

V.P. Luigi ^{antiprinci} ~~Anthony~~
REMARKS

V.P. to President

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

INTERNATIONAL LADIES GARMENT WORKERS UNION DINNER

① Law - 15 minutes 9/4

NEW YORK CITY

② I come to Praise you
not bury you

JUNE 14, 1966

Luigi Stulberg
David DeLomb

③ Wash + her clothes!

④ LBS
and
U.N.
Antiprinci
Soldier
LBS

My very dear friends:
Brothers + Sisters

Thank you very much indeed for having invited me
to share this occasion with you. I think it is a very
special privilege to be here tonight, for this is a gathering
of one of America's great families. | America's Great Families!

We are assembled here on a most important family
matter. Tonight -- proudly, nostalgically, perhaps with
an occasional tear in fond remembrance -- the grand
leader of your ranks for more than three decades will
hand the high responsibility of leadership on to his worthy
successor.

⑤ Luigi Stulberg
on occasion
that P.D. doesn't
handle

25. V.P. and L.G.W.

The many years of David Dubinsky as President of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union will end.

The years of Louis Stulberg as President of this great Union will begin. ~~My friends~~, ^a what/grand ending and a happy beginning.

*member
the
family*

Twenty years ago, you invited me into your family.¹
I cherish the ILG membership card issued to me at that time. I cherish also the memory of the great Cleveland convention, which I was privileged to address. I remember the warmth of my reception. I remember President Dubinsky addressing me as Brother Mayor -- for I was no Vice President then, and neither was Louie Stulberg. I was Mayor of Minneapolis and Louie was the Director of ILG organization work.

1947-V.P. Stulberg!

L Louie Stulberg must remember that 1947 convention too, for it was the convention that elected him to the Vice Presidency of this great Union. L I remember ~~that~~ that convention was on the way! ~~most~~ for the words with which David Dubinsky officially inducted me into this wonderful family. L He has in recent years made it a pleasant habit to repeat what he said then -- that we ought to watch the Northwest, because out of it was coming a most promising liberal leader.

L But if David Dubinsky may exercise the privilege of repeating his words about me, I claim a similar privilege and I shall now repeat my first words to that 1947 ILG convention. I said then:

L "I just can't tell you what a thrill it is for a rather young man from out of the West to be able to attend this fine convention of true and sincere trade

unionists who have made a record second to none in
America for effective trade union action on the economic
and political front. I want to pay my respects to the
officers and the delegates and the members of International
Ladies Garment Workers Union. May I just for a few
moments also say a few words about Mr. Dubinsky, I
am not thinking of him just as a labor leader, I am
thinking of him as a great American citizen. Let me pay
my respects to him as one who has been in the forefront
of American liberalism -- honest, true, fair American
liberalism."

↳ Dave, those were my words almost twenty years ago,
and those are my words underlined and emphasized today.
For if there is any one force we continue to need today
in this nation of ours, it is the force of liberalism.

Liberalism -- as you well know -- must prove itself in deeds as well as words.

At the beginning of this century, many who then held industrial and political power were often callously indifferent to the suffering of the poor. You know the shocking conditions in which people lived and toiled -- the dismal slums, the poverty, the disease, the widespread use of child labor.

Liberalism - center is importance of individual

Liberalism - fashioning the pol, econ, & social institutions to better serve mankind

Liberalism - opposition to all forms of tyranny or exploitation - Pol, Econ, & Soc

Liberalism - its ideals of freedom, of social justice, of opportunity of equality - universal

Sout of, By, + for the people Emancipation, Liberation, Progress

↳ Your union fought, and fought, hard, for change
-- for recognition that the attack against the ghetto, the
slum, the sweatshop required the coordinated and collective
efforts of all forces in society, and for the principle that
government could be made responsive to the needs of the
people. } At a time when conditions of work were determined
by tests of endurance, in clashes on the picket line, your
union fought to establish the primacy of reason over coercion,
of understanding over conflict.

Educate Employers

∟ You helped educate many of your employers -- and helped make our free enterprise system humane as well as fabulously productive.

∟ You pressed the good fight not only on the shop floor and at the bargaining table, but in hard-hitting and effective political action. And you used your political muscle not only for legislation to benefit the workers, but on behalf of the community as a whole. } Pol Action

∟ You have helped to give American liberalism its enduring strength, its readiness to recognize and welcome change as an essential part of life, and to seize rather than evade the challenges and opportunities that change presents.

∟ Our liberalism, thank goodness, is not a dogma. It is, rather, an attitude toward life -- characterized by a warm heart, and open mind, and willing hands.

Without a warm heart, it would lack its constant sensitivity and responsiveness to the needs and hopes of people at home and abroad.

Without an open mind, it would lack its essential ability to recognize new problems and think out new solutions.

Without the willingness to act, it would lack its characteristic vigor in translating thoughts and feelings into meaningful deeds.

Regrettably, there have been some misguided people who have despised and rejected the ways of democracy, and have sought instant salvation in false totalitarian dogmas.

You faced this challenge in your own ranks, long before others did. Alone and often maligned, you defeated the Communist challenge, despite the great cost both to the organization and to the many brave and determined members who defended its democratic integrity.

↳ In all its decades, your union has been a gateway of hope through which newcomers to our country have found their way into the mainstream of America. You steadfastly refused to surrender the ideals that brought hundreds of thousands of your immigrant pioneers to these shores -- strong in their faith in freedom -- and you repulsed the forces of totalitarianism in your union even as today this nation seeks to forestall their further spread abroad.

↳ It is good to dream great dreams, as David Dubinsky has. It is even better to see them come true, as he has.

↳ David Dubinsky, great and true liberal that he is, is a dreamer of dreams. But he is a man of action as well as thought. He is a practical man who dared to dream. He is a dreamer who dared to be practical.

↳ This, then, is the magic in David Dubinsky --
that he could blend great idealism with a shrewd sense of
the possible. Because he never gave up the dream, he
continued to build on initial victories, even on small gains.

↳ And today ~~he and you and I~~ ^{we can} see those dreams
a reality: Decent working conditions in healthful shops
instead of prison-like workshops that invite disasters such
as the Triangle fire . . . insurance programs providing
health and retirement benefits . . . federal laws providing
basic social security for all . . . hands of friendship
crossing industry lines, racial and religious lines, national
boundaries. All this you have done. ^{+ Pins + Needles Too!}

↳ And ~~I think~~ it must be a great source of joy and
satisfaction to David Dubinsky that these closing years in
his leadership of your union have been vintage years for
the nation and for the causes for which he has fought.

unity
house

Vintage
years

L Yes, under President Johnson's leadership we have taken giant strides toward building a Great Society. We shall keep on with the task. I am sure that David Dubinsky will be in there fighting side by side with us, until he retires not from office but from life -- and may you live, David, to be one hundred and twenty.

But David Dubinsky has not been alone in his work and his dreams. He was the leader, the mover, the counsellor -- to shop stewards and to Presidents of the United States -- but he had good, strong, loyal lieutenants. And today one of them steps up to take David Dubinsky's place. Yesterday's dreams have been fulfilled. Today, Louie Stulberg stands for new dreams and their fulfillment.

So, my dear friends, I ask you now to look upon this man, David Dubinsky, all of whose years have been dedicated to realizing the dream that life could be made better for his fellowmen. I ask you to salute him.

Jan 1947 conv. v.P

c Emma Dubinsky
+ Bebe Stalburg

member of family
no wages } ILGWU
no money }
+ me too

Laurie's Program -

Vacation

ways

Retirement

Better

I'll warn Employers

ILGWU - Clean, Democratic, Action !!

△ And I ask you to turn to the trusted leader who has been chosen to take up those burdens.

Only one month after his designation as your new President, Louis Stulberg stated his credo:

"It is not the charter on the walls or the money in the bank that makes a union; it is what we have been able to accomplish in the shops by lifting standards, by increasing the human dignity of work, by expanding opportunities of good citizenship that gives meaning to our efforts and our sacrifices as a union. So long as unorganized workers are being exploited, we in the unions are our brothers' keepers and to the ending of that exploitation we must spend all of our efforts, our money and our dedication."

△ Our America is today a better America because of David Dubinsky. It will be ^a ~~an even~~ better America tomorrow because of Louis Stulberg. I salute you both. !!

#####

From favorite 1CG Song
called "Bread and Roses"

Our lives shall not be sweated
from birth till life closes;
Hearts starve as well as bodies --
give us bread, but give us roses.

*Another Transcript of Speech
is in Marc Jay Schwamm's
Report, found in this folder]*

VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AT INTERNATIONAL LADIES GARMENT WORKERS UNION
DINNER, TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1966

My very dear friends:

Thank you very much indeed for having invited me to share this evening with you. I think it is a very special privilege to be here tonight, for this is a gathering of one of America's great families -- great not by the yardsticks of commerce or of power but great by what you and your predecessors have done for our nation.

And you are gathered here on a most important family matter -- Tonight -- peacefully, nostalgically, proudly, with memory reaching back, with an occasional tear perhaps to mark remembrance -- the grand leader of your ranks for more than three decades will lay aside the heavy burden of leadership and a younger man from your ranks will take up the terrible lonely responsibility.

Now, here, this very evening, history will be made. The time of David Dubinsky as President of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union will end. The time of Louie Stulberg as President of this

great Union will begin. My friends, what an ending and what a beginning!

Twenty years ago, you invited me into your family. I cherish the ILG membership card issued to me at that time. I cherish also the memory of the great Cleveland convention, my first ILG convention, which I was privileged to address. I remember the warmth of your reception and President Dubinsky addressing me as Brother Mayor -- for I was no Vice President then, and neither was Louie Stulberg! I was Mayor of Minneapolis and Louie was only the Director of ILG organization work. Now, I am Vice President and he no longer is.

Louie Stulberg must remember that 1947 convention, for it was the convention that elected him to the Vice Presidency of this great union. I remember it most for the words with which David Dubinsky officially inducted me into this wonderful family. He has in recent years made it a most pleasing habit to repeat his warning of that day -- that we ought to watch the Northwest because out of it was coming a most promising liberal leader.

But if David Dubinsky may exercise the privilege of repeating his words about me, I claim a similar privilege and I shall now repeat my first words to that 1947 ILG convention. I said then:

"I just can't tell you what a thrill it is for a rather young man from out of the West to be able to attend this fine convention of true and sincere trade unionists who have made a record second to none in America for effective trade union action on the economic and political front. I want to pay my respects to the officers and the delegates and the members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. May I just for a few moments also say a few words about Mr. Dubinsky. -- I am not thinking of him just as a labor leader; I am thinking of him as a great American citizen. Let me pay my respects to him as one who has been in the forefront of American liberalism -- honest, true fair American liberalism."

Dave, those were my words almost twenty years ago, and those are my words underlined and emphasized today -- for if there is any one

force we continue to need today in this nation of ours, it is the force of liberalism -- honest, true, and sincere. My fellow Americans could do no better than to look to the record of this great union and this great leader for the meaning of true liberalism.

Your union has been an army of liberalism that has changed more than merely the face of the industry in which it functions. Your liberalism has become part of the very pattern of our way of life. At the beginning of this century, despite inhuman industrial conditions, Government stood aside, and all responsibility for social evils were held to be the problem of the individual. Your union fought for a basic change in that concept, for recognition that the ghetto, the slums, the sweatshop required the coordinated and collective efforts of all forces in society, for the nation that Government could be made responsive to the needs of the people. At a time when conditions of work were determined by tests of endurance, in clashes on the picket line, your union fought to establish the primacy of reason over force, of understanding over conflict.

At a time when human welfare and valiance were held to be secondary to the pursuit of maximum profits in private fortunes, your union proclaimed the humanitarian objectives of trade unionism and undertook political action in order to obtain legislation that would benefit both the worker and the community.

Long before others faced the challenge, your union found itself embattled with forces that proclaimed that the work of salvation lay in the abandonment of the ways of democracy. Alone and often maligned, it defeated the communist challenge at great costs to both the organization and to many brave and determined members who defended its democratic ways.

In all its decades, your union has been a gateway of hope to which newcomers to our way of life have found first entry into the mainstream of its privileges and responsibilities. You refuse to surrender the ideals that brought hundreds of thousands of your immigrant pioneers to these shores - strong in their faith for freedom - and you

repulsed the threat of dictatorship even as today this nation seeks to block the further spread of such dictatorship.

It does not come to many men to see their dreams fulfilled. But today David Dubinsky has much ground for satisfaction. Let no man say that the liberal is made only of such stuff as dreams are made of. David Dubinsky, that great true liberal, was a dreamer of dreams. Yes -- but he was a doer of deeds as well. He was a practical man who dared to dream. He was a dreamer who dared to be practical. This, then, is the magic in David Dubinsky -- one who could blend great idealism with a sense of the possible. Because he never gave up the dream, he continued to build on initial victories, on small gains.

And today he and you and I can see those dreams a reality. Decent working conditions in healthful shops replacing working prisons that breed Triangle fires . . . insurance programs providing health and retirement benefits . . . Federal laws providing basic social security for all . . . hands of friendship crossing industry lines, regional lines, national boundaries...

But David Dubinsky was not alone in the fulfillment of these dreams. He was the leader, the mover, the counsellor -- to shop stewards and to Presidents of the United States -- but he had good, strong, loyal lieutenants. And today one of them steps up to take David Dubinsky's place. Yesterday's dreams have seen fulfillment. Today, Louie Stulberg stands for new dreams and their fulfillment.

For the truth is that liberalism stands for unending dreams and fulfillment without end. The liberal's work is never finished.

So, my dear friends, I ask you now at this historic moment to look upon this man, David Dubinsky, whose life has been dedicated to the fulfillment of a dream that life could be made better for his fellow man. I ask you to look upon this man of vision whose life has been full of sacrifice and strife and whose efforts have changed this land of ours for the better. I ask you to salute him as he lays aside the leadership of this great union.

And I ask you now to turn to the brave leader who has been chosen to take up those burdens -- look upon him and see in his face the marks

of experience and the breadth of determination to live by the precepts of his great teacher, to meet the challenges of time and its problems with fortitude and resourcefulness.

Your gratitude and your love goes to the one who through so many difficulties has served you faithfully and to the utmost. But now your support, your loyalty, your every help and good wish must be directed to this man who becomes the living symbol of your traditions and your purpose as a union. Only one month after his designation as your new President, he stated his credo with simple eloquence. Louis Stulberg's credo is, and I quote "It is not the charter on the walls or the money in the bank that makes a union; it is what we have been able to accomplish in the shops by lifting standards, by increasing the human dignity of work, by expanding opportunities of good citizenship that gives meaning to our efforts and our sacrifices as a union. So long as unorganized workers are being exploited, we in the unions are our brothers' keepers and to the ending of that exploitation we must spend all of our efforts, our money and our dedication."

This nation today is a better nation because of David Dubinsky.

It will be even better tomorrow because of Louie Stulberg. I salute
you both.

oOo



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