his talents and energies allow him. Youth is no barrier.

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*Teenagers
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But, ↳ Young Americans today live in a world that has the capacity to destroy itself. And they know that the detonators are in the hands of the older generation.

↳ Yet they have responded not by turning selfishly inward, but by personal involvement in the world around them.

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You know that ↳ We no longer live safe in our continental refuge.

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↳ The world is filled with disorder, violent change, yes, revolution.

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↳ These restless, poor and yet proud people demand, by whatever means, something better. This two-thirds of the world is the target for those who promise quick and easy solution to old and complex problems.

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⌞ Others disagree.

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"Civilization is a race between
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- The building blocks are a just and free America - strong today + tomorrow - to sustain our efforts for years to come -
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