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*Hubert H. Humphrey*

HUMPHREY SAYS DEFEAT FACES  
DEMOCRATS IF THEY BECOME  
"ANTI-GOVERNMENT ZEALOTS"  
OR "PROPHETS OF GLOOM, DOOM!"

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ARLINGTON, VA., Mar. 21--Senator Hubert H. Humphrey warned Saturday night that Democrats will not return to the White House next year "as anti-government zealots or as prophets of gloom and doom.

"Victory will only be ours if we offer sensible alternatives to a morally bankrupt Republican Administration," he said. "We will not win because we are against the government we hope to run, but because we are for government which cares about people.

"We will win because we dare to pioneer. We will win because we are willing to face the challenges and devise creative and workable solutions."

Speaking to the Young Democrats of Virginia at the Hospitality House in Crystal City, the Minnesota Senator urged Democratic leaders not to make the federal government "the whipping boy for dissatisfaction and despair."

Despite a decline in public confidence in government institutions, Humphrey said, "the American people will not tolerate timid national leadership."

Humphrey maintained that if Democrats are going to ask to govern, they "had better believe in government.

"We cannot allow this national debate simply to be a negative, thoughtless indictment of government in general. Instead we must pursue the difficult issues which confront our free society in the 20th century."

Stressing the crucial role of the federal government in administering national policies and responsibilities, the Senator emphasized that "only a strong central government has the power and the

(more)

capability to tax huge national and international corporations.

"It is a fact that broad authority is required to clean up a river which runs the length of the country from Minnesota to the Mississippi Delta.

□ "No governor, no state legislature -- no matter how knowledgeable -- can plan an economic recovery or provide a national food policy or a system of national health care.

"Only the federal government, with its constitutional responsibility to protect the rights of individuals, has the authority and the ability to make civil rights a reality for every man, woman and child in every state and every township in this great land."

Humphrey responding to criticisms of the size of the federal bureaucracy, pointed to the fact that -- when postal carriers and blue collar workers are removed from the count -- General Motors and the Ford Motor Company alone employ more workers than the federal government at all levels.

"These figures give us some perspective on how big the federal government really is -- just over one million people to enforce the law and regulate all the big corporations, big organizations and special interests for the other 214 million," he said.

"The real issue, however, is not the size of government, or even whether we have a strong central government, but whom the government will serve.

"Will it continue to serve only the big corporations and special interests? Will it continue a policy of benign neglect toward the jobless and the poor?

"Will it be a government of retreat and retrenchment, or will we offer a government of compassion, concern and efficiency?

"In short, the so-called 'Big Government' argument is not the issue. The real issue is GOOD government, QUALITY government.

"What the American people want from the Democratic Party in 1976 -- and what they deserve -- is a reaffirmation of the possible efficiency of a strong central government. This is the foundation of our democracy -- a democracy that was founded to be responsive to the needs of people."

Young Dem  
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fell like a Rep  
victim

REMARKS BY

SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

CONVENTION OF

YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF VIRGINIA

arlington Y.D.'s

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

MARCH 20, 1976

- ✓ Congressman Joe Fisher | admiral Zimmwalt
- ✓ Henry Howell
- ✓ Ch. Joe Fitzpatrick
- Jim Almond - Pres Y.D.S of Virginia
- ④ Amy Levine
- Sharon Davis - Y.D. Nat Committee woman
- Ed Mabry " " " "
- President Brincefield

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE BACK AMONG MY OLD -- AND

YOUNG -- DEMOCRATIC FRIENDS IN VIRGINIA.

L I GENERALLY DON'T MAKE MUCH DISTINCTION BETWEEN

YOUNG DEMOCRATS AND MIDDLE-AGED ONES AND OLD, ~~OLD~~

DEMOCRATS. L I'M A FELLOW WHO DOESN'T PAY MUCH ATTENTION

TO AGE ~~AT ALL~~ WHEN I'M AROUND DEMOCRATS. L BUT LOOKING

AT THE REPUBLICAN HORIZON, I AM REMINDED OF WHAT MY GOOD

FRIEND ADLAI STEVENSON USED TO SAY:

L "THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS THE PARTY WHICH MAKES  
EVEN ITS YOUNG MEN SEEM OLD. L THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS  
THE PARTY WHICH MAKES EVEN ITS OLD MEN SEEM YOUNG."

THE MESSAGE I BRING TO YOU TONIGHT IS THE MESSAGE  
FOR ALL DEMOCRATS IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR. L In 1976, →

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WILL FACE ITS ULTIMATE BATTLE.

h WE WILL ~~ATTEMPT TO~~ RECAPTURE THE WHITE HOUSE FOR THE  
AMERICAN PEOPLE.

h WE CAN, AND I BELIEVE WE WILL, RESTORE THE WHITE  
HOUSE AS A SYMBOL OF DYNAMIC, COMPASSIONATE AND COMPETENT  
LEADERSHIP FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

h I WANT TO TALK TO YOU TONIGHT ABOUT THE THINGS WE  
AS DEMOCRATS MUST DO IN 1976 TO PROVE WE DESERVE TO  
TAKE THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT. BECAUSE AS MUCH AS WE

X ~~h~~ MIGHT LIKE IT, WE WILL NOT REGAIN LEADERSHIP BY DEFAULT,

h THIS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS. IT IS NO SECRET THAT  
MANY AMERICANS HAVE BECOME DISILLUSIONED WITH THEIR  
GOVERNMENT.

L ON <sup>am</sup> ~~THE~~ 200TH ANNIVERSARY, ~~OF OUR BIRTH AS A NATION,~~

WE ARE SUFFERING A CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE THAT WILL NOT BE

CAMOUFLAGED BY THE GLITTER AND SPECTACLE OF ALL THE

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WE CAN MUSTER.

L AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF FREEDOM ON THIS  
CONTINENT, OUR PEOPLE ARE DOUBTING THE GOVERNMENT THAT  
HAS SUSTAINED THAT FREEDOM.

L THE PRESS TELLS US THAT AMERICANS HAVE TURNED OFF  
AND TUNED OUT.

L MANY OF OUR PEOPLE, FRUSTRATED AND DISENCHANTED,

LOOK <sup>at</sup> WASHINGTON AS THE REPOSITORY OF EVIL. AND THERE ARE  
<sup>seeking high office</sup>  
THOSE ~~AMONG US~~ WHO ARE FEEDING THAT MOOD AND CAPITALIZING ON

IT.

(Anti Govt - Translate it  
into anti GOP  
the Nixon-Ford Govt  
has created the Very  
mess, it now condemns

THEY ARE TELLING THE PEOPLE THAT GOVERNMENT -- AND THE  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN PARTICULAR -- HAS GROWN TOO LARGE,  
TOO CUMBERSOME, TOO INEFFICIENT -- THAT GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME  
INTOLERABLE. *(well, the Rep Govt stands guilty  
and it didn't just arrive this week)*

← I WANT TO DISCUSS THIS ANTI-GOVERNMENT MOOD WITH YOU  
TONIGHT. WE DEMOCRATS HAVE THE ~~OPPORTUNITY~~ OPPORTUNITY TO  
REASSESS AND TO EXAMINE JUST WHAT KIND OF GOVERNMENT WE  
PLAN TO OFFER OUR PEOPLE FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS AND FOR  
THE NEXT 100 YEARS. But.

← WE AS DEMOCRATS CANNOT AFFORD TO OUT-REPUBLICAN  
THE REPUBLICANS. THIS IS A DANGEROUS COURSE -- DANGEROUS  
NOT BECAUSE IT IS POLITICS AS USUAL, WHICH IT IS.

← IT IS DANGEROUS BECAUSE WITHOUT SERIOUS DISCUSSION  
OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED, WITHOUT DIRECTION AND SUBSTANCE, WE

WILL HAVE TALKED OURSELVES INTO A CORNER.

↳ IF WE ARE GOING TO ASK TO GOVERN, WE HAD BETTER BELIEVE  
IN GOVERNMENT — *but Government that works —  
government Responsive to the People.*

WE CANNOT ALLOW THIS NATIONAL DEBATE SIMPLY TO BE

A NEGATIVE, GENERALIZED INDICTMENT OF GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL.

↳ INSTEAD, WE MUST PURSUE THE DIFFICULT ISSUES WHICH CONFRONT  
A FREE SOCIETY IN THE 20TH CENTURY.

↳ TO DO THIS, WE MUST UNDERSTAND THE FACTS. !

↳ IT IS A FACT THAT WE HAVE A POPULATION OF 215 MILLION

PEOPLE, ALL OF WHOM REQUIRE A JOB, A HOME, AN EDUCATION,

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION, HEALTH CARE, AND *food, some*

SORT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITY.

*It is a fact, we live in a dangerous  
and unpredictable world which requires  
a government that is capable of*

# protecting our interests and assuring our security

-- IT IS A FACT THAT ONLY A STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

HAS THE POWER AND THE CAPABILITY TO TAX HUGE NATIONAL AND  
INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

L -- IT IS A FACT THAT BROAD AUTHORITY IS REQUIRED TO  
CLEAN UP A RIVER WHICH RUNS THE LENGTH OF THE COUNTRY FROM  
MINNESOTA TO THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA. THE RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR MAINTAINING INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS, RAILROAD BEDS -- FOR  
ATTACKING AIR POLLUTION AND FOR MAINTAINING HEALTH AND  
FOOD SANITATION STANDARDS -- ALL OF THESE PROBLEMS  
REQUIRE THE EFFORTS OF A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WITH AUTHORITY  
TO DEVISE NATIONAL SOLUTIONS.

L -- NO GOVERNOR ALONE, NO STATE LEGISLATURE --  
NO MATTER HOW KNOWLEDGEABLE -- CAN PLAN AN ECONOMIC

RECOVERY OR PROVIDE A NATIONAL FOOD POLICY OR A SYSTEM OF  
NATIONAL HEALTH CARE.

L ONLY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WITH ITS CONSTITUTIONAL  
RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS,  
HAS THE AUTHORITY AND THE ABILITY TO MAKE CIVIL RIGHTS  
A REALITY FOR EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN EVERY STATE AND  
IN EVERY TOWNSHIP ACROSS THIS GREAT LAND.

L THE PROBLEMS AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES ~~OF THE~~ *that confront*  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARE BIG ONES, AND THEY REQUIRE BIG  
SOLUTIONS. IT'S A FACT OF LIFE!

L LET'S EXAMINE ANOTHER FACT. L I SUSPECT THAT MANY  
OF YOU IN THIS AUDIENCE WORK FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IN  
ONE CAPACITY OR ANOTHER. SO YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH ALL

THE COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY. / YOU KNOW

THAT THE WORD "BUREAUCRACY" HAS COME TO REPRESENT A

FACELESS MASS OF PAPER SHUFFLERS WHOSE ONLY GOAL IS TO MAKE

LIFE MISERABLE FOR MR. AND MRS. AMERICA.

/ BUT EXACTLY HOW LARGE IS THIS MONSTER? / I'VE

LOOKED INTO THIS A BIT, AND I'VE MADE WHAT I THINK ARE

INTERESTING COMPARISONS.

/ AS OF SEPTEMBER, 1975, THERE WERE 2,745,000

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES / IF YOU EXCLUDE BLUE COLLAR WORKERS,

AND POSTAL EMPLOYEES, YOU GET A GRAND TOTAL OF 1,174,961.

*the Administrators, the Professional, Scientific, & Technical*  
THIS INCLUDES SECRETARIES AND FILE CLERKS AS WELL

AS THOSE WHO DEVELOP AND ENFORCE REGULATIONS / THESE ARE

WHAT MOST PEOPLE MEAN WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT BUREAUCRATS.

*Somewhat*

VA  
Hosp.  
Not Health  
PIA  
REC  
w/

stats - Twice as many -

↳ I FIND IT INTERESTING THAT GENERAL MOTORS ALONE EMPLOYED  
AN AVERAGE OF 734,000 EMPLOYEES IN 1975 ↳ THE TWO LARGEST  
CORPORATE EMPLOYERS, GM AND FORD MOTOR COMPANY,  
TOGETHER EMPLOYED AN AVERAGE OF 1,198,731 PEOPLE -- MORE  
THAN THE ENTIRE FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY.

↳ JUST FOR THE RECORD, THE TOP 15 LARGEST U. S. CORPORATE  
EMPLOYERS HAD A TOTAL EMPLOYMENT LAST YEAR OF 3,944,011.

↳ NOW, DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME. ↳ I'M NOT COMPLAINING  
THAT THESE PEOPLE HAVE JOBS. ↳ THEY'RE THE LUCKY ONES ↳ MORE  
THAN SEVEN MILLION OTHERS DON'T. (unemployed)

↳ MY POINT IS THAT THESE FIGURES GIVE US SOME PERSPECTIVE  
ON HOW BIG THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REALLY IS -- JUST OVER

ONE MILLION PEOPLE TO ENFORCE THE LAW AND REGULATE ALL

Run our Hospitals, Airports, V.A., NASA. And  
State. Amato

THE BIG CORPORATIONS, BIG ORGANIZATIONS, AND SPECIAL  
INTERESTS FOR THE OTHER 214 MILLION.

↳ WE HAVE TO EXAMINE THESE FACTS IN ORDER TO BRING  
REALITY INTO THE CURRENT DEBATE.

↳ GOVERNMENT -- BIG OR SMALL -- IS NOT THE ISSUE. THE  
ISSUE IS GOVERNMENT THAT WORKS. *- that cares - that serves.*

↳ WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT FROM THE DEMOCRATIC  
PARTY IN 1976 -- AND WHAT THEY DESERVE -- IS A REAFFIRMATION  
OF THE ~~POSSIBLE~~ EFFICIENCY OF A STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

↳ THIS IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR DEMOCRACY -- A DEMOCRACY THAT WAS  
FOUNDED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE.

↳ THE ISSUE IS NOT WHETHER WE ARE TO HAVE A STRONG  
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, BUT WHOM THAT GOVERNMENT WILL SERVE.  
*and who runs it.*

L WILL IT CONTINUE TO SERVE JUST BIG CORPORATIONS, the financial  
and SPECIAL INTERESTS?

WILL IT CONTINUE A POLICY OF BENIGN NEGLECT OF THE  
JOBLESS AND THE POOR? - neglect of our cities?

L WILL IT BE A GOVERNMENT OF RETREAT AND RETRENCHMENT,  
OR WILL WE OFFER A GOVERNMENT OF COMPASSION, CONCERN AND, YES,  
EFFICIENCY?

(People Want Hope)

L OUR PEOPLE DO NOT BUY THE SHODDY THEORY THAT "LESS IS MORE."

L THEY WILL NOT TOLERATE TIMID NATIONAL LEADERSHIP.

L THEY KNOW THAT "LESS GOVERNMENT" IS JUST A CODE PHRASE

FOR THE NEW BRAND OF DISCRIMINATION -- NEGLECT OF THE CITIES;

-- FEEBLE AND INEFFECTIVE SOCIAL PROGRAMS;

-- ACCEPTANCE OF AN UNHEALTHY ECONOMY THAT TAKES ITS

WORST TOLL ON THE POOR, THE ELDERLY, THE HANDICAPPED, AND →

Less Health  
Less Educ  
Less Environ  
Protect  
Less and

CHILDREN.

L IN SHORT, THE SO-CALLED "BIG GOVERNMENT" ARGUMENT IS  
NOT THE ISSUE. L THE REAL ISSUE IS "GOOD GOVERNMENT", "QUALITY  
GOVERNMENT".

L <sup>can + must</sup> WE ~~CAN~~ OFFER THE AMERICAN PEOPLE A NEW DAY THAT RECALLS  
THE VISION OF FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, HARRY TRUMAN, JOHN KENNEDY  
AND LYNDON JOHNSON.

L THESE MEN DID NOT DISPARAGE WHAT CAN BE DONE IN WASHINGTON --  
AND IN STATE CAPITALS AND COUNTY SEATS. L INSTEAD, THEY JUDGED  
THEMSELVES AND THE GOVERNMENT THEY LED BY WHAT THEY DID FOR  
PEOPLE.

L THEY COULD HAVE RUN AGAINST WASHINGTON. L THEY  
COULD HAVE MADE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THE WHIPPING BOY  
FOR DISSATISFACTION AND DESPAIR.

Yes, Against Republicans who  
talk of Balanced Budget

- Deplore Deficits
- Cry out against Public Debt
- Worship the Work Ethic (Unemp)
- Pledge Prosperity (Recession)
- ~~Prize~~ Prize State + Local  
Hout - Cut Revenues  
\$27 Billion
- ✓ Talk Good Hout -  
Mismanagement, +  
Corruption

THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY.

BUT THEY DECIDED TO RUN AGAINST REPUBLICANS -- AGAINST  
THE ECONOMIC ROYALISTS AND AGAINST SPECIAL PRIVILEGE AND  
EXPLOITATION.

THEY FOUGHT FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH, JOBS, EDUCATION,  
the workers & farmers -  
HEALTH CARE, THE ELDERLY, THE HANDICAPPED AND MINORITIES.

WE HAVE WON AS DEMOCRATS DEDICATED TO GREATER  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

WE WILL RETURN TO THE WHITE HOUSE NEXT YEAR.

BUT WE WILL NOT DO IT AS ANTI-GOVERNMENT ZEALOTS OR AS  
PROPHETS OF DOOM AND GLOOM.

VICTORY WILL BE OURS IF WE OFFER SENSIBLE ALTERNATIVES  
TO A MORALLY BANKRUPT REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION.

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WE WILL WIN NOT BECAUSE WE ARE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

WE HOPE TO RUN, BUT BECAUSE WE ARE FOR GOVERNMENT WHICH

CARES ABOUT PEOPLE.

WE MUST BE TRUE TO THE TRADITIONS THAT HAVE MADE

US GREAT AS A PEOPLE.

*Party and as a people.*  
*We need to Reaffirm - yes*  
LET US REDISCOVER THE CREATIVITY AND COMPASSION OF

FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT;

-- THE TOUGH, UNCOMPROMISING AND COURAGEOUS DEMEANOR OF

HARRY TRUMAN;

*The spirit and enthusiasm*  
*of John Kennedy*

-- THE STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION OF LYNDON JOHNSON;

*and*  
-- AND LET US ONCE AGAIN REAFFIRM THE VISION AND

THE DREAM OF JOHN KENNEDY, WHO CHALLENGED US ALWAYS TO

BE BETTER THAN WE ARE.

THIS, MY FELLOW DEMOCRATS, IS OUR HERITAGE. LET  
US NOT FORSAKE IT. LET US VOW TODAY -- AND ALWAYS -- TO  
CARRY ON IN THE SPIRIT WHICH GUIDED THESE GREAT DEMOCRATS.

WE CAN BRING ABOUT A NEW DAY IN AMERICA. WE CAN  
GIVE OUR PEOPLE HOPE AND WE CAN GIVE THEM SOLID PROGRESS.

WE WILL WIN BECAUSE WE CARE!

WE WILL WIN BECAUSE WE DARE TO PIONEER!

WE WILL WIN BECAUSE WE ARE WILLING TO FACE THE CHALLENGES  
AND DEVISE CREATIVE AND WORKABLE SOLUTIONS.

IN CLOSING, I LEAVE YOU WITH THIS THOUGHT -- IN  
THE WORDS OF VICTOR HUGO:

"THE FUTURE HAS SEVERAL NAMES. FOR THE WEAK IT IS  
THE IMPOSSIBLE | FOR THE FAINT-HEARTED IT IS THE UNKNOWN.

FOR THE THOUGHTFUL AND VALIANT, IT IS IDEAL. THE

CHALLENGE IS URGENT. THE TASK IS LARGE. THE TIME IS NOW."

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