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ELIZABETH---Speaking before the Democratic Rally held at the Elizabeth Elks Club, Senator Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn) last night (Oct. 19th) pointed out that the Democratic Party throughout the United States - in all levels of government - is capturing the trust of the people because the Democratic Party has a program providing honest, effective and responsible government, and because the Democratic Party chooses candidates who are forward looking and hard-working people, dedicated to work in the public interest.

Humphrey stated:

"There is no better example of these two facts of Democratic Party life today than in the State of New Jersey. As a matter of fact, the Democratic trend which is gaining momentum, began right here in the Sixth District of New Jersey.

"The spectacular victories of Governor Meyner and Congressman 'Pete' Williams in 1953 marked the turning point. Since then, the Party has gone on to capture seven governor chairs from the Republican Party. Last year we captured the Senate and the House of Representatives. But, what is more important from the point of view of the Party, is that last year we captured over 500 state and local offices throughout the United States.

"It is easy to see here in New Jersey and Union County, why the people of this country are, in increasing numbers, placing their faith in our Party. We in Minnesota know the kind of government Bob Meyner is giving the State of New Jersey because we have seen on the front page of our newspapers the valiant and successful fight he made against corruption in this State.

"And, let me tell you from first-hand knowledge, in Washington I know the kind of a job Pete Williams is doing for you there. He is, in my opinion, one of the finest men to come to the Congress in my entire term of office. I have had the opportunity to work with him on several pieces of legislation, and I have always found him to have the interest of the people uppermost in mind and have found him to be a top-notch legislator.

"I don't know Mayor Sheldon and the other candidates for office in Union County this fall as well as I know 'Pete' Williams, but from my limited acquaintance with them, I can see that they are the kind of people the Democratic Party is winning with throughout the country. They are clean cut, they are intelligent, and from all the evidence of this campaign here today, they are hardworking. I am confident they will give you the kind of good government and effective, responsible leadership that Governor Meyner has been giving you in Trenton, and that 'Pete' Williams has been giving you in Washington."

Turning to the national level, Humphrey continued:

"The growing strength of the Democratic Party that is resulting from the victories at the county and state level, will, I am sure, carry over to the national scene next year. The Democratic Party in Washington today is united in a fashion that hasn't marked either political party in the country since the early 1930's. More important, we are united behind a program for the people.

"On foreign policy, we have not engaged in petty party bickering because we know that we must have a foreign policy based on strength and firmness of purpose. Whenever the present administration has acted in accord with these two principles, we have supported them.

"On the domestic front, last year the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives passed needed improvements in the Social Security program. I am confident we will enact these measures in the Senate at the next session.

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"We passed a much needed housing bill. We provided needed pay raises for postal and government employees in the face of administration efforts to whittle-down these long overdue pay raises to the barest minimum. We passed a much needed increase of the minimum wage to \$1.00 per hour. We worked quietly -- I think very efficiently, and did not impose on the people of this country TVed-committee side shows.

"Contrast this record of united responsible accomplishment to the bickering that constantly marks the behavior of the Republicans. This bickering not only is true on domestic issues, but it carries over into foreign policy.

"In the last campaign, Adlai Stevenson referred to the Republican Party as a 'two-headed beast pulling in opposite directions'. Today, a more apt description would be that there are as many wings in the Republican Party as there are wings on a boarding-house chicken. I know that there are almost that many in the State of California alone.

"The simple fact of political life is that you cannot enact a program unless a Party is united behind it, and in the Democratic Party the evidence is clear that we are united behind a program and have been effective in putting it across."

In conclusion, Humphrey said:

"The evidence seems to me to be clear. The Democratic Party is gaining strength in New Jersey and throughout the country because it has put forward men like Governor Meyner, 'Pete' Williams, Bob Sheldon and the other candidates who are here tonight, and, because we are providing the people with a program that meets their needs.

"I am confident that you here in Union County and New Jersey will add to the ever-growing number of Democratic county and state office-holders.

"I wish the candidates and all of you, the very best of luck on November 8th."

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