

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FORUM

Syracuse, New York

October 4, 1975

Good afternoon. It is a great pleasure to welcome each of you to this forum of Democratic presidential contenders.

The forum is sponsored by the New York State Democratic Committee under the outstanding leadership of New York Democratic Chairman Patrick J. Cunningham of New York City. Governor Hugh Carey and Lt. Governor Mary Ann Krupsak also have been instrumental in making this forum possible.

Participants in the forum this afternoon are: Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana, Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, former Senator Fred Harris of Oklahoma and now a resident of Virginia, Senator Henry Jackson of Washington State, former Governor Terry Sanford of North Carolina, Sargent Shriver of Maryland, and Representative Morris Udall of Arizona.

As moderator, I find myself in a role not unlike that of Sonny Jurgensen or Alex Karras. After many years on the playing field, I find the press box has some definite advantages ... identifying the players by their numbers, reading the offensive and defensive plays, and offering occasional commentary.

As Sonny and Alex could tell you, it's a lot better financially, you don't have to attend all the practice sessions, and the fans are much less interested in expressing thier emotions, either favorably or unfavorably.

But, of course, if you're up in the press box, you don't get a chance to play in the Super Bowl.

This forum is being carried live on television and radio throughout New York State, as well as to other sections of the country. Hundreds of thousands of people will have the chance this afternoon to meet these seven distinguished Americans competing for the Democratic nomination and hear what they have to say. I am looking forward to a lively and informative exchange of views.

I believe this is the best-attended candidate forum to take place so far. This suggests that New York looms large in the contest for the presidential nomination.

Of course, the Democratic National Convention will be held in New York City next July. And on April 6, New York Democrats will choose at least 75 per cent of their delegates to that convention. This is certain to be one of the most hotly contested and important presidential primaries.

As many of you know, the national Democratic Party requires that each state Democratic Party conduct a vigorous program to involve all interested persons in the selection of national convention delegates and alternates, especially persons who often have found it difficult to have a full-fledged role in the process. This means reaching out to involve younger voters, minorities, women, working men and women, and senior citizens. The forum this afternoon is part of the New York Democratic Party's program of affirmative action to involve as many persons as possible in the Democratic primary next April 6.

Those of you here in Syracuse this afternoon, and those of you watching on television or listening on radio, please be sure you are registered. And be sure you help choose delegates to the Democratic National Convention by voting on primary election day. Don't throw away your chance to help nominate the Democratic candidate. Get involved.

That takes care of the commercials. Now a brief word on the format for this afternoon's forum.

Each contender will make a five-minute opening statement. This should take most of the first hour. For the second hour, the contenders will answer questions from the audience. I will explain the groundrules for the question period after the opening statements are completed.

Now, it is my pleasure to introduce the first contender for his opening five-minute statement .....

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TOT Reform -  
Taxes - 166 - who avoided Paying  
Billions in Taxes

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Stanley Stein  
Bob Wagner

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Mayor Alexander  
Robert Strauss  
Mayor Hanna  
Wicks

Pat Cunningham  
Gov Hugh Carey  
Ex Gov Mary Ann Krupsky  
Fellow Dems

Jim Hanley - 329  
T154

Good to be in Cyprus -

away from Disneyland D.C.

~~where the All-American center~~

& upside down -

In order to understand  
Remember President  
Played Center

Higher prices for oil

lower funds for school lunches -

~~Higher~~ more money for Borders & Saks

- less money for Grandfather Mountain

more ~~food~~ for Russia

- less food stamps for the needy

What should be up is down

" Should be down is up

unemployment up - income down

Inflation up -

~~Grandfather~~ Played Center

Loans to U.S.S.R. - no help for  
N.Y.C.

House Province - 2 cases in every grade  
-1-

h GOOD AFTERNOON. IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME EACH

OF YOU TO THIS FORUM OF DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS. —

men of Peterpennine, - Talent, ability, + integrity

THE FORUM IS SPONSORED BY THE NEW YORK STATE DEMOCRATIC

COMMITTEE UNDER THE OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP OF NEW YORK DEMOCRATIC

CHAIRMAN PATRICK J. CUNNINGHAM OF NEW YORK CITY / GOVERNOR HUGH

CAREY AND LT. GOVERNOR MARY ANN <sup>Krupsak</sup> KRUPSAK ALSO HAVE BEEN

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h PARTICIPANTS IN THE FORUM THIS AFTERNOON ARE: SENATOR

BIRCH BAYH OF INDIANA, SENATOR LLOYD BENTSEN OF TEXAS, FORMER

SENATOR FRED HARRIS OF OKLAHOMA, AND NOW A RESIDENT OF VIRGINIA,

SENATOR HENRY JACKSON OF WASHINGTON STATE, FORMER GOVERNOR

TERRY SANFORD OF NORTH CAROLINA, SARGENT SHRIVER OF MARYLAND,

AND REPRESENTATIVE MORRIS UDALL OF ARIZONA.

This Administration -

Say no - to Jobs Program

- no to Educ

- no to the Elderly

- no to the Sick

- no to Tax Reform

- no to School Lunches

- no to housing

- no to our cities

- no to our children  
+ their school lunches

- no to the

- Graduated Income tax  
not Graduated Top Holes

I call  
Arthur Burns -

3rd Degree Burns

And say we must sacrifice  
to end inflation - but who  
is there?

my role as that of Moderator, Introducer,  
+ referee.

*understanding my situation* <sup>-2-</sup> *if you are a football fan you will*

I FIND MYSELF IN A ROLE NOT UNLIKE THAT  
OF SONNY JURGENSEN <sup>of the Red Skins</sup> OR ALEX KARRAS <sup>of the Bears.</sup> AFTER MANY YEARS ON THE

PLAYING FIELD, I FIND THE PRESS BOX HAS SOME DEFINITE ADVANTAGES ...

IDENTIFYING THE PLAYERS BY THEIR NUMBERS, READING THE OFFENSIVE

AND DEFENSIVE PLAYS, AND OFFERING OCCASIONAL COMMENTARY.

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FINANCIALLY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ATTEND ALL THE PRACTICE SESSIONS,  
AND THE FANS ARE MUCH LESS INTERESTED IN EXPRESSING THEIR  
EMOTIONS, EITHER FAVORABLY OR UNFAVORABLY.

BUT, OF COURSE, IF YOU'RE UP IN THE PRESS BOX, YOU DON'T  
GET A CHANCE TO PLAY IN THE SUPER BOWL. — *But you*  
*can attend!*



This forum, along with others, gives our candidates the opportunity to sharpen the issues, to propose solutions, to challenge the administration, and to give us their hopes and dreams for America as we enter our third century of freedom & independence.

The door of Political opportunity is wide open for the Democrats -

The People are tired and weary of 7 years of Republican double talk, double standards, double digit inflation, and double cross - They ~~want~~ are fed up with, phases & freezes, zig & zag, stop & go, Veto & NO NO - They cry out for direction, action, decency, and Fair Play -



~~They~~ The People are looking over to see if we care  
about ~~our~~ their needs - their families - their communities,  
their jobs, their income, their taxes, their schools,  
their health care; their homes - and our country.

So there  
it is -  
our challenge -  
THIS FORUM IS BEING CARRIED LIVE ON TELEVISION AND RADIO

THROUGHOUT NEW YORK STATE, AS WELL AS TO OTHER SECTIONS OF THE

COUNTRY / HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WILL HAVE THE CHANCE

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TO SAY. / I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A LIVELY AND INFORMATIVE

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. (X2)

/ I BELIEVE THIS IS THE BEST-ATTENDED CANDIDATE FORUM TO

TAKE PLACE SO FAR. / THIS SUGGESTS THAT NEW YORK <sup>The Empire State -</sup> LOOMS LARGE

IN THE CONTEST FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

/ OF COURSE, THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE

HELD IN NEW YORK CITY NEXT JULY. / AND ON APRIL 6, NEW YORK

DEMOCRATS WILL CHOOSE AT LEAST 75 PER CENT OF THEIR DELEGATES

TO THAT CONVENTION. / THIS IS CERTAIN TO BE ONE OF THE MOST

HOTLY CONTESTED AND IMPORTANT PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES.

Why Drill for oil when you have  
a gusher in the White House?

Don Ford - Rockefeller  
Butz and co - believe  
the way to cure the fever of exploitation  
is to bleed the Patient.

40% Black Teenagers, 25% White Teenagers  
+ Indian + Chicano  
A nation that fails the young  
people of America  
is a nation that ~~fails~~  
~~itself~~ is doomed to failure

2 Challenges for next President  
- Bring Prosperity at Home  
- Bring Peace around  
the world

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY REQUIRES  
THAT EACH STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONDUCT A VIGOROUS PROGRAM TO  
INVOLVE ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE SELECTION OF NATIONAL  
CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES, ESPECIALLY PERSONS WHO  
OFTEN HAVE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO HAVE A FULL-FLEDGED ROLE  
IN THE PROCESS. THIS MEANS REACHING OUT TO INVOLVE YOUNGER  
VOTERS, MINORITIES, WOMEN, WORKING MEN AND WOMEN, AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS. THE FORUM THIS AFTERNOON IS PART OF THE NEW YORK  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S PROGRAM OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO INVOLVE  
AS MANY PERSONS AS POSSIBLE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY NEXT

APRIL 6. This Forum, along with others, affords  
our candidates the opportunity to sharpen  
the issues and propose solutions to the  
perplexing & Critical Problem of today.  
More importantly, the candidates  
can & should give us their hopes & dreams.

Don't get ~~too~~ divided -  
We need each other

- Environment + Jobs -
- Compassion + Profit -
- Farmers + Consumers
- Unions - Business

Conservative Ideas

Scholars -

Building Trades

Industrial Unions

Central lesson is the Ability  
to Change - We can't replay  
the 50's + 60's. We  
must look to the 80's 90's

x Get back to basics  
take what's good in the Past  
+ build on it.

x { "America is great because  
america is good"  
DeTocqueville

for ~~the~~ America as it enters its third  
century of independence & freedom -

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OF YOU WATCHING ON TELEVISION OR LISTENING <sup>by</sup> RADIO, PLEASE

BE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED, AND BE SURE YOU HELP CHOOSE

DELEGATES TO THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION BY VOTING

ON PRIMARY ELECTION DAY. DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR CHANCE TO

HELP NOMINATE THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE. GET INVOLVED!

<sup>now</sup> THAT TAKES CARE OF THE COMMERCIALS. NOW A BRIEF WORD

ON THE FORMAT FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S FORUM.

EACH CONTENDER WILL MAKE A FIVE-MINUTE OPENING STATEMENT.

THIS SHOULD TAKE MOST OF THE FIRST HOUR. FOR THE SECOND HOUR,

THE CONTENDERS WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE. I WILL

EXPLAIN THE GROUND RULES FOR THE QUESTION PERIOD AFTER THE

OPENING STATEMENTS ARE COMPLETED.

When you elect a President -  
Judges, Cts, agencies, Fed Reserve  
+  $2/3$  vote of Congress

A President can decide  
what the debate is about -  
define issues - engage the  
controversy

Now, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE FIRST CONTENDER

FOR HIS OPENING FIVE-MINUTE STATEMENT .....

Sen Buck Bayt  
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