

Notes for the Vice President
Denver Jobs Fair
May 10, 1968

I am pleased and proud to participate in the opening of the Denver Jobs Fair.

What Denver is doing here today and tomorrow should be done in every city of this nation, large and small.

We face a challenge in this nation today to give every citizen the opportunity to learn, to work, to contribute his efforts and energies to his own progress and the progress of our society.

That challenge cannot be met by the Federal government, nor alone by any level of government.

It must be met by the initiative of all sectors of each community, public and private.

That is what you are doing in Denver with this Jobs Fair.

I ask you not to forget the very basic, human purpose of your effort which culminates here today and tomorrow.

You are helping to end the waste of human lives. You are offering individuals the chance to break out of idleness and despair and step into the role of productive life.

Throughout America today, there is no shortage of talk, or of good intentions, or even of planning to bring greater economic opportunities to all citizens.

Frankly, America needs more of the spirit of Denver, through which the whole community joins together and acts to bring solid opportunity to men and women who have been stymied in their desire to work and live in self-respect.

I commend your leaders. I commend all of you who are participating in this Jobs Fair.

I wish you success in this effort.

And I intend, during my travels, to tell those in other cities around the Nation the impressive story of how Denver acted to meet its responsibilities.

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