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A SENSE OF PURPOSE

Excerpts from Remarks by
Senator Hubert H. Humphrey
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Most of our fellow-Americans have had in the past few days an opportunity to study Mr. Nikita Khrushchev at some length. They have found him -- as I found him in the Kremlin last year -- tough, confident, outspoken -- yes, often humorous.

Under the flashes of humor, however we can see a man who is deadly serious. He is calculating and purposeful. He is often quite candid. Disarming but not disarming Soviet

When he was asked yesterday whether he had said, "We will bury you," he could have denied it -- as the Soviet delegate to the UN once denied it on his behalf. But He did not. Straight from the shoulder, he told us that Communism would prevail over our way of life because it would out-produce us.

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and

No one is laughing at that one.

Indeed, Allen Dulles of our CIA has warned us that for the past seven years, Soviet industry has grown at the annual rate of 9.5% -- about four times our own rate of growth. Mr. Dulles pointed out that if this continues, "the United States will be virtually committing economic suicide."

In other words -- if we persist in the fearful, timid policies of the past six years -- we are going to dig ourselves right into the ground -- without any help from Khrushchev!

We must understand that the great struggle goes on -- perhaps changed in color, temperature and form -- but it still goes on.

(conserv- gouv, incapable of meeting the challenge)

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Peace is possible.

But peace is not passive.

Let us by all means exhaust every possible means to find a way to spare humanity the total disaster of nuclear warfare. Let us strive without ceasing to rid the nations of the crushing

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burden of the arms race.

But I for one am not content to drop into the easy chair and turn over to the Communists the task of ordering the world society.

Yes, coexistence is possible.

But -- like it or not -- coexistence is going to be mighty competitive. ~~or it will be~~ Non-Existent for full paper

The American people are seeing on television and in the newspapers one of the greatest competitors in the world -- a fierce and driving competitor at the head of a nation in headlong career.

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free and
let free

Mr. Khrushchev is not about to settle for a "you-mind-your-business-and-I'll-mind-mine" deal. He may say he will settle for that proposition. But he will not.

And I would not.

I believe in competition. I believe in progress, and I believe that it is the duty of free men and women to work ceaselessly to enlarge the areas of freedom and opportunity in the world. You

are either on the way up or on the way down. The one certainty
in this world is change, and growth and decay.

Those who are content to have our nation rest on its
laurels, coast, relax, level off, are condemning us to stagnation
and defeat. — Lack of Planning - No Goals!

not merely
Production
control —
but
Values
Ideas
Morals

We must regain the sense of dedicated purpose that has
carried our nation forward in crisis after crisis -- the spirit
that broke us out of the stranglehold of the depression, sustained
us through the ordeals of World War II and Korea -- and that in
more recent years has been submerged in the increasingly defensive,
reluctant, and wavering leadership of the Republican Administration.

America has
In the rush for profits, ~~we have~~ lost momentum. In the
stampede of the great financial interests to the public trough --
under the spurious slogan of "sound money" -- the economy has been
throttled down to a walk.

⊗ Krusch-
Capitalism — & Henry Cabot Lodge (People's Capitalism)
Welfare State

⊗

Cost of Republicanism

Waste

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The truth is that the policies of the Republican Administration have condemned us to an on-and-off again, start-and-stop, foot-dragging economy.

waste - water - Land Timber

From 1953 through the end of 1958, this halting economy has cost us more than 10 million man-years of job opportunity.

The average American family has suffered to the tune of almost \$3,000 in potential real buying power.

Net farm income has been about \$31 billion dollars less than it should have been, and wage and salary income almost \$100 billion too low.

Private business investment opportunity has been approximately \$40 billion dollars too low. The excessive idleness of plant and manpower from 1953 through 1958 caused us to lose more than \$150 billion dollars in national output.

Congress - Vetoed - Congress - Lack of Debate

Food for Peace.
Health for PEACE
Edu for Peace

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The Republicans have not only failed to come up with policies to deal with the new problems of the era; they have strangled the Democratic policies designed to deal with the old problems of our society; and they have frustrated and blunted the proposals which we Democrats have been making in an attempt to get some vitality and drive into our economy.

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We have had too many Kremlin vetoes in the U.N. -- and too many White House vetoes in Washington.

Presidential

~~The White House~~

But, of course,

Some groups have done well out of this laggard economy - the bankers with high interest rates, the big businessmen who have learned how to jack up prices while production lags, the moneyed men and speculators who have plunged in the soaring stock market.

But here and there, throughout our country, even in this capital city of the free world, stagnant pools of poverty *and inequality* are spreading.

Some are obvious - like the slums which Khrushchev's entourage busily photographed as their cavalcade was rolling up to Blair House.

Others, fortunately, they cannot catch in a snapshot. Here and there in the crowd are older men -- I won't say elderly men because you can all too easily go on the scrapheap nowadays at 50.

These are men who lost their jobs in the recent recession. But for them the recession has not ended -- they are still, in growing desperation and despair, looking for a new job.

These are the human casualties of government by veto, of government by slogans and public relations which has replaced action and public welfare. (Bare)

But there are other casualties, less dramatic but no less deplorable --

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L The underpaid teacher, in overcrowded schools.

The small farmer, caught in the pincers of higher costs
and the Bensonite blight of farm income.

L Our Negro fellow-citizens, too often denied the rights
and privileges of their American citizenship.

L Young men and women, doomed to blind alley jobs or soul-
destroying idleness.

L Small businessmen, waging an uphill struggle against monopoly,
tight credit, and high interest rates.

L Old-age pensioners, leading a dreary and cramped existence
with inadequate income, diet, housing and medical care.

~~Willow Run~~
Yes, ~~my friends~~, the casualties of this government by veto -- ~~if No Go~~

~~and go slow~~ - run into the millions. L One sober student has
written of "Our 50 Million Poor." and has called them "The
~~forgotten men of our affluent society."~~

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Do these words have a familiar sound? Have we known poverty in the midst of plenty before -- and have we forgotten what FDR did about it?

He did two things -- stimulated a lagging economy into growth, and laid a solid foundation of social services and social investment to support it.

Our problems are new in appearance, perhaps even in character -- but the basic principles remain the same.

and There are solutions. There is a framework of liberal, progressive thought within which these problems can be solved -- the Democratic Platform of 1956 and the one we shall write in 1960.

It was on this platform that we ran a splendid Presidential candidate and on this same platform we campaigned and elected an overwhelming Democratic majority in the Congress in 1958.

Platform

L This great liberal document was passed practically
 unanimously by a great assemblage in Chicago. It reflects
 the finest traditions of our Party. It gives us the guide-
 lines and the inspiration to enact -- or at least try to
 enact, strong, vigorous, affirmative legislation in the
 face of blunt Republican negativism in the White House *and Congress*.

It is a difficult task, I wish to point out to my
 friends who do not serve in the Congress, to pass legislation
 which requires not ^{only} a simple majority, but a two-thirds
 majority. But that was the situation time after time during
 this past session when Congress sent to the President legis-
 lation which was meaningful, constructive, and sufficient to
 the task.

L When every proposal is measured by one yardstick only
 -- the fiscal year's budget -- obviously there is little hope
 for the survival of proposals which require sustained investments,

some of which begin to return interest only after the
passage of several years.

Capital Budget

Yet this preposterous yardstick was used to turn
back time and time again legislation which would have given
impetus and momentum to our economy and prepared us for the
long haul competition with the Communist world. By veto and
the threat of veto, legislation was driven back and even
stillborn.

~~attempted.~~ (need long term planning + Budget)

Throughout our Party there is understandable frustration
and anger that the huge majority we sent to Congress last year
has been so largely checkmated by the Republican veto power.

Nowhere has this feeling been more eloquently expressed
than by the Democratic National Chairman and the Democratic
Advisory Council. The Council has forthrightly championed the
Democratic Platform, and has given effective expression to

millions of our Democratic Party members in our State,

local, and precinct organizations. Certainly we owe a

real debt of gratitude to such eminent Americans as Harry

Eleanor Roosevelt,
Truman, Adlai Stevenson, /Estes Kefauver, Pat Brown, Governor

Williams, and Governor Freeman, who have put so much effort

into make the Advisory Council the significant force in

American life which

at is today —

*and Party has a right to
speak to elected Representatives —
Study the issues —*

it is today.

↳ If Paul Butler had done nothing else than create the

Advisory Council -- and he has done much ^{more} ~~else~~ -- he would go

down in history as a great Chairman. ^{of Kato Lockheim are} Butler is doing his best

to keep the Democratic Party on the only rational and logical

road there is to victory -- along the road of Franklin D.

Roosevelt and Harry Truman and Adlai Stevenson -- along the road

of genuine, responsible, humanitarian liberalism.

↳ Our Party does see the road it must travel -- ^{and it is no dead} ~~is~~ ^{am} convinc
ed of it. ^{ing Street - It leads to 1600 Pa. Ave - v Capital Hill.} And we will gather our forces during the

coming year to ensure that the Democratic Party presents ^{to}

the voters not only a ^{constructive} strong liberal platform, but a strong, able, articulate

liberal candidate to head our ticket and to carry with him into

the White House the highest ideals and hopes of our Party.

↳ Make no mistake about it -- the Republican Party will put

up a candidate who will be plausible, well-financed, and tough

to beat. We are not going to win back the White House by default.

And it is surely no foregone conclusion that a Democrat will be

↳ Blow the image -

President in 1961.

But we can win, and we should win.

And when we win, we will have the spirit and the ideas
to lead our people boldly into the future.

yes
We can do all these things:

If we fully marshall our economic potential, we can in
the next five years lift our 460 billion dollar economy to
much better than a 600 billion dollar economy.

↳ We can increase the average annual income of American
families, measured in real buying power, by about \$2,000.

↳ We can ~~liquidate most of the private~~ *eliminate for once and all* poverty, which
still bears down upon millions of our people.

↳ We can have prosperous farmers as well as prosperous
industry; small business can thrive alongside the corporate
giants. In short, we can lift those at the bottom without
penalizing those at the top.

↳ We can combine the American system of different rewards

for different abilities and efforts with the American system

of equal opportunity for all and social justice.

And on the productive foundation of this private economic progress, we can check the impoverishment of our

vital public services, and put an end to the neglect of our

greatest national and worldwide priorities of need.

We can, in a word, fulfill our economic potential

and realize our dream of abundance.

— We can do it however, only by answering & developing an America that is bigger, busier, ^{and} better.

We can attain full dignity and liberty for every man, woman and
 child within our borders. We can work tirelessly toward the
 elimination of intolerance and discrimination and bigotry.

This should be our constant goal.

① 1960 Election - Republicans - Plausible, reasonable, affable
personable

And so, as we take perhaps a more careful and searching

look at ourselves this week, as we try to catch a glimpse of ourselves
 as visitors from strange lands must see us, let us make a new
 determination to press forward.

Instead of thinking that every great task is beyond our means,

let us measure the greatness of our capacity.

Instead of filling the air with fear, let us fill men's hearts

with hope.

Instead of being overwhelmed by the dangers of the world,

let us be inspired by the challenge to surmount these dangers.

① Define Issues
 - Automation
 - Urban
 - Rural

Dangers
 of
 World!

Instead of worrying about the future, let us labor to
create it.

In the words of a great American President,

"We must move forward with strong and active faith!"

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instead of working about the house, let us leave to

of state

in the name of a great American

the first thing to do is to

Dennis M. P. L.

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Good Weather

Missouri River Development



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