

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

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THERE ARE TWO CANDIDATES IN THIS PRIMARY WHO CLAIM
TO BE THE FRIEND OF BLACK VOTERS AND OTHER MINORITIES IN
THE UNITED STATES.

MY OPPONENT CLAIMS THAT HIS RECORD ON CIVIL RIGHTS
IS AS GOOD AS MINE.

THIS IS NONSENSE.

SIXTEEN YEARS AFTER I HAD TAKEN THE LEAD IN THE
BATTLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN AMERICA AT THE DEMOCRATIC
NATIONAL CONVENTION OF 1948, AND WHILE I WAS GUIDING
JOHN KENNEDY CIVIL RIGHTS BILL THROUGH CONGRESS IN
1964, MY OPPONENT, SENATOR GEORGE McGOVERN WAS
SIDING WITH THE ANTI-CIVIL RIGHTS FORCES IN THE SENATE
OF THE UNITED STATES

PROVISION OF THE 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS BILL, SENATOR McGOVERN
YIELDED TO POLITICAL PRESSURE AND SIDED WITH THE THURMONDS
OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE, TO SIDE THE PROGRESS FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

SENATOR McGOVERN JOINED 22 OTHER SENATORS, WHICH INCLUDED

18 MEMBERS OF THE SENATE'S HARD CORE ANTI-CIVIL RIGHTS

BLOC, IN VOTING AGAINST A PROVISION TO ALLOW THE ATTORNEY

GENERAL TO REQUIRE THAT ALL COURTS EXPEDITE LEGAL COMPLAINTS

ON VOTING RIGHTS, THIS A BRAZEN AND FULL SCALE

ATTEMPT TO EMASCULATE THE VOTING RIGHTS PROVISION OF THE

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT.

OR MEXICAN AMERICAN OR ANY OTHER PROGRESSIVE GROUP IN THE

STATE OF CALLEDRNIA THAT HE ALLEGE CAST THIS VOTE.

THIS PROVISION WAS TO PROTECT THE VOTING RIGHTS OF

BLACK AMERICANS.

T MAY NOT HAVE BEEN

CRUCIAL TO YOU HERE, BUT IT WAS CRUCIAL TO OUR BROTHERS

AND SISTERS IN ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI, WHO HAD BEEN

DENIED THE RIGHT TO VOTE BY TERROR, SUBTERFUGE, DECEPTION

AND IN SOME CASES, OUTRIGHT MURDER.

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WHAT THE BLACK COMMUNITY NEEDS, AND LET'S FACE IT,
BROTHERS AND SISTERS, IS A FRIEND THAT WILL STICK BY THEM
WHEN THE GOING GETS ROUGH

THAT AFFECT ALL AMERICANS TODAY, AFFECT BLACK AMERICANS

RECESSIONS FOR WHITE FOLKS MEANS DEPRESSIONS FOR

BLACK FOLKS. AND YOU KNOW IT

WITH PARTICULAR HARSHNESS.

MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, THE TRAGEDY OF THE

REPUBLICAN RECESSION IS THAT THE GREAT ECONOMIC STRIDES MADE BY BLACK AMERICANS HAS SLOWED TO A CRAWL.

--SINCE THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION TOOK OFFICE, BLACK UNEMPLOYMENT HAS INCREASED BY 104 PERCENT.

MANY MORE WILL BE OUT OF LUCK, OUT OF MONEY, AND OUT OF A JOB THIS SUMMER?

-BLACK FEMALE UNEMPLOYMENT IS OVER 50 PERCENT.

Z--AT LEAST 100,000 BLACK YOUTHS HAVE GIVEN UP

LOOKING FOR WORK OUT OF SHEER DESPERATION.

Z--THE DOLLAR GAP BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE FAMILIES

NOW AMOUNTS TO \$3,600.00, AND IT IS NOT BEING CLOSED

UNDER THIS ADMINISTRATION.

TO BE BLACK AND LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE A JOB, OFTEN MEANS:

- -- FEWER HOURS OF WORK PER WEEK
- --LESS PAY
- -- FEWER PROSPECTS FOR ADVANCEMENT
- -- AND FIRST TO BE FIRED

WE ALL KNOW THAT MOST BLACK PAYCHECKS ARE LESS THAN WHITE PAYCHECKS.

BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT THERE ARE NO SPECIAL DISCOUNTS

FOR BLACK FAMILIES -- AT THE SUPERMARKET, AT THE CLOTHING

AND APPLIANCE STORES, AND WHEN TAX BILLS COME DUE.

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IT IS TIME TO END THE GAP BETWEEN WHITE

HEALTH AND BLACK HEALTH IN AMERICA

--THE LIFE EXPECTANCY OF A WHITE MALE IS 67 YEARS.

THE BLACK MALE IS EXPECTED TO LIVE ONLY 60 YEARS.

--OUT OF EVERY 1,000 BABIES BORN, 19 WHITE BABIES
DIE, BUT 34 BLACK BABIES DIE.

--DO YOU REALIZE THAT T.B. KILLS 3 TIMES AS MANY BLACKS AS WHITES?

--WE RANK 18TH AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD IN

INFANT MORTALITY.

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AND, FINALLY, THIS NATION HAS BEGUN TO RECOGNIZE

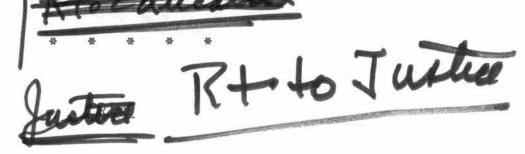
AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT SICKLE CELL ANEMIA -- A DREAD

DISEASE WHICH AFFLICTS BLACK AMERICANS.

I GIVE MY SOLEMN PLEDGE THAT A HUMPHREY

ADMINISTRATION WILL PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS TO CURE THIS

DISEASE.



--IT'S TIME TO DRIVE THE DRUG PUSHERS FROM OUR

COMMUNITIES. THEY HAVE BEEN IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, IN OUR SCHOOLS, AND ON THE STREET CORNERS TOO LONG.

-IT'S A FACT, AND EVERYBODY OUGHT TO KNOW IT:

BLACK PEOPLE GET HURT MOST BY CRIME.

--BLACK PEOPLE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO WALK TO CHURCH



ON SHADAY SIGHT WITHOUT FEAR.

√-BLACK CHILDREN SHOULD NEVER HAVE TO FEAR BEING

SHOOK DOWN ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL.

THE STATISTICS ARE STARK:

-- BLACKS SUFFER 4 TIMES AS MUCH ROBBERY AS WHITES;

2 TIMES AS MUCH AGGRAVATED ASSAULT; 2 TIMES AS MUCH

BURGLARY; AND 3 TIMES AS MUCH FORCEABLE RAPE.

TO VISIT RELATIVES BECAUSE THEY FEAR THINGS THEY SAVED

AND PAID FOR WILL BE STOLEN.

LACK OF JOBS FOR OUR YOUNG. — Rt to Partigette

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Rt to Shud Care— To State Algority

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