

RADIO SCRIPT FOR:

SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

SUBJECT:

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BIRTHDAY MESSAGE
MAY 27, 1954

DATE:

Hello, friends.....

I really wish I could be with you tonight in person, to see and talk with my many good friends in the Second Ward.

But that is impossible, so I am doing the next best thing... sitting down here in Washington to "talk things over" with you in this recorded message.

I just want you to know how much I appreciate your celebrating my birthday in my absence. I want to particularly thank Don Fraser and Ruth Johnson for their fine work in arranging this occasion, and all the rest of you who have helped making it the success I am sure it will be.

You know, I am getting near the age when you don't relish birthdays quite so much -- but the one thing you do like on a birthday is to be remembered by your friends. So I am understandably pleased

at the Second Ward's birthday party in my behalf. I am proud to be
from the ~~Second Ward~~. I am proud of its energetic political activity,
its willingness to work and work hard for the people and causes in
which it believes.

Do you know what I would like most for a birthday present?
I would just like to know that every one of you has taken a personal
pledge to do everything in your power to win a great DFL victory
next November!

We CAN win that victory! We can win if we are willing
to work for it. And make no mistake about it, it is going to take
hard work by dedicated and devoted people. It is not going to be
any snap.

This is a tremendously important election facing us. It is
a real challenge. We must face it head-on.

Remember, it is not just my race -- it is YOUR race too.
I am YOUR Senator, and doing my best to serve you well down here in
Washington. My duty calls for me to stay on the job here as long
as there is vital business to be taken care of.

So I am going to have to depend heavily on you folks at home, to carry forward the good fight. It is a fight in which we all have a stake.

It is a party fight, not just a one-man fight. I am just as concerned about Orv Freeman and the rest of our fine DFL candidates as I am my own race. We must work together, and win together.

These are very serious times. Grave problems confront us, internationally and domestically. Our Nation's leadership is faltering, at a time when we need inspiration, guidance, and confidence.

There can be no jubilation about the troubles confronting this Administration, because they are troubles of deep concern, to all the American people. Our challenge is to help meet these problems and these challenges.

(Any ad lib comments)

I know I can count upon you. It is wonderful to have such devoted friends, and it is encouraging to know that my efforts on behalf of Minnesota and the people of our Nation are appreciated -- regardless of belittling attacks in the one-sided press of our state.

Already, apparently, it is "open season" on Hubert Humphrey,
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regardless of the fact that I am still the Senator from Minnesota

trying to do my job down here in Washington. You can expect to see
a barrage of propaganda based on untruths and half-truths aimed against
us, and you cannot expect to get the real facts from our Republican-
dominated press during this pre-campaign period. Ours is an uphill
fight, of countering mass communications by word of mouth contact
with the people of the state, answering propaganda with facts.

Again, I want to express my deep appreciation to you for
staging this gathering in honor of my birthday. I hope all of you
have a wonderful time. Muriel joins me in sending you our
heartfelt greetings.



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