

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
JEWISH KICK-OFF RALLY FOR CARTER CAMPAIGN

New York, New York

September 22, 1976

I've come to New York this evening to be with my good friends from the Jewish community.

I have an important message for you.

You and I have fought many battles together.

We stood together in the struggle for civil rights.

We worked tirelessly to see that our country gave its full support to the embattled nation of Israel.

We made sure that this nation never forgot the plight of those who are cruelly prevented from leaving the Soviet Union by a totalitarian regime.

And we have dedicated ourselves to the continual struggle to eradicate once and for all discrimination against religious and racial minorities in America.

You and I know that these crucial issues are still on the top of our agenda in 1976.

You and I know that there is still much work to be done.

And you and I understand that this nation needs national leadership committed to the cause of a more humane and compassionate America.

These fundamental issues are not of concern to the Jewish community alone. They belong to men and women of all races, all creeds and all colors.

My message to you this evening is that only the election of Jimmy Carter and Fritz Mondale will insure that our nation does not forget its commitment to a strong America seeking social justice both at home and abroad.

This nation has suffered under eight long years of Republican rule.

-- Our economy has been mismanaged to the point of dramatically increasing human suffering and deprivation.

-- Our laws have been violated by those sworn to uphold them.

--- Our government has been run for the interests of the few at great cost to the many.

-- Our international standing has been harmed by our flagrant support for regimes which continually violate the human rights of their citizens.

-- Our contributions to world peace and understanding have been damaged by our excessive peddling of arms to the tune of over \$10 billion a year.

To these problems at home and abroad has been added a new one: a crisis of spirit.

-- Our dreams are ignored by the limited vision of small men who are caretakers, not leaders.

-- Our hopes for a better future are dashed by those who look to the past, not the tomorrows.

-- Our vision has become limited by those who say "NO" time and time again to new ideas and fresh approaches.

-- And our self-confidence in our government has been eroded as we see those who are supposed to run the country, instead run away from the tough problems which need high-level attention.

Yes, we have lost our way.

We need to find it once again with men such as Jimmy Carter and Fritz Mondale who want to lead the people, not follow them.

We need to find our way with men of high principle who will work for all the people, not just those of wealth and standing.

John Kennedy characterized his race against Richard Nixon as a battle between the concerned and the comfortable.

The same struggle is going on today.

As in 1960, two basic philosophies of government, and two political traditions, are pitted against each other.

On one side there is the Republican tradition of Harding and Coolidge, Hoover and Dewey, Eisenhower, Nixon and Ford.

On the other, stands the the Democratic tradition of Wilson and Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy and Johnson.

I know that the citizens of the Empire state and the American people will have little difficulty in making a choice between these two.

I am here to say that Jimmy Carter and Fritz Mondale will never forsake the tradition of their Party -- a tradition which the Jewish community had a proud part in creating.

And let me just lay it on the line.

Jimmy Carter and Fritz Mondale would not put Israel through the agony and pain of a policy reassessment as Gerald Ford did in the spring of 1975. And you can count on that.

Jimmy Carter and Fritz Mondale would not sell the most technologically advanced arms to Israel's enemies in the name of petro-dollar expediency as Mr. Ford now proposes with massive sales to Saudi Arabia. And you can count on that.

Jimmy Carter and Fritz Mondale would not lobby against legislation which would put an end to American participation in the Arab boycott of Israel as Mr. Ford has done. And you can count on that.

Jimmy Carter and Fritz Mondale would not oppose the Jackson amendment on Soviet emigration as President Ford has done. And you can count on that.

Jimmy Carter and Fritz Mondale would not threaten a veto of a bill which contained badly needed funds for Israel as Mr. Ford did recently. And you can count on that.

And Jimmy Carter and Fritz Mondale would not let improved relations with the Arab world come at the price of being tough with Israel as the President has done on several occasions. And you can count on that.

The Republican record is clear.

Tonight I ask you to join me in pledging your support to the men who want to lead our country to a new and better day.

New York is a key state in the strategy of the Democrats.

It must be won if the White House is to be ours.

Let us not forget that overconfidence can only lead to defeat.

Tonight I predict that the Jewish community in New York and across the nation will give its overwhelming support to the Carter-Mondale ticket. This support will be crucial to Democratic victory.

Tonight we begin our march to the White House.

Tonight we are on the threshold of new beginnings for our nation.

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ITS FULL SUPPORT TO THE EMBATTLED NATION OF ISRAEL,

WE MADE SURE THAT THIS NATION NEVER FORGOT THE PLIGHT
OF THOSE WHO ARE CRUELLY PREVENTED FROM LEAVING THE SOVIET
UNION BY A TOTALITARIAN REGIME,

AND WE HAVE DEDICATED OURSELVES TO THE CONTINUAL
STRUGGLE TO ERADICATE ONCE AND FOR ALL DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST RELIGIOUS AND RACIAL MINORITIES IN AMERICA,

YOU AND I KNOW THAT THESE CRUCIAL ISSUES ARE STILL
ON THE TOP OF OUR AGENDA IN 1976.

YOU AND I KNOW THAT THERE IS STILL MUCH WORK TO BE DONE.

AND YOU AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS NATION NEEDS NATIONAL
LEADERSHIP COMMITTED TO THE CAUSE OF A MORE HUMANE AND
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MY MESSAGE TO YOU THIS EVENING IS THAT ONLY THE
ELECTION OF JIMMY CARTER AND FRITZ MONDALE WILL INSURE
THAT OUR NATION DOES NOT FORGET ITS COMMITMENT TO A STRONG
AMERICA SEEKING SOCIAL JUSTICE BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD.

THIS NATION HAS SUFFERED UNDER EIGHT LONG YEARS OF
REPUBLICAN RULE.

-- OUR ECONOMY HAS BEEN MISMANAGED TO THE POINT OF
DRAMATICALLY INCREASING HUMAN SUFFERING AND DEPRIVATION.

-- OUR LAWS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED BY THOSE SWORN TO
UPHOLD THEM.

--- OUR GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN RUN FOR THE INTERESTS
OF THE FEW AT GREAT COST TO THE MANY.

-- OUR INTERNATIONAL STANDING HAS BEEN HARMED BY OUR
FLAGRANT SUPPORT FOR REGIMES WHICH CONTINUALLY VIOLATE
THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THEIR CITIZENS.

-- OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO WORLD PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING
HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY OUR EXCESSIVE PEDDLING OF ARMS TO
THE TUNE OF OVER \$10 BILLION A YEAR.

TO THESE PROBLEMS AT HOME AND ABROAD HAS BEEN ADDED
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-- OUR DREAMS ARE IGNORED BY THE LIMITED VISION OF
SMALL MEN WHO ARE CARETAKERS, NOT LEADERS.

-- OUR HOPES FOR A BETTER FUTURE ARE DASHED BY
THOSE WHO LOOK TO THE PAST, NOT THE TOMORROWS.

-- OUR VISION HAS BECOME LIMITED BY THOSE WHO SAY
"NO" TIME AND TIME AGAIN TO NEW IDEAS AND FRESH APPROACHES.

-- AND OUR SELF-CONFIDENCE IN OUR GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN
ERODED AS WE SEE THOSE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO RUN THE COUNTRY,
INSTEAD RUN AWAY FROM THE TOUGH PROBLEMS WHICH NEED
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YES, WE HAVE LOST OUR WAY.

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WHO WILL WORK FOR ALL THE PEOPLE, NOT JUST THOSE OF
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JOHN KENNEDY CHARACTERIZED HIS RACE AGAINST RICHARD
NIXON AS A BATTLE BETWEEN THE CONCERNED AND THE COMFORTABLE.

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ON ONE SIDE THERE IS THE REPUBLICAN TRADITION OF
HARDING AND COOLIDGE, HOOVER AND DEWEY, EISENHOWER, NIXON
AND FORD.

ON THE OTHER, STANDS THE THE DEMOCRATIC TRADITION OF
WILSON AND ROOSEVELT, TRUMAN, KENNEDY AND JOHNSON.

I KNOW THAT THE CITIZENS OF THE EMPIRE STATE AND
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OF PETRO-DOLLAR EXPEDIENCY AS MR. FORD NOW PROPOSES WITH
MASSIVE SALES TO SAUDI ARABIA. AND YOU CAN COUNT ON THAT.

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JIMMY CARTER AND FRITZ MONDALE WOULD NOT OPPOSE THE JACKSON AMENDMENT ON SOVIET EMIGRATION AS PRESIDENT FORD HAS DONE. AND YOU CAN COUNT ON THAT.

JIMMY CARTER AND FRITZ MONDALE WOULD NOT THREATEN A VETO OF A BILL WHICH CONTAINED BADLY NEEDED FUNDS FOR ISRAEL AS MR. FORD DID RECENTLY. AND YOU CAN COUNT ON THAT.

AND JIMMY CARTER AND FRITZ MONDALE WOULD NOT LET IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB WORLD COME AT THE PRICE OF BEING TOUGH WITH ISRAEL AS THE PRESIDENT HAS DONE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. AND YOU CAN COUNT ON THAT.

THE REPUBLICAN RECORD IS CLEAR.

TONIGHT I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN PLEDGING YOUR SUPPORT TO THE MEN WHO WANT TO LEAD OUR COUNTRY TO A NEW AND BETTER DAY.

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TONIGHT I PREDICT THAT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN NEW
YORK AND ACROSS THE NATION WILL GIVE ITS OVERWHELMING SUPPORT
TO THE CARTER-MONDALE TICKET. THIS SUPPORT WILL BE CRUCIAL
TO DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

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OUR NATION.

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