

Saturday AM'S  
May 4, 1968OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

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REMARKS OF VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
SUMMIT COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATS DINNER  
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO  
MAY 3, 1968

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Young in spirit, yes. Young in hopes and ideals, yes.

But we shall be measured by our maturity, our judgment, our statesmanship -- by the way we put things together, not by the way we break things up.

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I ask your help.

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② I'm about to become a Republican !!  
**PROGRAM**

Master of Ceremonies

Pat Neman

Patrick J. Neman  
General Chairman,  
Jefferson-Jackson Committee

Invocation

Gerald Keller

Reverend Gerald J. Keller  
Assistant  
St. Matthew's Church

② Jack Lilligan -  
BANQUET

Kent Statell

Welcome

Bob Otterman

Bob Otterman  
President, Summit County  
Young Democrats

Introduction of Dignitaries

Clarice Harris

Clarice Harris  
General Co-Chairman  
Jefferson-Jackson Committee

Introduction of Democratic Office  
Holders, Candidates and Guests

Patrick J. Neman

Introduction of Jefferson-Jackson  
Dinner Committee

my 6 yrs in college Degree!  
Clarice Harris

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Bob Blakemore

Robert Blakemore  
Chairman, Summit County  
Democratic Party

Address

X Ron Logan  
State Y.D. Demo

Hubert H. Humphrey  
Vice President,  
United States

Operation Spark Plug

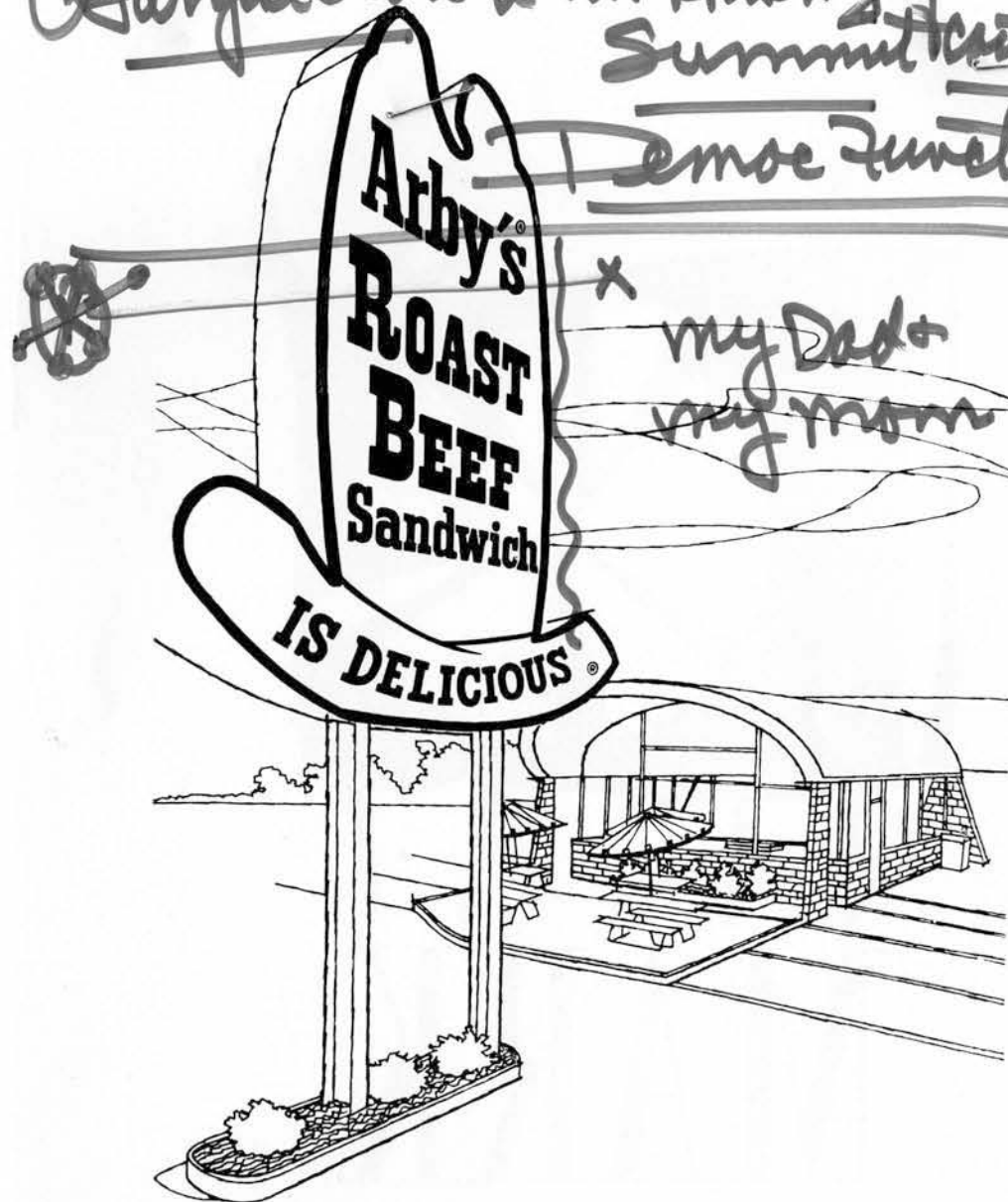
Arnelson Lanson  
- VIRAL MURDER

Robert Otterman  
" Y.D. -

Largest crowd in history  
Summit County

Emoc Junction

x my Dad +  
my mom



#### 5 CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

##### IN KENT

1620 E. Main Street  
Just East of K. S. U.

##### IN CUYAHOGA FALLS

1630 State Road  
Just North of Hi Level Br.

##### IN AKRON

1636 West Marker Street  
at Wallhaven

1000 East Waterloo Road  
at Akron Square Plaza

1231 East Tallmadge Avenue  
Just West of Brittain Road

Hours — Sunday thru Thursday 11 A.M. to 1 A.M.  
Friday & Saturday 11 A.M. to 2 A.M.

Mont Kneipp  
Bert Porter  
Francis Reams  
Delegates

✓ Pat Nieman (chr)  
✓ Mrs Claire Harris  
Father Keller  
~~Walter Mitchell~~

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+ ex-YD Pres.

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Samuel Ullman:

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We grow old only by deserting our ideals... You are  
as young as ~~as~~ your faith, as old as your doubt; as young  
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*It's time to speak up for America.*

*Violence*

*Moratorium on Violence*

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*Reason, Restraint  
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*One Nation —*

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ADDRESS  
OF THE  
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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May 3, 1968

10:00 o'clock, p. m.

Yankee Clipper Motel  
Boston Heights, Ohio

A D D R E S S

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Bob, I'm very grateful for, first of all, the privilege that I have had today of being with you a great deal of this day; secondly, for your introduction, and I want, very promptly and very quickly, to thank everybody that has been a participant in this program.

When I came in the hall, I heard somebody say in the back of the room, "If they don't get this show on the road pretty quick, I'm about to become a Republican." And that just scared the living daylights out of me, because I could see that was a good man, and I wouldn't want that fellow to fall from grace. It just seemed to me we ought to do something to save that poor soul before he slipped, and we've got the program under way. We may lose him, as I expect, but we have got the program under way.

To Pat Neiman and to Clarice Harris, we owe a special debt of gratitude tonight for their co-chairmanship of this dinner, and I want to express to them my thanks for the efforts that they have made to make this a very successful dinner.



1 I was told just a moment ago by Bob  
2 Otterman, and then I cleared it with Bob Blakemore,  
3 that this was the largest crowd in the history of  
4 Summit County, at least insofar as any Democratic  
5 dinner was concerned. That sounds mighty good to  
6 me.

7 And you ought to see the folks that are  
8 eating outside that haven't gotten in yet. As a  
9 matter of fact, I was coming down to my dinner,  
10 but I got down as far as the lobby and I just  
11 heard some folks saying there's just no hope of  
12 getting in there, and I said, "What's going on?"

13 They said, "Well, we don't know, but  
14 there must be some kind of show going on in there,  
15 but apparently they have lost the main act."

16 So I said, "If that's the case, there's  
17 no use of my going in there and paying a cover  
18 charge if they're not going to have the main act."

19 And they said, "Well, you're not going  
20 to miss much, anyway."

21 So, if you're disappointed at this  
22 moment and the rest of the night, just remember,  
23 the fellow who told me that outside has already  
24 gone to another dinner and is most likely much  
25 happier than you are at this moment.

1                   Father Keller, my fellow Americans,  
2           I first of all want to express to everybody that  
3           has been working with us today our thanks for one  
4           of the most eventful days in my political life.  
5           I'm very sorry that my very dear and good friend  
6           Mort Neipp could not remain with us. He came up to  
7           express his regrets in having to leave, but I am  
8           happy to see my old friend Burt Porter here has  
9           been of such great help to me, and such great help  
10          to this party. He is a real Democrat, Burt.

11                   And I understand that Ron Logan, your  
12          state president of the YD's, likewise had to leave.  
13          I must say that these two state chairmen sure got  
14          out on time, but both of them had good reasons to  
15          go.

16                   There are two national presidents of  
17          our Young Democrats here from the State of Ohio.  
18          I hope both of them are here tonight; one, Virgil  
19          Musser, I think surely is here; and the other one  
20          is Nelson Marcione. These are the kind of young  
21          men -- young leaders -- that should make you very  
22          proud in Ohio of your young democratic movement  
23          and young democratic organization.

24                   I have had the chance of working with  
25          them, and I know them intimately, and I think that



1 they have given to the Young Democrats and young  
2 Americans, some splendid leadership.

3 I was pleased to see my friend Jack  
4 Gilligan here tonight. Jack is one of the most  
5 attractive men that I have ever known, and one of  
6 the most intelligent and one of the best Democrats,  
7 and I just hope, Jack, that whatever may be the  
8 result of these unpredictable occasions called  
9 elections, that you will never get discouraged,  
10 and if victory should crown your efforts, that  
11 you will carry on with the kind of ~~brilliance~~ and  
12 the kind of fervor that is so characteristic of  
13 you.

14 I remember being with you in 1964; I  
15 remember being with you in 1966, and I'll tell  
16 you something: nothing would please me more than  
17 to have a chance for all of us to be working  
18 together in November of nineteen hundred and  
19 sixty-eight.

20 And I want you to know how I feel about  
21 nineteen hundred and sixty-eight. Of course, I  
22 can't safely predict what is going to happen to  
23 the Vice President, except that I am never going  
24 to be Vice President after 1968, that's for sure,  
25 but I can tell you this: I'm the kind of a

1 Democrat that thinks enough of his party to  
2 know that the party is bigger than the man, and  
3 I'm the kind of a Democrat that believes that  
4 this party has been basically good for this  
5 country. I'm the kind of an American that doesn't  
6 believe we have a monopoly on either virtue or  
7 wisdom, but I'm proud to be an active worker and  
8 participant in the Democratic party and all that  
9 it stands for, and I'm going to be supporting this  
10 party. Of course, I could do it a little easier  
11 if you would come along with me, but I'm going to  
12 be supporting the party no matter what. I just  
13 want you to know.

14 And now, let me just say a word about  
15 this wonderful young man, Frazier Reams. And,  
16 Frazier -- my, what a good-looking man. You must  
17 be awfully proud of him, Mother Frazier; he's a  
18 fine man. It's good to see you, too, my dear.

19 I was working here in the state with  
20 Frazier and his lovely wife and family in 1966,  
21 and I was proud of every minute that I spent in  
22 this state. And let me tell you that I am proud  
23 tonight to have as the chairman of my program,  
24 called United Democrats for Humphrey, the chairman  
25 in this state, none other than Frazier Reams, Jr.

1 He's one of the finest.

2 And, by the way, in case any of you  
3 don't have much to do from here on out, we gladly  
4 accept your active support.

5 I have been meeting with the delegates  
6 today, and, my, what a pleasant experience that  
7 is, and I am so happy; I have met today with our  
8 friends from labor in the Akron area and around  
9 this state. I have met this evening with our  
10 friends from the business community. I was,  
11 earlier today, meeting with the students over at  
12 Kent State University. I was in Elizabeth Park  
13 in the afternoon with some of our fellow Americans  
14 there who are striving to make a better life for  
15 themselves. I have been visiting with your people.  
16 I have been visiting with the finest people in the  
17 world, the American people, and what a joy it is to  
18 do it in Ohio.

19 Well, I have much on my mind, and I want  
20 to get right down to what I want to talk to you  
21 about. I want to talk to you about the message  
22 that I hope to bring to this country in the weeks  
23 and months ahead. I think all of you know that I  
24 had no intention of being a candidate for the office  
25 of the Presidency in this election. I am sure that



1           you know that I looked forward, if I had the  
2           opportunity once again, of being the candidate  
3           for re-election as Vice President of the United  
4           States, with my friend and my President, Lyndon  
5           Johnson, as the head of our ticket. That is what  
6           I had in mind.

7                   I'm sure you know, also, that when the  
8           President made his declaration of no longer either  
9           seeking nomination or willing to accept it, that  
10          it placed before me a very difficult decision,  
11          because I am the Vice President and I am very  
12          proud to hold that office. I am very, very proud  
13          of it, because it is the second-highest office  
14          within the gift of the American people.

15                   I feel a very sincere duty and responsi-  
16          bility -- a very serious responsibility, and a  
17          real duty to fulfill every duty and obligation of  
18          that office, and it is difficult for me to try to  
19          find the proper timing in my workday and work week,  
20          to do what you expect a person to do that seeks the  
21          nomination; namely, to get around and see folks,  
22          and at the same time take care of the many things  
23          which are now the responsibility of the Vice  
24          President.

25                   I shan't say more, particularly about my

1 own efforts, except to say this: that I was  
2 elected to be the Vice President, I was not  
3 elected to be the candidate, and therefore, I'm  
4 going to spend -- at least give priority, of my  
5 time and attention to the duties of my office,  
6 and I'm particularly going to do this because we  
7 are now engaged as a nation in two projects -- two  
8 efforts -- that are of paramount importance. So  
9 important, that the leader of our party and the  
10 leader of our nation has said that he wanted to  
11 place himself above the partisan battle -- he  
12 removed himself from the political conflict, and  
13 he did so because he felt that on the one hand,  
14 that we must make every conceivable effort to unite  
15 our own people -- to reconcile our differences --  
16 to make this a United States of America, and not  
17 just the states of America.

18 And, secondly -- and I suppose the most  
19 paramount of all -- to search relentlessly -- to  
20 search sacrificially, if necessary, but with honor  
21 and with dignity and with courage, to search for  
22 peace; to find that road to peace with its torturous  
23 turns and curves and distortions; to find it and to  
24 follow it so that we can bring this painful and  
25 costly and tragic war in South Vietnam and Southeast

1 Asia to an honorable conclusion.

2 Now, those are the high priorities of  
3 your President: national unity and an honorable  
4 peace.

5 He was willing, literally, to sacrifice  
6 his political life for it, and I hope you won't  
7 think me unkind if I say that there were some  
8 people who were very, very cruel to our President,  
9 and I think misrepresented many of the things that  
10 he was seeking to do, and this, in turn, obviously  
11 had its effect upon the Chief Executive of this  
12 land.

13 It is not easy to be President of these  
14 United States, and to be called every vicious name  
15 that the English language can provide, nor is it  
16 easy, after you have worked your heart out for  
17 equal rights for a full opportunity for every  
18 American, for a better life for the disadvantaged,  
19 to have people say that you didn't mean it; that  
20 it was all a hoax; that it didn't work, and that  
21 you weren't sincere.

22 But men in public office must grow to  
23 expect to be misunderstood. History is the judge  
24 of greatness; seldom are contemporaries. I happen  
25 to think that the man who is President of the



1 United States now will become, in days ahead,  
2 the same kind of President that Harry Truman has  
3 become to us, a brave President.

4 Yes, the truth is, that it does some-  
5 times take the mellowing of time to bring the  
6 maturity of judgment and wisdom. It sometimes  
7 takes the breezes of reason and objectivity to  
8 clean away the fog and the smoke of partisanship  
9 and ambition, and I think that as time goes on,  
10 that we will look back upon this period as one of  
11 the great periods of American life; a period in  
12 which our country stood firm and strong when the  
13 forces of violence -- when the forces of brutality  
14 -- when the forces of aggression thought they could  
15 move at ease, willy-nilly, wherever they wanted to,  
16 without any regard to the rights of men. And the  
17 American nation, once again, at great cost and  
18 great sacrifice stood up and said, "This shall not  
19 happen." We'll remember these days, mark my words,  
20 and they'll be great days.

21 And, then, I think we'll also remember  
22 this period of time for that era in American life  
23 when more Americans -- more of our fellow citizens  
24 -- were given a chance to become full citizens,  
25 participating citizens, first-class citizens in a

1 first-class country, than any time before in  
2 American history. I really believe that is what  
3 this period is all about; and the President has  
4 been the leader in this effort, is no longer the  
5 man that stands for office, he just stands for  
6 America. And I'm proud of him.

7 Now, last week I talked to you -- last  
8 weekend, I should say -- I made my announcement  
9 as to my future plans, and in that announcement I  
10 tried to tell you that I would try to conduct  
11 myself in such a way in these months ahead that  
12 no word of mine, no action of mine, no deed of  
13 mine, would in any way harrass or impair the  
14 efforts of this President to bring about a more  
15 united country and to bring about peace. I said  
16 these words, and I want to repeat them to you.  
17 I announced that we were gathered together on  
18 important business, and we are tonight on that  
19 important business, and here are my words, and I  
20 shall repeat them time after time: we are gathered  
21 together on business, freedom's business, America's  
22 business, the Democratic party's business, and in  
23 that order. That is what it means to be a citizen  
24 in this country, and I happen to be one that believes  
25 that we can undertake this business -- this freedom's

1 business, this America's business, and this  
2 Democratic party's business with great confi-  
3 dence.

4 I haven't any doubt but what the  
5 challenges are very great. I know those chal-  
6 lenges. I have been mighty close to them, but  
7 never before -- never before have so many -- so  
8 many of our fellow citizens been willing to  
9 participate, to help meet those challenges.  
10 Why, my friends, when I think of what is happening  
11 in the national alliance of businessmen alone --  
12 thousands of our corporate executives across this  
13 country that are today thinking about and acting  
14 upon those thoughts of how to open the doors of  
15 opportunity to the deprived, and to the needy,  
16 and to permit them to become citizens -- trained  
17 citizens, educated citizens, job-holding citizens  
18 -- this is indeed a social revolution in America,  
19 and a peaceful one, and that effort of the national  
20 alliance of businessmen is also the national  
21 alliance of labor, because in fifty of the great  
22 cities across this land there is a labor man and  
23 businessman working side by side to do what: to  
24 find jobs for the hard-core unemployed, not just  
25 to pass out relief checks, which has been what



1 government has done, but to find meaningful jobs  
2 so that people can be self-sustaining, productive,  
3 self-respecting, earning citizens.

4 Ladies and gentlemen, this has never  
5 happened before in the history of this country.  
6 I think this is a wonderful thing. It is a moral  
7 thing -- it is sound economics, it is good morals  
8 and it is good politics, and it is working.  
9 Government, business and labor, not as enemies,  
10 not calling each other names, but working side by  
11 side. And why? Because every challenge that we  
12 have today is too big for any one of us. No matter  
13 what that challenge is, it requires the best of  
14 all of us.

15 And, then, what is the duty of a leader  
16 of our country, whoever that leader may be? The  
17 duty and the privilege is to bring together these  
18 great resources of America, the great resources of  
19 our economy, of our government, the great resources  
20 of our churches, of our schools, of our people,  
21 and to match those resources with the challenge  
22 and the problem -- we are beginning to learn how  
23 to do it -- we are beginning. We haven't found all  
24 the answers.

25 The easy problems have been solved. The

1 skilled workers have been hired. The semi-  
2 skilled workers have a job, and yet there are  
3 jobs unfilled, and there are people unemployed.  
4 The problem is, the jobs don't fit the people, and  
5 the people don't fit the jobs, and our task is to  
6 see that jobs and people get together, and we are  
7 going to do it. We are going to get it done.

8 And I tell you, we are going to do some-  
9 thing else. It isn't good enough for a black man  
10 just to work for a white man. We should not have  
11 in this country of ours that kind of social status.  
12 We want people -- people to be entrepreneurs,  
13 proprietors, managers, supervisors, workers --  
14 regardless of their race, color or creed.

15 You can't have integrated housing in a  
16 bunker in Vietnam and not have open housing in the  
17 State of Ohio. You cannot deny a man who has been  
18 a Colonel in charge of a Division of the finest  
19 troops that ever went into battle, or a General  
20 or a Brigadier General -- a One-Star, Two-Star,  
21 Three-Star, whatever it may be -- who may be an  
22 American of color -- you cannot say to him that  
23 he is good enough to lead the finest men that this  
24 nation has in battle, but he is not good enough to  
25 run your factory or to run your department store

1 or to teach in your university.

2 Now, these are the simple lessons that  
3 we have learned. They are profound, and yet they  
4 are simple. And, so, you see, I think we have  
5 what it takes. I am the kind of a guy that is  
6 not going to sell America short, and I'm not going  
7 to down-grade this country, and I don't think that  
8 America will be found wanting in this election  
9 year.

10 We have good people that are seeking  
11 office -- good people, frankly, in both parties.  
12 I don't think that America will be found wanting  
13 in courage or in vision or in common sense -- and,  
14 by the way, that is not out of style, and a little  
15 good dose of it will help a lot.

16 I believe that the American people want,  
17 and I think they are going to demand, candidates  
18 -- all candidates, not just for President, but  
19 right down the line -- candidates who will talk  
20 reality, talk the facts of our life, and talk  
21 about what they have already accomplished and what  
22 still remains to be done.

23 There is nothing to be ashamed of in  
24 your heritage, providing that you don't just spend  
25 it. You need to add onto it. I think that the



1 American people are prepared to support the  
2 candidate and the party that offer real leader-  
3 ship and real answers to the real problems that  
4 confront our nation, and you don't have to look  
5 around to know what the problems are. They are  
6 every man's; and you don't have to look around,  
7 my dear friends, too long, to find out who the  
8 real leaders are, either. There is no real pie  
9 in the sky. You're lucky if you've got it on the  
10 table, and there are no instant answers. There  
11 is some instant coffee and instant tea, but that  
12 is about where it stops.

13 And I want to talk to you a little bit  
14 about it. Now, what are the realities? I use the  
15 word "reality," and, boy, I can just hear somebody  
16 say, "There is that Humphrey, he's using that  
17 word, and that covers over a lot of things."

18 What are realities? I'm going to tell  
19 you what I have told a dozen audiences, because  
20 there is nothing wrong in repeating what are some  
21 of the truths.

22 Reality Number One: It isn't a new one  
23 -- it's been with us a long time. John Kennedy put  
24 it this way: "Peace and freedom do not come cheap,  
25 and we are destined, all of us here today, to live

1 out most, if not all of our lives, in uncertainty,  
2 challenge and peril."

3 Now, that is exactly the way it is, my  
4 fellow Americans, and you know it. And to think  
5 otherwise is a dangerous illusion. It is one  
6 thing to deceive yourself; that is maybe forgiv-  
7 able. But you ought not to deceive other people;  
8 that is unforgivable.

9 And I think it is about time that we  
10 faced up to the message that that young President  
11 gave to us, the kind of a world we live in. But  
12 let us not be frightened, because the fact that  
13 the world is filled with challenge and peril and  
14 uncertainty doesn't mean that we are whipped or we  
15 should retreat. What it means is, we prove our  
16 greatness.

17 I heard a man say only yesterday that in  
18 the worst of times, we must do the best of things.  
19 Surely, these are difficult times, but we are  
20 called upon to do the best of things, and what is  
21 more, we have the means to do it.

22 Now, Reality Number Two: I have already  
23 touched on it, and the answer to these uncertainties,  
24 challenges and perils -- and you know them well --  
25 are neither easy nor cheap, nor instant, and they

are not to be found in criticism for its own sake, or in pitting people against people, or in dividing this society that desperately needs unity.

I know most of the political tricks; I have been at this game of public life a long time. The easiest thing to do is to indulge yourself in the emotional binge of demagoguery. Sometimes it gets you a laugh; sometimes it gets you a cheer; most of the time it gets everybody in trouble, and we are not going to do it. This is too important a business.

The answers to our problems are to be found in concrete deeds, and sometimes deeds, over the course of years, of people dedicated to the cause of building and of reconciliation -- I put it this way: we ought to know by now that we have reached the end of our age of innocence, and I think we have.

I found a little quotation that I'd like to read to an audience that is a mixed and -- audience like this -- of age and persuasion, and groups and religion and ancestry -- a quotation that somebody sent to me in a letter. There has been an awful lot of talk about young people these



1 days, and I think what I find in most young  
2 people is very good. I have found a lot of it  
3 over at Kent State University today -- wonderful  
4 young people -- but youth -- this is my quote for  
5 you: "Youth is not a time of life; it's a state  
6 of mind. We grow old only by deserting our ideals.  
7 You are as young as your faith and as old as your  
8 doubt; as young as your self-confidence and as  
9 old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old  
10 as your despair."

11 Now, that's the definition of youth.

12 So, Reality Number Three: America is  
13 a grown-up nation and we must act our age; young  
14 in spirit, like I have spoken to you -- we are  
15 young in hope and confidence and faith and ideals;  
16 young in all of that, but we will be measured by  
17 our maturity, our judgment, our statesmanship, by  
18 the way we put things together, not by the way we  
19 break things up and tear them apart.

20 Reality Number Four: Despite our  
21 problems -- and I don't under-estimate them because  
22 I hear about them every day, and I see a lot of  
23 them -- I have been in fifty states of this union  
24 as your Vice President -- that's all we have --  
25 and I have been in all the territories, the Canal

1           Zone, and Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin  
2           Islands -- I have been there, I have seen the  
3           people, I have been with the richest of the rich  
4           and the poorest of the poor; I have been in the  
5           penthouses of New York and I have been in the  
6           filthy, rotten slums of some of our great cities.  
7           I have seen the finest ranches and the finest,  
8           great farms, and I have seen the poorest hovel  
9           in rural America. I have eaten the best of the  
10          food and I have tasted the worst. I think I have  
11          seen this country, but I can tell you this:  
12          knowing these problems, I can also tell you that  
13          we have more chance here in America today and  
14          tomorrow to overcome these problems than any other  
15          nation at any other time in history, and we'll be  
16          judged by what we do with our resources.

17                 An Englishman once said, "Don't tell me  
18                 of the size of your nation, it's population or  
19                 even its geography; tell me not of its wealth,  
20                 but tell me, what will you do with these things?"

21                 That's what it's all about; what are we  
22                 going to do with what we have?

23                 You and I know that there has been more  
24                 food wasted here tonight than a comparable number  
25                 of people have ever had a chance to eat. There is

1 yet hunger in America, and yet we know what do  
2 do about it, and I'm not here to deplore just the  
3 hunger; I'm here to say, let's set our house in  
4 order so we can get something done about it, and  
5 we'll do it. But what I'm telling you is, we can  
6 build America strong and stronger, and we can  
7 build it better.

8 Somebody said to me, "What are you  
9 trying to do, Mr. Vice President? What is your  
10 effort all about?"

11 I said, "Just to build a better America."  
12 And right away, the retort comes, "Don't you  
13 think it's a good one?"

14 And I said, "Of course I think it's a  
15 good one. I think I have a nice home; I have a  
16 lovely family. Do you mind if I encourage my sons  
17 to go on and improve their education? Do you mind  
18 if I say I'd like to have a little better home?  
19 Do you mind if I say I'd like to improve myself?  
20 I want a better family; I want a better community;  
21 I want a better Hubert Humphrey. I want a better  
22 America."

23 We have come a long ways now, boy; we  
24 have done a lot these last seven years -- these last  
25 four years I have been a part of both of these



1 administrations. I was the majority whip for  
2 John Kennedy in 1961 through 1963. Now, that  
3 title tells you what my job was -- the majority  
4 whip -- I had to round them up, to get those votes  
5 -- and as somebody has served in the Congress  
6 knows what I mean, I was proud to be a part of  
7 the leadership team of that administration. I  
8 thought we did some good things, and then I  
9 served for awhile as majority whip for President  
10 Lyndon Johnson when he came in after the tragic  
11 death of our beloved President, and now I have  
12 had the chance for three and a half years to be  
13 Vice President of the United States, and President  
14 of the Senate. I have served two of the greatest  
15 administrations in responsible roles of leader-  
16 ship.

17 I think that we have done many good  
18 things, and we have come a long way, and I'm  
19 happy to say tonight to anyone in this room,  
20 Republican or Democrat, labor or business, young  
21 or old, or black or white -- that what I am proud  
22 of most of all is that we have tried to keep, and  
23 in the main, have kept, our promises to the  
24 American people.

25 What is the evidence? Well, just ask

1 some of the folks. Ask the old folks who are  
2 getting a little Medicare now. They'll tell you.  
3 They know we kept the promises. I know how long  
4 it took to get that promise fulfilled. I intro-  
5 duced the first Medicare bill in the Congress of  
6 the United States May 17th -- that is Norway  
7 Independence Day in Minnesota -- it's a very  
8 important day, Norway Independence Day, May 17,  
9 nineteen hundred forty-nine, I introduced that  
10 bill. It became law in nineteen hundred and sixty-  
11 four. It took 15 years, and we fought for it every  
12 year, and last year, my dear friends, four and  
13 one-half million Americans, senior citizens, were  
14 treated as decent human beings and not as suppli-  
15 cants and relief clients. They were able to get  
16 the best of hospital care, the best of medical  
17 care, the best of convalescent care under the  
18 terms of pre-paid Social Security insurance known  
19 as Medicare. I am proud of it.

20 Listen, if we haven't done anything  
21 else, we ought to get a couple of stars in our  
22 crown for that one. A promise was kept. Ask the  
23 man who didn't have a job. I have been in Akron,  
24 Toledo and Youngstown, and Ohio -- I was out here  
25 eight and nine years ago -- I remember the

1 events from '54 to '61 -- remember John Kennedy  
2 had to tell them, "Let's get the country moving,"  
3 and I remember the rate of unemployment in the  
4 cities in 1961 -- ask the man today who has a  
5 job with a better pay envelope than he ever had  
6 in his life, with better fringe benefits than he  
7 ever had in his life because of management,  
8 because of unions, because of a growing economy  
9 in this country. We kept our promise, as far as  
10 the government is concerned, and the people went  
11 to work and got things done. That's what we mean  
12 by action.

13 Ask the workers. Tonight there are a  
14 million four hundred thousand unskilled, untrained  
15 workers in training tonight at schools. Six years  
16 ago there weren't ten thousand. Three years ago  
17 -- four years ago, there were thirty thousand.  
18 We have actually trained for new jobs in America  
19 over nine million of our people. That was a  
20 promise we made, and the greatest victory in the  
21 war on poverty has been the free enterprise system  
22 itself that has provided these jobs -- good jobs,  
23 not relief jobs, not make-work jobs -- but real  
24 jobs in real factories in real mines and real  
25 shops and real stores -- jobs that produced the



1 pay envelope and the pay check so you can live  
2 like a decent human being.

3 We have tried to keep our part of the  
4 bargain, and I have been a part of that adminis-  
5 tration.

6 Well, there are many other things.  
7 Ask that person on minumum wage. We added nine  
8 million people to the minimum wage last year.  
9 Nine million -- you get a minimum of \$1.60 an  
10 hour. That's quite a promise to keep. It wasn't  
11 easy.

12 Ask that child -- there are nine million  
13 children in America today -- deprived children --  
14 that never had a break. Children who were in poor  
15 schools, terrible schools with inadequate  
16 facilities and poor teachers, who today are  
17 receiving special aid under the Federal Elementary  
18 and Secondary Education Act. Nine million of them.

19 I remember when I first came to Congress,  
20 I used to fight for Federal Aid to Education. We  
21 either killed it on the basis of race or religion;  
22 take your choice. One time you'd pass it in the  
23 Senate and they'd kill it in the House, and the  
24 other time they'd pass it in the House and then  
25 kill it in the Senate. We were always knocking it

1 off for some reason. It might do something  
2 about the Negro or it might do something about  
3 the Catholic, or something else. There was  
4 always some miserable reason. And, finally, we  
5 got a President who came from Texas who attended  
6 many churches, and whether you know it or not,  
7 you have a couple of old school teachers in the  
8 White House in the executive office building; one  
9 who taught in a little country school down in  
10 southwestern Texas, and one who taught in a small  
11 college out in the midwest, and we put together a  
12 Federal Aid to Education Program, and it works.  
13 We are spending, and we have spent in the last  
14 four years, twice as much on education -- invested  
15 twice as much on education out of the Federal  
16 treasury as had been invested in the previous one  
17 hundred. Not bad for just a couple of beginners.

18 And might I say to you, my friends who  
19 are here from the business community, you know  
20 that is the wisest investment this country made.  
21 I saw a survey of the top 500 corporations  
22 published in the Wall Street Journal five years  
23 ago. They asked the top 500 corporations in  
24 America, "Where would you put a new plant if you  
25 had your option and your choice; what would be the

1           number one factor that would convince you where  
2           to put it?"

3                   You know what they said? "Good  
4           schools." Good schools. Secondly, available  
5           labor supply. But good schools, and good schools  
6           means an available labor supply that is able to  
7           do the job that modern industry calls for. There  
8           has never been a nation, a state or a county that  
9           has become bankrupt or insolvent because it  
10          invested in education. It is the best investment  
11          this country or any other ever made.

12                   Now, these are just a few of the things.  
13          Now, I'm not content with all of this. I said  
14          the other day, I'm going to run on the record of  
15          my two predecessors. I'm going to run on the  
16          record of President Kennedy and President Johnson,  
17          but I'm not going to rest on it. I'm proud of  
18          what my father left me; his good name. Humphrey's  
19          Drug Store. By the way, if you're ever out there,  
20          stop in. We need the business.

21                   I'm proud of all of this. I'm very  
22          proud of the little inheritance that we have, but  
23          no one -- no one irritates me more than the person  
24          who gets an inheritance and then spoils it --  
25          erodes it -- eats it up. I'm not willing to stand



1 on the record of my President or the man that  
2 preceeded him. I would do a disservice to  
3 President Kennedy and President Johnson as a  
4 candidate for office if I said that all I am  
5 going to do is defend what you have done. I  
6 don't defend what they have done; I'm proud of it,  
7 and all I want to do is do more. I want to see  
8 our country do more. I want to see all of us do  
9 just a little better. I'm sure we can't do it in  
10 a hurry. You don't build a cathedral overnight.  
11 Some of us who have traveled a bit have seen  
12 these magnificant cathedrals and churches, and  
13 they stand there as a living testimonial to man's  
14 faith to his religion, and my, how you have said,  
15 "Oh, how wonderful; how wonderful." Any of you  
16 have visited in the Basilica in St. Peters, you  
17 said, "How beautiful." How long did it take?  
18 Hundreds of years to build it.

19 The cathedral of democracy and the  
20 cathedral of peace are not the product of instant  
21 work, nor of just the application instantly of an  
22 idea. As somebody once put it, "Peace, like a  
23 mighty cathedral, requires the master plan of an  
24 architect; the labors of many for decades, and  
25 maybe generations." That is what peace means.

1           That is what we are talking about right now.

2                   We want peace in Southeast Asia, and  
3           I think we are going to get it, but it's not  
4           going to come overnight, and it's not going to  
5           come because somebody carried a sign, and it's  
6           not going to come because somebody cussed out  
7           Lyndon Johnson, and it's not going to come because  
8           somebody says everything we have done is wrong.  
9           It's going to come through patience, perserverance  
10          and faith, staying with it, frustration, time  
11          after time being disappointed, but finally, as  
12          I stand before you tonight, it will come if we  
13          perservere and stay with it.

14                   You see, I do not believe that we  
15          should indulge in deception or doubt or dispair,  
16          and those who do, sell this country short and  
17          they engage in a dangerous litany.

18                   Just a few other words. I know that  
19          there is some dissatisfaction and, indeed, there  
20          is in our country -- there is ferment, there is  
21          change. My goodness me; change. Take a look  
22          what happens every place. It is only a few years  
23          ago that America was essentially a rural America.  
24          It is totally urban now; almost 90 per cent of our  
25          people -- 85 to 90 per cent live in big cities.

1                   Think of what the impact of science  
2                   and technology has accomplished. Think even  
3                   what the automobile has meant to America --  
4                   radio and television -- is it any wonder that  
5                   there is a restlessness? Every bit of the rest-  
6                   lessness in the nation -- anybody can get a lens  
7                   on which is portrayed right into your homes --  
8                   this is the first time you have ever seen a real  
9                   war fought on the screen -- not John Wayne -- oh,  
10                  no, not one of the movie actors -- but your son  
11                  is in this war, and I have had letters from mothers  
12                  who have seen their own boys shot down in battle  
13                  -- at least, they thought they saw him -- or I  
14                  have seen a tank come out of a certain area in  
15                  Vietnam on that screen, and the bodies of the dead  
16                  are there, and somebody says to me in a letter,  
17                  "I think I saw my boy."

18                 This is a different world; the reality  
19                 of this world is here. The most powerful  
20                 instrument of education and revolution that the  
21                 world has ever known, both for good or evil, is  
22                 the lens -- the television camera. I don't  
23                 criticize it. It is free speech; it is needed.  
24                 I have said, and I repeat, if every nation in the  
25                 world can see -- if there can be total freedom of



1 discussion, freedom of debate, freedom to report  
2 as our reporters report them, to see as our  
3 observers see -- if they could have it in China  
4 and Russia, if they can have it in North Korea,  
5 in east Europe, in North Vietnam -- if they can  
6 see all the ugliness of war as we see it, there  
7 would be peace. And boy, would it come quick.

8 And now, we see for the first time --  
9 some of our people see how the rest of us live.  
10 The little boy that has never had anything, the  
11 teenager that has wanted much and had little, the  
12 adult that has been unemployed, that has never  
13 known what it was to really enjoy the good things  
14 of life, suddenly he sees it. Maybe it's in the  
15 bar, maybe it's in the tavern, but the screen is  
16 there, and he sees the ads. He sees what America  
17 is like -- the other America -- he sees what you  
18 and I are having. He sees what we have, and he  
19 says, "I want it." It's not unnatural, not at  
20 all unnatural.

21 Now, that within itself can be good,  
22 providing that we get him to understand, and that  
23 we ourselves understand that working together,  
24 working with others who don't have, bringing them  
25 in as part of the American community, that we can

1 see to it that they can earn and learn, that they  
2 can have it, that it is there for them, not to be  
3 denied but to be shared. You see, it can be good.

4 At least, this is the way I see it. So  
5 there is some dissatisfaction; there is some  
6 ferment. Now, if we channel these forces in the  
7 right direction, it will add up to good. But let  
8 me make it quite clear; dissatisfaction is no free  
9 pass for violence or for demagoguery by the  
10 irresponsible few.

11 This country cannot afford hatred; the  
12 hatred of the black militant or the hatred of the  
13 white supremacy extremist. We cannot afford the  
14 hate in America, because hatred destroys freedom.

15 It is time for America. It is time in  
16 America for a permanent moratorium on violence;  
17 violence in the streets and violence in the lives  
18 of our people. Look what happened to us lately,  
19 in the last few years. A President killed; a  
20 leader of non-violence, Dr. Martin Luther King,  
21 killed -- violence, crime.

22 Now, how do you answer that one? By  
23 just more laws, by just more police? You know  
24 better. The answer is -- we have the answer. In  
25 every community with opportunity, with a chance,



1 with kids having for the first time their chance  
2 to amount to something, to be a part of this  
3 country, to be participants in it; not to be  
4 left out, but to be brought in. And I think we  
5 can get it done.

6 See, that's the difference. Some  
7 people don't think we can. I think we can do  
8 anything we want to do. I believe that the  
9 impossible dream is possible; I think that America  
10 can do anything it sets its mind to, and can do it  
11 peacefully. I know if it indulges itself in  
12 bitterness and hate and violence, it will destroy  
13 every hope of doing anything we want to do.

14 So, what we have to have is not just a  
15 President or presidential candidate that calls for  
16 law and order and social justice -- and they go  
17 hand in hand, by the way -- you cannot only apply  
18 restraint; you must also have opportunity. But  
19 what we must also have is an individual commitment  
20 on the part of the American people every place,  
21 to abolish from their thinking and their actions  
22 bigotry, prejudice, intolerance that is in their  
23 makeup, and let me tell you, that takes a lot of  
24 work, because every one of us has got a little of  
25 it and, well, we'd better examine it before it's

1 too late.

2 So, here is our America, 1968, no  
3 longer an adolescent nation; indeed not. But  
4 a country that is ready to affirm its own maturity.  
5 Here is America, no longer able to afford the  
6 luxuries of escapism.

7 Now, you know there are those who like  
8 to sing that song, "Stop the World, I Want to Get  
9 Off," there's a few who are going to make it.  
10 The astronauts who are going to the moon -- and  
11 I'm not going to volunteer -- here's an America,  
12 my America, your America; rich and comfortable,  
13 knowing that wealth alone is not justice, and  
14 comfort is not peace. And here is America with  
15 many more opportunities than problems; with much  
16 more strength than weaknesses; with a great deal  
17 more faith than doubt; and with more chance of  
18 achieving the full meaning of freedom than any  
19 country in the history of the world.

20 What a wonderful time to be alive. I  
21 don't agree with these people who say, "Oh, these  
22 are terrible times." I think it's a fascinating  
23 time. I only hope and pray that I can live to be  
24 a hundred, and, oh, boy, I think I may -- and I  
25 tell you, lots of things are going to happen.

1 Start taking your Geritol early, right now.  
2 Just think of what is going to happen in the  
3 next thirty years. Just think of it. Why, my  
4 friends, I get excited about this -- when I  
5 think of universities in ten years that will  
6 receive lectures via Satellite, of instantaneous  
7 lectures from all the great libraries and  
8 universities of the world -- the Satellite is  
9 going to revolutionize communication.

10 We are beginning to discover life  
11 itself and how it comes about. Oh, so much is  
12 going to happen.

13 Well, let me tell you, my friends, any  
14 country that can learn how to split an atom --  
15 and we have -- and release all that fantastic  
16 energy -- there it was. There was the atom, and  
17 we learned how to break it and split it, and it  
18 released vast energy -- power -- for good or evil.

19 Well, if you can learn how to split the  
20 atom, can't you learn how to split the difference?

21 Well, what I wanted to say to you, I  
22 have already said. These are rare and wonderful  
23 times, when the easy answer is unthinkable; when  
24 the quick answer is suspect -- watch out for the  
25 fellow that has got that patent medicine -- just



1 watch out. Most of it doesn't work. I shouldn't  
2 say that, as an old pharmacist, but watch out.  
3 It's better to take care of your health than to  
4 try to find a miracle cure; and these are the  
5 kind of times that are so rare, when unity is so  
6 vital and so essential.

7 I hope that some of us can help provide  
8 that rare high standard for leadership and unity  
9 in this country. I am neither a summer warrior  
10 nor a sunshine Democrat. Like you, I want a  
11 nation that is proud of its past, that welcomes  
12 today and is unafraid of tomorrow -- not much you  
13 can do about yesterday, it is gone -- like you, I  
14 seek a society in which every citizen has his full  
15 and equal chance to make the most of himself. I  
16 think there is such great potential in our people,  
17 wow!

18 When I think of what we can do -- when  
19 I think of the young people today that can tell  
20 us the answers to so many things as they grow just  
21 a little older and wiser, and they will -- a much  
22 better generation -- every mother knows this in  
23 her heart -- we'll learn so much.

24 I don't think it's old-fashioned, and  
25 I think it is very necessary to remember what is



1           our purpose.

2                 Democracy's work is never done. It  
3           requires constant effort. It is a tree that  
4           requires constant nourishment, and it will out-  
5           live all of its gardeners; every one.

6                 If I were to be asked tonight, "State  
7           for me, Mr. Vice President, what is it that we  
8           need? What is the purpose of this nation? What  
9           is it that we seek?" Well, it's been said, and  
10          your children say it, and I think most of the  
11          time you go to meetings -- particularly if you  
12          are in a Veterans' organization, fraternal  
13          organization -- and you say it, and it is in  
14          the pledge of allegiance, and what we say is  
15          that, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the  
16          United States of America, and to the republic  
17          for which it stands."

18                That is the opening statement to get  
19          your attention. And then we say, "One nation,  
20          under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice  
21          for all." And what does that add up to? That  
22          adds up to what is our dream. That adds up to  
23          what is our determination, and I hope that in  
24          some little way, I might be able to contribute in  
25          my time, to making it possible for this to be one

1 nation -- not north and south, black and white,  
2 not separate and unequal -- but one nation, and  
3 recognizing that it is a meaningless enterprise  
4 if it does not have at least a spirit and a  
5 recognition of its humility before God Almighty,  
6 and it must be indivisible -- not a forced  
7 unity, but one that comes from understanding and  
8 tolerance -- and it must have that great blessing  
9 of liberty, and not just liberty for you or for  
10 me, but liberty and justice for all, or there is  
11 not any for any of us.

12 In this effort, we need each other, and  
13 may I say, in the months ahead, in the effort  
14 that I shall try to make, I need you. I ask for  
15 your help. Thank you very much.

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