000643 1/2- School Standants Leve! REMARKS THE HONORABLE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY CITIZENS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA MAY 19, 1969

I am honored to appear before your Citizens Committee on Public Education -- a unique expression of Philadelphia's determination not only to save public education in this city, but also to prove to the nation that urban public education can be quality education.

You have the visionary leaders who can do the job -- Dick Dilworth and his associates on the Board of Education --Mark Shedd and the outstanding team of educators he has assembled in the public schools.

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You have already scored some dramatic and hopeful victories. Now, you must decide whether these men and women will have the necessary resources to finish the job.

Tomorrow the citizens of Philadelphia vote on a \$90 million bond issue which will allow your cities to build 72 new schools and 25 major additions in the next six years. I urge as strongly as I can that every citizen vote a resounding 'yes.' Perhaps someone not privileged to live here should keep such opinions to himself, but I know how high the stakes are -- for this city and for this country.

-3-H.G. Wells once observed that 'Hite is a race between This has never been more true than education and d it is today. . . for truly the survival of our cities may well depend upon our ability to achieve excellence in public education in our core urban areas. 🍐 / This city -- every American city -- knows that time is running out. This is why a favorable vote tomorrow is so Sama City by Jam School critical.

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EXCERPTS FROM ADDRESS OF HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

91TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL GREGATION Trop I HAVE LONG BELIEVED THAT THE BEST WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CREATE IN THIS COUNTRY -- THE MOST ENDURING ASPECTS OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS -- THE NOBLEST ASSECTS OF OUR ASPIRATIONS --BEARS A STRIKING KINSHIP TO THE VISION OF THE PROPHETS OF ANCIENT ISRAEL. THERE IS AN OLD HEBREW LEGEND THAT GOD CREATED MANY WORLDS BEFORE HE WAS FINALLY SATISFIED WITH THE ONE IN WHICH HE PLACED MAN AS GOD HAD MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO CREATE DIFFERENT KINDS OF WORLDS, SO DO MEN HAVE DIFFERENT PHILOSOPHIES AND IDEOLOGIES -- DIFFERENT VISIONS -- OF WHAT OUR OWN WORLD SHOULD BE BUT THE AMERICAN TRADITION AND THE HEBRAIC TRADITION HAVE ALWAYS AGREED, NOT ONLY ON THE

POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING A SOCIETY WHICH MEN MIGHT CALL GREAT BUT, ALSO ON THE SOCIAL AND ETHICAL FOUNDATIONS UPON WHICH THAT SOCIETY MUST REST TO A REMARKABLE DEGREE, THAT SIMILARITY --THAT COMMON VISION -- CAN BE TRACED TO THE TEACHINGS OF THE PROPHETS

THE PROPHETS ARTICULATED THE BELIEF THAT, FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO "KNOW" GOD, HIS OWN LIFE MUST EXEMPLIFY THOSE QUALITIES WHICH GOD HIMSELF EXEMPLIFIES — AS GOD IS MERCIFUL, SO MUST MAN BE COMPASSIONATE — AS GOD IS JUST, SO MUST MAN DEAL JUSTLY WITH HIS NEIGHBORS -- AS GOD IS SLOW TO ANGER, SO MUST MAN BE TOLERANT OF OTHERS. FOR A MAN, SO TOO FOR A NATION THIS NATION'S DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY HETS, AS SURELY AS DOES YOUR ANCIENT RELIGION, UPON THE MORAL AND PRACTICAL IMPERATIVES OF MERCY, JUSTICE AND TOLERANCE.

THE PROPHETS TAUGHT US THAT THE RIGHTS A CITIZEN ENJOYS DO NOT COME FROM THE HAND OF THE STATE, BUT FROM THE HAND OF GOD -- AND THAT A STATE MUST NOT SEEK TO SUBSTITUTE ITS WILL -3-

FOR THAT OF GOD, AS GOD'S WILL IS REVEALED TO THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF ITS CITIZENS. THIS IS THE HEART - THE ESSENCE OF THE DEMOCRATIC IDEAL.



THE PROPHETS TAUGHT US THAT NO SOCIETY CAN SURVIVE WHICH DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE SUPREMACY OF MORAL LAW, AND IT WAS THE PEOPLE TO WHOM GOD GAVE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ON MOUNT SINAI, THESE SAME PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE AGES HAVE FAITHFULLY REMINDED A FORGETFUL WORLD THAT A GOVERNMENT OF LAWS, NOT OF MEN, PROVIDES THE SUREST ROAD TO PEACE AND TRANQUILITY FOR ALL PEOPLES

THE PROPHETS BELIEVED THAT, AS A CHILD OF GOD, EACH MAN HAS INHERENT WORTH, AND INFINITE POTENTIALITIES FOR MORAL GROWTH -- THAT THE "RIGHTEOUS OF ALL NATIONS ARE WORTHY OF IMMORTALITY", THE BIBLE ASKS, "HAVE WE NOT ONE FATHER? HATH NOT ONE GOD CREATED ALL OF US?"

WAS NOT REALLY SELF-EVIDENT AT THE TIME THE FOUNDERS OF THIS

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NATION RECORDED THAT BELIEF -- NOR, INDEED, HAS IT EVER BEEN SELF-EVIDENT AT ANY TIME IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND, BUT, THAT BELIEF IN THE EQUALITY OF ALL MEN IN THE SIGHT OF GOD HAS BEEN A TRUTH FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR RELIGION OVER THAT DEMOCRATIC IMPULSE IN JEWISH HISTORY IS, AGES REALLY, "WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED" -- AND WHERE AMERICA DIFFERED SO IT IS THAT OUR NATION AND YOUR RELIGION MUST SHARE OUTRAGE AT UNEQUAL TREATMENT OF EQUAL HUMAN BEINGS, once PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON HAS OBSERVED, "WHEN ANY CITIZEN DENIES HIS FELLOW, SAYING 'HIS COLOR IS NOT MINE' OR 'HIS BELIEFS ARE STRANGE AND DIFFERENT' -- IN THAT MOMENT HE BETRAYS AMERICA THOUGH HIS FORBEARS CREATED THIS NATION." THE PROPHETS TAUGHT US THAT, IN A SENSE, EACH MAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERY OTHER MAN THE PROPHETS FIRST GAVE US THAT URGE TOWARD SOCIAL JUSTICE WHICH HAS LONG CHARAC-TERIZED FAITH -- AND HAS LONG BEEN ONE OF THE MOST ENOBLING ASPECTS OF THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE.

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THE PROPHETS CAME FORTH AS ADVOCATES FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED, AND BECAME THE FIRST LEADERS IN SOCIAL REFORM, ADMONISHING YOUR ANCESTORS, "JUSTICE, JUSTICE SHALT THOU PURSUE, " AND THUS THIS NATION, LIKE YOUR OWN FAITH, IS DETERMINED THAT MAN, BEING MADE "BUT LITTLE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS" MUST NOT BE DEGRADED OR DEFILED, BUT RATHER MUST BE TREATED AS WHAT HE IS -- THE HANDIWORK OF A DIVINE CREATOR. THE PROPHETS TAUGHT US TO RESPOND TO THE ANCIENT COMMAND "THE POOR SHALL NEVER CEASE OUT OF THE LAND; OF DEUTERONOMY: THEREFORE, I COMMAND THEE SAYING 'THOU SHALT SURELY OPEN THY HAND ONTO THE POOR AND NEEDY BROTHER IN THY LAND. THE HEBRAIC TRADITION TEACHES THAT "BLESSED IS HE THAT CONSIDERETH THE POOR; THE LORD WILL DELIVER HIM IN TIME OF TROUBLE. IT HARDLY SEEMS ACCIDENTAL THAT THERE IS NO HEBREW WORD FOR CHARITY AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE SAME TERM WHICH IS SOMETIMES USED FOR CHARITY IS USED INTERCHANGEABLY FOR JUSTICE AND KINDNESS -- AND, INDEED, FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS ITSELF.

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AND IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT "GOOD DEEDS", THOSE DEEDS WHICH STEM FROM THE HEART, WERE NOT TO BE DIRECTED SOLELY AT ONE'S YOUR FORBEARS WERE TOLD THAT "WE ARE REQUIRED CO-RELIGIONISTS TO FEED THE POOR OF THE GENTILE AS WELL AS OUR JEWISH BRETHREN THE JEWISH SOCIAL OUTLOOK RESULTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISTINCTIVE INSTITUTIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS TO HELP THE POOR BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING RATHER THAN TO SUBSIST ON CHARITY --THIS IS THE SAME CONVICTION WHICH CHARACTERIZES THE WAR ON JEWS -- WHO KNEW AT FIRST HAND THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF GROWING UP IN GHETTOES, IN HOMES BROKEN BY WAR OR POGROM -- GAVE SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO THE AGE-OLD SANCTIFI-CATION OF HOME AND FAMILY AND SURELY THERE CAN BE NO FINER PRECEDENT, NO FINER MODEL FOR AID TO THE NEEDY IN FOREIGN LANDS THAN THE PRIVATE PROGRAMS WHICH THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY HAS CONDUCTED SO FERVENTLY AND SO SUCCESSFULLY OVER THE YEARS OUR NATION AND THIS GENERATION HAVE COME TO

RECOGNIZE THAT WITHOUT EDUCATION THERE CAN BE NO SOCIAL

THIS RECOGNITION ALSO FINDS AN ECHO IN THE FIERCE PROGRESS. LOVE OF LEARNING INCULCATED IN YOUR ANCESTORS BY THE RABBIS OF OLD, WHO WERE FOND OF SAYING THAT THE ENTIRE WORLD IS POISED ON THE BREATH OF SCHOOL CHILDREN TO ENCOURAGE LEARNING, THEY GAVE YOUNGSTERS HONEY CAKES SHAPED IN THE LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET TO ASSOCIATE LEARNING WITH SWEETNESS OUR CHILDREN AND OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN WILL HAVE REASON TO BE GRATEFUL IF WE ADHERE TO THE BELIEF THAT "WISDOM IS THE PRINCIPAL THING AS IN THE PALESTINE OF ANCIENT DAYS MAN'S OLDEST DREAM AND MAN'S NEWEST HOPE IS THAT OF PEACE -- A-WORLD IN WHICH "NATION SHALL NOT LIFT UP SWORD AGAINST NATION, NEITHER SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANYMORE," ISAIAH SAID, "COME NOW AND LET US REASON TOGETHER," AND THE SAGES REMINDED US "HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BRETHREN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY.

THIS AGE-OLD HOPE, THIS VISION OF THE PROPHETS, TINDS

ITS MOST ARDENT RESPONSE AND ITS MOST DETERMINED SUPPORT IN THE AMERICA OF THE 20TH CENTURY THE GREETING "SHALOM" MEANS NOT ONLY "PEACE", BUT ALSO IMPLIES A CERTAIN COMPLETENESS AND SENSE OF WELL-BEING WE KNOW AND BELIEVE THAT A LASTING PEACE MUST BE SECURED BEFORE MAN MAY EXPECT TO PURSUE HIS FONDEST HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS, Long Shuggle -A SO WE SHARE MUCH, YOUR ANCIENT FAITH AND OUR YOUNG BROTHERHOOD OF MAN -- A DEDICATION TO THE SUPREMACY OF LAW --A MORAL COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY -- A BELIEF THAT MANKIND'S BEST HOPE LIES IN EDUCATION, AND A KNOWLEDGE THAT GOD'S MOST PRECIOUS GIFT IS THE GIFT OF PEACE WHEN YOU CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF PURIM, YOU RETOLD A TALE WHICH IS WOVEN WITH MANY OF THESE COMMON THREADS: -- THE RIGHT OF A MAN OR A PEOPLE TO CHOOSE TO BE DIFFERENT, AS DID MORDECAI AND HIS PEOPLE;

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-- THE OBLIGATION OF ONE WHO IS SAFE AND SECURE, AS WAS ESTHER, TO RISK THAT SAFETY FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE; -- THE REFUSAL TO BOW BEFORE EVIL, EVEN IF THAT EVIL HAS -- AS DID HAMAN -- THE SEAL OF THE STATE; -- AND THE CENTRALITY OF THE FAMILY AND THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO THOSE IN NEED OF HELP. YES, IT IS A THOROUGHLY JEWISH HOLIDAY BUT AMERICANS OF

ALL FAITHS MIGHT USEFULLY REFLECT UPON ITS MEANING TO THIS NATION IN THESE DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGINT TIMES.

WE LIVE TODAY IN AN AMERICA RICHER, STRONGER, MORE SECURE, MORE HOPEFUL THAN ANY NATION IN ALL THE HISTORY OF MEN. SURELY, THIS IS A LAND OF MILK AND HONEY TO RIVAL THE PROMISED LAND OF THE OLD TESTAMENT. THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY, LIKE AMERICA ITSELF, HAS LEARNED TO LIVE WITH A SET OF DELICATE BALANCES AS IMPORTANT TO OUR SOCIETY'S STRUCTURE AS THE BALANCES OF NATURE ARE TO THE CREATURES OF GOD.

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IT IS TRUE THAT "THROUGHOUT THE VEINS OF AMERICA FLOWS THE BLOOD OF ALL MANKIND" -- AND JEWS, LIKE PEOPLE OF ALL RELIGIONS AND ALL RACES, HAVE MADE THEIR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE AMERICA OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY.

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And EMOTIONAL TIES TO ISRAEL.

WE HAVE LEARNED THAT ORGANIZED RELIGION CAN HAVE SECULAR CONCERNS WITHOUT REJECTING ITS SPIRITUAL UNDERPINNINGS --THAT CLERGY AS WELL AS LAITY CAN LOOK OUTWARD WITHOUT NEGLECTING THE VIEW WITHIN AND WE HAVE LEARNED THAT HE WHO IGNORES CHANGE IS MOST LIKELY TO BE SWEPT ASIDE BY IT WHEN IT COMES --AS INEVITABLY IT MUST.

LBUT 20TH CENTURY AMERICA IS TODAY FACED WITH A HISTORIC CHALLENGE -- A CHALLENGE WHICH WE MUST MEET IF AMERICA IS TO SURVIVE AND PREVAIL IN THESE PERILOUS TIMES.

CAN WE IN AMERICA MAINTAIN A COURSE OF MODERATION AND

Shore in Januar 000535 UNITY WITHOUT BECOMING THE "CAPTIVE OF A COMFORTABLE Conce maint CONSENSUS?" aut destrayin the septim AND THERE ARE CHALLENGES AS WELL TO THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY -- CHALLENGES WHICH ARE FATEFUL FOR YOUR SURVIVAL AS A PEOPLE AND AS A RELIGION. CAN THE AMERICAN JEW CONTINUE TO "ASSIMILATE" WITHOUT SACRIFICE OF HIS FAITH AND TRADITION OR RISKING AN ATROPHY OF THOSE QUALITIES OF HEART AND MIND WHICH WERE THE GENESIS OF THE DISTINCTIVE JEWISH CONTRIBUTION TO THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE? CAN AMERICA STAND PROSPERITY AS IT HAS STOOD ADVERSITY CAN THE AMERICAN JEW -- NO LONGER SPURRED ONWARD BY THE CHAOS OF THE GHETTO, OR THE WHIP OF INTOLERANCE -- MAINTAIN THE REMARKABLE PACE OF HIS DRIVE TOWARD A MORE JUST, PROSPEROUS AND MEANINGFUL LIFE? WILL HE CONTINUE TO SPEAK OUT FOR LIBERAL, HUMANITARIAN, PROGRESSIVE CAUSES, AS HE HAS SO OFTEN IN THE PAST -- OR WILL HE VALUE HIS NEW-FOUND ACCEPTANCE ABOVE HIS AGE-OLD DUTY?

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- NO MAN CAN GIVE US THE FINAL ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS. WE HAVE NO CLOUD BY DAY, NO PILLAR OF FIRE BY NIGHT, TO LEAD US TO OUR PROMISED LAND, WE HAVE ONLY THE PRECEPTS OF OUR OUR OWN HEARTS -- THE PRECEPTS OF THE PROPHETS, OF THE JUDAEO-CHRISTIAN TRADITION AND HERITAGE. LA THOUSAND YEARS IN GOD'S SIGHT ARE BUT AS YESTERDAY. AS A WATCH IN THE NIGHT, WE ARE COMPANIONS TOGETHER ON THIS EARTH FOR BUT A FLEETING MOMENT bUT I BELIEVE THAT IF WE HOLD FAST TO THOSE PRECEPTS, WE CAN MAKE OUR MOMENT ONE OF GLORY WE CAN MAKE A MARK UPON OUR SOCIETY AND UPON OUR AGE WHICH IS WORTHY OF THAT COMMON HERITAGE -- AND WORTHY IN THE "SIGHT OF THE LORD."

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Mr. David Gartner Room 6233 Federal Office Building No.7 Washington, D. C.

Dear Dave:

Freshly back from my European visit, I am glad to report that something like 4,000 announcements of the CCPEP Luncheon, . featuring Mr. Humphrey on May 19, have gone out in the mails during the past week to ten days and from now on I will be getting daily reports of ticket sales, which at the moment, are at 150, which I think is alright at this early stage of the game.

I'm sending out some dozens of personal letters inviting the support of the captains of business and industry; and an even larger number to the unions and their locals. A sample of the first letter is enclosed for your information and a little later, I will send you a sample of the union letter.

I think the time has come for me to send you some material, which not only is informative about CCPEP, but also should be helpful for speech writing. One thing which I personally suggest is that Mr. Humphrey might speak encouragingly about the School Bond Issue in the amount of \$90 million, which will be voted upon in Philadelphia the very next day, Tuesday, May 20. Richardson Dilworth, wellknown to Mr. Humphrey, formerly Mayor, is the President of the Board of Public Education, and is personally leading the drive for voter approval.

I'll intend to keep you well informed and I'll hope to hear from you concerning any questions or requests.

Sincerely,

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PHILADELPHIA -- Former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey will speak out for public education at the annual benefit luncheon of the Citizens Committee on Public Education in Philadelphia (CCPEP) to be held on Monday, May 19, at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel.

Charles G. Simpson, luncheon chairman, indicated that he expected Mr. Humphrey to "vivisect public education. The educational system in Philadelphia is being challenged every day to keep pace with the needs of our community," Simpson said.

"Public education must be thought of in the broadest sense including the private and parochial schools who open their doors to the community. The aim of the Citizens Committee is to make sure that every person, regardless of the type of school he attends, receives the best possible education this City can provide."

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More than 100 distinguished Philadelphians are sponsoring the luncheon including Mayor James H. J. Tate, Board of Education president, Richardson Dilworth, and Marcus A. Foster, recipient of this year's Philadelphia award.

Alan R. Howe, president of the Citizen's group, also announced the cooperation of four agencies: the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Urban League, and the Fellowship Commission.

Mr. Humphrey will be making his first visit to Philadelphia since the election. "We will be very fortunate to share Mr. Humphrey's long interest and experience in education from many different aspects," Simpson added. Mr. Humphrey is currently University Professor in the Social Science Program at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, and Visiting Professor of Political Science and International Affairs at Macalester College, St. Paul.

The Citizens Committee on Public Education in Philadelphia (CCPEP) is the only independent, city-wide, non-profit, private organization vitally concerned with advancement and improvement of all aspects of education in the public schools of Philadelphia.

Founded in 1880, CCPEP has a membership of over 400 interested people from all groups and occupations and more than 50 organizations.

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CCPEP was instrumental in the passage and implementation of the Educational Supplement to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter. Its many activities include a School Visits Committee of parents and interested citizens who visits selected schools and issues annual reports.

A CCPEP committee examines, criticizes and reports at public hearings on both the operating and capital budgets of the school district. It's Teachers in Philadelphia program examines the training, certification, and general employment problems of City teachers.

Two of CCPEP's experimental programs, the school volunteers that provided support for classroom teachers and the Language Arts Reading Program (LARC), begun at a summer day camp of a settlement house, are now permanent projects.

CCPEP also conducts an "Annual Town Meeting on our Schools" that provides a public forum for discussion of significant issues in education.

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