

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
RECEPTION HOSTED BY NEW DIRECTIONS
IN HONOR OF MEMBERS OF THE 95TH CONGRESS
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DR. RUSSELL PETERSON, MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING
BOARD OF NEW DIRECTIONS, AND FELLOW COLLEAGUES, IT
IS, INDEED, A PLEASURE FOR ME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS
RECEPTION HONORING MEMBERS OF THE 95TH CONGRESS.

IT IS AN HONOR BECAUSE I FEEL VERY STRONGLY
THAT NEW DIRECTIONS IS AN ORGANIZATION WHOSE TIME
IS LONG OVERDUE. IT IS AN ORGANIZATION COMPRISED
OF INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING A VAST CROSS-SECTION
OF OUR SOCIETY. IT IS AN ORGANIZATION REACHING
DOWN TO THE GRASS-ROOTS CITIZENRY OF THIS COUNTRY
IN AN EFFORT TO FIND COMMON AND RATIONAL SOLUTIONS
TO COMMON BUT OFTEN IRRATIONAL GLOBAL CONCERNS.

IT IS AN ORGANIZATION SPAWNED OF A REALIZATION
THAT THE NATIONS OF THIS PLANET ARE, INDEED, TRULY
INTERDEPENDENT AND THAT THE FUTURE OF MANKIND IS
INEXTRICABLY TIED TO THE FATE OF EACH AND EVERY
INDIVIDUAL ON THE FACE OF THIS GLOBE.

THE GLOBAL PROBLEMS FACING HUMANITY ARE,
INDEED, COMPLEX AND ALL-PERVASIVE. THE PROBLEMS OF
HUNGER, POVERTY, ILLITERACY, WASTE OF RESOURCES,
DETERIORATION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT, UNCHECKED POPULA-
TION GROWTH, CONFLICT, AND THE CONTINUAL THREAT OF
NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST ALL WEIGH VERY HEAVILY ON THE
SHOULDERS OF MANKIND.

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THEY DEMAND UNDERSTANDING IF WE ARE TO
COHERENTLY FASHION NATIONAL POLICIES WHICH RESPOND
EFFECTIVELY TO THEIR RESOLUTION.

THEY DEMAND A BROAD-BASED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
IF WE ARE TO SUSTAIN A LONG-TERM NATIONAL WILL
REQUIRED FOR A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT.

THEY DEMAND RESOLUTION IF MANKIND AS A SPECIES
IS TO SURVIVE FAR INTO THE FUTURE.

ALL TOO OFTEN THE FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS OF
THIS NATION HAVE BEEN MARKED BY LITTLE MORE THAN
A RESPONSE TO CRISES.

AND ALL TOO OFTEN THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY,
OF WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS AN INTEGRAL PART,
HAS PAID A HEAVY PRICE FOR OUR HESITATION AS A
NATION--TO WHICH THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE WORLD'S
PEOPLE LOOK FOR INSPIRATION, VISION, LEADERSHIP
AND GUIDANCE.

YET, IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE SO. IT MUST NOT
CONTINUE TO BE SO.

FOR, IF THE FOREIGN POLICY DECISION-MAKING
PROCESS OF A NATION IS ANYTHING, IT IS THE FORESIGHT
AND WISDOM TO PREVENT CRISES FROM OCCURRING, NO
MATTER HOW REMOTE THEIR LIKELIHOOD.

AS DR. PETERSON HAS NOTED, THE PROBLEMS ARE
FRIGHTENING. THE UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS, AND I QUOTE,
"ABOUT ENERGY RESOURCES AND NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT,
THE POPULATION BOMB, THE ARMS RACE, THE CONFRONTATION
BETWEEN THE HAVE AND THE HAVE-NOT NATIONS. ALL OF
THESE ARE INEXTRICABLY TIED TO NATIONAL POLICIES."

I MIGHT ALSO ADD THAT IF WE SHOULD HAVE LEARNED
ONE THING, IT IS THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES
CANNOT SURVIVE AS AN ISLAND OF WEALTH IN A SEA OF
POVERTY. THAT SHOULD BE THE ONE LESSON BROUGHT HOME
BY THE ENERGY CRISIS. OUR FATE AND OUR OWN ECONOMIC
VIABILITY ARE TIED TO THAT OF THE REST OF THE GLOBE.

THEREFORE, IN CONCLUDING MY REMARKS I WANT TO
WISH NEW DIRECTIONS, ITS PRESIDENT, ITS GOVERNING
BOARD AND COUNCIL NOTHING BUT OVERWHELMING SUCCESS
IN THEIR EFFORTS NOT ONLY TO EDUCATE THE CONGRESS
BUT ALSO TO BUILD THAT ALL-IMPORTANT GRASS-ROOTS
SUPPORT.

FOR, IT WILL BE ONLY THROUGH THE ACTIVE AND
INTELLIGENT PARTICIPATION ON THE PART OF THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE THAT OUR POLICIES RESPONDING TO THESE COMPLEX
INTERNATIONAL ISSUES WILL BE SUSTAINABLE.

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