

REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

DEMOCRATIC FUND RAISING DINNER

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it.

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The work we do today was the work he began. The world we seek -- the world of Freedom + Peace -- in common with other free nations --

is the one that Franklin Roosevelt ~~looked toward~~ worked for -- died for.

~~than twenty five years ago:~~

FDR

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"The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way -- everywhere in the world.

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"The third is freedom from want -- which, translated into world terms means economic understandings which

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FDR - Prophet

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and

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vision
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Hope

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Better
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or worked in the right place or ^{skin} if your ~~face~~ happened to be the right shade. But today we are changing things. America can and will be the land of freedom and opportunity when each child entering life can look forward to an equal chance to make the most of himself . . . to climb to the limit of his abilities . . . to stand right up and claim his place in life without regard for superficial and ~~any irrelevant mark of the surface.~~

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∟ We made laws to turn American agriculture ~~into~~ into
a new and fruitful direction.

∟ These laws are nothing more than investments --
many of them deferred for far too long. They are
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America of ~~"first class citizens"~~ "first class citizens" that must be built if we are
to carry our burdens at home and in the world.

and ∟ Those burdens will not be small burdens. There
are, of course, the challenges we face at home.

∟ In four years, 211 million people will live here. Half
of them will be under age 25. Within ten years we will
need, each year, over 2 million new homes . . .

thousands of schools . . . transportation systems to
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we face in the world around us.

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odds are against us.

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Nuclear

Communist

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And I'm afraid,
~~I have news for you:~~

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alliances. *foreign involvement.*

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perseverance, if we build the strong *united* ~~cohesive~~ American
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↳ Will the four freedoms be achieved?

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