REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION NIAGRA FALLS, NEW YORK JUNE 13, 1974

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I have come here tonight to renew an acquaintance with my fellow Democrats from the Empire State.

I will never forget this state and what you have done for me and the Democratic Party.

New York -- the cradle of progressive Democratic politics.

New York -- the state which gave us the fearless Al Smith who dared to be right before his time.

New York -- the state which gave us the great Franklin Delano Roosevelt who rescued this nation from despair and gave the American people and the world hope for a better day.

New York -- the state which gave the nation Herbert Lehman as Governor and Senator.

New York -- the state which gave the nation Averill Harriman.

New York -- the state which elected Robert F. Kennedy its Senator so that he could champion the progressive causes of his fallen brother.

And this wonderful state gave me its support in 1968, putting me within a whisper of defeating Richard Nixon. Thanks for 1968.

I will be forever grateful to the people of New York.

We meet today at a critical juncture for the Democratic Party and for our nation.

The November elections are less than six months away. The Presidential election of 1976 looms over the horizon two years and five months into the future.

For the men and women who lead the Democratic Party here in New York and in the Congress the period from now until November of 1976 will be a crucial time of testing.

We must prove to the American people that we can respond to their needs and govern America.

We will have to prove that our economy can be made healthy once again.

And as Democrats we must prove that we can govern the nation's cities and states equitably, permitting no special favor for the powerful and showing compassion for the needy.

If we pass these tests, Democrats will be elected to local, state and Federal office in overwhelming numbers this November. And then we will be in a position to elect a Democrat as President in November of 1976.

To put it bluntly: 1974 and 1975 are years of decision and years of opportunity for Democrats.

In the next two years we either will prove that we are capable of effective action and restoration of trust, or we will forfeit our claim to progressive political leadership capable of governing this great nation. HUMPHREY - 2

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It will do little good to tell the American people what "could be done" if a Democrat were sitting in the White House today.

Nor will it help to tell New Yorkers what "could be done" if you had a Democratic Governor in Albany.

The people expect and demand our Party to act now. They expect our Party to act decisively to solve their problems from the positions of trust and responsibility we now hold.

The people are outraged by Watergate. We must clean up the mess and govern America. We must do this so that the people can once again believe that government is run for them and not for the special interests.

The job to be done, the challenges to be faced, are not only in Washington.

They are here in the cities and towns of this great state. Those of you involved in local and state government are on the front lines, so to speak.

If the people of New York are to believe that politics can be an honorable and worthy profession, the Democratic Party must respond to the needs of the people.

Democrats in Congress must stand ready to enact a progressive legislative agenda which will aid you in your efforts in local and state elections in 1974 and 1976. And this agenda must include:

--An education program of equal opportunity for all -- including handicapped and minorities.

-- A national health insurance program for all Americans at a cost all can afford.

--Tax reform which brings fairness and equity to the American people.

--A job program which will not let working families be impoverished by rising rates of unemployment.

--A program to fight inflation on two fronts -- for the elderly and for the working families.

--A program for housing our people. If we can have six percent loans for export-import, why not for housing and community development.

At a minimum, this is what a Democratic Congress must achieve in the months ahead if we are to win the trust and confidence of the people.

In the months ahead all of us are going to hear a great deal about the dangers of a massive Democratic victory this November. We already have heard the first salvos of Republican rhetoric as the Vice President makes the rounds of the party faithful.

I want to say tonight: Beware of the myths that desperate Republicans will utter as the economic situation worsens and the public continues to be outraged by the abuses of Watergate.

Here are four myths that we must destroy -- just as Harry Truman destroyed the myth that a simple and honest man of the people couldn't run this country!

Myth number one. The Republicans say: "Elect more Democrats and we'll have a legislative dictatorship." HUMPHREY - 3

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I say that we just managed to stop one dictatorship in the nick of time -- an Executive dictatorship in a Republican White House.

We won't have another from the Congress -- I can assure you of that!

And who may I ask acts like a man answerable to no one?

Who refuses to obey subpoenas?

Who refuses to say he will obey a ruling of the Supreme Court?

Not a Democratic Senator or Congressman. But a Republican President who still acts like he is above the law!

And whose voice do we hear objecting to Presidential defiance of the law and perhaps of the highest court in the land? The Vice President? Not really. A majority of Republicans in Congress? No.

So let's not stand for this talk of legislative dictatorship.

Myth number two. The Republicans say: "Elect Democrats and a veto proof Congress will spend and spend with big Federal programs."

Let's set the facts straight on this one.

Over the last five years, the Republican administration has added more than \$100 billion to the national debt.

Five consecutive budgets have been offered by a Republican administration that have been in deficit by \$100 million.

Democrats in Congress have managed to trim about \$25 billion from the President's budget requests.

Myth number three. The Republicans say: "Democratic candidates are being manipulated by labor unions."

Why does the American labor movement generally support Democratic politicans?

Because we vote for higher food and fuel prices? Because we favor lower minimum wages? Because we voted to retain a veto of better hospitals and better schools? Because we joined with the special interests in voting for tax loopholes and higher profits? No!

As long as the Democratic Party stands for a better break for the average guy, big business and the barons of industry will say that we are in the pocket of the unions.

So let them make this phony charge. My political career has been built with the support of the men and women in the factories and shops of this nation.

If Democrats continue to fight for social and economic justice, we will never lose the support of the millions of Americans who have the good fortune to belong to labor unions.

Myth number four, the shrewdest myth of them all. The Republicans say: "Richard Nixon is the cause of the nation's problems, not the Republican Party."

We have seen it already.

Republicans will try to run from their President. They will denounce him and they will say it's all his fault.

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Well, I am not blaming the Republican Party for Watergate.

But I do blame Republicans for supporting an unprecedented number of Nixon vetoes of programs designed to help ordinary working families here in New York and elsewhere.

I do blame Republicans for allowing Richard Nixon to impound \$11 billion in Congressionally appropriated funds.

I do blame Republicans for supporting Richard Nixon's economic policies which have brought us the highest interest rates, skyrocketing inflation, unemployment and hardship for the American people.

And I do blame Republicans and Richard Nixon for sitting idle while the energy crisis came crashing down on the American people and the oil companies harvested tremendous profits.

The Republican party may try to divorce itself from Richard Nixon.

But we must not let it hide the truth about the man it supported from the halls of Congress time and time again. He was their candidate.

You must not let these myths and the politics of fear win out over the politics of truth and compassion.

You must not let internal divisions rob us of the victories we deserve.

And you must continually remind the people of this state that it has been under Democratic leadership that Americans have pulled themselves up in hard times:

--Under Franklin Roosevelt from a depression;

--Under Harry Truman from the threat of severe post-war economic dislocation at home and economic instability abroad;

--Under John Kennedy from a serious recession;

--And under Lyndon Johnson toward implementing the ideal of hope and opportunity for all Americans.

Our people today have a right to expect the same kind of Democratic leadership. The America we want can be.

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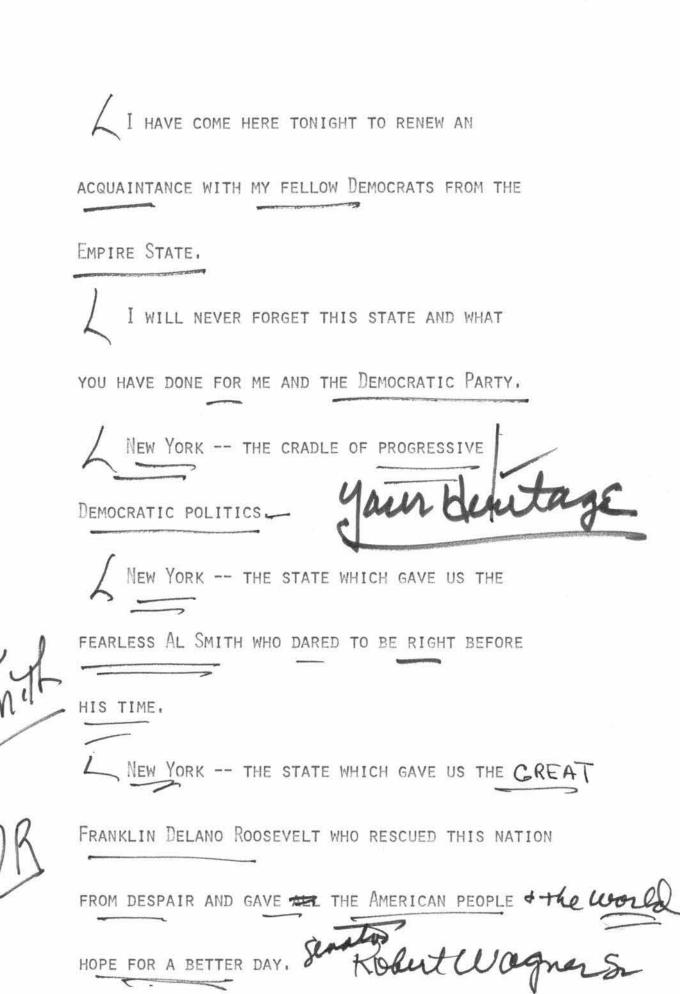
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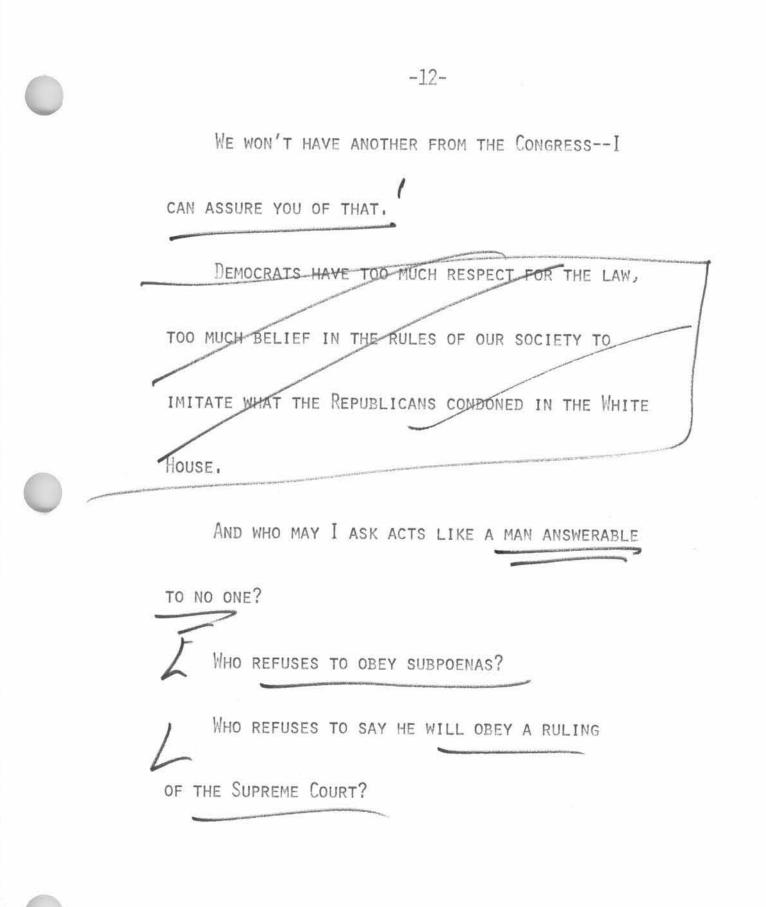
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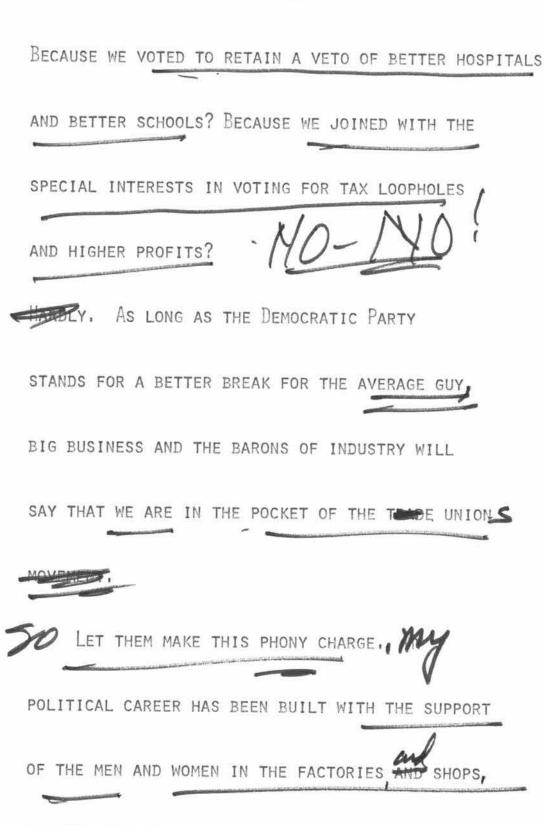
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OF FEAR WIN OUT OVER THE POLITICS OF TRUTH

AND COMPASSION.

YOU MUST NOT LET INTERNAL DIVISIONS ROB US OF THE VICTORIES WE DESERVE. AND YOU MUST CONTINUALLY REMIND THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE THAT IT HAS BEEN UNDER DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP THAT AMERICANS HAVE PULLED THEMSELVES UP IN HARD TIMES:

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