

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

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Words really cannot express adequately the deep appreciation I feel for your kindness and generosity in conferring upon me this prized honor. This award is particularly meaningful, because it is presented by an organization which has come to epitomize the very essence of promoting the humanity of mankind.

This is a very humbling experience, particularly as one looks at the list of past recipients of the American Liberties Medallion -- Earl Warren, Averill Harriman, Lyndon Johnson, Martin Luther King, Jr., Adlai Stevenson and Thurgood Marshall.

This is a particularly appropriate forum in which to discuss two issues about which I am deeply concerned -- the future of Israel, and the commitment by the United States to fundamental human rights.

The American Jewish Committee has gained special recognition and respect in its pursuit of social justice for all peoples. Your deep commitment to the freedom and security of Jews worldwide continues to serve as an inspiration to all.

Throughout my public career, I have been honored to have had a small role in the history of Israel -- a people consistently persecuted but always persistent in the affirmation of human potential.

I am proud because there is a message in thousands of years of struggle and survival of the Jewish people, as symbolized in the struggle of the state of Israel.

There is a message in the martyrdom and nameless victims of this struggle.

And the message is that while people may be oppressed, the urge for freedom will persist undiminished.

This is the story of Israel and it is also the story of the commitment of the United States to the survival of an independent, Jewish state in the Middle East.

Except for longstanding obligations to NATO and Japan, few aspects of American foreign policy have been as firm and as longstanding as the commitment to support an independent and secure Israel.

Presidents of vastly different political persuasions have made the support of Israel a fundamental element of American foreign policy.

And I am here to tell you that this policy is reaffirmed in the administration of President Jimmy Carter. Even while there is a recognition of the need to move ahead in our relations with the Arab states in finding the key to peace in the Middle East, this Administration will not let Israel down.

President Carter has told your National Executive Council that "genuine peace and reconciliation in the Middle East will be among the very highest and earliest priorities in my Administration." However, he said, "there will be no change in my basic commitment that the issue of the very security and survival of the State of Israel is not negotiable. The sooner and the better this is understood, the sooner progress can be made toward a lasting and genuine peace."

The American Jewish Committee has been a vital force in support of the democratic state of Israel.

But it also has carried through a basic commitment to human rights, social justice and the dignity of man as values which transcend national boundaries. And Americans have a great stake in the struggle for human rights because we are the land of immigrants and the children of immigrants.

The commitment to freedom, to social justice, to the dignity of man, all lie at the heart of Judaism. This is the fundamental driving force that lies at the heart of the creation of the United States of America, and that is the key to our position of world leadership.

It is here in America that the Jewish concept of social and economic justice as the cornerstone of freedom has joined with the Jeffersonian and Jacksonian ideals of equality. Together they form a potent force -- a force capable of guaranteeing that we remain a free, vibrant, open society in which all men and women can make the most of their God-given potential.

But we all are fully aware that the civil rights struggle of the 1950's and 1960's did not eradicate inequality and injustice from our society. That is why I want to take a few minutes to discuss why I believe the concept of the civil rights movement must be broadened to include the rights and opportunities that should be available to all disadvantaged groups in America.

The struggle for civil rights is a struggle for the rights and privileges and duties of all Americans. And what do these rights include?

-- The right to a meaningful life, free from poverty that today afflicts some 25 million Americans.

-- The right to full and equal protection under the law -- an end to the double standard applied to many of those who are less privileged, where justice delayed can become justice denied.

-- The right to productive and gainful employment -- for all our people, as a specific national goal toward whose achievement we will apply every possible private and public resource.

-- The right to economic, political and social opportunity where progress toward realizing one's full potential will confront no artificial barrier of discrimination based on race, creed or sex.

-- The right to a clean and decent neighborhood.

-- The right to a life free from violence and terrorism.

-- The right to safety, including protection of person and property.

-- The right to quality education at all levels, free from segregation.

-- The right to live in good health under a system that helps assure modern health care for all at the lowest possible cost.

-- The right to be free from hunger and malnutrition.

-- The right to opportunities for recreation and leisure, and

-- The right to a clean and wholesome environment.

These rights belong to all American people. Without them there are no real civil or human rights.

The new dimensions of civil rights are to be found in the living and working conditions of our people.

This is our challenge, for if we cannot overcome the economic and social obstacles to the full participation of our citizens in our society, the hard-won political and civil rights of the last two decades will hold little meaning for millions of our people.

Yet, this concern does not stop at our nation's shores. For our country cannot hope to survive as an island of wealth in a sea of poverty.

We cannot seek democracy and social and economic justice at home and abandon these principles abroad.

We have made significant strides during the first months of President Carter's Administration. Support of democratic governments now has become a central tenet of American foreign policy.

The only effective way to combat the tyranny of communism and the totalitarianism of the right is to battle for human and economic rights and democratic values.

A sense of moral values should be an imperative of our foreign policy. Unless it is, we will find it difficult to gain the support of peoples around the world who look to us for spiritual and moral support in their struggles for freedom.

Nearly two years ago, the United States joined with the Soviet Union and 33 other nations in signing the Helsinki Agreement. The most important articles in that agreement are the Basket Three -- or human rights -- provisions.

The Basket Three provisions are proving to be a most important development in the field of international human rights. While it is true that we don't have the right to interfere in the internal affairs of another country, this does not mean we should not remind the world that human rights are the highest priority of our government and our people, and that our policies will be directed accordingly.

The message of the United States is not nuclear power. The message of the United States is a spiritual message. It is the message of human ideals; it is the message of the freedom of ideas, speech, press, the right to assemble, to worship, and the message of the freedom of movement of peoples.

It is the message of the Bill of Rights. It is the message of the Declaration of Independence, where we boldly proclaimed to a world dominated by monarchs and tyrants that all men are created equal, and that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, and among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

This is the message of America. This is the source of our power. This is the source of our strength.

I recognize and understand the common wisdom that the relations among nations demand a pragmatic trade-off of national self-interests, the maintenance of balance of power, and compromises in easing tensions and in gaining and holding allies.

However, in this delicate process of negotiation and accommodation, the United States government and our people must not neglect our basic principles of human rights and fundamental freedoms. These principles have formed the foundation of our government and have served as a beacon of hope for the rest of the world.

To refrain from calling attention to these basic concerns only tarnishes the image of the United States. It diminishes our value system in the eyes of the global community. It undermines our own society and leaves us a weaker people.

Here in the United States, we have the most heterogeneous mixture of races, religions and nationalities ever to coexist peacefully under the tent of democracy. And we are the world's largest democracy, which has just completed celebrating two centuries of freedom.

I am an optimist. There is every reason to believe that our third century not only can be one of expanding freedom and opportunity for all Americans, but also one in which we can once again exercise leadership in the promotion of human rights worldwide and in the global assault on the historic plagues of mankind -- the bondage of hunger, disease and illiteracy.

There is every reason to believe that the progressive forces in America and abroad can make great gains in the struggle to eradicate injustice, hunger and poverty wherever they are found.

I know that the men and women of will and vision here this evening are ready to join hands for the kind of America and world which is in our hopes and dreams.

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(Speak the Truth of him)
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WORDS REALLY CANNOT EXPRESS ADEQUATELY THE DEEP
APPRECIATION I FEEL FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY IN CONFERRING
UPON ME THIS PRIZED HONOR. / THIS AWARD IS PARTICULARLY MEANINGFUL,
BECAUSE IT IS PRESENTED BY AN ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS COME TO
EPITOMIZE THE VERY ESSENCE OF PROMOTING THE HUMANITY OF MANKIND.

THIS IS A VERY HUMBLING EXPERIENCE, PARTICULARLY AS ONE
LOOKS AT THE LIST OF PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE AMERICAN LIBERTIES
MEDALLION -- EARL WARREN, AVERILL HARRIMAN, LYNDON JOHNSON,
including Roger Baldwin - gang #1
more Abram
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ADLAI STEVENSON AND THURGOOD MARSHALL.

I was with you on your 58th Annual dinner, sharing the
podium with the Martin Luther King Jr.
THIS IS A PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE FORUM IN WHICH TO DISCUSS

TWO ISSUES ABOUT WHICH I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED -- THE FUTURE OF
ISRAEL, AND THE COMMITMENT BY THE UNITED STATES TO FUNDAMENTAL

HUMAN RIGHTS.

Issues

⑦ 71st Annual Dinner
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THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE HAS GAINED SPECIAL RECOGNITION
AND RESPECT IN ITS PURSUIT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR ALL PEOPLES.

YOUR DEEP COMMITMENT TO THE FREEDOM AND SECURITY

for Jew + non Jew

WORLDWIDE CONTINUES TO SERVE AS AN INSPIRATION TO ALL.

THROUGHOUT MY PUBLIC CAREER, I HAVE BEEN HONORED TO HAVE
HAD A SMALL ROLE IN THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL - ~~the Jewish people~~

~~CONSISTENTLY PERSECUTED BUT ALWAYS PERSISTENT IN THE AFFIRMATION
OF HUMAN POTENTIAL.~~

I AM PROUD BECAUSE THERE IS A MESSAGE IN THOUSANDS OF
YEARS OF STRUGGLE AND SURVIVAL OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE, AS
SYMBOLIZED IN THE STRUGGLE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

THERE IS A MESSAGE IN THE MARTYRDOM AND NAMELESS VICTIMS
OF THIS STRUGGLE.

AND THE MESSAGE IS THAT WHILE PEOPLE MAY BE OPPRESSED, THE
URGE FOR FREEDOM WILL PERSIST UNDIMINISHED - *This is the story of the Jewish People*

THIS IS THE STORY OF ISRAEL AND IT IS ALSO THE STORY OF THE
COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE SURVIVAL OF AN INDEPENDENT,
JEWISH STATE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

EXCEPT FOR LONGSTANDING OBLIGATIONS TO NATO ~~AND JAPAN~~, FEW
ASPECTS OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY HAVE BEEN AS FIRM AND AS
LONGLASTING AS THE COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT AN INDEPENDENT AND
SECURE ISRAEL.

Never II PRESIDENTS OF VASTLY DIFFERENT POLITICAL PERSUASIONS HAVE
MADE THE SUPPORT OF ISRAEL A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT OF AMERICAN
FOREIGN POLICY. *Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon*
Ford + Carter

and Every Congress since 1947

L AND I AM HERE TO TELL YOU THAT THIS POLICY IS REAFFIRMED IN THE
ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER. EVEN WHILE THERE IS A
RECOGNITION OF THE NEED TO MOVE AHEAD IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE
ARAB STATES IN FINDING THE KEY TO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THIS
ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT LET ISRAEL DOWN. L

PRESIDENT CARTER HAS TOLD YOUR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
THAT "GENUINE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL
BE AMONG THE VERY HIGHEST AND EARLIEST PRIORITIES IN MY
ADMINISTRATION." HOWEVER, HE SAID, "THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN
MY BASIC COMMITMENT THAT THE ISSUE OF THE VERY SECURITY AND
SURVIVAL OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL IS NOT NEGOTIABLE. L THE SOONER
AND THE BETTER THIS IS UNDERSTOOD, THE SOONER PROGRESS CAN BE
MADE TOWARD A LASTING AND GENUINE PEACE."

Recent Letter

L THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE HAS BEEN A VITAL FORCE IN
SUPPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE OF ISRAEL.

L BUT IT ALSO HAS CARRIED THROUGH A BASIC COMMITMENT TO HUMAN
RIGHTS, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE DIGNITY OF MAN AS VALUES WHICH
TRANSCEND NATIONAL BOUNDARIES. ^{we} AND AMERICANS HAVE A GREAT STAKE
IN THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS BECAUSE WE ARE THE LAND OF
IMMIGRANTS AND THE CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANTS.

L THE COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM, TO SOCIAL JUSTICE, TO THE
DIGNITY OF MAN, ALL LIE AT THE HEART OF JUDAISM. ^{and} THIS IS THE
FUNDAMENTAL DRIVING FORCE THAT LIES AT THE HEART OF THE CREATION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND THAT IS THE KEY TO OUR
POSITION OF WORLD LEADERSHIP.

L IT IS HERE IN AMERICA THAT THE JEWISH CONCEPT OF SOCIAL
AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE AS THE CORNERSTONE OF FREEDOM HAS JOINED
WITH THE JEFFERSONIAN AND JACKSONIAN IDEALS OF EQUALITY.

L TOGETHER THEY FORM A POTENT FORCE -- A FORCE CAPABLE OF GUARANTEEING
THAT WE REMAIN A FREE, VIBRANT, OPEN SOCIETY IN WHICH ALL ^{People} ~~men~~

~~WOMEN~~ CAN MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL.

This is the genesis of our continuing struggle for civil lts.

L BUT WE ALL ARE FULLY AWARE THAT THE CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE
OF THE 1950'S AND 1960'S DID NOT ERADICATE INEQUALITY AND INJUSTICE
FROM OUR SOCIETY, THAT IS WHY I WANT TO TAKE ^{just a} FEW MINUTES TO
DISCUSS WHY I BELIEVE THE CONCEPT OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT
MUST BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE THE RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT
SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ALL DISADVANTAGED GROUPS IN AMERICA.

THE STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS IS A STRUGGLE FOR THE RIGHTS
AND PRIVILEGES AND DUTIES OF ALL AMERICANS. AND WHAT DO THESE
RIGHTS INCLUDE?

-- THE RIGHT TO A MEANINGFUL LIFE, FREE FROM POVERTY THAT
TODAY AFFLICTS SOME 25 MILLION AMERICANS.

-- THE RIGHT TO FULL AND EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE
LAW -- AN END TO THE DOUBLE STANDARD APPLIED TO MANY OF THOSE
WHO ARE LESS PRIVILEGED, WHERE JUSTICE DELAYED CAN BECOME
JUSTICE DENIED.

-- THE RIGHT TO PRODUCTIVE AND GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT -- FOR
ALL OUR PEOPLE, AS A SPECIFIC NATIONAL GOAL TOWARD WHOSE
ACHIEVEMENT WE WILL APPLY EVERY POSSIBLE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC
RESOURCE.

L -- THE RIGHT TO ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITY

WHERE PROGRESS TOWARD REALIZING ONE'S FULL POTENTIAL WILL

CONFRONT NO ARTIFICIAL BARRIER OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON

RACE, CREED OR SEX,

L -- THE RIGHT TO A CLEAN AND DECENT NEIGHBORHOOD,

L -- THE RIGHT TO A LIFE FREE FROM VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM,

L -- THE RIGHT TO SAFETY, INCLUDING PROTECTION OF PERSON AND

PROPERTY,

L -- THE RIGHT TO QUALITY EDUCATION AT ALL LEVELS, FREE FROM

SEGREGATION,

L -- THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN GOOD HEALTH, UNDER A SYSTEM THAT HELPS

ASSURE MODERN HEALTH CARE FOR ALL AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST,

L -- THE RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION,

L-- THE RIGHT TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE, AND

L-- THE RIGHT TO A CLEAN AND WHOLESOME ENVIRONMENT.

THESE RIGHTS BELONG TO ^{THE} ALL AMERICAN PEOPLE. ~~WITHOUT THEM THERE~~ *This is*

the new Bill of Rights to add new
~~ARE NO REAL CIVIL OR HUMAN RIGHTS~~
meaning to our original Bill of Rights

yes L THE NEW DIMENSIONS OF CIVIL RIGHTS ARE TO BE FOUND IN THE
LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS OF OUR PEOPLE.

L THIS IS OUR CHALLENGE, FOR IF WE CANNOT OVERCOME THE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL OBSTACLES TO THE FULL PARTICIPATION OF OUR CITIZENS
IN OUR ^{new} SOCIETY, THE HARD-WON POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE
LAST TWO DECADES WILL HOLD LITTLE MEANING FOR MILLIONS OF OUR PEOPLE.

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L YET, THIS CONCERN DOES NOT STOP AT OUR NATION'S SHORES. L FOR
OUR COUNTRY CANNOT HOPE TO SURVIVE AS AN ISLAND OF WEALTH IN A SEA
OF POVERTY.

L WE CANNOT SEEK DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE
AT HOME AND ABANDON THESE PRINCIPLES ABROAD.

L WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT STRIDES DURING THE FIRST MONTHS OF
PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT OF DEMOCRATIC
GOVERNMENTS NOW HAS BECOME A CENTRAL TENET OF AMERICAN FOREIGN
POLICY.

L THE ONLY EFFECTIVE WAY TO COMBAT THE TYRANNY OF COMMUNISM AND
all forms of THE TOTALITARIANISM OF THE RIGHT IS TO BATTLE FOR HUMAN AND ECONOMIC
RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC VALUES.

~~L A SENSE OF MORAL VALUES SHOULD BE AN IMPERATIVE OF OUR
FOREIGN POLICY. L UNLESS IT IS, WE WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO GAIN
THE SUPPORT OF PEOPLES AROUND THE WORLD WHO LOOK TO US FOR
SPIRITUAL AND MORAL SUPPORT IN THEIR STRUGGLES FOR FREEDOM.~~

NEARLY TWO YEARS AGO, THE UNITED STATES JOINED WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND 33 OTHER NATIONS IN SIGNING THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT

THE MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLES IN THAT AGREEMENT ARE THE BASKET THREE

~~OR HUMAN RIGHTS~~ - PROVISIONS *of Human Rights.*

and these
~~THE BASKET THREE~~ PROVISIONS ARE PROVING TO BE A MOST IMPORTANT

DEVELOPMENT IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL ~~HUMAN RIGHTS~~ *diplomacy* WHILE IT

IS TRUE THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL

AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER COUNTRY, THIS DOES NOT MEAN WE SHOULD NOT

REMIND THE WORLD THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY OF OUR

GOVERNMENT AND OUR PEOPLE, AND THAT OUR POLICIES WILL BE DIRECTED

ACCORDINGLY

*This is why we take our stand on
will stand up for Soviet Jewry and
oppressed people everywhere*

THE MESSAGE OF THE UNITED STATES IS NOT NUCLEAR POWER.

THE MESSAGE OF THE UNITED STATES IS A SPIRITUAL MESSAGE.

~~IT IS THE MESSAGE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.~~ IT IS THE MESSAGE OF THE

FREEDOM OF IDEAS, SPEECH, PRESS, THE RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE, TO

WORSHIP, AND THE MESSAGE OF THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF PEOPLES.

↳ IT IS THE MESSAGE OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS. ↳ IT IS THE

MESSAGE OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, WHERE WE BOLDLY

PROCLAIMED TO A WORLD DOMINATED BY MONARCHS AND TYRANTS THAT ALL

MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, AND THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR

CREATOR WITH CERTAIN INALIENABLE RIGHTS, AND AMONG THESE ARE

LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

↳ THIS IS THE MESSAGE OF AMERICA. ↳ THIS IS THE SOURCE

OF OUR POWER. ↳ THIS IS THE SOURCE OF OUR STRENGTH.

I RECOGNIZE AND UNDERSTAND THE COMMON WISDOM THAT THE
RELATIONS AMONG NATIONS DEMAND A PRAGMATIC TRADE-OFF OF NATIONAL
SELF-INTERESTS, THE MAINTENANCE OF BALANCES OF POWER, AND COMPROMISES
IN EASING TENSIONS AND IN GAINING AND HOLDING ALLIES.

HOWEVER, IN THIS DELICATE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION AND
ACCOMMODATION, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND OUR PEOPLE MUST NOT
NEGLECT OUR BASIC PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS.
THESE PRINCIPLES HAVE FORMED THE FOUNDATION OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND
HAVE SERVED AS A BEACON OF HOPE FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD.

TO REFRAIN FROM CALLING ATTENTION TO THESE BASIC CONCERNS ONLY
TARNISHES THE IMAGE OF THE UNITED STATES. IT DIMINISHES OUR VALUE
SYSTEM IN THE EYES OF THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY. IT UNDERMINES OUR OWN
SOCIETY AND LEAVES US A WEAKER PEOPLE.

Do we live up to
our ideals - not always
But challenge - Hope!

HERE IN THE UNITED STATES, WE HAVE THE MOST HETEROGENEOUS
MIXTURE OF RACES, RELIGIONS AND NATIONALITIES EVER TO COEXIST PEACE-
FULLY UNDER THE TENT OF DEMOCRACY, AND WE ARE THE WORLD'S ^{oldest} ~~most~~
DEMOCRACY, WHICH HAS JUST COMPLETED CELEBRATING TWO CENTURIES OF
FREEDOM. - So -

I AM AN OPTIMIST. ^{our history -} THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT OUR
THIRD CENTURY ~~WILL~~ CAN BE ONE OF EXPANDING FREEDOM AND
OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AMERICANS, ^{and} ~~is~~ ALSO ONE IN WHICH WE CAN ONCE

AGAIN EXERCISE LEADERSHIP IN THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WORLD-
WIDE ^{because a time when we can + will launch a} ~~and in the~~ GLOBAL ASSAULT ON THE HISTORIC PLAGUES OF MANKIND --
THE BONDAGE OF HUNGER, DISEASE AND ILLITERACY.

THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES
IN AMERICA AND ABROAD CAN MAKE GREAT GAINS IN THE STRUGGLE TO
ERADICATE INJUSTICE, HUNGER AND POVERTY WHEREVER THEY ARE FOUND.

I KNOW THAT THE MEN AND WOMEN OF WILL AND VISION HERE
THIS EVENING ARE READY TO JOIN HANDS FOR THE KIND OF AMERICA
AND WORLD WHICH IS IN OUR HOPES AND DREAMS.

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