

REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

NEW YORK BOARD OF RABBIS

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

OCTOBER 21, 1968

Rabbi Klaperman

My friends of the New York Rabbinat

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Those of us who revere education know that quality education is one of the prime requisites for achieving justice.

As educators I know you share my concern for the black community at large which has suffered generations of educational deprivation and neglect.

I know you are concerned about crime and violence. Justice cannot be achieved without order.

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As I said on national television last week, the first obligation of government is to provide for the safety of every American in his home, in his neighborhood, and in his place of business.

I will make no compromise on this score.

What is needed is action against crime and against disorder -- not slogans -- not words -- and especially not words of hate and fear and bigotry.

I am the only candidate who has proposed concrete solutions. And my proposal is a comprehensive one. Many of you heard or read it.

We desperately need more policemen who are better trained, better paid and who are given better tools and equipment to do the job.

But we must also strike hard at the causes of crime -- poverty, hunger, bigotry, illiteracy, unemployment.

As for Vietnam, I outlined in my nationwide telecast what I would do if peace has not been achieved when I become President.

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But we recall his early opposition to the nuclear test ban, and his present opposition and blocking of immediate ratification of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

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On that basis, I am ready for the electorate's decision
on November 5.

Questions and Answers:

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FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT'S IMMEDIATE ATTENTION - TODAY , SUNDAY !!!!!



THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

October 20, 1968

FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: John Stewart

SUBJECT: New York Board of Rabbis

As you know, the school strike is boiling over in New York City with bitter black vs. Jew attacks. I think what is included in remarks is the maximum. You should not take sides on the merits.

Here is some confidential info the advance people do not know: Lindsay lost his cool when he called Jewish leaders together last week. He tried to pressure them into forcing the teachers' union to call off the strike. His bitterness and frustration went to the point of threatening them with the possibility of a wave of anti-semitism over the city. The leaders refused to play ball. They felt that his language to them was brutal and raw. They felt however that he was so frustrated that it would be better not to discuss the unhappy meeting. While they have kept silent, the bitterness against Lindsay extended last week to Javits as well. This audience of Rabbis will be well aware of this background.

Several copies of your Jewish Chronicle answers are attached -- you mention these in the text.

Question and Answer Interview
Vice President Hubert Humphrey
The Jewish Chronicle
October 9, 1968

1. What is your general policy for the Middle East?

Answer: I believe the Middle East to be the world's most explosive danger spot and a major threat to world peace. We must work for peace in the area, strengthen moderate constructive regimes, and combine our efforts for economic development of all the Middle Eastern countries.

At the same time, we must reduce the risk of confrontation between ourselves and the Soviet Union. The search for peace in the Middle East depends on our ability to convince the Soviets to turn their efforts to peaceful, economic development.

On October 8, 1968, in my speech to the U.P.I. Editors Convention, in Washington, D.C., I reiterated my position on Israel and the Middle East, as part of my new "Strategy for Peace." I said that "there are six basic steps that must be taken:

"1. The existence of the State of Israel must be accepted by all of its neighbors;

"2. The boundaries of all these countries must be transformed into agreed and secure frontiers;

"3. The State of Israel must have free navigational rights in all international waters, including the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Aquaba;

"4. The arms race must be ended;

"5. The international community must assist in solving the human tragedy posed by the Arab refugees;

"6. The resources of the Middle East countries must be used for human and economic development rather than war and destruction."

I look to Israel not only as a nation which can strengthen resistance to Soviet and Communist pressures in the region, but as an outpost of democracy which can bolster democratic forces everywhere in the Middle East, Asia and Africa by her example. Israel is teaching her entire region that democracy works best.

2. Do you favor the supply of the latest-type combat aircraft to Israel to match the modern equipment supplied by the Soviet Union to the Arabs?

Answer: Yes. We cannot minimize or ignore the flow of Soviet arms into the region, thereby upsetting an already delicate balance. To re-establish that balance -- to preserve the security of the region -- I believe that we must provide Israel with Phantom Aircraft. And we will continue to support Israel with the weapons

it needs if there is a further threat to its existence. Israel will not be insecure through any failure on our part.

But in the future ... we cannot hope for peace ... permanent peace ... lasting peace ... unless there are comprehensive agreements among the major suppliers of arms to the area -- and by the recipient countries, themselves. This arms race must not go unchecked -- for the sake of the people in the region ... for the sake of all of us.

The Soviets say they want an agreement. Let them show their good faith ... let them join with us to end this arms race ... let us conclude an agreement that provides for the security of all these Middle East countries. And let us do it now.

3. Do you agree with the Israeli view that direct talks with the Arab states are the only way of obtaining a secure and lasting peace?

Answer: Yes, I favor active diplomatic efforts to convince Israel's neighbors to pursue a general settlement. It is in the interests of all parties of the Middle East to engage actively in negotiating agreements among the nations in that region.

4. In the absence of such talks, what policy will you advise Israel to follow in the Middle East?

Answer: I hope that Israel will continue to make it clear to its Arab neighbors that it wants peace and that it is ready to cooperate with them for peace and economic development.

5. Are you prepared to reiterate President Johnson's five points as the basis for a viable Middle East settlement?

Answer: My six points for peace above include the policies covered by the President's five points.

6. What active steps are you prepared to take to promote a Middle East settlement?

Answer: I will actively press for acceptance of each of my six points.

Furthermore, as President, I shall make available my good offices -- through the Nations and directly -- to search for peace and understanding in the Middle East. I shall be a Peace President. And I shall dedicate myself to finding peace in the Middle East just as I pledged to do in Vietnam.

And I shall call upon the Soviet union to join me in these efforts. We must take the first steps toward peace, and we must take them now. As Pope Paul said, "Development is the new name for peace." I know this may sound bold; but peace in this region will not be built by the timid.

Our effort must be a combined effort in which we and the Soviet Union join with other major powers -- and with the countries in the region -- in the tasks of economic development. This cooperation should begin with a program for the desalinization of water and then go on to other tasks. I do not expect a sudden success, an overnight end to conflict. But I do expect that quiet counsel and patient effort can lead these countries to the distant day of peace.

7. In your view, is the United States committed to maintaining the territorial integrity of Israel if she is attacked?

Answer: Yes. We continue our firm commitment to the security of the State of Israel. We will take no steps in the Middle East that do not conform to that interest.

8. Should Israel rely on the United Nations for her against Arab terrorism, should she retaliate, or should she do nothing?

Answer: The first duty of government is to protect its citizens. Attacks or invasions must be repulsed. It makes no difference whether the aggressor is a foreign army or foreign-based terrorists.

9. Are you prepared, in any discussion you may have with the Soviet Union, to discuss the status of Soviet Jewry and request permission for those Jews who wish to join relatives outside the U.S.S.R. to do so?

Answer: Yes.

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Brief remarks
5-10 min

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NY Bd of Rabbis

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THE FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION THE THE VICE PRESEIDENTS SPEECH
IN NY BEFORE THE BORD OF RABBIS, MONDAY OCTOBER 21ST, L968, AT 11 AM

THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE INTRODUCED BY RABBI GILBERT KLAPERMAN

MEMO TO THE VICE PRESEIDENT
MEETING WITH NY BOARD OF RABBIS

THE NEW YORK BOARD OF RABBIS IS THE PRINICPLE REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF
THE JEWISH CLERGY, ORTHODOX, CONVERSATIVE AND REFORM IN THE
GREATER NY AG AREA. APPROX. LOOO CONGREGATIONS ARE REPRESENTED
THE MEETING WILL BE ATTENDED BY AN ENLARGED BAORD OF DIRECTORS AND
SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LAY ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE BOARD
OF RABBIS. RABBI GILBERT KLAPERMAN IS PRESIDENT AND RABBI HAROLD
GRODON IS EXECUTIVE VICE PRES.

THE AREAS OF CONCERN TO THE NEW YORK BOARD OF RABBIS ARE:

1) ORDER AND JUSTICE...THE INTENSDE PROBLEM FOR THE JEWISH
COMMUNITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS A RESULT OF THE BREAK DOWN OF
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN WHITE AND BLACK HAS BEEN INTENSIFIED FOR THE
JEWS WHO ARE (1) RESIDENTS OF CHANGING NEIGHBORHOODS, (2) EMPLOYERS,
(3) OWNERS OF SMALL BUSINESS IN GHETTO AREAS AND (4) A MAJOR PER-
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2) ISRAEL: ON ISRAEL YOU MIGHT MENTION THAT AN "OLD AND CONTINUING FRIEND" (HHH) IS MORE TO BE COUNTED ON THAN A "NEW FRIEND" OR RECENT CONVERT. (NIXON). YOUR RECORD IN THIS AREA IS UNPARALLELED AND GOES BACK A QUARTER OF A CENTURY. MORE SPECIFICALLY, THERE IS SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PHANTOM JETS, WHICH THE PRESIDENT INDICTED WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. AFTER PRIME MINISTER ESHKOL'S VISIT WITH THE PRESIDENT ALMOST A YEAR AGO, THERE WAS WIDE-SPREAD BELIEF THAT THE FIFTY JETS WOULD BE SENT SHORTLY THEREAFTER. TO THE CONTRARY NO PROGRESS WAS MADE UNTIL CONGRESS ACTED IN THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS, AND THE PRESIDENT ISSUED HIS STATEMENT THEREAFTER. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE JET PLANES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BE DRAFFED OUT AND THE JETS WILL BE SENT PROMPTLY. OF COURSE, YOU CAN REITERATE THE IMPORTANCE OF ISRAEL AS A WESTERN-STYLE DEMOCRACY, TO THE UNITED STATES AND TO WHAT WE ALL BELIEVE IN.

3) THE PROBLEM OF JEWS BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN, IN PARTICULAR, POLAND, RUSSIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.... ANTI SEMITISM IN POLAND IS OF A MORE VIRULENT TYPE THAN IN RUSSIA, BUT THE PROBLEM OF JEWISH SURVIVAL IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IS OF CONTINUING CONCERN TO THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY. RECENT CONTACTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAVE NOT BEEN AS HELPFUL AS IN PRIOR YEARS. MOREOVER, THERE IS A FEELING THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN ISOLATED FROM THE JEWISH COMMUNITY... AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY... SINCE THERE IS NO LONGER LIAISON IN THE WHITE HOUSE. (SUCH A LIAISON EXISTED IN THE TRUMAN-EISENHOWER-KENNEDY ADMINISTRATIONS.) SEE ITEM "4" BELOW. A FIRM EXPRESSION OF YOUR ADMINISTRATIONS SUPPORT IN THIS AREA IN THE FUTURE WOULD BE MOST WELCOMED.

4) LIAISON WITH AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY..... AS IS

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PRACTICE OF THE THREE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS WITH RESPECT TO A LIAISON OR SPECIFIC CONTACT FOR THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY IN THE WHITE HOUSE. IF YOU DO NOT MENTION IT, YOU WILL CERTAINLY HAVE A QUESTION ON IT. YOU MIGHT CONSIDER ANTICIPATING THE QUESTION AND STATE THAT YOU PLAN TO HAVE SUCH A TOP DESIGNEE ON YOUR STAFF IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

THE ABOVE MEMO WAS PREPARED BY STAN LOWELL, CAMPAIGN PLANNER FOR NYS HHH-MUSKIE.

YOU CAN EXPECT A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION AFTER ANY REMARKS THAT ARE GIVEN....

REMARKS OF HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
before the

N.Y. Board of Rabbis

Monday, October 21, 1968 -- 11:00 A.M.

Rabbi # Klaperman

My friends of the New York ~~Rabbin~~ Rabbinate

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I have ~~only~~ a few minutes to spend with you this morning. When a fellow has as much ground to cover as I do, he often has to have the briefest moments with his oldest friends -- in hopes they will understand.

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Thank you.

Q & A

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