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1 MERVYN DYMALLY: Ladies and gentlemen, may I have your
2 attention. I wish to present to you the wife of the Vice-
3 President of the United States, Mrs. Hubert H. Humphrey.

4 MRS. HUMPHREY: You know, I have just been asked to
5 say hello and give my greetings to you, and to tell you how
6 happy we are to be here in Los Angeles. I am a little
7 guilty, because it is a little difficult to follow my
8 husband and to have him listen to my words. I want to tell
9 you how happy I am in these two days meeting various groups
10 and organizations all over the state. People have asked me,
11 "Why are you out campaigning again?" or "Do you like
12 campaigning?"

13 First of all, I do. The reason I do is because I
14 have such a wonderful husband to campaign for.

15 (Applause.)

16 You see, he isn't really supposed to be listening.
17 It may go to his head. But the reason that I like to
18 campaign for him is because I would like for you to know
19 the hard work and goals that he has set for all of us, the
20 things that he has stood for, the bills that he has seen
21 get passed, and the things that he stands for makes it easy
22 for me to campaign for him.

23 So, with that, I just want to say again, thanks
24 for coming out, and any help that you can give me and help
25 me to campaign for my husband, I will appreciate.

26 (Applause.)

1 MERVYN DYMALLY: Now, ladies, the next President of the
2 United States, Hubert H. Humphrey.

3 (Applause.)

4 VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Senator Dymally, and my good
5 friends, let me tell you how difficult it is to speak
6 following Mrs. Humphrey. We are very happy, both of us, to
7 be here in your company, and you have truly honored us by
8 your presence, by your willingness to come and share this
9 social hour with us.

10 I want to express to each and every one of you
11 very quickly and very sincerely my personal thanks for your
12 support, those of you who have supported us, for your
13 friendship, those of you who have blessed us with many
14 precious gifts of friendship, and those of you who will give
15 us a helping hand.

16 You know, I am fully aware of the fact that no man
17 in public life really gets any place, or gets to his goal,
18 whatever that goal may be, without the help of the public.

19 Senator Dymally and I were talking last night
20 about how we got started in our respective careers of public
21 life. Each one of us knows that you have got to help some-
22 body else. That is the way you get there.

23 Now, I now seek this high office which is in a
24 very real sense your office. I am only a trustee. The
25 presidency does not belong to the President; it belongs to
26 the people, and I seek to make this office belong to more

1 and more people. Frankly, some people haven't had much
2 claim on that office. What we are trying to do together is
3 to see to it that people who have never been privileged to
4 hold a claim, so to speak, on that office, and in realistic
5 terms of that claim, I want to be your representative in
6 the presidency. I want to represent all the people of this
7 country, not just some of the people; not just the white
8 community, but the black community; and not just the black
9 community, but the white community. I want to represent
10 everybody with the sense of clear purpose that you would
11 like to have if you were there in that high office, and that
12 is really what my goal is in public life. Public life is a
13 life of service. I have been talking to your representatives
14 and some of them are here in the City Council that are here
15 with you this evening, and your supervisors, and members of
16 your state legislature, and you have elected some very
17 wonderful people. I know that their satisfaction comes out
18 of the achievements in the field of legislation, or
19 administration, that affects the lives of the people that
20 they represent, and that is my satisfaction, too. It is the
21 satisfaction of knowing that maybe after you have fulfilled
22 your term of service, you have helped somebody else, and in
23 doing so, of course, you make it better for yourself.

24 Now, I want to thank in particular Dr. Woods for
25 serving as the co-chairman of my nationwide committee of
26 the Women for Humphrey. I sure must say that I did make a

1 good selection.

2 (Applause.)

3 I appreciate so much here the representatives of
4 Congress. Congressman Hawkins is here with us today. Your
5 two state senators are here, Senator Dymally and Senator
6 Dills. I don't know whether Billy Greene is with us here
7 or not, but he was with us. I appreciate the members of
8 the City Council that are here. We have just so many that
9 are here to help us today, and can I leave you with one
10 final thought. If you believe in me and what I stand for,
11 then tell your neighbors and tell your friends. This is
12 going to be a hard-fought campaign. I think this campaign
13 is at the crossroads -- I really do -- as to whether or not
14 we are going to tread water for a while, so to speak, and
15 ultimately slip back, or whether or not we are going to
16 break out into the open, and maybe open up this society for
17 the people.

18 There is so much talent in America that is yet
19 untapped; so many good people that have yet not had a chance;
20 so much to do in America for the people that want to do
21 things, and I want to help you, and I want you to help me.
22 I know we can do it. I know that we can make as great a
23 breakthrough in the future of America in the year 1968 as
24 some of us did back in 1948 when we were at the Democratic
25 convention. We stood up there and fought hard to get that
26 political party, as I said, to walk out of the shadows of

1 states' rights into the bright sunshine of human rights.
2 I know that we can do it.

3 (Applause.)

4 If we will just pull together, we will get the
5 job done. I want to pull with you, not against you, and I
6 want you to know that I am ready to do anything I can do to
7 get this job done.

8 Some of you were a little worried and came to me
9 today and said, "It is too bad that we had a little fracas
10 last night." That is par for the course. I told a group of
11 professors today that I had more commotion than that on
12 college campuses. It didn't bother me one little bit. What
13 bothers me is when people are not interested. I want people
14 to be interested, and I am going to put my faith in the
15 leaders of this community. In this room today there are
16 leaders from every part of the black community, every part
17 of it, and if we just stick together, there isn't any power
18 on this earth that can stop us from fulfilling what is the
19 destiny of this country, which is an equal opportunity and
20 a fair chance without any regard to all the false standards,
21 without any regard to race, color or creed. We will get the
22 job done.

23 Thank you very much.

24 (Applause.)

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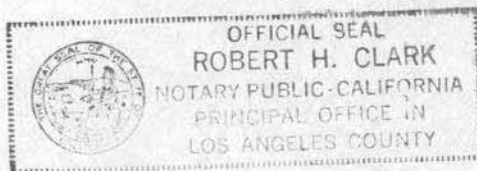
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