## REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

## DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF STATE CHAIRMEN

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We have a golden opportunity for victory in 1972 in Minnesota and the nation -- victory not just for our party, but victory for the people.

Tonight, let me give you my prescription for the victory we can win.

These are the ingredients: Unity, Vision, Programs, Progressive Leadership, and -- taking a leaf from Harry Truman's book -- the people.

It should be unnecessary to mention the last ingredient in that prescription.

But too often in government we focus on programs and projects, on finances and funding, on the structure and institutions of government, when we should be looking at the people.

For that is what government is really all about -- people. And that is the Democrats' secret weapon.

If we continue to focus on people, if we back up our concern with action, and if we maintain our unity, then we can safely predict this:

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We will elect a Democratic President next year. We will
put in the White House a President who cares about people. Yes,
a President who cares about:

- -- the teenager, who in this Administration-manufactured recession faces an unemployment rate of 13.5 percent if he is white, and a scandalous 33.5 percent if he is black.
- -- the elderly American, living on a fixed income and watching the price he pays for everything he or she needs go up, up and up.
- -- the farmer, whose back has been forced to the wall by this Administration, and who has been made the victim of the worst economic conditions since the Great Depression of the 1930's.
- -- the unemployed worker -- and there are more than 5 million of them "officially" unemployed today, and an estimated 1.5 million more who have become so discouraged trying to find a job that they have dropped out of the labor market altogether.
- -- the 25 million Americans living in poverty today. And let me remind you that the number is increasing every day under this Administration, after a decade of uninterupted decline under Democratic administrations.
- -- the businessman, the housewife, and black American, the Chicano, and the others whose welfare has been callously ignored by an Administration practicing the politics of crisis and public relations gimmickry.

The opposition will be tough, but we can win in 1972 with unity and dedicated work.

We can win if we keep our focus on people -- their needs, their concerns, their hopes and dreams.

Let's remember Harry Truman. He took his campaign to the people in 1948. And this is what he said:

"We told the people the truth. And the people are with us. The tide is rolling. All over the country I have seen it in the people's faces. The people are going to win the election."

This is what I see as I travel around our great country. People everywhere know we can do better, and they want to get going -- we shall give them that opportunity in 1972.

## **REMARKS**

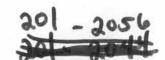
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NATIONAL COMMITTEES ARE, IN MOST

CIRCUMSTANCES, BENIGN APPENDAGES OF

THE PARTY ORGANIZATION. AND AS TITULAR

LEADER OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, I

SURELY QUALIFY AS AN EXPERT ON BENIGN

APPENDAGES.

A LOT OF PEOPLE IN AMERICA ARE SUDDENLY

QUITE INTERESTED IN THE ACTIONS THAT

THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE WILL

BE TAKING THIS AFTERNOON AND TOMORROW.

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- -- UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF
  CHAIRMAN LARRY O'BRIEN, THE DEMOCRATIC
  NATIONAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN MOVING
  FORWARD ON A HOST OF FRONTS TO REBUILD
  AND PREPARE THE PARTY FOR AN EFFECTIVE
  AND WINNING CAMPAIGN NEXT YEAR.
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OF THE 1972 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

FOR ALL THESE REASONS, YOU -THE MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
COMMITTEE -- FIND YOURSELVES FACED WITH

A NUMBER OF HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT DECPSIONS ...

DECISIONS THAT WILL REQUIRE YOUR

CAREFUL AND THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION ...

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FOR THE PARTY ... NOT WHAT IS BEST FOR

ANY PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL, GROUP OR

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CHAIRMAN OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

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MANY YEARS ... HE IS AN ABLE AND RESPECTED

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SENATOR...A DEMOCRAT OF UNUSUAL

COMPASSION AND COMMITMENT.

BY THE SAME TOKEN, I HAVE LONG

BEEN A FRIEND AND ADMIRER OF PATRICIA

HARRIS. I KNOW PAT AS ONE OF AMERICA'S

MOST GIFTED AND TALENTED WOMEN...A

LEADER IN HER PROFESSION...A PERSON OF

VISION AND RARE ABILITY.

WE SHOULD COUNT OURSELVES

FORTUNATE INDEED THAT TWO SUCH ABLE

PEOPLE HAVE AGREED TO HAVE THEIR NAMES

PLACED IN NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION

OF ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE CREDENTIALS

COMMITTEE OF THE 1972 DEMOCRATIC

NATIONAL CONVENTION.

THIS IS ONE OF THE FINEST NATIONAL COMMITTEES THAT THIS PARTY HAS EVER HAD -- DEDICATED TO THE PROGRESS OF AMERICA AND THE WELFARE OF THIS PARTY AND ITS MEMBERS. YOU OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE ARE FULLY QUALIFIED -- INDEED YOU HAVE THE DU TO MAKE THIS IMPORTANT DECISION ON YOUR OWN.

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WHATEVER YOUR DECISION MAY BE -I TRUST WE WILL KEEP OUR LONGER-RANGE
GOALS IN MIND.

I TRUST THAT WE HAVE REGAINED THE MATURITY AND SENSE OF PURPOSE TO UNDERSTAND THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF JOINING TOGETHER IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ELECT A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT IN NOVEMBER READ IN THE PAPERS ABOUT HOW THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS ABOUT TO RELIVE

THE DIFFICULT DAYS OF 1968 . . . ABOUT TO TEAR ITSELF APART OVER THE ISSUE OF PARTY REFORM . . . AND, BY SO DOING, HAND THE ELECTION TO RICHARD NIXON. AND I SAY NONSENSE TO THESE STORIES. Wishind EXPECT A SPIRITED CONTEST. IN FACT. I WOULD BE MORE THAN A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IF WE EVER ADOPTED THE REPUBLICAN TECHNIQUE OF AGREEING TO EVERYTHING BY ACCLAMATION BEHIND TIGHTLY LOCKED DOORS. Ours to another Party - open to new superint of the publicans of the superint of the Republicans of the superint of the superi

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AND CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN SYSTEM.

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ACT WISELY AND WELL. Rumember what we do now - determines the future of construction that the coarbe

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