

APRIL 7, 1967

STATEMENT BY VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY UPON ARRIVAL, PARIS

Mrs. Humphrey and I are delighted to be in France once again. It is a pleasure to undertake any mission which brings us to Paris in the spring.

Two years ago I represented my country during the Paris air show together with two of our astronauts, one of whom has since tragically given his life in the pursuit of man's knowledge.

Today my visit here coincides with observances marking the 50th anniversary of my country's entry into the First World War.

This year is also the 20th anniversary of the announcement of the Marshall Plan.

These two dates: 50 years ago, French-American military cooperation as wartime allies ... 20 years ago French-American economic cooperation as peacetime allies, should be remembered together. For they testify to the full commitment of the United States to Europe and to her well-being.

My nation's commitment to Europe remains full and undiluted today.

During the past two weeks, I have met and consulted with our European allies, discussing policies and problems which all of us share.

Today, I shall have the honor of meeting with President de Gaulle and of being his guest at luncheon at the Elysee Palace. Following this luncheon, I shall meet with the Councils of NATO and the OECD. And at the end of the day, I will be meeting with your Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.

Our two countries have been friends since the beginning of the American Republic -- and indeed even in the fight for our independence.

And we welcome this opportunity to reaffirm once more that friendship.

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APRIL 8, 1967

VICE PRESIDENT'S PARIS DEPARTURE STATEMENT

Following is the text of Vice President Humphrey's departure statement at Paris today:

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During my visit here I had the privilege of participating in ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of my country's entry into World War I -- when we came to the aid of this brave and embattled nation.

I met with President de Gaulle, and your Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.

I wish to thank the President and members of his Government for the frank and fruitful discussions in which I participated.

I also had the opportunity to meet with the Councils of NATO and the OECD -- two international organizations concerned with both the security and well-being of all peoples.

We leave Paris impressed with the strength and well-being of the French nation, and with a deep feeling that our common heritage and values will bind us together now and in the future.

I shall bring to President Johnson, and to the American people, a message of friendship and good will from the people of France.

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Arrival Statement -- Paris, France

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey

Friday, April 7, 1967

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Paris, France -- Saturday, April 8, 1967

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