

RADIO ADDRESS BY HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF MINNEAPOLIS,
PREPARED FOR DELIVERY OVER WLOL TUESDAY, MAY 22, 1945, 8:15 P. M.

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An election in the midst of these important and dramatic developments imposes great responsibilities upon all of us. These events impose upon us the responsibility of steeping ourselves in the democratic faith, of making democracy real at home.

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We must be community-minded. Minneapolis wants and needs a mayor that will be mayor for all the people -- a mayor who believes in the people -- a mayor who will serve all the people. I am aware of the public trust and responsibility that will be placed in me as mayor. That is the type of mayor labor wants. That is the type of mayor business wants. We have had too much of special privileges for special interests. One is not worthy of the respect and confidence of this community if he becomes a pawn of any special interest ~~whether it is business, labor or the racketeers.~~

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Victory and peace mean more than just the end of the war. Victory and peace mean to all of us the return of loved ones, the end of suffering and want, or, as our late President once said, "freedom from want, freedom from fear, freedom of speech and freedom of conscience."

From time to time I have mentioned the relationship of Minneapolis to our state, to our nation and to our world. A city of 500,000 people, in the heart of the great Northwest, is a great factor in the American economy. We have all begun to sense the importance of our city as a great transportation and industrial center.

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