

CALIFORNIA CAMPAIGN OPENING STATEMENT
SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
MAY 18, 1972

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COMPASSIONATE TO THESE CHILDREN, WHOSE ^{AGED OR DISABLED, UNFORTUNATE} ~~KAMKEY~~ FAMILIES
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~~I KNOW THAT PEOPLE DO NOT WANT WELFARE. THEY WANT JOBS.~~

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HUMPHREY CHALLENGES McGOVERN TO DEBATE ISSUES

LOS ANGELES -- Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey today challenged Sen. George S. McGovern to debate the issues in the California presidential primary.

Opening his California campaign, Sen. Humphrey suggested a series of four televised debates throughout the state to "clarify the issues for the people of California so that they can make a fully informed decision."

~~Elaborating~~ Such debates would help lower the level of emotion of the campaign and raise the level of knowledge of the issues on which the candidates disagree, Humphrey said in a statement ^{inaugurating} his Los Angeles headquarters.

"I pledge to conduct a campaign based on the issues, not on personalities," Humphrey said.

The Minnesota Senator listed ^{as} some of the issues on which he and his principal rival disagree: ~~The extent of~~ defense and aerospace ~~cuts~~ cuts ~~taxes can be made~~ without jeopardizing the security of the nation or the jobs of Californians; tax reform; welfare reform; ~~and~~

Humphrey said the cost of the televised debates could be shared by the two candidates to avoid equal-time problems. The ~~debates~~ debates could be held in four different locations throughout California, Humphrey suggested.

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~~spirit of friendship and goodwill.~~ "Every poll, both public and private of which I am aware, indicates that I lead in California. I am prepared to put this lead on the line so that the People of California can make a fully informed decision on June 6," ~~he~~ said **Humphrey**.

"I urge Senator McGovern to accept this invitation. This would set the tone of the entire campaign - a tone of thorough but friendly discussion.

~~"I conclude by expressing my confidence that~~ **"**When my views, programs and experience are fully stated, explored and discussed, I shall win the California primary on June 6," he said.

the text of ~~the~~ **Sen. Humphrey's**
statement follows:

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THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA ^{FACE A SERIOUS PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT} ~~EXPECT CANDIDATES TO BE~~
~~UNDEREMPLOYMENT, WASTED TRAINED MANPOWER,~~
~~CONCERNED ABOUT PROTECTING THEIR JOBS.~~

THEY EXPECT THE CANDIDATES TO HAVE A REALISTIC AND
SENSIBLE PROGRAM TO CUT THE UNEMPLOYMENT ROLLS AND PUT
PEOPLE ON PAYROLLS.

IN THE COMING DAYS, I WILL TELL CALIFORNIANS EXACTLY
HOW I PLAN TO PUT THE JOBLESS PEOPLE OF THIS STATE BACK TO
WORK AND END THIS REPUBLICAN RECESSION.

SENATOR MCGOVERN AND ^{ALSO} I DISAGREE ON WHO SHOULD GET
WELFARE, HOW MUCH THEY SHOULD RECEIVE AND WHO SHOULD PAY
THE BILL.

THERE CAN BE NO ^{REAL} TAX REFORM WITHOUT WELFARE REFORM, ^{AND A Reduction} ~~AND A Reduction~~
~~IN THE WELFARE BILL.~~

PROPERTY TAXES MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO ESCALATE BECAUSE
OF INCREASED WELFARE COSTS.

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^{A SYSTEM WHICH WOULD GIVE}
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