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Excerpts from the remarks of
Senator Hubert H. Humphrey
at
Salute to A. Philip Randolph
Carnegie Hall, New York, January 24

HUMPHREY OUTLINES THREE CIVIL RIGHTS STEPS CONGRESS MUST TAKE THIS YEAR

New York, New York, Jan. 24 -- Following are excerpts from the remarks of Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), at the Salute to A. Philip Randolph, Founder and President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters:

"It is a privilege to be numbered among those paying tribute tonight to a dedicated American, A. Philip Randolph.

"As President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, as an uncompromising fighter for civil rights, as an active promoter of trade union exchanges between this country and Africa, as an American citizen -- Philip Randolph is indeed one of the most respected movers and doers in our society.

"America has profited from Philip Randolph's presence among us.

"Let me tell you why this is so. As much as anybody in national life -- perhaps even more than anybody else -- Philip Randolph knows that until every American achieves full dignity, freedom and justice we cannot really assert moral and political leadership in the world. And he is right!

"I hold with Phil Randolph that one of the best things we can do in America to protect our strength in the world, the greatest thing we could do for freedom and peace, is to set an example of social and political and economic conduct that would be the envy of the world.

"The way we treat each other is more impressive than the words we utter. The real test of the American spirit is the way we treat those who just happen to be in the minority. It is on this issue that we either win or lose the moral and spiritual battle being waged in the world today.

"Civil rights guarantees are morally right. They are ethically right. And they are so imperative of our national security. One has only to consider that the population centers of the world are made up of people of so-called color. We must share with them, we must deal with them as they really are -- our brothers under God.

"To be specific, there are certain things we can and must do at once:

"1. It is time for Congress to wholeheartedly embrace and support by affirmative action and resolution the desegregation decisions of the United States Supreme Court.

"2. It is time for Congress to enact what we failed to enact in 1957 through threat of filibuster. I refer to Title 3 of the Civil Rights bill of that year. Title 3 would empower the Attorney General of the U.S. -- in order to protect the legitimate Constitutional right of every American -- to bring suit in Federal Court.

"3. It is time for Congress to enact federal registration provisions as recommended by five of the six members of the Civil Rights Commission.

"I stand with Phil Randolph on this question of civil rights. That stand is one of no compromise, no retreat -- full speed ahead.

"I do this despite the fact I have been advised that when I emphasize civil rights I jeopardize my chances in politics.

"Let me just say this: If the price of political success in America ever becomes betrayal of my own convictions, then I will refuse to pay that price. I shall not change!"

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Distinguished Guests 000324
 fellow Americans

Excerpts from Speech of
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Sunday, January 24, 1960

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