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VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY ASKS DEMOCRATS TO UNITE FOR CONTINUED PROGRESS IN AMERICA

Sea Girt, N.J., September 12 -- Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey today told Democrats that "our great work of building this nation will be carried forward by a Democratic victory or . . . it will not go forward at all."

Appealing for party unity, he urged that no Democrat "sacrifice a quarter century of progressive, liberal accomplishments in a moment of displeasure or fatigue."

In this campaign, the Democratic Party is being tested as never before, Vice President Humphrey said. "I am not one of those people who thinks that parties rejuvenate themselves in defeat. They grow young and strong in Victory," he said.

The Vice President told any Democrats "who are thinking of 'sitting it out' this year . . . (that) there is not one fundamental difference of principle we cannot bridge -- not one policy we cannot work out together."

Vice President Humphrey also reminded workers that for 35 years the Democratic Party "has been the sole political ally of labor. We have stood with the industrial worker, with the man who has a trade, a craft, and with all workingmen . . . out of a sense of justice.

"No Democrat, no man who works for a living, will believe for a moment that the party of Taft, of Hartley, of Nixon, could be the party of labor," he said.

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REMARKS VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY SEA GIRT, NEW JERSEY SEPTEMBER 13, 1968

I have not come here to this place of presidents to talk about my campaign to become your President in 1969.

I am here to talk with you about something more important . . . more enduring . . . more precious -- the Democratic Party, and our Party's role in America's future.

Presidents come and go Campaigns end. Platforms are sometimes forgotten.

But what outlasts us all . . . what binds us together into one unity of
national purpose no matter how different we are . . . is the Democratic Party . . .
and our common abiding faith in America.

At stake this November is the future vitality of our Party . . . the future of America . . . and these stakes are high.

I have no illusions about this campaign. The Democratic Party is being tested as never before. We shall either be one Party, together in victory or we shall be manyoparties, separated in defeat.

I am not one of those people who thinks that parties rejuvenate themselves in defeat. They grow young and strong in victory.

So I propose victory in November.

I am told there are some Democrats who are thinking of "sitting it out" this year.

To these friends I say sincerely -- there is not one fundamental difference of principle we cannot bridge -- not one policy we cannot work out together.

This battle is our battle . . . and the battle of all Americans concerned about the future of our country.

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For 25 years, we Democrats -- you and I -- have stood together and fought.

Think what we have done together, in just eight years under the Kennedy-JohnsonHumphrey Administrations. We negotiated a treaty limiting the testing of nuclear bombs; we passed Medicare for our older citizens; . . . we achieved full employment and the right to a decent wage . . . massive Federal aid to help our school children -- all our school children . . . the most just . . . far reaching civil rights laws in the history of our country . . . reform of the biased immigration quota system -- the system supported by Mr. Nixon.

And we have brought hope to the hopeless -- help to the helpless and the poor. This is a great record . . . of a great Party . . . and a great people.

And we are proud of it.

Will anyone in our Democratic Party -- in New Jersey or any other state -- sacrifice a quarter century of progressive, liberal accomplishments in a moment of displeasure or fatigue?

When the chips are down -- and they are down now -- I do not think any Democrat -- and man who cares for his country and his Party . . . will fail to answer this call.

We shall fight together . . . and we will win.

For 35 years the Democratic Party has been the sole political ally of labor. We have stood with the industrial worker -- with the man who has a trade . . . a craft . . . and with all workingmen. We have stood with them in their loneliest and darkest hours . . . not out of pity, but out of a sense of justice. And we stand with them now.

No Democrat . . . no man who works for a living . . . will believe for a moment that the Party of Taft . . . of Hartley . . . of <u>Nixon</u> could be the Party of labor.

And old people . . .

We led a whole nation to think of them -- your parents and mine -- not as objects of private misery . . . not as objects of public pity . . . but as <a href="https://www.numan.numa

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Fifty years ago, President Woodrow Wilson -- an illustrious leader from New Jersey -- said: "A great nation . . . is led by a man who speaks not the rumors of the street, but a new principle of a new age . . ."

I call upon the Democratic Party in 1968 to bring before American the new principles of a new day.

And the first of those principles is unity -- not of one mind but one spirit.

Unity demands justice for every citizen. It demands growth. It demands
that we prevent America from becoming divided -- between rich and poor, white
and black, Northerner and Southerner.

And no issue is more urgent in this election year.

Our principles must include new security for every American in his home and in his neighborhood.

Crime is a growing problem in America. And it calls for a calm, reasoned but tough response.

So I have proposed a detailed program of Federal help for our local law enforcement officers, our courts and our penal institutions.

And I tell this to America, the Republican Party -- which opposes such public help as an act of faith . . . and the Republican candidates who attack our courts -- and ridicule our Attorney General -- this Party and these men are not ready -- by ability or temperament -- to bring results in our assault on crime.

Our principles for a New Day must include salvation for our cities and the people who live in them. I have offered a Marshall Plan and proposed as Urban Development Bank -- both will call upon the private sector for its contribution but both recognize that government help will be needed too.

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There is much more we can do . . . more we must do.

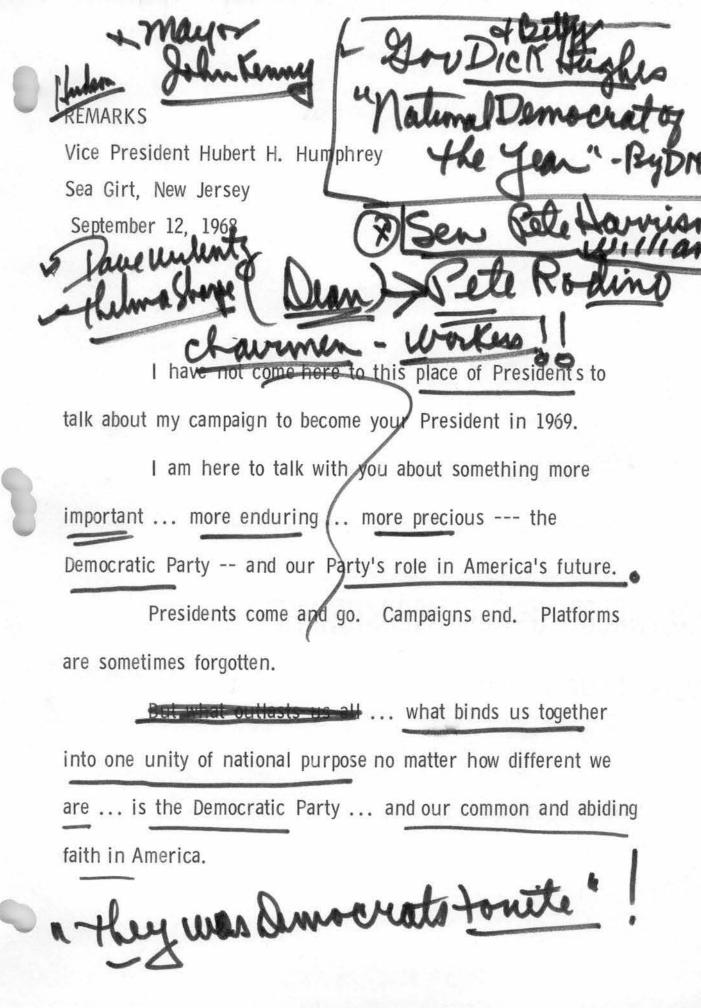
Our great work of building this nation will be carried forward by a Democratic victory . . . or -- mark my words -- it will not go forward at all.

Remember . . . we had to get America moving in 1960. Now now lets keep

America moving in 1968.

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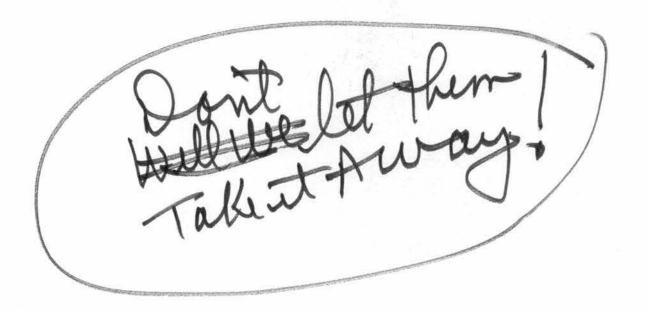
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Between 1953 and 1960 profits barely increased.

Between 1961 and today they have more than doubled.

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New Jersey's Operation Combine, designed to increase police professionalism and, at the same time, to help relieve the misunderstandings which have occurred between the public and the police. It is a credit to Governor Hughes and the New Jersey legislature that they have doubled its capacity, and an indication of New Jersey's recommitment to combine social order and social justice.

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Why are we Democrats?

We are Democrats because we feel, as Wilson felt:

"Here muster not the forces of party, but the forces

of humanity."

We are Democrats because we deeply believe that our party is not an instrument for its own sake --- but an instrument of human progress.

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Ze, We do not seek an America of one mind. We

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We do not seek to mile each and every American in conformity.

We seek the unity that comes from diversity ... openness ... the free clash of ideas.

"I hear America singing," Walt Whitman wrote,
"each singing that which belongs to him or her and to no
one else ... singing with open mouths their strong
melodious songs."

That is the kind of America -- and kind of world -- we seek --- where each man may sing his own song ...

free of coersion ... free of oppression ... filled with hope.

The stakes are high this year. The decision to be

made is: Shall we have that kind of America? Or shall we fall backward into a dead past?

It is now or never for unity and progress in America.

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STATEMENT OF

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY AT THE

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL GALA, SEA GIRT, N. J.

Thursday, September 12, 1968 9:10 pama

Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mayor Kenny and Governor Hughes, and if you don't be quiet I am going to call on our friend, the Rabbi, again.

(Laughter)

Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, Mr. Democrat. Thank you, Mr. New Jersey, Mr. Hudson County, thank you;

(Applause) (Whistles)

one of the finest friends that I have and I am eternally grateful.

Ladies and gentlemen, my fellow Americans, you have been gathered here tonight as good Democrats for a wonderful evening of friendship and fellowship and you have heard tonight from one of the truly great Americans of our times, arman that I called in Newark, New Jersey, the greatest Governor in the United States of America, Richard Hughes.

(Applause)

And, how lucky you folks are in New Jersey and how fortunate we all are in the Democratic Party, how very, very happy Muriel and I are tonight that we can share this evening with Dick and Betty Hughes and with all of these good New Jersey Democrats, riproaring good ones.

(Applause and whistles)

And, I am so pleased to see our very good and dear friend, that illustrious United States Senator, with us here tonight, our friend, Senator Pete Williams.

(Applause)

And, while I hesitate to use the next word because he is such a young looking man, it is always good to see the Dean of the New Jersey Congressional delegation, the one and only Pete Rodino.

(Applause)

Now, Dave Wi lentz and Thelma Sharpe, two Democrats, wonderful citizens, the County Chairmen that are here and all the county workers, my precinct friends and ladies and gentlemen, I couldn't help but think tonight as I was sitting here what Will Rodgers would have said on an occasion like this. You know, he used to say that he didn't belong to any organized party. He was a Democrat.

(Laughter) And then, he used to say also on an occasion as hilarious as this one, he would say, "Well, they was Democrats tonight", and boy, are you Democrats tonight. I will tell you you are.

(Applause) I have a feeling that this enthusiasm, this great enthusiasm which you have shown tonight, it will spread all throughout this land. I knew that if I came here to New Jersey that I would get infected with theenthusiasm that will bring victory to the Democratic Party.

(Applause)

(Whistles)

Now, my dear friends, I know that there are these prophets of doom and gloom and I have no illusions about this campaign. I know that we have our work cut out for us. I know that the Democratic Party is going to be tested as never before and quite frankly, we are either going to be one party together in victory or we are going to be many parties torn apartand separated in defeat, and I am not one of those people that think that parties rejuvenate themselves in defeat. I happen to believe that they grow strong in victory, so I propose victory in November.

(Applause and whistles)

Now, this battle is our fight and the battle of all Americans concerned a bout the future of our country, I am going to lay it on the line for you tonight, my fellow Americans. I want you to think about this contest and the alternatives. I know no better way to cite what the contest is about than to ask these questions. Are you, my fellow Democrats --

(Applause)
- are you going to let the Republican nominee, that man who abused Mr.
Truman, who heaped scorn on Adlai Stevenson, who fought John Kennedy every step of the way and who wages relentless war on Lyndon Johnson and all Democrats, are you going to let him get into the White House in November?

VOICES: No.

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Well, we settled that.

(Laughter and Applause)

Never mind, my friends, never mind about this new image. I am not concerned about the new Nixon and I am not even concerned about the old Nixon. What worries me and what ought to worry you is the real Nixon and his Nixicrate alliance.

(Applause)
And all I ask you to do, all I ask you to do is to take a look at the record and to take a look at the record of your party, to take a look at the record of your President, to take a look at the record of the Republican Party and to take a look at the record of the Nixon Republicans, or should I say the new breed, that combination of Republicans and Dixiecrats that we now call the Nixiecrats.

(Applause)

Now, let's take a look, let's take a look. We Democrats, you and I, have stood together a long time and just think what we have done together and think what this party has meant to this country. Every time this nation has been in trouble, this country has called upon the Democratic Party, every time in this century from Woodrow Wilson to Franklin Roosevelt to Harry Truman, to John John Kennedy to Lyndon Johnson. Wherever America was in trouble, the American people called upon Democratic leadership that helped save the nation.

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And I remind you of something else. I remind you of the kind of an

America we have because of this leadership.

I would like to remind you of some of the things that we have done if only in these past eight years. I have been associated with two Presidents in these past eight years and I am proudof their record, and I do not intend to go about this nation apologizing for the achievements of the Democratic Party and its leadership since that day when John Kennedy said to you as Governor Hughes pointed out tonight, let's get this country moving again, and we have this country moving.

(Applause)
Let's ask ourselves what has been done and then let's ask ourselves

who did it. First of all, one of the great needs in this country, Rich and powerful, prosperous with plenty, one of the great needs was to do something decent about our senior citizens, and for years since the time of Harry Truman's Administration we fought hard in the Congress of the United States, we Democrats, to get a decent program of medical and hospital care for our senior citizens and in these past eight years, indeed, in 1965 in the presence of Harry Truman himself, we signed the Medicare bill that for the first time has brought decent, modern medical care to our senior citizens in dignity and in self-respect.

(Applause)

And we did more. We have achieved something that no other people has ever achieved. We have achieved full employment and we have achieved a right to a decent wage, to a decent wage. We have brought America to the longest uninterrupted period of national prosperity that this country or any other country has ever known. 90 months of continuous economic expansion.

Now, look at the record between 1953 and 1960. Three recessions that took, their toll in New Jersey just as they took it in Minnesota and across the length and breadth of this nation. From 1953 to 1960 family income, and that is what we are talking about, our families, that incomein eight years went up barely nine per cent. Since 1961, talking bread and butter and economics, that income for your family has gone up 32 per cent. 32 per cent as compared to nine. I submit that is in the record.

(Applause)

And our work force. We inherited unemployment. During those eight years of Rapublican leadership that Mr. Nixon heralds as the good days, unemployment increased two million. During these seven and one-half years of Democratic leadership unemployment has dropped two million and today America has the highest rate of employment in all of its history.

(Applause)

Now, ladies and gentlemen, these are your programs. You elected these Democrats. These are your policies. These policies and programs are not the result of someone else. It was you through your votes that helped provide for the first time Federal aid to our children in education. For the first time it was you, because you elected Presidents that cared, that finally broke through the constant argument of either religion or state to provide aid to education to millions and millions of children across this land. And it was you who provided the votes, who elected the Presidents, who elected the Congressmen that made it possible for us to pass the most far-reaching civil rights legislation that this nation or any other nation has ever known.

(Applause) And, it was you through yourvotes, through your work, through your Presidents, through your Congress, that made it possible for us to change the immigration laws of this country that were an insult to human dignity and finallyto put on the statute books laws that respected the nationality and the race

of people and individuals.

(Applause)

And it was you and your votes that elected your Presidents and your Congress that for the first time has brought hope to the hopeless, that has helped ten million of our fellow Americans finally lift themselves out of the slums and out of the swamps of poverty and deprivation.

My fellow Americans, I am here to say tonight that no political party and no Administration in the history of this country has done as much for the American people and the American nation as the Democratic party

and Democratic Presidents in these last eight years.

(Applause and whistles)
And that is a Democratic helicopter pilot.
(Applause)

Somebody said "Just give them helicopter".

(Applause and laughter)

Well, will anyone now, will anyone in our Democratic Party in New Jersey or any other state, will any one of you want to sacrifice a quarter of a century of progressive liberali accomplishments in a moment of displeasure or difference or fatigue? I think that when the chips are down, and believe me they are down this year, I do not think that any Democrat or any person who cares for his country and his partywill fail to answer our call, victory in November.

(Applause and whistles)

Ladies and gentlemen, listen, don't let them take it away. Don't let that man who four times tried to take it away finally get his way. I ask your help.

(Applause)

Now, let me say a few words to some of our special friends here tonight. The Democratic Party has been throughout this last 35 years the friend and the political ally of organized labor. We have stood with the industrial worker, with the man who has a trade and craft, and we have stood with all working men and we have stood with the unorganized as we fought for better minimum wages, as our opposition, the Republican leadership and their members, voted to stop it, and we stood with our working friends in their loneliests and darkest hours, not out of pity but out of a sense of justice, and my friends who work in thefield, the shops, the mines and the factories and the stores, let me tell you that the next President of the United States, a Democrat, will continue to stand with you.

(Aplause and whistles)

And for our senior citizens, let me say this, that we led a nation, a whole nation to think of our senior citizens not as welfare clients; not as victims of private misery, but we led a nation to think of our senior citizens in dignity and respect as human beings, with rights, with privileges, earned through their days of life three score and five, earned benefits under Social Security and Medicare and a sense of dignity and worth. This Administration alone, of which I am proud to have been a part, has been responsible for the construction of more housing for senior citizens in the last five years than in the preceding 200.

(Applause)
The Republican candidate called Medicare wrong, a socialist scheme, and I don't care what kindof window dressing heputs on it this year, he opposed it when it was born, he has not nurtured it while it sought to survive, and I submit to you he doesn't like it even as it works.

And think of the benefits, think of the benefits that have come to the education of our people. We turned the closed colleges of this land, colleges that were closed to people because of race or religion or because of economic status, we turned them into open institutions in which the sons of thepoor could mingle with thesons of the rich, where the wisdom and the benefits of higher education could come to all Americans, our sons and daughters, regardless of their native land, regardless of the color of their skins, their mother tongue or the size of their bank accounts, and today the United States of America because of a Democratic Party and

Democratic Administrations that cared, has the greatest program of higher education than any nation on the face of this earth has ever known.

(Applause and whistles)

Well, what of the record of the opposition? Well, first of all, it is rather hard to know. Sometimes they seem to be for it, sometimes they seem to be against it, and now they have to clear it withStrom.

(Applause)

And the Republican opposition talks about help to our cities, aid to education, health, housing, and jobs. I ask my fellow Americans, not just my fellow Democrats, but I ask my fellow Americans to see how the Nixon Republicans voted on the issues. You know, I read the Republican platform theother day and I hope my friends of the clergy won't mind my saying I thought it was the greatest mass conversion that I ever heard of. As a matter of fact, everything that I read seemed like it was new and modern and progressive. Of course, it was fuzzed up a bit but it sounded pretty good and I said it reads well. I wonder what it will look like when you test it. It looked like they had seen the light. And, then, when I saw how they voted, I knew they were still in the dark.

70 per cent, 80 per cent, 90 per cent of the Republicans that Mr. Nixon himself depends on and says are his followers and his supporters voted against higher education, voted against Federal Aid to Elementary and Secondary Education, voted against Medicare, voted against model cities, voted against consumer protection, voted against improvement in Social Security. Why, even 97 per cent of the Nixon Republicans voted against the

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(Applause)

That is the record.

My fellow Democrats, unless we take this record to the people, the people will not know it. The people will never know what they are voting on unless you take the message, and it is your responsibility as workers in this party to educate, to persuade. It is your responsibility to take my record, the record of this party, the roord of these Democratic Administrations, it is your responsibility to take the record of the Republican nominee, of their party and his party, and place it before the American people.

I am willing to be judged on the record. I ask that kind of judgment.

(Applause)

My friends, I am not going to tryto win this election for you or forme by stirring up class against class, race against race, group against group or play upon the fears of the American people. This nation is already torn by doubt and fear and in some places by conflict and violence. We face a crisis in our land.

Woodrow Wilson once said, and he came from your great state, he said a great nation is led by a man who speaks not the rumors of the street

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We are not going to indulge in the rumors of the street. We will indulge in the printed record, in the public record. We will not indulge in the half truths or the doubts and the suspicions that cause people to

wonder.

I call upon the Democratic Party which I am privileged now to lead in 1968, to bring before America the new principles of a new day, because a new day is here for our young, for our deprived, for our minorities, for our people everywhere, a new day when the illiterate will have a chance to be educated, whenthe sick will have a chance to be healed, when the city that is torn with conflict can be rebuilt, when theworker

enjoy all of the benefits of his production. When the businessman as he has under this Administration and under eight years of Democratic administration, can continue to have economic growth and expansion, new investments and new profits, a new day when every American will be judged just one way, by his achievements, by his performance, not by his name, not by his birth, not by his color, not even by his relgion or his status in life. The new day will judge every American on the basis of not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.

(Applause and whistles)

That new day requires first of all, that central principle for these United States of unity and unity demands justice, and I repeat justice, not privilege, justice for every citizen. Unity demands our growth as the economy and as a people, and it demands that we prevent this blessed America from becoming divided between rich and poor, white and black, cityand rural, northerner and southerner, and no issue is more important this year than theissue of human rights and human equality before the law, before man, and before God all mighty himself.

(Applause)

And the new day of which I speak and the new day to which I pledge my life shall include new security, new peace for every American in his home and in his neighborhood, and it shall include salvation, rehabilitation for our cities and the people who live in them.

America today has become an urban nation. It is nothing short of scandalous that we permit these cities which should be the testament to our technology, to our merality, and to our deducation, to permit these

cities to erode and rot from within.

I say to you, my fellow Democrats, just as Franklin Roosevelt rescued a nation from its depression, the next Democratic Administration must rescue the city from its erosion.

(Applause)

And that new day that I ask you to help me build and to help me find, that new day shall be blessed by one of the greatest gifts that we can give our fellow man, an education, an education for every child regardless of that child's circumstance, regardless of birth, race, creed or color, every child from pre-school through college or vocational school, all the education that that child can possibly absorb. A rich America can do this and ought not to do less.

(Applause)

Now, how shall we do it? How shall we do it? Not in disunity, my friends. I told you early and I will repeat it every day, like our young people say, I am going to tell you like it is. And we are going to tell it like it is.

We do have problems and those who write about us and speak about us, speak of our party as torn and divided, they would once again have you believe

that we are on the precipice of a disastrous defeat.

I want to say to my fellow Democrats tonight that there is not a single difference between us or amongst us that should hold us apart when we sense what could happen in this country, when we see what the alternative is.

(Applause)
I have never asked a fellow Democrat to walk with me in lock step. I have never asked a fellow Democrat to believe everything that I believe, to accept every word that I say. I have never asked a fellow Democrat or a fellow American to be of one mind as if we lived in a totalitarian society.

I ask my fellow Democrats to be only of one spirit, a spirit that is dedicated

to the progress of this land.

You know, Wilson said it again. He said here muster not the forces of party but the forces of humanity. That is what he thought of the Democratic Party. Your former Governor, your former President of a great university, your great Democrat that lives as one of the greatest idealists of all times, he spoke of ourparty not merely mustering the forces of the Democratic

Party but representing the cause of all humanity.

We are democrats because we believe that our party is not an instrument only for its own sake but is in fact an instrument of human progress. We are Democrats because we ared different, because we don't want to be stamped out in the same mold. We are Democrats because we do not believe in conformity. We are Democrats because we are restless, idealists. We are energetic people that are anxious to get on with the business of building this Republic. We may in our own party disagree about the ways and the means to that progress. To be a Democrat you do not have to be a monolithic man. You can be an individual. You can be an individual. We do not askDemocrats to bow down in obedience to a party line. We as Democrats, to speak up in inspiration and dedication, not for a party but for a nation, and that is what we have done, and that is why this party is big enough for all of us.

Whatever may have been your difference, if ever there was a time

to unite, that time is now, and we seek that unity.

(Applause)

We seek that unity which comes from the fresh clash of ideas, from

diversity, from openness of mind and heart.

We ask not for unanimity. We ask for unity. For what? For the continuation of the American Revolution, to make sure that life is more meaningful, to make sure that America can yet fulfil all of its dreams.

Walt Whitman, a poet of democracy, said these precious words? "I hear America singing, each singing that which belongs to him or her, and to no one else; singing with open mouths, their strong melodious songs."

My fellow Americans, I hear the Democratic Party singing, each of us as members of this party singing that which belongs to him or to her or to no

one else, but singing in one spirit.

The spirit of this party is the instrument of social progress. And it is because I believe this that I want to lead this partyand I want your help. I want to see an America that is a society filled with individuals. That is the kind of an Aerica and the kind of world that we seek where each man may sing his own song, free of coercion, free of oppression, and filled with hope, a world free for diversity and an America free for difference.

The stakes are mighty high this year. And the decision to be made is this. Shall we have a kind of an America, one from many, E Pluribus Unum, or shall we fall backward into a dead past, thinking of the glories of yesterday, dividing up a smaller pie, scrambling amongst ourselves not as members of a family but as strangers in a community of fear and division?

I submit to you that it is now or never for unity and progress in our country, and we seek to unite this land not by force, not by fear, we seek

to unite this land by ideals and by hopes.

I ask you, therefore, to go to the people and I ask you to ask them to vote their hopes, not their hates, to vote Democratic.

Thank you very much.

(Applause)

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE BEACH

QUESTION: How do you feel?

HUMPHREY: I am physically fine but I get a little tired once in a while. I sleep like a log. I feel very strong. We "ve got a lot of work to do. The convention was very late. We didn't have a great deal of time to prepare our itinerary but I think starting about the middle of next week we'll be in pretty good shape. We had to get our citizens committee organized. We had to organize our finances, had to touch base with many of the groups that we want to work with. I think we're in pretty good shape now. We'll have a series of regional meetings, which Mr. O'Brien is organizing that will bring in all the state committees from all around the country.

QUESTION: (about first week)

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: About what I expected. Some of it a little better. We got around the country. We were finally ableto get Mr. Nixon off of his program of ; latitudes and generous generalizations, getting down to discussing his attitude on foreign policy.

QUESTION: Are you pleased that Governor Agnew decided you were

not soft on Communism?

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: I don't think he ever believed it in the first place. I think he just got a holdof one of Mr. Nixon's old speeches.

QUESTION: (about rellies and demonstrations)

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: No, we will have the demonstrators. We know that. That's just something you have to put up with. I am not at all sure it hurtsyou. The Flint meeting was a very good meeting. A big meeting. It shouldn't have been outside but they thought they were going to have rain. But you couldn't complain about the numbers there. There were a good number of people. There were a couple of hundred of students from the University of Michigan. I think people resent that, whether it happens to me or Mr. Wallace or Mr. Nixon.

QUESTION: (Aboyt Mr. Nixon's pride in thousands he draws)

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Youwait until I go to Chicago. It will look like he had his meeting in a telephone booth.

QUESTION: (Regarding walking)

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thisis good for you.

Many people thought I lost a lot of weight. I haven't changed over three pounds in two years, but I haven't done this much lately. I am going to do it more . . . walk every morning. It firmsyou up. It's good for you.

QUESTION: (Regarding sleep)

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY! Six hours. That's good. It's plenty. (PRESS) I think you've been off the target occasionally but you haven't been out of shape..

QUESTION;) (Regarding Senator McCarthy) (His support)

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Yes, sir..

qUESTION: (When?)

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: I don't know, that's up to Gene. You know a touchdown the last second is just as good as the first quarter.

QUESTION: (Regarding issues).

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: I think we've had two. I think Mr. Nixon is dead wrong on the nonproliferation treaty. I don't think it has anything to do at all with the Czechoslovakian crisis except to warn us that the more nuclear weapons you have spread around the more dangerous the world is.

· (more)

This treaty is to our advantage. It's in our national interest. But Mr. Nixon has sacrificed natinal interest for political demogaguery or for political tactics...taker's choice. It's one thing to say you ought to firm up your defenses, which I surely believe in, but I don't think you firm up your defenses by spreading nuclear weapons around to every country in theworld. I think you maximize the danger. I think Mr. Nixon has exposed the sme Nixon, the real Nixon, that we knew before, his complete failure to understand what is really in our national interest. He still believes all you have to do is to appeal to the American peopleon the basis of fear of communism and that'll pull the votes. I think the people are smarter than the candidate. I think the American people know that if you can stop the spread of nuclear weapons it's in our national interest. I think that's number one.

The second issue is that Mr. Nixon is proving what some of us susp pcioned — that he'd made a deal with Strom Thurmond on the Chief Justice. He could have Mr. Fortas confirmed in a week if he'd say the word because it is his troops in the Senate, his supporters, who are blocking that confirmation. All he has to do is to say thathe thinks Mr. Fortas oughtto be confirmed and hewould be confirmed. But instead of that, Mr. Nixon is going to play foot loose and fancy free by attacking the courts, attacking the Supreme Court, and playing the game with Mr. Thurmond and denying Mr. Fortas the confirmation. I think that issue is manifestly clear.

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QUESTION: (About hecklers)

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: I think they make it difficult for a man to speak, but politically I don't think they harm you.

QUESTION: Doesn't it help Mr. Nixon's argument that he can unite

thecountry better than you can?

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: My good friend, you don't have to arouse division withthat group. They would divide on mother's day. And it has nothing to do with me at all. It has something to do about their tactics relating to the war and I imagine a few other things. I would think that if they were really interested in peace they would take their pla cards and give Mr. Nixon equal time. I always believe in equal time.

QUESTION: Are you suggesting they do that?

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: No. I didn't suggest it. I just thought they might want to think ot over.

QUESTION: What do you think of the Minnesota Twins?

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: I have always been a friend of the American League and I have intense loyalty to Democrats so I suppose what I will have to do is take a national point of view even if the American League plays the National League.

QUESTION: (Regarding was supposed to be man for all People

this year)

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: That's right. That McLain is great, that Denny McLain. Really tremendous. Bob Gibson, too, He's a Humphrey man. That makes him good.

I haven't had time to manage the Twins this year. . . I have been too busy. A year ago I used to call them up in the middle of the games. If I found some pitcher I thought was faltering, I'd call up to tell them to pull that guy. They didn't always do it, but every man is entitled to be a coach on the sidelines.

I would like to go to the world series. I

don't know whether I will make it or not.

QUESTION: (About moratorium on politics during series).
VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: We may do that. A ceasefire to
promote peace.

QUESTION: (About uphill fight).

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: I don't think it's a bad position at all.

I told you last night that we didn't underestimate the difficulties of this campaign. Anything that's worthwhile doesn't come easy. I just don't believe the U.S. is ready to elect Richard Nixon President of the United States.

And, I don't think they are going to elect George Wallace. There's one left over. I feel as the campaign goes along we'll come through very well.

QUESTION: (REGARding similarities to 1948)

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Well, there are never any solid similarities. There are indications. There are some things that remind you of other dates. But, each campaign is a new experience. I believe your beginning to see this campaign unfold. We have had our differences on foreign policy. Already we have our differences that center around thenomination of Mr. Fortas. He is just a pivotal figure, a central figure. The difference there, the issue there, is the understanding, the arrangement that was made with Mr. Thurmond. And I think it is crystal clear that an arrangement was made. I notice this morning that Mr. Nixonattacks the courts again. I don't think any President of the United S ates is going to manage the courts. I hope not. I hope Mr. Nixon is not trying to tell the American people that if he is President he is going to dictate to the courts. The courts have been in the long term of our history theprotector of our liberties, much more so than Congress or the Executive. We have separation of powers and I trust that Mr. Nixon is not trying to rewrite the Constitution. I think that is a very important matter.

He said he would like to double the rate of convictions. the President doesn't double the rate of convictions. Most of these crimes are committed at the local level. Seldom are they FEderal crimes. I think Mr. Nixon would do well to take a look at where most of the crimes are committed and what kinds of political milieu. There are more crimes committed in states where there are Republican Governors than where there are Democratic Governors, if that means anything. I don't think it means a great deal. But when you play loose with law and order, you have got to expect to get rapped on the knuckles. And Mr. Nixon is as interested in convictions as he seems he is, I might suggest that he might be interested in doubling our efforts on housing, doubling our efforts on helping little children, doubling our effortsmon trying to train the jobless, doubling our efforts on housing, doubling our efforts on helping little children, doubling our efforts on efforts in trying to clean up the slums. He is a little slow on that one. He is strong on building jails. I am strong on building houses and enforcing the law wherethe law needs to be enforced. I say there are two sides to that coin. Mr. Nixon's currency is counterfeit. It has got seals on one side, on theenforcement side. I think we need a little emphasis on the building side. For every jail Mr. Nixon wants to build, I would like to build a house for a family that needs a decent house to live in in a decent neighborhood. And for every policeman he wants to hire, I would like to hire another good teacher. It isn't either, or. It is both. If Mr. Nixon is going to play fe

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Fearless Fosdick, that is his privilege. I prefer to play therole of a leader who wants to see both civil order and civil justice. That is what a President is supposed to do. He is not the chief of detectives, you know.

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VICTORY '68: HHH

"Presidents come and go. Campaigns end. Platforms are sometimes forgotten. But what outlasts us all . . . what binds us together into one unity of national purpose no matter how different we are . . . is the Democratic Party and our common abiding faith in America.

"At stake this November is the future vitality of our Party , . . and the future of America . . . and these stakes are high.. .

"I am not one of those people who thinks that parties rejuventate themselves in defeat. They grow young and strong in victory.

"So I propose victory in November. . . .

"Our great work of building this nation will be carried forward by a Democratic victory . . . or -- mark my words -- it will not go forward at all.

"Remember, we had to get America moving in 1960. Now lets keep America moving in 1968.

"It is now or never for unity and progress in America.

"And I call upon all Democrats to make it now."

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I have not come here to this place of Presidents to talk about my campaign to become your President in 1969.

I am here to talk with you about something more important ... more enduring ... more precious: the Democratic Party -- and our party's role in America's future.

Presidents come and go. Campaigns end. Platforms are sometimes forgotten.

At stake this November is the future vitality of our party ... the future of America ... and these stakes are high.

I have no illusions about this campaign. The Democratic Party is being tested as never before. We shall either be one party, together in victory, or we shall be many parties, separated in defeat. And I am not one of those people who thinks that parties rejuvenate themselves in defeat. They grow young and strong in victory.

So I propose victory in November.

I am told there are some Democrats who are thinking of "sitting it out" this year.

To these friends I say sincerely -- there is not one fundamental difference of principle we cannot bridge -- not one policy we cannot work out together.

This battle is our battle ... and the battle of all Americans concerned about the future of our country.

So I propose victory in November.

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For 25 years, we Democrats -- you and I -- have stood together and fought. Think what we have done together, in just eight years under the Kennedy-Johnson-Humphrey Administrations: we negotiated a treaty limiting the testing of nuclear bombs; we passed Medicare for our older citizens; ... we achieved full employment and the right to a decent wage ... massive federal aid to help our school children -- all our school children ... the most just ... far reaching civil rights law in the history of our country ... reform of the biased immigration quota system -- the system supported by Mr. Nixon.

And we have brought hope to the hopeless -- help to the helpless and the poor. This is a great record ... of a great party ... and a great people. And we are proud of it.

Will anyone in our Democratic Party -- in New Jersey or any other state -- sacrifice a quarter century of progressive, liberal accomplishments in a moment of displeasure or fatigue?

When the chips are down -- and they are down now -- I do not think any Democrat -- any man who cares for his country and his party ... will fail to answer this call.

We shall fight together ... and we will win.

For 35 years the Democratic Party has been the sole political ally of organized labor. We have stood with the industrial worker -- with the man who has a trade ... a craft ... and with all workingmen. We have stood with them in their loneliest and darkest hours ... not out of pity, but out of a sense of justice. And we stand with them now.

No Democrat ... no man who works for a living ... will believe for a moment that the party of Taft ... of Hartley .. of Nixon could be the party of labor.

And old people... IX Think of them -- who thought of our older, retired citizens.

We led a whole nation -- your parents and mine -- not as objects of private misery ... not as objects of public pity ... but as <a href="https://www.numan.n

Richard Nixon says Medicare is wrong ... a socialist scheme ... and he opposes it to this day.

Think what we have done to bring the benefits of education to all Americans. We turned the closed colleges of this land into open institutions in which the sons of the poor could mingle with the sons of the rich ... where the wisdom and benefits of higher education could come to all Americans -- our sons and daughters -- regardless of their native land ... the color of their skins ... their mother tongue ... or the size of their bank accounts.

The supreme lesson of the Democratic Party is this:

We are the only party in which the sons and the grandsons

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of immigrants have the chance to elimb the political ladder

of power ... prestige ... service ... and success ..

Italians, Irishmen, Poles, Germans, Greeks, Hungarians,

Czechs ... Protestants, Catholics, Jews ... Negroes ... Nexican
Americans, Puerto Ricans ... these are the people of the Democratic

Party ... the true face of America ... and we stand together now.

Now what of Mr. Nixon I doubt if it will take long to remember who he is and his Republicans 2

Mr. Nixon's record is curious indeed. He has been for and against social security ... for and against minimum wage coverage ... for and against civil rights -- more often against than for.

on the confirmation of Justice Fortas ... on programs to rebuild our cities ... on the crucial issues of human rights.

I am not concerned about the "New Nixon" or the Old Nixon". What worries me is the real Nixon--anal his Nixiecrat allies.

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Security...stopping the arms race, and against luky public help to low and middle income groups. And they even voted 97 percent against the control and extremination of rata.

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Fifty years ago, Presidet Woodrow Wilson-as illustrious leaders from New Jersey--said: "
"A great nation...is led by a man who speaks not the rumors of the street, but a new principle of a new age..."

I call upon the Democratic party in 1968 to bring before America the new principles of a new age...the fresh hopes of a New Day.

And the first of those principles is unity---

to be not of one mind, but one sprit. That means justice for every citizens. It means growth It means prevent ing Amerca from becoming an apartheid society—divided bewteen rich and poor, white and black, momnthmammum Northerner and Southerner. And no issue is more urgent in this election year.

And our principles must include new security for every Ameican in his home and in his neighborhood.

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