

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR GOVERNOR CARVEL

Wilmington, Delaware

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And if we do, we will win. We shall realize what Franklin Roosevelt called "Great Tomorrows."

We will win because we understand what is right with America and where its many strengths lie.

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We must bring the government to the people -- to the streets where we live -- and we must bring the people back to their government so we can regain their trust and confidence.

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WHY? BECAUSE THIS ADMINISTRATION DOESN'T CARE.

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ABOUT THE FARMER WHOSE PRICES HAVE FALLEN SO LOW HE HAS TO GO

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THE REPUBLICANS HAVE LOST THE FAITH AND TRUST OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THEY HAVE GIVEN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MANY RHETORICAL PROMISES, BUT FEW PRACTICAL PERFORMANCES.

RICHARD NIXON KNOWS THERE IS A GREAT GAP BETWEEN HIS PROMISES AND PERFORMANCE, BETWEEN HIS RHETORIC AND REALITY. BUT HE IS A CLEVER POLITICIAN -- AS HE WOULD SAY, LET'S BE PERFECTLY CLEAR ABOUT THAT.

WHAT IS ALSO PERFECTLY CLEAR TO ME IS THAT THOSE WHO ARE DEVISING CAMPAIGN STRATEGY FOR THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION ARE PLANNING TO TRY TO GET AS MUCH DISTANCE AS POSSIBLE BETWEEN THE MAN WHO IS RUNNING AND HIS IDENTIFICATION AS LEADER OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

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For all Americans - workers and students, young and old, black and white - I will convene a White House Conference on People's Participation in Government. Only with partnership will we finally achieve real prosperity and a lasting peace for the American people.

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Humphrey said the Administration has created a new forgotten man and told the group that, "It's you, he, your neighbor, the farmer, the businessman--it is all of us."

Humphrey predicted a Democratic victory in November because, "we understand what is right with America and where its many strengths lie. We know the foundation of this great country is built by the common ~~man in his home, factory, in his home, on his street.~~"

"We must bring the government ~~is~~ to the people--to the streets where we live--and we must bring the people back to their government so we can regain their trust and confidence," Humphrey said.

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This is no time to pass responsibility for underfunded programs to overburdened local officials.

It is time for us as a nation, and us as the elected representatives of our nation, to meet the national responsibility to American youth and fund a youth employment program of sufficient size to do the job.

Existing youth training programs are now undermined by the fact that for many youth no real job opportunity follows his training opportunity.

This Subcommittee was told by Seggie Collins, a 24-year-old Watts resident, at hearings last year in Los Angeles that he had been in three different training programs, and had never been able to land a decent job. Others testified that Seggie Collins' experience was typical.

Mr. Chairman, back in 1957, now nearly 14 years ago, I proposed a program to put unemployed youth to work on conservation and other public service projects.

With jobs for young people increasingly hard to find in the private sector of our economy I believe the time has come for a really massive youth public service employment program.

We are in much better shape to mount such a program

2 now than in 1957.

We have had several years of experience with the Neighborhood Youth Corps on which to build.

From 1965 through 1970 over 2.8 million youngsters have been helped by the Neighborhood Youth Corps, counting all three of its programs, summer, in-school, and out-of-school.

The year-round out-of-school program has provided nearly 400,000 youngsters with meaningful work experience over that five-year period.

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I believe we have enough experience to mount a really serious program. I believe we should do it.

First, it needs to be large enough to do the job. Only serving 45,000 young people in the out-of school program, as this Administration did in 1970, is not enough. With 1.1 million youngsters age 16 to 19 unemployed on the average during that year, a 45,000 member program was only a drop in the bucket.

I would propose a program for at least 250,000 youngsters each year. In extending the Economic Opportunity Act, I hope this Committee will authorize a program of that scope.

Second, the program must provide real jobs, jobs that everyone in the community knows need doing. I would suggest that helping to provide a more livable environment for our Nation's communities is the number one priority, especially the development of community recreation facilities and of parks and playgrounds in our inner city neighborhoods that have the very worst day-to-day living environments in the Nation.

a Community Environment Service last year. The legislative authorization for a Community Environment Service was included as a special program in the Employment and Manpower Act which Congress passed last December. As described in that bill, which the President unfortunately vetoed, the Community Environment Service would have provided --

" . . . employment on a full-time or part-time basis for persons to help restore a livable environment in urban and rural areas, including restoration of housing and neighborhoods; the planning, development, and maintenance of parks and recreation areas and facilities in inner cities as well as roadside recreation projects; and

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sanitation and cleanup projects, including solid waste removal. Support may also be provided for the employment of environmental health aides in community health care facilities, and water and air pollution control programs. Community environment service programs shall be encouraged to involve volunteers from the community in environmental planning and action campaigns."

Finally, I would suggest that the expanded Neighborhood Youth Corps program I am proposing must include a strong educational element. It must be flexible, for those who have dropped out of school are shy of the classroom atmosphere, the atmosphere in which many have only learned to regard themselves as *hopeless failures*.

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I would suggest close ties with community colleges. In one experimental program over the last three years over 1,000 summer Neighborhood Youth Corps young people worked successfully at community colleges in San Francisco, New York, St. Louis and other cities.

Existing Neighborhood Youth Corps legislation is broadly enough written to allow such a program.

Funds spent to employ youth in public service jobs are monies saved from welfare payments in many cases. Money spent accomplishing desperately needed work is in every way money better spent than money spent in welfare payments.

For most of us, for most of our young people, this is indeed the land of opportunity. But for millions the realities of their daily lives gives the lie to that great promise.

They eke out an existence that is part welfare, part casual jobs, part hustling and crime, with large

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parts of idleness and empty despair.

We must do better for them. We can do better for ourselves.

Therefore, I propose a five-fold expansion of the Neighborhood Youth Corps program to put unemployed youth to work on environmental and other public service employment projects while being given an opportunity to continue their education at community colleges and other institutions.

As President Kennedy said in his 1963 message on Our Nation's Youth:

6 "The future prospects of any nation can be directly measured by the present prospects of its youth."

Let us look at the youth programs of the past decade as the promising experimental and demonstration programs that they have been. Let's get on with the job here and now of providing truly adequate programs.

When we decided as a Nation to go to the moon, we did not provide 10% of the money necessary to get there and then criticize the bureaucrats for not doing the job. What we did was provide the cash needed and the organization needed and we got the job done.

It is time we took a similar hard-nosed and realistic look at youth programs and provide the cash and the organization needed to do the job.

I submit that if we will but make the investment, the returns to this nation will be invaluable, in terms of both a strengthened economy and the hope and promise given to another generation of our people.

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