

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

BELMONT COUNTY DINNER

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I am very pleased to be back among my good friends here in Ohio. I don't get out here as often as I'd like to -- but I intend to make it up to you tonight.

Now, let's get one question answered right at the outset: What is the nicest guy in the Congress doing here speaking on behalf of Wayne Hayes, whom some people have called the meanest man in the House?

That's a question that deserves an answer. In fact, it deserves several answers.

For one thing, Wayne Hays is a good Democrat, and has been all his life. And that's a good thing to have in any year -- but particularly so this year, when so many vital decisions have to be made about our future.

For another, Wayne and I came to the Congress in the same year, and we've both been there ever since -- except for the time I had that other job for a while.

We've seen the same problems through together, and we've fought the same battles. And I'm relieved to say that we've almost always been on the same side.

But more important, Wayne Hays is a special kind of Congressman.

The polls tell us that the American people are somewhat mistrustful of their representatives this year. They feel that they have been snookered too many times. They are wary of the kind of song-and-dance man who comes along and tells you what you want to hear -- but doesn't have any real position on the issues, and can't back up what he says with solid accomplishments.

Wayne Hays is not that kind of leader.

He tells you what he thinks, in no uncertain terms. You can agree with him, or disagree with him -- but at least you know where you stand.

And the good people of the Eighteenth District know that he stands for them. That's why they have elected him to the United States Congress for thirteen successive terms.

In those years in the House, Wayne Hays has earned the admiration and respect of his colleagues. He is recognized as one of the smartest debaters in the Congress, and one of the most effective advocates for legislation.

Moreover, he has risen to positions of authority -- not only serving as Chairman of the House Administration Committee, but as Chairman of the House Democratic Campaign Committee, and in important positions on the International Relations Committee and the Joint Committees on Printing and on the Library.

Now it may be that Wayne gets tough from time to time. But sometimes that's what the job takes. There's a lot of red tape in Congress, just as there is in any other facet of life, and sometimes you have to give something a shove to get things going.

And there are always those who stand firmly on both sides of a question, who talk out of both sides of their mouth and never let you know what they really think. There have been people of that sort in American politics for 200 years now.

But let me tell you something: there is nothing that will shape a person up faster, or get him to admit his real feelings quicker, than to put him on the House floor for a few minutes with Wayne Hays.

So Wayne not only serves the people of the Eighteenth District well, but he is good for the Congress as a whole.

Representative Abner Mikva of Illinois once said of Wayne: "Every legislative body ought to have one like him -- but only one!"

And since we can't have him in Minnesota, then he might as well be representing the people of the great state of Ohio.

This year it is more urgent than ever that we put practical, active leaders to work for the nation -- working legislators with a vision for the future of this nation and the guts to get the job done.

Never before in this century have we had better, more compelling, more obvious reasons to elect such leaders.

But on the chance that someone in America needs to be reminded of the particulars, let me restate the people's indictment of Republican government.

Seven sad years of the Nixon-Ford team have been more than enough.

-- The Nixon-Ford team has laid waste to the American economy with its 19th century economic thinking.

-- The Nixon-Ford team has undermined confidence in government, bringing it to its lowest point in decades. And I'm not just talking about forced resignations of a President and Vice President. More to the point, I'm talking about the widespread belief among our people that this government isn't functioning, isn't responding to their concerns, isn't doing anything until it is hit by one crisis or another.

-- The only creativity we have seen from the White House has been its ability to say no in 91 different ways -- 91 vetoes against the expressed will of the American people.

It is time to take off the gloves and tell it like it is.

The party that has occupied the White House for the last seven years is a minority party -- and for good reason. It has clearly demonstrated that it is incapable of running the country in the interest of all its people. It has succeeded only in running it into the ground.

As we look back on the seven sad years of Republican control of the White House, it is time to demand an accounting. All we are getting is empty rhetoric -- another "cover-up" for disastrous Republican performance.

Let's take a quick look at what it has meant to have Republicans in charge.

From 1961 to 1969, when the Democratic Party was in the White House, we created 13 million new jobs. We reduced unemployment to 3.6 percent in 1968.

In the last three years, the Nixon-Ford team has been able to increase employment by barely one million jobs. They managed to push the official unemployment rate to an 8.5 percent average in 1975 and the real unemployment rate remains today at a double-digit level.

Since 1972 the Republicans have provided no more than one job for every four new job seekers in our country.

Only one job for every four persons! What an indictment of "go slow" Republican economics!

In the Democratic 60's, with Presidents Kennedy and Johnson in the White House, the weekly take home pay of a working man or woman, after inflation, rose by 12.4 percent.

In the past three years alone that same man or woman has experienced a drop of 5.4 percent in the real value of their take-home pay. Republican economic mismanagement has, in fact, pushed the working families of America back 10 years to their 1965 income level.

In the 60's when Democrats were attempting to make important social and economic changes in our nation in order to improve life for all our citizens, the rate of inflation was a mere 2.3 percent.

In the last several years the Republicans have given us not only high unemployment but the highest levels of inflation since World War II. It takes more than WIN buttons and anti-government slogans to keep prices from going through the roof.

The income, production and employment loss to America as a result of Republican bungling of national economic management since 1969 is staggering;

-- Two Republican recessions have thrown 57 million Americans out of work and into the street at one time or another.

-- Two Republican recessions have robbed one trillion dollars from the paychecks of American workers.

-- Two Republican recessions have wiped out the entire income gain made by working families of America during the decade of the 60's.

Even more alarming is the fact that Republican "go slow" policies are convincing many of our citizens that a welfare check is as good as a paycheck. We have an entire generation of young men and women who never have held a full time job.

The policies of these modern day free market buccaneers have torn the fabric of our society in other ways, too.

The Republicans promised to get crime off the streets, but since 1969 the crime rate has risen 30 percent. The number of murders has leaped 50 percent. The number of robberies has risen 68 percent. The number of burglaries has soared 84 percent.

Your family has a one in six chance of being victimized by a burglary or theft this year. That's how Republicans deliver on their promises.

Today President Ford and his economic advisers travel around the country with their economic medicine show.

Once again, the Republicans are claiming an "economic miracle" in an election year. There is, indeed, a modest recovery underway but I see few signs that a true "people's recovery" has taken hold.

Let me just remind you of two facts. First, when you are flat on your back the only way to go is up.

Second, the American people should remember that it was a Democratic Congress that argued, prodded and cajoled the Republican President and his Wall Street advisors to take every reluctant step that has produced the economic improvement that we see.

Let's not forget that in December of 1974 Gerald Ford was calling for a tax increase, while the worst recession since the Great Depression took an ever firmer strangle hold on the American economy. And remember that at that time the only Administration response was the WIN button and a smile.

But we won't win this election by default.

Democrats will only win if they go to the country with a positive message and convince our citizens that we have a better idea and will do a better job.

We cannot do so as anti-government zealots or as prophets of doom and gloom.

The real issue underlying the anti-government issue is whether and how the interests of people best can be served. The answer is not necessarily less government, but better government -- a government that works to serve the nation's needs.

Democrats should run against Republicans. They should run against the Republicans that gave us Watergate, double-digit inflation, and depression-level unemployment. They should run against the Washington of Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford and William Simon. But not against the Washington of FDR and JFK and LBJ -- the Washington of Social Security and Medicare.

The issue of this election year is not Washington -- but the disastrous policies of the Nixon-Ford Administration -- vetoes, unemployment, recession, inflation, crime, corruption and the neglect of our nation's cities.

Let us get on with the work of running against the Republicans and their economic policies which have brought us to the brink of depression.

Only by this route will we regain the faith and confidence of the American people.

We will win by putting leaders like Wayne Hays to work for all of us.

We will win because we care.

We will win because we dare to pioneer.

We will win because our people have learned the painful lesson of Republican government. They know that only a Democratic victory in November can wipe out the losses of the last seven years and restore their families to the high road of decency, opportunity and prosperity once again.

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I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE BACK AMONG MY GOOD FRIENDS HERE IN OHIO. I DON'T GET OUT HERE AS OFTEN AS I'D LIKE TO -- BUT I INTEND TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU TONIGHT.

Now, LET'S GET ONE QUESTION ANSWERED RIGHT AT THE OUTSET:

*why are we here tonight*  
~~WHAT IS THE NICEST GUY IN THE CONGRESS DOING HERE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF WAYNE HAYES, WHOM SOME PEOPLE HAVE CALLED THE MEANEST MAN IN THE HOUSE?~~

*Wayne Hays*

THAT'S A QUESTION THAT DESERVES AN ANSWER. IN FACT, IT DESERVES SEVERAL ANSWERS.

FOR ONE THING, WAYNE HAYS IS A GOOD DEMOCRAT, AND HAS BEEN ALL HIS LIFE. AND THAT'S A GOOD THING TO HAVE IN ANY YEAR -- BUT PARTICULARLY SO THIS YEAR, WHEN SO MANY VITAL DECISIONS HAVE TO BE MADE ABOUT OUR FUTURE.

For another, WAYNE AND I CAME TO THE CONGRESS IN THE SAME YEAR,  
AND WE'VE BOTH BEEN THERE EVER SINCE -- EXCEPT FOR THE TIME I  
HAD THAT OTHER JOB FOR A WHILE.

WE'VE SEEN THE SAME PROBLEMS THROUGH TOGETHER, AND WE'VE  
FOUGHT THE SAME BATTLES. AND I'M RELIEVED TO SAY THAT WE'VE  
ALMOST ALWAYS BEEN ON THE SAME SIDE.

BUT MORE IMPORTANT, WAYNE HAYS IS A <sup>"</sup>SPECIAL KIND OF CONGRESSMAN.

THE POLLS TELL US THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE SOMEWHAT  
MISTRUSTFUL OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES THIS YEAR. THEY FEEL THAT  
THEY HAVE BEEN SNOOKERED TOO MANY TIMES. THEY ARE WARY OF THE  
KIND OF SONG-AND-DANCE MAN WHO COMES ALONG AND TELLS YOU WHAT  
YOU WANT TO HEAR -- BUT DOESN'T HAVE ANY REAL POSITION ON THE  
ISSUES, AND CAN'T BACK UP WHAT HE SAYS WITH SOLID ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

WAYNE HAYS IS NOT THAT KIND OF LEADER.

HE TELLS YOU WHAT HE THINKS, <sup>and</sup> IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS. You

CAN AGREE WITH HIM, OR DISAGREE WITH HIM -- BUT AT LEAST YOU

KNOW WHERE YOU STAND.

AND THE GOOD PEOPLE OF THE EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT KNOW THAT

HE STANDS FOR THEM. THAT'S WHY THEY HAVE ELECTED HIM TO THE

UNITED STATES CONGRESS FOR 14 ~~THIRTEEN~~ SUCCESSIVE TERMS.

IN THOSE YEARS IN THE HOUSE, WAYNE HAYS HAS EARNED THE  
ADMIRATION AND RESPECT OF HIS COLLEAGUES. HE IS RECOGNIZED AS

ONE OF THE SMARTEST DEBATERS IN THE CONGRESS, AND ONE OF THE

MOST EFFECTIVE ADVOCATES FOR LEGISLATION.

MOREOVER, HE HAS RISEN TO POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY -- NOT

ONLY SERVING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE,



BUT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE,  
AND IN IMPORTANT POSITIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
COMMITTEE AND <sup>Chairman of</sup> THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON PRINTING AND ~~ON~~ THE  
LIBRARY.

L NOW IT MAY BE THAT WAYNE GETS TOUGH FROM TIME TO TIME.

L BUT SOMETIMES THAT'S WHAT THE JOB TAKES. L THERE'S A LOT OF  
RED TAPE IN CONGRESS, <sup>and you need someone to</sup> ~~JUST AS THERE IS IN ANY OTHER FACET OF~~  
~~cut through that Red tape and~~  
~~LIFE, AND SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO GIVE SOMETHING A SHOVE TO GET~~

THINGS GOING.

L AND THERE ARE ALWAYS THOSE WHO STAND FIRMLY ON BOTH SIDES  
OF A QUESTION, WHO TALK OUT OF BOTH SIDES OF THEIR MOUTH AND  
NEVER LET YOU KNOW WHAT THEY REALLY THINK. L THERE HAVE BEEN  
PEOPLE OF THAT SORT IN AMERICAN POLITICS FOR 200 YEARS NOW.

L BUT LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING; THERE IS NOTHING THAT WILL  
<sup>up</sup>  
SHAPE A PERSON ~~UP~~ FASTER, OR GET HIM TO ADMIT HIS REAL  
FEELINGS QUICKER, THAN TO PUT HIM ON THE HOUSE FLOOR FOR A  
FEW MINUTES WITH WAYNE HAYS.

L SO WAYNE NOT ONLY SERVES THE PEOPLE OF THE EIGHTEENTH  
DISTRICT WELL, BUT HE IS GOOD FOR THE CONGRESS ~~AS A WHOLE~~ *and the entire Country*.

L REPRESENTATIVE ABNER MIKVA OF ILLINOIS ONCE SAID OF WAYNE:

(A) "EVERY LEGISLATIVE BODY OUGHT TO HAVE ONE LIKE HIM -- BUT ONLY ONE!"

L AND SINCE WE CAN'T HAVE HIM IN MINNESOTA, THEN HE MIGHT

AS WELL BE REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE OF THE GREAT STATE OF OHIO - *and*  
*he does it with brilliance, honor, & distinction,*

L THIS YEAR IT IS MORE URGENT THAN EVER THAT WE PUT PRACTICAL,  
ACTIVE LEADERS TO WORK FOR THE NATION -- WORKING LEGISLATORS

WITH A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THIS NATION AND THE GUTS TO GET  
THE JOB DONE.

L I KNOW THE NEWSPAPERS ARE ALWAYS FILLED WITH  
BAD NEWS. BUT TONIGHT I HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS FOR  
YOU: THERE WILL BE A DEMOCRAT IN THE WHITE HOUSE  
ON JANUARY 20, 1977.

L YES, IN JUST EIGHT MONTHS, A DEMOCRAT WILL STAND  
ON THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL TO ASSUME THE LEADERSHIP  
OF OUR NATION!

*and* L ONCE AGAIN, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL HAVE A  
FRIEND IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND MAJORITY GOVERNMENT  
WILL HAVE BEEN RESTORED.

L THIS PREDICTION IS NOT JUST A HOPE OR A DREAM.

L I KNOW THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

L I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THEIR JUDGMENT.

L I HAVE FAITH IN THEIR BASIC COMMON SENSE AND  
DECENCY.

L AND I KNOW THAT WHEN THE PEOPLE HAVE TO MAKE  
A CHOICE BETWEEN THE POLITICS OF DEMOCRATIC COMPASSION <sup>Courage and</sup>  
AND THE POLITICS OF REPUBLICAN INDIFFERENCE <sup>Patrust and</sup>, THEY  
WILL MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE--A DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

L THIS YEAR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE FILLED WITH  
THE BICENTENNIAL SPIRIT.

L IN 1776, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE PROCLAIMED THEIR  
INDEPENDENCE AND THREW OUT THE BRITISH TORIES.

L IN 1976, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL ONCE AGAIN  
AFFIRM OUR INDEPENDENCE AND <sup>vote out</sup> ~~KICK OUT~~ THE "REPUBLICAN  
TORIES." <sup>u</sup>

↳ THAT'S THE BICENTENNIAL SPIRIT THAT ASSURES A  
GOOD BEGINNING FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS. *Let's get*

THE PARTY OF JEFFERSON BACK IN POWER!

↳ IN THE LAST 24 YEARS, WE'VE HAD REPUBLICANS IN  
THE WHITE HOUSE 16 OF THOSE YEARS. *and did it arrive just last week*

SEVEN SAD YEARS OF THE NIXON-FORD ADMINISTRATION

HAVE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT REPUBLICANS ARE

INCAPABLE OF RUNNING THE COUNTRY IN THE INTEREST OF

ALL THE PEOPLE.

*And the Nixon-Ford team  
has been in charge since 1969.*

*So,* IF THERE IS A MESS IN WASHINGTON, IT'S THEIR

MESS. ↳ IF THERE ARE TOO MANY REGULATIONS, THEY

WROTE THEM..

*If no one is listening, it's  
their ears that are plugged.*



Now, IF YOU WERE A REPUBLICAN, WOULDN'T YOU  
RUN AGAINST WASHINGTON? BUT REMEMBER, GERRY FORD  
HAS BEEN HERE SINCE 1949. (*Look at their Record*)

WE ARE NOT GOING TO LET REPUBLICANS COVER-UP THE  
*Nov 1969*  
FACT THAT 57 MILLION AMERICANS WERE THROWN OUT OF  
WORK BY TWO RECESSIONS AND HERBERT HOOVER ECONOMICS.

WE ARE NOT GOING TO LET REPUBLICANS RUN AWAY  
FROM THE FACT THAT AMERICA'S WORKING FAMILIES ~~WHO~~  
HAVE SEEN THEIR ENTIRE INCOME GAIN OF THE 1960s  
WIPED OUT BY THE POLICIES OF THE WALL STREET BOYS  
*who*  
~~that~~ OCCUPY THE WHITE HOUSE CORRIDORS.

and REPUBLICANS CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM NINETY-ONE

VETOES WHICH SAY No! No! No! TO THE HOPES AND

ASPIRATIONS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

AND THE REPUBLICANS CANNOT RUN AWAY FROM THEIR

PROMISE MADE IN THE HEATED DAYS OF 1968 THAT THEY

WOULD BRING LAW AND ORDER TO THE REPUBLIC.

INSTEAD, THEY BROUGHT LAWLESSNESS AND CORRUPTION

TO THE SACRED PRECINCTS OF THE NATION'S HIGHEST

OFFICE AND CRIME IN THE STREETS HAS REACHED UNPRE-

CEDENTED LEVELS!

~~and REMEMBER, THE REPUBLICANS CANNOT HIDE THE FACT  
THAT THEY HAVE OCCUPIED THE WHITE HOUSE FOR 16 OUT OF  
THE LAST 24 YEARS.~~

L THE ELECTION OF 1976 WILL MARK ONE OF THOSE  
HISTORIC MOMENTS IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN POLITICS

WHEN THE PEOPLE WILL DEMAND AN ACCOUNTING AND SAY

*predict they will say - loud + clear - no more - "ENOUGH." we've had enough!*

L WE'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THOSE WHO CLAIM RECOVERY AND  
PROSPERITY AFTER BRINGING US THE LONGEST AND WORST  
RECESSION SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION.

L ENOUGH OF INFLATION--ENOUGH OF HIGH INTEREST  
RATES. *Enough?*

L YES, WE'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THOSE WHO PROCLAIM THE  
WORK ETHIC AND EXPAND THE WELFARE ROLLS.

L ENOUGH OF THOSE WHO DENOUNCE DEFICITS AND THEN *by their policies*

CAUSE DEFICITS TO GROW EVEN LARGER.

L ENOUGH OF THOSE WHO WORSHIP AT THE SHRINE OF

FREE ENTERPRISE AND LET MONOPOLIES FLOURISH.

I SAY ENOUGH OF <sup>the</sup> REPUBLICANS (YES, MORE THAN  
ENOUGH. IT'S TIME TO CLEAN HOUSE--THROW THE RASCALS  
OUT!

WE'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THOSE WHO WANT TO COVER-UP  
A RECORD OF DOUBT, DEFEAT AND DESPAIR--THAT'S NOT  
GOOD ENOUGH FOR AMERICA.

~~WE ARE A PARTY UNITED IN PURPOSE, STRIVING TOWARDS  
THE DEFEAT OF THOSE WHO DENY AMERICA ITS OPPORTUNITY  
FOR GREATNESS.~~

L BUT THE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO ASK: WHAT DO  
Democrats  
WE STAND FOR!

L WHAT DO WE WANT FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE?

L WELL, LET ME GIVE YOU SOME IDEA.

L IF WE BELIEVE IN WORK AND A PRODUCTIVE AMERICA,

THEN OUR GOVERNMENT MUST BE COMMITTED TO FULL EMPLOY-

MENT THAT ASSURES DECENT JOBS AT DECENT WAGES.

*work not  
rights - jobs, not unemployment*

L IF WE BELIEVE IN THE RIGHT OF EVERY AMERICAN TO

A FULL LIFE, THEN WE NEED A NATIONAL HEALTH CARE

SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES QUALITY HEALTH CARE TO ALL.

L IF WE BELIEVE IN OUR FAMILY FARMS, THEN WE

NEED A NATIONAL FOOD POLICY *that assures farmers  
of a fair chance for profit on  
production, investment, and  
their labor.*



L IF WE BELIEVE IN OUR CITIES, WE MUST HAVE A  
~~HOUSING~~ PROGRAM THAT REPLACES SLUMS WITH DECENT HOMES  
AND ~~WE MUST~~ MAKE HOME OWNERSHIP A REALITY FOR <sup>the</sup> WORKING  
PEOPLE ONCE AGAIN.

L IF WE BELIEVE IN ENDING PREJUDICE, THEN WE MUST  
SEE THAT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY REACHES INTO EVERY ASPECT  
OF AMERICAN LIFE.

L IF WE BELIEVE IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, THEN LET  
US CHAMPION THE CAUSE OF EDUCATION.

L IF WE LOVE AND RESPECT OUR SENIOR CITIZENS,  
THEN LET US ASSURE THEM OF GENEROUS AND DECENT CARE.

L AND, IF WE BELIEVE IN LEADERSHIP, WE MUST OFFER  
~~THE SYSTEM~~ MEN AND WOMEN WHO BELIEVE THAT GOVERNMENT  
GUIDED BY A SENSE OF VISION AND FAIRNESS IS WORTHY  
OF OUR NATION.

L THESE ARE SOME OF OUR GOALS. !

L OUR HOPES FOR VICTORY IN NOVEMBER CAN BE REALIZED  
IF WE WORK TOGETHER IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

L UNITY WILL BRING US MORE THAN VICTORY.

L IT WILL BRING US OPPORTUNITY--OPPORTUNITY TO.

GOVERN A NATION WITH COMPASSION AND JUSTICE.

L OPPORTUNITY TO GET THIS NATION MOVING ONCE AGAIN  
IN THE SPIRIT OF ROOSEVELT, TRUMAN, KENNEDY AND JOHNSON.



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