REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY ALLEGHENY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC DINNER PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA OCTOBER 23, 1975 It is fitting that the Allegheny County

DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS HOLDING THIS DINNER TO HONOR THE MEMORIES OF TWO GREAT DEMOCRATS AND TWO GREAT AMERICANS--DAVID E. LAWRENCE AND JOHN F. KENNEDY. DAVID LAWRENCE AS MAYOR OF THIS GREAT CITY GOVERNOR OF THE KEYSTONE STATE AND A GREAT DEMO-CRATIC LEADER GAVE HOPE AND SPIRIT TO HIS CITY AND wild HIS STATE. JOHN F. KENNEDY-OUR FALLEN PRESIDENT REVITALIZED THE SPIRIT OF A NATION--JUST AS DAVID LAWRENCE REVITALIZED PITTSBURGH WITH THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE AND POINT STATE PARK.

- 2 -My friend David Lawrence did as much as any MAN TO GIVE THIS NATION THE PRESIDENCY OF JOHN F. KENNEDY--AND THE DYNAMIC, NEW LEADERSHIP OF THE 1960s. DAVID LAWRENCE AND JOHN KENNEDY WERE MEN OF Vision a ACTION. THEY WANTED TO GET A JOB DONE FOR THE PEOPLE. THEY FOUGHT BATTLES FOR PEOPLE. THEY DEVOTED THEIR LIVES TO THE PUBLIC. They never forgot the golden rule of public LIFE: THEY NEVER FORGOT THAT GOVERNMENT IS THE SERVANT, NOT THE MASTER OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

IF WE WANT TO HONOR THESE TWO GIANTS OF AMERICAN POLITICS, LET US NEVER FORGET THAT WITHOUT LEADER-SHIP THE PEOPLE'S FIGHT IS LOST. WITHOUT LEADERSHIP THIS GREAT REPUBLIC FALTERS AND WITHOUT LEADERSHIP THE PEOPLE BEGIN TO LOSE HOPE. THE CHALLENGE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN 1976 IS TO PROVIDE OUR NATION WITH THE TYPE OF LEADERSHIP WHICH IS GUIDED BY FAIRNESS, COMPASSION AND COURAGE. THESE ARE THE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP WHICH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CRAVE.

THESE ARE THE QUALITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN LACKING FROM GOVERNMENT DURING EIGHT YEARS OF REPUBLICAN MISTAKES, MISMANAGEMENT AND MEDIOCRITY. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY--THE PARTY OF WARREN HARDING, CALVIN COOLIDGE, HERBERT HOOVER AND GERALD FORD--HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED ITS STRATEGY FOR 1976. IN FACT, I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE SPENT THOUSANDS ON A MADISON AVENUE AD CAMPAIGN. I'LL BET THEY HAVE EVEN DEVELOPED AN EASY-TO-REMEMBER CAMPAIGN SLOGAN FOR PRESIDENT FORD AS HE TRAVELS AROUND THE COUNTRY. IT'S GOING TO BE PRINTED ON MILLIONS A OF RED, WHITE AND BLUE BUTTONS. IT'S A REAL GRABBER.

Republican Batton - Win -THE CAMPAIGN SLOGAN FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FOR THE YEAR OF AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL IS "NO." THAT'S RIGHT, A SIMPLE, TWO-LETTER WORD WHICH GERALD FORD SEEMS TO HAVE SPOKEN MORE OFTEN THAN ANY OTHER AMERICAN PRESIDENT IN RECENT MEMORY. Mr. Ford has said No to eight million men and WOMEN WHO WANT TO WORK, NEED TO WORK AND PRAY FOR A JOB. He has said No to working families who see THEIR EARNINGS ERODED DAILY BY INFLATION FROM SOARING UTILITY RATES AND ARE La has said HO to Housand 2 american families ever evan Do oron afforce - Tightmon

- 6 -Children He's SAID NO TO THE CHILDREN OF AMERICA WHO WANT BETTER SCHOOLS AND TO THE MALL DESPERATELY NEED A GOOD SCHOOL LUNCH. MR. FORD HAS SAID NO TO A DECENT LIFE FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS WHO FEAR THAT THEIR PRESIDENT WILL NOW MAKE MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY THE NEXT TARGET OF HIS CRIEE RED PENCIL. And Mr. Ford has said No to the health and ECONOMIC SECURITY OF AMERICAN FAMILIES AS HE REFUSES TO PUSH HARD FOR NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE. IN FOURTEEN MONTHS, THE PRESIDENT HAS USED HIS VETO 39 TIMES TO SAY NO TO THE CONGRESS AS THEY TRY TO EASE THE ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS WHICH TOUCH Said NO to amer SO MANY PEOPLE.

SUGGEST THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO SAY NO TO JERRY FORD ON NOVEMBER 2, 1976. WE MUST REJECT A PRESIDENT AND A PARTY WHICH BELIEVE THAT BY DIVIDING THEY CONQUER; BY INACTION THEY SUCCEEED; BY SAYING NO THEY SHOW STRENGTH; BY PANDERING TO THE WORST THAT IS IN US, THEY CAN we critición 7 portos Seas WIN. THIS IS THE POLITICS OF DOUBT, DIVISION AND DECEIT, and defeat. These are the politics of small Men who should pit COUNTRY AGAINST CITY, RICH AGAINST POOR, BLACK AGAINST WHITE AND YOUNG AGAINST OLD.

Nen - upside Down I BELIEVE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE FAR TOO SMART TO ACCEPT THIS TYPE OF PHILOSOPHY FROM THOSE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO LEAD AND GOVERN A GREAT NATION. IN 1976 DEMOCRATS MUST BE REALISTIC. WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT AMERICANS HAVE BECOME DISENCHANTED WITH ONE PARTY--THEY HAVE GROWN TO NOT E DISTRUST THE ENTIRE POLITICAL SYSTEM--REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS ALIKE. So our party must not simply call for Jobs--but IT MUST SHOW HOW TO PUT PEOPLE TO WORK. WE MUST NOT SIMPLY CALL FOR TAX REFORM--BUT WE MUST SHOW HOW LOOPHOLES CAN BE CLOSED.

WE MUST NOT SIMPLY CALL FOR CONTROLLING MUST INFLATION--BUT WE MUST PROPOSE SPECIFIC WAYS TO

DUR PARTY MUST NOT SIMPLY PROFESS LOYALTY TO THE CONSTITUTION--AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS--BUT IT MUST DECLARE ITSELF AGAINST THE PERVASIVE AND DEADLY RAGE OF GOVERNMENT PRACTICES WHICH STRIKE AT THE HEART OF FREEDOM. WE MUST SHOW THAT WE ARE THE PARTY OF ACTION.

WE ARE THE PARTY OF WORK.

WE ARE THE PARTY OF HOPE.

LET US UNITE.

WITHOUT UNITY ALL WILL BE LOST,

WITHOUT UNITY THE WHITE HOUSE WILL STILL BELONG

TO MEN OF PRIVILEGE AND NOT TO THE PEOPLE.

WE HAVE TASTED THE BITTERNESS OF DISUNITY FAR

LET 1976 BE A TIME OF REBIRTH FOR A UNITED

DEMOCRATIC PARTY DEDICATED TO THE PEOPLE AND COMMITTED

TO THEIR NEEDS.

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