

EXCERPTS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

DOWNTOWN RALLY

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

OCTOBER 29, 1968

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Whom can you trust to lead this country for the next four years?

Whom can you trust to win the peace?

Whom can you trust to hold this country together and end the
arms race?

Who can lead America forward?

Trust between the President and the people only exists when a man
is unafraid to face the people--when he takes his case directly to them--
honestly and openly.

But Mr. Nixon, the man behind the balloons, won't debate... won't take his case to the people...and thinks he can buy the White House with a Madison-Avenue ad campaign.

Mr. Nixon's first appointment was Spiro T. Agnew...the man he wants to stand a heartbeat away from the Presidency in a nuclear age.

Are you really willing to trust the country to President Agnew? Mr. Nixon is.

And Mr. Nixon belongs to the Republican party--the party that has fought Social Security, federal aid to education , Medicare, minimum wage, conservation legislation.

Humphrey-Muskie, the Democratic ticket has gone to the people. And I think we have earned their trust.

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The American people want peace in Vietnam. I have told them where I stand on this issue. Mr. Nixon has not.

The American people want an end to the costly arms race.

I have fought for arms control throughout my public career.

Mr. Nixon has offered us a futile policy of escalation which, according to the New York Times, would cost at least another fifty billion dollars -- dollars which could otherwise be used to meet other urgent human needs.

Then Mr. Nixon hastily and belatedly called for arms limitation -- Mr. Nixon ... the man who called the test ban treaty a "cruel hoax" ... who scuttled Senate passage of the non-proliferation treaty by his refusal to support it.

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What about our economy?

The last Nixon-Republican administration in the 1950's plunged this country into three job-killing, profit-killing recessions. Unemployment in Philadelphia in 1960 was more than twice what it is today.

The Democrats have brought this country the longest uninterrupted period of economic growth in American history ... 92 straight months -- and you can see evidence all around you ... in your homes ... in the new stores ... new housing developments.

Today, Mr. Nixon's economic advisers are calling for more unemployment as means of keeping wages down and controlling prices.

Whose job will be the first to go, Mr. Republican?...whose overtime? How are we better off if we produce less?

I pledge this: America will have full employment and economic growth in the Humphrey-Muskie Administration...and you can count on it.

We showed from 1960 to 1965--before the demands of the war intervened--that you can have both price stability and declining unemployment.

We need not--and we will not--sacrifice the American who works for a living on the alter of outdated economics.

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Yes, I want to change things. I want to change them for the better.

We began our journey more than 200 years ago.

We came to this country burning with the idea that one man was as good as another...that what was wrong could be made right ...that people possessed the basic wisdom and goodness to govern themselves without conflict.

Now we come to a new moment of crisis in that journey.

We are called:

- to heal the hatreds and divisions among us;
- to reaffirm the basic decency of spirit which lies within us as people;
- to reassert this nation's moral leadership in a world that desperately seeks that leadership.
- to tell a new generation that what we have is good...that it is worth saving...that the dream of their parents is still a worthy dream.

We can do it. But I need your help. Not just to win, but to create a new world for the 1970's.

America needs your ideas, your experience, and your talents.

We need new people taking part, to make our efforts work.

America needs you, everyone of you...and now.

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~~WESTINGHOUSE PLANT RALLY~~

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There's also the third party candidate--George Wallace--and his bombing general running-mate.

George Wallace and I disagree on almost everything--but I do give ☐ him credit for being willing to stand up and debate the issues.

And ~~that's~~ more than you can say for Mr. Republican.

The question which Wallace supporters now have to ask themselves is this: Can ~~this man~~ ^{he} really run the government? Can he keep our economy strong? Can he keep the workers on overtime and off unemployment lines?

He couldn't do it in Alabama--and I say he won't do it as President of the United States.

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