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HUMPHREY URGES PRESS CREDENTIALS FOR COLLEGE
EDITORS AT DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Feb. 11--Senator Hubert H. Humphrey proposed today that the Nation's college and university newspaper editors be accredited to cover the proceedings of the Democratic National Convention in Miami Beach in July.

"We have opened the Democratic Party to those who had been under-represented in the past," Humphrey told an audience of College Young Democrats here.

"While only four per cent of the delegates to the 1968 convention were under 30, this group will have 15 to 20 per cent representation at this year's convention.

"I believe we should also open our proceedings to representatives of the college news media, and I have set forth this proposal in a letter to National Chairman Larry O'Brien, urging him to provide these representatives with full and complete press credentials.

"American youth is rightly demanding full participation in the political process. Young Americans should have both the right and the obligation to share in the decisions that will affect their lives.

"And they can only do so when they are well informed--not just by the television networks and what they sometimes call the 'establishment press,' but by their peers, by those who share their concerns about the American future.

"I believe the Democratic Party should now go this additional step,

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building on the outstanding work of the Fraser Commission and the Democratic National Committee in opening the party to full and active participation by all of its elements--youth, women, blacks and other minorities.

"This is an essential part of the Democratic reform movement. It will say emphatically to young Americans that our party is open, that the day of the political machine, of the backroom kingmaker, of the patronage payoffs is over."

Senator Humphrey coupled his proposal with criticism of the Nixon Administration "for its failure to listen to youth and bring them into the councils of government," and with a series of concrete steps to bring youth into real participation in government decision making.

"The youth of our Nation wants more than a pre-dawn visit to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington for a brief rap session with a President who refuses to listen to them during his working hours," Humphrey said.

As President, I would create an Office of Youth Affairs in the Executive office of the President and give the young chairman of that office cabinet-level rank.

"The office would have the primary responsibility of bringing young people into all government agencies, in meaningful, decision and policy level rolls.

"I have visited more than 150 college campuses in the last several years. Since I returned to the Senate I have met with groups of young people at least twice a week. They are concerned about Vietnam, yes. But they are also concerned about the things that trouble other Americans--high unemployment, inadequate health care for large numbers of our people, ill-housing, urban decay, rural blight and the whole litany of festering problems the Nixon Administration has failed to face.

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"I say young Americans have a crucial stake in our efforts to solve these problems. And they must be brought into the decision-making process of our society."

Senator Humphrey also said that as President he would immediately convene a White House Conference on People's Participation in Government and expand programs such as his Senate-passed Interns for Political Leadership Act.

The White House Conference would be held in regions throughout the Nation, he said, "bringing youth, the elderly, businessmen, workers, and other groups into face to face meetings with officials from all levels of government--federal, state and local.

"This can lay the foundation for a new partnership between people and government, a partnership formed not in Washington, but where the people live and work."

Humphrey said his Interns for Political Leadership Act will provide for at least 1,000 internships each year so that students can work directly with government officials as part of their academic training, gaining on-the job experience, and participating in decision-making.

"This should be only the start," Humphrey said. "We need to greatly expand such programs. By so doing we can bring the fresh air of new ideas from young people into sluggish government bureaucracies.

"We can begin to give American youth much more than the vote. We can give them access to the power levers of our society. We can enlist their voice and their help in moving ahead on our urgent domestic agenda."

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President John Kerr

② Bob Allen of Y.D.S. in Providence R.I. for Y.D.S.
- with Mayor Dave Kennedy -

my office Geo. Breece - Sen Levine -
from my office 14

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✓ Florida - Gov. De Pontis
Jimmy Cassel - (Hi-school)
Hale Kaufman

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT L. HUMPHREY

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College
YOUNG DEMOCRATS of America
College of America
YOUNGSTOWN OHIO

Bob Allen
of Y.D.S. Tomorrow

Editors - 9

③ Saw some of you in Hot Springs in Nov.
FEBRUARY 11, 1972

④ where we going? What kind of life -!
where we to live!

- Vote - Registration.
47 million didn't vote '68
25 1/2 million new voters

• Voter Registration - my Bill!
Bob Weiner - 50 million

1. GENERAL THEME: THE OPENNESS OF GOVERNMENT AND THE POLITICAL PROCESS.

FOR A NEW PARTNERSHIP OF PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT, WE MUST OPEN THE PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT TO THE PEOPLE. ONLY IF WE INSTITUTE SPECIFIC REFORMS WILL THIS PARTNERSHIP BE POSSIBLE.

THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SOME OF YOUR PROPOSALS THAT INCLUDE YOUTH.

MY PROPOSALS ARE ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT, CONSIDERING THE REPUBLICAN FAILURE TO MEET WITH YOUNG AMERICANS. THE PRESIDENT ONLY TALKS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AT 6:00 A.M. AT THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL. I ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVE TRAVELLED TO MORE THAN 150 CAMPUSES IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.

Some Suggestions & Record -

- Peace Corps

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- Vista

- Jot Corps

- Student Loans

- Pres. ~~Health~~ Council on youth
opportunity

↳ Senate youth Program

② College Press - Conv

② Party Reform

4% 1968 - under 30

20% 1972 " 30

③ Office of Youth Affairs -
Cabinet Level

④ Interns for Political Leadership
Funds + Opportunity
1000 each yr

2/10/72

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Senator:

Re: Address to College Young Democrats, Youngstown,
Ohio.

Outlined in the following excerpts are several of your plans that affect young Americans: college press at the Convention, the Office of Youth Affairs, the White House Conference on People's Participation in Government, and the Interns for Political Leadership Act.

These proposals are part of the theme of an Open Government--they provide ways for young Americans to become part of the Party and the Government at all levels.

Our political department will be in Youngstown in force--ready to get people to sign on. They request some rousing "hell, fire, and brimstone" to prime the audience.

② Congrats - Y.D's & College Y.D's.
over 37 million 18 to 21 Registered
of 11 1/2 million Eligible 001023

ⓧ Yaw with College Educa - Responsibility
2 out of 7 on College

So what kind of world - America
Planning - Commitment -

(1) Race Relations

(2) Law & Justice - Penal Reform -
Kill Tap.

(3) Education - Pre School - or -

(4) Health - Insurance - Preventive

(5) Environment -

(6) Energy - Transport - Communes

(7) Cities - Rural America

~~8~~ Jobs

9. Armistrial - U.N. - Peace

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2. COLLEGE PRESS REPRESENTATION AT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

I HAVE WRITTEN TO DNC CHAIRMAN LAWRENCE O'BRIEN RECOMMENDING THAT THE PARTY OPEN THE CONVENTION TO COLLEGE NEWSPAPERS. AN EDITOR FROM EVERY MAJOR COLLEGE NEWSPAPER IN THE COUNTRY SHOULD RECEIVE FULL AND COMPLETE PRESS CREDENTIALS.

UNDER OUR PARTY REFORMS, WE ARE OPENING THE CONVENTION TO WOMEN, BLACKS AND YOUTH. WHY NOT COLLEGE PAPERS? WE CAN AND MUST REACH STUDENTS. WE CAN REACH THEM THROUGH THEIR PAPERS.

ALL AGE DISCRIMINATION HAS BEEN OUTLAWED BY THE FRASER COMMISSION. 4% OF THE DELEGATED IN 1968 WERE UNDER 30. THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE 15-20%.

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MY STATE DELEGATE SLATES WILL HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM
YOUTH, WOMEN, BLACKS, AND OTHER MINORITIES REASONABLY EQUAL
TO THEIR POPULATION.

MY PROPOSAL TO ACCREDIT COLLEGE PAPERS WILL LET OUR PARTY
REACH THE CAMPUS. WE WILL HAVE A DIRECT CHANNEL TO ALL THE
COUNTRY'S STUDENTS.

3. OFFICE OF YOUTH AFFAIRS.

AS PRESIDENT I WOULD CREATE AN OFFICE OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AT
A HIGH LEVEL IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE OFFICE WILL HAVE CABINET-LEVEL RANK.

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THIS OFFICE WILL HAVE THE PRIME RESPONSIBILITY OF BRINGING YOUNG PEOPLE INTO ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. YOUNG AMERICANS ARE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY GOVERNMENT DECISIONS. THEY MUST HAVE A ROLE IN THE MAKING OF THOSE DECISIONS.

EVERY FEDERAL DEPARTMENT, EVERY AGENCY MUST HAVE YOUTH ADVISORS. WE ARE NOW MAKING DECISIONS FOR TOMORROW AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. TOMORROW'S GENERATION OF LEADERS MUST CONTRIBUTE TO POLICY-MAKING TODAY.

-- THE STATE DEPARTMENT MUST HEAR THE YOUTH VIEW ON FOREIGN POLICY.

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-- HEW MUST LISTEN TO YOUTH'S OPINIONS IN ALL AREAS OF
EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITY.

-- THE LABOR, COMMERCE, AND TREASURY DEPARTMENTS MUST
RESPOND TO YOUTH'S INPUT ON ECONOMIC POLICY.

-- ALL BUREAUS AND AGENCIES MUST WELCOME THE VIEWPOINT
OF YOUR PROFESSIONALS IN EVERY FIELD.

4. WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT

AS PRESIDENT I WOULD CALL A SERIES OF WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCES
ON PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT. THESE CONFERENCES WILL
TAKE PLACE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY SO THAT ALL AMERICANS -- YOUTH,
THE ELDERLY, BUSINESSMEN, WORKERS, AND OTHER GROUPS -- CAN MEET
IN THEIR HOME TOWNS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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WE MUST FIND NEW WAYS TO BRING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE INTO
THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT -- LOCAL,
STATE, AND FEDERAL.

I CALL FOR A NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
AND THEIR GOVERNMENT. AMERICANS -- WHERE THEY LIVE AND WORK --
MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS OF POLICY PLANNING AND
IMPLEMENTATION.

5. INTERNS FOR POLITICAL LEADERSHIP ACT

I HAVE SPONSORED AND INTRODUCED THE INTERNS FOR POLITICAL
LEADERSHIP ACT, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE SENATE LAST FALL.

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YOUNG AMERICANS MUST BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN GOVERNMENT.
MY BILL WILL PROVIDE FOR AT LEAST 1000 INTERNSHIPS EACH YEAR
SO THAT STUDENTS CAN WORK WITH THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES
FROM CITY COUNCILS TO THE CONGRESS.

THE INTERNSHIPS WILL BE POSITIONS OF MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY.

STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNMENT AS PART
OF THEIR ACADEMIC TRAINING. ALREADY, MANY COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES HAVE WIDE-RANGING INTERN PROGRAMS. MY BILL WILL
PROVIDE FUNDS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO JOIN WITH ELECTED
OFFICIALS IN MAKING DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEM AND ALL AMERICANS.

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