Visass Carenel REMARKS VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHE MOCRATIC DINNER NASHVILLE, TENNES SEE NOVEMBER 30, 1965 Hate Prisi an glad to be with you tonight in the great Democratic state of Tennessee. Tennessee is back in the Democratic column. where it is going to stay. And that's where it belongs. This is the Volunteer State -- the state that over the years has responded decisively to the nation s needs. And it has done so with its most precious resource its sons and Ed Shea (Mashville)



This is the state of Old Hickory -- Andrew Jackson the people s President, who brought to the White House a precious combination of rugged individualism, frontier faith, and a deep devotion to the people and their needs. I've heard it said that Texas was created by Tennesseans moving Westward. Sam Houston, of course, came from this state. And so did our late and beloved Speaker Sam Rayburn. Your state carries a very special affection in President Johnson's heart. Tennessee is the home state of my friend -- and the good friend of President Johnson -- Governor Buford

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Tennessee was also the home of my late colleague,

Estes Kefauver. I joined with him in fighting for TVA,

Social Security benefits, and more careful regulation of

medicines and drugs.

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Estes Kefaurer Memorial Foundation The Democrats of Tennessee have always worked for the people and their welfare.

That's what Governor Clement and his Administration are doing here in Nashville . . . and Senator Bass and Senator Gore are doing in Washington.

That's what your able and dedicated Congressman Dick Fulton is doing on Capitol Hill. Your state's outstanding Democratic team in Congress is getting the job done. Joe Evins and Bill Anderson, George Grider and Bob Everett and Tom Murray — these are the men who, in Andy Jackson's words, 'offer the blessings of support for the people."

Next year, we are going to add three more Democrats to that team.

Senator Herb Walters — the man behind all our non-partisan Democratic gatherings in Tennessee, including this one — assures me it can be done.

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We must move forward We can have a Democratic sweep next year Skull I think you have every reason to be hopeful abo future of your party and the future of your state. Tennessee is on the move, fully sharing in our country's 57th consecutive month of economic expansion. In one year -- from September 1964 to September 1965 -- industrial employment in Tennessee increased by five per cent -- or 53,000 people. Unemployment is at the lowest level since the Korean War -- 2.8 per cent. Here in Nashville. unemployment stands at 2.2 per cent -- an all-time low. Because of better business conditions, your state and local governments will collect an estimated 35 million dollars more in revenues this year than last, to reinvest in Tennessee¹s schools, hospitals, and other public facilities.

Tennessee's farms are sharing in these good times, too. Net income per farm was at a record high last year.

All told, Tennessee farmers earned 620 million dollars -- more than 100 million more than in 1960.

We are working today to keep Tennessee and all America prosperous tomorrow.

TVA, I am proud to say, remains unsold. You all remember the fellow who came around last year wanting to sell it. Well, he might have been able to raise the cash to do it it but he didn't get the votes.

We have invested some 1.7 billion dollars in TVA this year. These funds will be used to expand and improve TVA, so that it may continue to bring economic and social progress to the entire Southeast region.

And we are investing 254 million dollars this year in the scientific and atomic research facilities at Oak Ridge.

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We are also making a big investment in your most precious natural resource -- Tennessee's children.

This year your state will receive nearly 33 million dollars to help more than 200,000 children, between five and seventeen, in families with incomes under 2000 dollars.

Forty-five Tennessee colleges and universities are participating in the Student Loan Program. nearly 6,000 students received loans and can now continue their education.

Vocational education to teach young persons needed skills provided new opportunities for 11,000 students last I am proud to say that federal funds for this program are matched almost four times more by state and local funds in Tennessee. Manfawer Training-Lobs

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The 1965 amendments to the Social Security Act

-- which enlarged the program and launched Medicare -- will bring 52 million dollars this year in benefits to 45,000 eligible pensioners in this state.

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Neighborhood Youth Corps programs and project
Operation Head Start Development centers have helped
more than 30,000 people in the state. These and other
programs in the war against poverty are bringing new
progress to all areas of Tennessee.

We have learned much since the years of the Great

Depression about the relationship of the federal government
to its citizens. We have demonstrated that depressions
can be averted, poverty reduced, and the rate of economic
growth kept high.

Our prosperity is the longest -- and the strongest -- in American history. Unemployment is at its lowest level in eight years.

We are a young and dynamic and progressive people.

We look to the future, not the past.

This year, the 89th Congress has achieved the greatest legislative session in history. We have passed nearly one hundred pieces of legislation. And most of these new laws serve the basic purpose of providing long-term investments in our most important resource: the American people.

Under the leadership of Lyndon Johnson, we are embarked on one of the great adventures in our history — to create a Great Society.

We are building not a welfare state, but a state of opportunity for all Americans to share and enjoy.

We possess — for the first time in our history — the knowledge, determination and strength to extend the benefits of modern science and technology to all our

Our America can never accept hunger or poverty or illiteracy or disease as inevitable. We say it is inexcusable . . . intolerable that one -- yes, even one --

The heart of the Great Society is based on Jefferson's belief that "the care of human life and happiness is the first and only legitimate object of good government."

American can go unfed or unschooled or uncared for.

In the words of Franklin D. Roosevelt, we have learned that "heedless self-interest -- on a personal level, on a national level -- is both bad morals and bad economics."

Yes, we are making investments in our society to insure that all Americans may share and contribute to the fruits of progress — investments in education, in our farm communities, in health, in programs to create opportunity for people and places by-passed by opportunity.

We are building an America — strong and free — to carry burdens at home and in the world. Those burdens are heavy, but they must be carried.

For, if nothing else, this nuclear age has taught us that man cannot be separated from his fellow man. There is no place to hide.

What is the reality of our time?

It is this: For the first time in human history man possesses the power to totally destroy himself.

It is equally this: For the first time in human history, man possesses the wealth and knowledge to extend mankind's benefits to all mankind.

Ours is the responsibility to continue our nation on its path toward creation of a society of true justice and full opportunity.

Ours is the responsibility to, increasingly, extend to our fellow men the helping hand which will lift them, too, toward a life of choice and of abundance.

Ours is the responsibility, above all, to pursue the peace.

For, today and tomorrow, peace is synonomous The pursuit of peace is a task for generations. The pursuit of peace means aiding the victim against the aggressor, lest that aggressor feed his ambition and take a fatal second step. The pursuit of peace means practicing democracy as well as preaching it. We are determined that freedom's holy light shall never be the light that failed. And we are equally determined that we shall will to our children a better world than the one willed to us. We can create in America our state of opportunity. We can right old wrongs and build a tomorrow better than today.



It has been said that society is produced by our wants, and government by our hopes. We Democrats share the hopes of our people. us make those hopes a reality.

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