

Quins

LABOR'S INTERNATIONAL
Hall of Fame

DAVID C. MCCLUNG
President

August 8, 1977

Headquarters:
19268 GRAND RIVER AVENUE
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48223
(313) 532-6650

Senator Hubert Humphrey
2113 Dirksen Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Humphrey:

The selection committee of Labor's International Hall of Fame has asked me to invite you to attend the 1977 Induction Dinner as an honored guest.

The Induction Dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 1977, at the Fairlane Manor, 19000 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn, Michigan. The Fairlane Manor is one of the new facilities in the Detroit area. It is within five minutes of the Hyatt Regency Hotel and the Dearborn Inn. Transportation from the hotels will be furnished by a number of the local unions in the Detroit area.

Dave McClung, President of Labor's International Hall of Fame and National Democratic Committee member has been a good friend of labor for many years. He is arranging for entertainment by a group from Hawaii. The Hawaiian entertainment at the last Labor Hall of Fame banquet was a great success. There will be a drawing at the dinner for two round trip tickets to Hawaii.

Federal Judge Don Miller, one of the famed Four Horsemen from Notre Dame and Creighton Miller, former attorney for the Professional Football Players Association helped us with procedures for selecting inductees. We are following the same procedures as the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame. When the Labor's Hall of Fame was formed, Judge Miller stated, "I think the idea is one of the greatest innovations in the history of the labor movement." The most forceable criticism to date is that the formation of Labor's International Hall of Fame was long overdue. The enclosed news publication will bring you up to date on Labor's Hall of Fame activities.

The method of selecting inductees into Labor's International Hall of Fame has not been taken lightly. Creighton Miller, All American Football player from Notre Dame and a recent inductee into Football's Hall of Fame, contacted Dick Gallagher of the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Senator Hubert Humphrey

August 8, 1977

Mr. Gallagher informed us that twenty-six sports writers in twenty-six franchised cities have one vote each year for nominees into the Hall of Fame. The ratings of various sports teams throughout the year are set by Associated Press and United Press International.

Labor writers and members of the news media are in good positions to evaluate who should be inducted into Labor's International Hall of Fame. The above method of selecting inductees is more meaningful because it has the participation of the news media, a source outside of the labor movement.

This year the following categories will be inducted into the Labor's International Hall of Fame.

Labae Heroes - George Meany
Category One: Prominent Labor Champions:

Persons living or deceased who have made a lasting contribution to the lives of working men and women.

Category Two: Unsung Labor Heroes:

The unsung heroes, those persons living or deceased, who, although not achieving national or international prominence, epitomize the ideals of the rank and file without wide spread recognition.

Category Three: Prom. Labor Champions

Persons living or deceased whose administrative ability, personal fortitude and courage has enabled them to assume effective leadership roles in the labor movement.

*Miller Jones
(Marty Hansen's son)
Joe Haglund
Frank Little
Eugene Kelly
David Miller*

The names of the inductees will be announced on or about September 15, 1977.

I would appreciate your letting me know whether or not you will be able to attend the induction dinner. Cocktails will be at 7:00 p.m. and dinner at 8:00 p.m.

John Schreier, former Assistant National Director for the North Central States, AFL-CIO, is acting as co-chairman with me. We will be glad to help you arrange hotel or motel accommodations and transportation from the airport.

Sincerely,

Edward Kraft

Edward Kraft, Chairman
Selection Committee

EK/bk
Enclosure

Dear Friends:

It is a special honor to be selected as a member of the Labor Hall of Fame. I am sure you know that I would be with you tonight if it were at all possible. You are all good and loyal friends -- and I am very grateful for this honor. To be put into the same category as President Truman and George Meany is a distinction of the highest order.

I am proud of my close association with the American labor movement. Labor has been, and must continue to be, the strong and effective instrument for social, economic and political justice for all of our citizens.

There is no greater recognition than to be honored by those who know you well -- your weaknesses and failures as well as your strengths and successes. That is why a tribute from my friends in American labor is so gratifying to me.

So thank you for this honor. Keep on fighting! Keep on pushing for what we know America can be, what it must be! Keep up the struggle for decent jobs for all who want to work. Keep on the pressure for safe, clean neighborhoods with good homes.

Keep battling for a system of national health insurance that adequately meets our people's medical and health needs. And keep up the struggle for quality education, yes, good education, fair taxes, clean water and air and healthy working conditions -- all those things that Harry Truman, George Meany, Hubert Humphrey and American labor have stood squarely behind for decades.

We have made great progress in America and we will continue the march toward the goals we cherish if we want them badly enough and are willing to work hard enough. Thirty years of working together with labor give me great optimism for the future.

If the coalition of labor and progressive forces have demonstrated anything, it is that compassion and common sense can go hand in hand for the common good.

#

*Dave
what do you think?
me*

October 25, 1977

MEMO

TO: URSULA

FROM: EILER

RE: Installation of HHH as a "champion of labor" in the Labor Hall of Fame at Dearborn, Michigan.

I mentioned to you earlier that Dave McClung, Democratic National Committeeman from Hawaii and former President of our State Senate, who is President of the Labor Hall of Fame, was interested in trying to get something on video tape of the Senator for this occasion the night of November 1st. I told him that a video tape would not be possible and the question then was whether either a telephone hookup or the less desirable alternative of an audio tape could be prepared. The occasion is an installation dinner to be held at the Fairleigh Manor located in Dearborn, Michigan, with the dinner scheduled to start at 8:00 PM. I am told some 12 to 20 international vice presidents are expected to be in attendance. In addition to installing Humphrey as a "champion of labor", Harry Truman will also be given that same designation and George W. Bush will be installed in the category of "Labor Leader".

If HHH decides to do an oral tape, it can be sent to Dave McClung at 18500 Grandriver Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48223 or if it is last minute send addressed to him "held for arrival" to the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, Michigan. If you decide to do a telephone hookup on the evening of the banquet, which I know would be preferred, give me a call and I will get a local contact for

you as Dave McClung will not be in Beartown until the 31st.



Minnesota Historical Society

Copyright in this digital version belongs to the Minnesota Historical Society and its content may not be copied without the copyright holder's express written permission. Users may print, download, link to, or email content, however, for individual use.

To request permission for commercial or educational use, please contact the Minnesota Historical Society.



www.mnhs.org