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ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS OF THE HONORABLE
HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, UNITED STATES
SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

Mr. Chairman, Mr. President, my fellow Democrats, my fellow Americans, I proudly and humbly accept your nomination. Will we ever be able to forget this unbelievable, this moving, this beautiful, this wonderful evening? What a challenge to every person in this land to live up to the goals and the ideals of those who have gone before us, and have charted the course of our action.

I was deeply moved last night. I received a singular tribute from a friend and a great President, a tribute that I shall never forget, and I pray to Almighty God that I shall have the strength and the wisdom to measure up to the confidence and the trust that has been placed in me. And please let me say thank you, my fellow Democrats.

I believe that I know President Johnson as well as any man. So let me tell you about him. I have known for 16 years his courage, his wisdom, his tact, and his persuasion, his judgment and his leadership.

But I shall never forget those hours and those days of tragedy and crisis last November that we once again relived tonight, when a dear and wonderful friend and a great President was taken from us. And another stepped forward without a falter, without a moment of hesitation or a moment of doubt.

I was among those that he called to his side. He asked us, we, the people, Republicans and Democrats alike -- Americans all--for our help. And I say Thank God that John Fitzgerald Kennedy was the patriot that he was, that he had the foresight that day in Los Angeles to provide for his country.

Thank God for this country and for the peace of the world--that President Kennedy had the wisdom to choose a Lyndon Johnson as his Vice President.

I am sure you remember these words: "Let us continue". Those simple and direct words of President Johnson reached the hearts of our people. Those words rallied them, lifted them and unified them.

In this world, disaster is ever but a step away. There is no margin

for error. The leader of the free world, the leader of the American Democracy, holds in his hands the destinies not only of his people, but holds in his hands the destinies of all mankind.

Yes, the President of the United States must be a man of calm and deep assurance who knows his country and knows his people. Above all, he must be a man of clear mind and sound judgment, a man who can lead, a man who can decide, a man of purpose and conviction. And, Lyndon Johnson is that man.

He is a man with the instincts of a teacher, who would rather persuade than compel, who would rather unite than divide.

President Johnson is respectful of the traditions of the Presidency, and he understands the compelling need for restraint in the use of the greatest power ever assembled by man.

In President Johnson's hands, our people know that our power is for justice, and in his hands our people know that our power is for peace. In his hands, our people know that our power is for freedom.

President Johnson has helped to make the Democratic Party the only truly national party. And this very Convention demonstrates our strong and our abiding unity and brotherhood.

And what a contrast--what a contrast with the shambles at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. What a contrast with that incredible spectacle of bitterness, of hostility, of personal attack.

The American people have seen the contrast. The American people do have a clear choice, and I predict their choice will be Lyndon Johnson in November.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once spoke of "The two parties which divide the state"--the party of hope and the party of memory, my fellow Democrats. They renew their rivalry, he said, from generation to generation.

This contest, between the party of hope and the party of memory lies at the very heart of this campaign.

During the last few weeks, shrill voices have tried to lay claim to the great spirit of the American past. But they long for a past that never was. In their recklessness and in their radicalism, they distort the American conservative tradition.

Yes, those who have kidnapped the Republican Party have made it this year not a party of memory and sentiment, but one of stridency, of unrestrained passion, of extreme and radical language.

And by contrast, which is clear to all, under the leadership of President Lyndon Johnson, the Democratic Party stands today as the champion of great causes, as the party of purpose and conviction, as the party of national unity, and as the party of hope for all mankind.

Now let me document my case. Above all, the contrast is between the Democratic leadership and that of the Goldwater Party is sharp and decisive on the question of peace and security. For 25 years, my fellow Americans, both parties have held the conviction that politics should stop at the water's edge, that we must be united in the face of our enemies, and we must be united in support of our allies and our friends.

And I say here tonight, to every American, to every friend of freedom, woe to that party of that spokesman that turns its back upon bipartisan foreign policy. Woe to those who are willing to divide this Nation, and beware of those who cast false doubts upon our great strength.

What great problems there are to solve: Problems to control the awesome power of the nuclear age, to strengthen the grand alliance with Europe.

To continue the task of building a strong and prosperous and united hemisphere under the Alliance for Progress.

To assist our friends in Asia and Africa in preserving their freedom and promoting their progress.

And to defend and extend freedom throughout the world.

Now, my fellow Americans, these urgent problems demand reasoned solutions, not empty slogans. Childlike answers cannot solve man-sized problems.

These problems demand leadership that is prudent, restrained, responsible. They require a President who knows that Rome was not built in a day, but who also knows that the great edifice of Western Civilization can be brought down in ruins in one hour.

The American Presidency is not a place for a man who is impetuous at one moment, and indecisive the next; nor is it a place for one who is violently for something one day and violently opposed to it on the next, nor is it an office where statements on matters of major policy are so confusing and so contradictory that neither friend nor foe knows where he stands.

And my fellow Americans, it is of the highest importance that both friend and foe know that the American President means what he says and says

what he means!

The temporary spokesman of the Republican Party --yes, the temporary Republican spokesman is not only out of tune with the great majority of his countrymen; he is even out of step with his own party.

In the last three-and-a-half years, most Democrats and Republicans have agreed on the great decisions our Nation has made. But not the Republican spokesman, not Senator Goldwater. He has been facing backward, against the mainstream of American history. Most Democrats and most Republicans in the United States Senate, for example, voted for the nuclear test ban treaty. But not the temporary Republican spokesman.

Most Democrats and Republicans in the Senate voted for an eleven and a half billion dollar tax cut for the American citizens and American business. But not Senator Goldwater.

Most Democrats and Republicans in the Senate, in fact four-fifths of the members of his own party, voted for the Civil Rights Act. But not Senator Goldwater.

Most Democrats and Republicans in the Senate voted for the establishment of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency that seeks to slow down the nuclear arms race among the nations. But not the temporary Republican spokesman.

Most Democrats and most Republicans in the Senate voted last year for an expanded medical education program. But not Senator Goldwater.

Most Democrats and most Republicans in the Senate voted for education legislation. But not Senator Goldwater.

Most Democrats and most Republicans in the Senate voted for the National Defense Education Act. But not Senator Goldwater.

And my fellow Americans, most Democrats and most Republicans in the Senate voted to help the United Nations in its peace keeping functions when it was in financial difficulty. But not Senator Goldwater.

Yes, my fellow Americans, it is a fact that the temporary Republican spokesman is not in the mainstream of his Party. In fact, he has not even touched the shore.

I believe in the two-party system, but there must be two responsible parties, and there must be men who are equipped to lead a great nation as the standard-bearers of the two parties. It is imperative that the leadership of the great Parties move within the mainstream of American thought and philosophy.

I pledge to this Convention, I pledge to our great President, to all the American people, my complete devotion to this task: To prove once again that the Democratic Party deserves America's affections, and that we are indeed the Party of hope for the American people.

So tonight let us here and now pledge that the campaign that we will wage will be worthy of our great President Johnson, and, my fellow Americans, let us hereby resolve and pledge tonight that that campaign will be worthy of the memory of the late and beloved President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

While others may appeal to passions and prejudices, and appeal to fear and bitterness, we of the Democratic Party call upon all Americans to join us in making our country:

A land of opportunity for our young;

A home of security and dignity for our elderly;

And a place of compassion and care for our afflicted.

I say to those responsible and forward-looking Republicans who put our country above their Party--and there are thousands of them--we welcome you to the banner of Lyndon Baines Johnson. We welcome your support.

Yes, we extend the hand of fellowship. We ask you to join us tonight, for this President, my fellow Americans, is the President of all of the American people. He is the President in the great American tradition--for labor and for business; no class conflict--for the farm family that will receive the unending attention and care of this President and for the city worker; for North and for the South; for East and for the West. This is our President.

President Lyndon Johnson represents--in fact he is the embodiment of the spirit of national unity, the embodiment of national purpose, the man in whose hands we place our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.

I am proud to be the friend of this great President. I am very proud that he has asked this Convention to select me as his running mate.

And I ask you, my fellow Americans--I ask you--to walk with us, to work with us, to march forward with us--to help President Johnson build the great society for America of the future.

Yes, let us continue. Let us, fellow Democrats and fellow Americans, go forward. Let us take those giant steps forward to which the President has called us, to end the shame of poverty, to end the injustice of prejudice and the denial of opportunity, to build the great society and to secure the freedom of man and the peace of the world. We can do no less, and to this, tonight, let us resolve to pledge our every effort. Thank you.

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Mr Speaker, Mr President, Rev Clergy

MY FELLOW DEMOCRATS,
MY FELLOW AMERICANS:

I accept your nomination

I HAVE ^{WAS} BEEN DEEPLY HONORED ^{LAS} TONIGHT. I HAVE RECEIVED A SINGULAR TRIBUTE FROM A FRIEND AND A GREAT PRESIDENT, A TRIBUTE THAT I SHALL NEVER FORGET. I PRAY ^{to almighty} GOD THAT I SHALL HAVE THE STRENGTH AND THE WISDOM TO MEASURE UP TO THE CONFIDENCE AND THE TRUST WHICH HAS BEEN PLACED IN ME. AND, I WANT TO THANK THIS DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

^{our} IT HAS BEEN MY PRIVILEGE TO KNOW AND TO WORK WITH A GREAT LEADER FOR FIFTEEN YEARS. FIRST, AS HIS FELLOW SENATOR; THEN AS ONE OF HIS DEPUTIES WHEN HE ASSUMED THE MAJORITY LEADERSHIP OF THE SENATE; THEN FOR ALMOST THREE YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND FINALLY, AS ONE OF HIS LIEUTENANTS.

I BELIEVE I KNOW PRESIDENT JOHNSON AS WELL AS ANY MAN. I HAVE KNOWN HIS COURAGE AND HIS WISDOM, HIS TACT AND HIS PERSUASION, HIS JUDGEMENT AND HIS LEADERSHIP.

(Pause)

I SHALL NEVER FORGET THOSE HOURS AND DAYS OF TRAGEDY AND CRISIS LAST NOVEMBER WHEN ONE GREAT PRESIDENT WAS TAKEN FROM US AND ANOTHER STEPPED ^{forward} WITHOUT A FALTER, WITHOUT A MOMENT OF HESITATION OR DOUBT, INTO THE GREATEST OFFICE IN THE WORLD.

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~~I WAS THERE~~ I WAS AMONG THOSE HE CALLED TO HIS SIDE.
HE ASKED US -- REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS ALIKE -- *americans all,*
FOR OUR HELP.

↳ THANK GOD THAT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS "THE PATRIOT"
THAT HE WAS -- THAT HE HAD THE FORESIGHT TO PROVIDE FOR
HIS COUNTRY.

↳ THANK GOD FOR THIS COUNTRY AND FOR THE PEACE
OF THE WORLD -- THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAD THE WISDOM
TO CHOOSE A LYNDON JOHNSON AS HIS VICE PRESIDENT. >

IN THOSE MOMENTS OF LAST NOVEMBER NO ONE KNEW
WHAT WOULD BE THE OUTCOME. OUR COUNTRY TREMBLED. WE
DID NOT KNOW THE WAY. WE DID NOT WHAT TERRIBLE
CONSEQUENCES MIGHT RISE FROM THE MURDER OF THE PRESIDENT.
WE DID NOT KNOW WHAT GREAT CONSPIRACY MIGHT BE TRIGGERED
BY THE ASSASSINATION. BUT WITHIN A FEW HOURS, A GRIEF-
STRICKEN NATION AND A SAD AND FRIGHTENED WORLD KNEW
THAT THERE WAS A MAN IN CHARGE -- THAT STRONG AND
REASSURING LEADERSHIP HAD BEEN RESTORED TO THE UNITED
STATES.

I WAS PROUD OF OUR COUNTRY IN THOSE DAYS. AND
I WAS PROUD OF OUR NEW PRESIDENT, EVEN AS WE SORROWED
OVER THE LOSS OF ANOTHER BELOVED FRIEND AND LEADER.

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"LET US CONTINUE..." THOSE SIMPLE AND DIRECT WORDS OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON REACHED THE HEARTS OF OUR PEOPLE, RALLIED THEM, REASSURED THEM, LIFTED AND UNIFIED THEM.

IN THIS WORLD, DISASTER IS EVER BUT A STEP AWAY. ~~IN A WORLD TAUT WITH TENSION, LIVING UNDER THE MONSTROUS SHADOW OF THE MUSHROOM CLOUD,~~ THERE IS NO MARGIN FOR ERROR. ~~AND~~ THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD, THE LEADER OF THE AMERICAN DEMOCRACY, HOLDS IN HIS HANDS THE DESTINIES NOT ONLY OF HIS OWN PEOPLE, BUT OF ALL PEOPLE. THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES MUST BE A MAN OF CALM AND DEEP ASSURANCE, WHO KNOWS HIS COUNTRY AND HIS PEOPLE. ABOVE ALL, HE MUST BE A MAN OF CLEAR MIND AND SOUND JUDGEMENT, A MAN WHO CAN STAND CRISIS WITHOUT FALTERING, A MAN WHO CAN LEAD, A MAN WHO CAN DECIDE AND A MAN OF PURPOSE AND CONVICTION. LYNDON JOHNSON IS THAT MAN!

HE IS A MAN WITH THE INSTINCTS OF THE TEACHER, WHO WOULD RATHER PERSUADE THAN COMPEL, WHO WOULD RATHER UNITE THAN DIVIDE.

OUR PRESIDENT IS A MAN WITHOUT PRETENSION. HE ~~IS A MAN WHO~~ ^{HONORS} ~~UNDERSTANDS~~ THE DIGNITY OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. HE IS RESPECTFUL OF THE TRADITIONS OF THE PRESIDENCY, AND HE UNDERSTANDS THE COMPELLING NEED FOR RESTRAINT IN THE USE OF THE GREATEST POWER EVER ASSEMBLED BY MANKIND. IN HIS HANDS, OUR PEOPLE KNOW THAT OUR POWER IS FOR PEACE.

PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON HAS HELPED TO MAKE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY THE ONE TRULY NATIONAL PARTY. THE PEOPLE WILL PROVE THIS IN NOVEMBER! THIS CONVENTION DEMONSTRATES OUR STRONG AND BINDING UNITY.

WHAT A CONTRAST WITH THE SHAMBLES AT THE COW PALACE IN SAN FRANCISCO -- WITH THAT INCREDIBLE SPECTACLE OF BITTERNESS AND HOSTILITY, OF PERSONAL ATTACKS. SPOKESMEN FOR DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW WERE ~~BASED~~ ^{BASED} ~~AND~~ ^{AND} JEERED. THE PRESIDENT OF OUR COUNTRY WAS DENOUNCED AND VILIFIED.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE SEEN THE CONTRAST. THEY HAVE A CHOICE -- AND I PREDICT IT WILL BE LYNDON JOHNSON IN NOVEMBER.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS CONFIRMED ITS TRADITION OF CONCILIATION AND COMPROMISE. ~~THOSE WHO~~

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HAVE KIDNAPPED THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAVE MADE IT THIS YEAR A PARTY OF STRIDENCY, OF UNRESTRAINED PASSION, OF EXTREME AND RADICAL LANGUAGE, OF BITTER AND PARTISAN PHILOSOPHY.

IT IS THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON, THAT STANDS TODAY AS THE CHAMPION OF GREAT CAUSES, AS THE PARTY OF PURPOSE AND CONVICTION, AS THE PARTY OF NATIONAL UNITY.

ABOVE ALL, THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR PARTY AND THAT OF THE GOLDWATER PARTY IS SHARP AND DECISIVE ON THE QUESTION OF PEACE AND SECURITY.

FOR TWENTY FIVE YEARS, MY FELLOW AMERICANS, BOTH PARTIES HELD TO THE CONVICTION THAT POLITICS SHOULD STOP AT THE WATER'S EDGE, THAT WE MUST PRESENT A UNITED FACE TO OUR ENEMIES AND TAKE A UNITED STAND ON BEHALF OF OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES OF THE WORLD. WOE TO THE PARTY THAT TURNS ITS BACK ON THE CONCEPT OF A BIPARTISAN FOREIGN POLICY! WOE TO THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO DIVIDE OUR NATION, SHAME ON THOSE WHO CAST FALSE DOUBT ON OUR STRENGTH. BEWARE OF THOSE WHO WOULD PLAY RECKLESSLY WITH THIS MIGHTY POWER.

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I AM HONORED TO BE ASKED TO STAND AND WORK BESIDE PRESIDENT JOHNSON. I OFFER TO HIM AND TO YOU ALL THE RESOURCES OF MY MIND AND HEART all that I have.

OH -- WHAT GREAT PROBLEMS THERE ARE TO SOLVE:
TO CONTROL THE AWESOME POWER OF THE NUCLEAR AGE;
TO STRENGTHEN EVEN MORE THE GRAND ALLIANCE WITH
EUROPE AND TO BUILD EVEN GREATER TIES WITH
OUR FRIENDS AROUND THE RIM OF THE PACIFIC;
TO CONTINUE THE TASK OF BUILDING A STRONG, PROSPEROUS
AND UNITED HEMISPHERE;
TO DEFEND AND EXTEND FREEDOM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD;
AND TO EXTEND HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO

ALL OUR PEOPLE -- AND INDEED, TO ALL PEOPLE.
THESE URGENT PROBLEMS DEMAND REASONED
SOLUTIONS, NOT TRICKY SLOGANS. CHILDLIKE ANSWERS
DO NOT SOLVE MAN-SIZED PROBLEMS.

THEY DEMAND LEADERSHIP THAT IS PRUDENT,
RESTRAINED, RESPONSIBLE. THEY REQUIRE A PRESIDENT WHO
KNOWS THAT ROME WAS NOT BUILT IN A DAY, BUT WHO KNOWS
ALSO THAT THE GREAT EDIFICE OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION CAN
BE BROUGHT DOWN INTO RUINS IN AN HOUR.

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY IS NOT THE PLACE FOR
A MAN WHO IS IMPETUOUS AT ONE MOMENT, AND INDECISIVE
THE NEXT: WHO IS VIOLENTLY FOR SOMETHING ONE DAY, AND
VIOLENTLY OPPOSED ON THE NEXT, WHOSE STATEMENTS ON
MATTERS OF MAJOR POLICY ARE SO CONFUSING AND CONTRA-
DICTORY THAT NEITHER FRIEND NOR FOE KNOWS WHERE HE
STANDS.

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AND MY FELLOW AMERICANS, IT IS OF THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE THAT BOTH FRIEND AND FOE KNOW THAT THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT MEANS WHAT HE SAYS AND SAYS WHAT HE MEANS.

THE TEMPORARY REPUBLICAN SPOKESMAN IS NOT ONLY OUT OF TUNE WITH THE GREAT MAJORITY OF HIS COUNTRYMEN: HE IS EVEN OUT OF STEP WITH HIS OWN PARTY.

IN THE LAST THREE AND A HALF YEARS MOST DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS HAVE AGREED ON THE GREAT DECISIONS OUR NATION HAS MADE.

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↳ BUT NOT SENATOR GOLDWATER!

HE HAS BEEN FACING BACKWARD -- AGAINST
THE MAINSTREAM OF HISTORY.

— MOST DEMOCRATS AND MOST REPUBLICANS IN
THE UNITED STATES SENATE, FOR EXAMPLE, VOTED FOR
THE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY.

↳ BUT NOT SENATOR GOLDWATER!

MOST DEMOCRATS AND MOST REPUBLICANS IN
THE UNITED STATES SENATE VOTED FOR AN ELEVEN AND A HALF
BILLION DOLLAR TAX CUT FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

↳ BUT NOT SENATOR GOLDWATER!

MOST DEMOCRATS AND MOST REPUBLICANS IN
THE UNITED STATES SENATE -- IN FACT, OVER 80% OF THE
MEMBERS OF HIS OWN PARTY -- VOTED FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS
ACT OF 1964.

↳ BUT NOT SENATOR GOLDWATER!

MOST DEMOCRATS AND MOST REPUBLICANS IN THE
UNITED STATES SENATE VOTED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE U. S.
ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY THAT SEEKS TO
SLOW THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AMONG NATIONS.

BUT NOT SENATOR GOLDWATER.

MOST DEMOCRATS AND MOST REPUBLICANS IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE VOTED LAST YEAR FOR AN EXPANDED MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM.

↳ BUT NOT SENATOR GOLDWATER.

MOST DEMOCRATS AND MOST REPUBLICANS IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE VOTED FOR EDUCATION LEGISLATION.

↳ BUT NOT SENATOR GOLDWATER.

MOST DEMOCRATS AND MOST REPUBLICANS IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE VOTED FOR THE NATIONAL DEFENSE EDUCATION ACT.

↳ BUT NOT SENATOR GOLDWATER.

MOST DEMOCRATS AND MOST REPUBLICANS IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE VOTED TO HELP THE UNITED NATIONS *in its* WHEN IT WAS IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY.

↳ BUT NOT SENATOR GOLDWATER.

peace keeping functions
MOST DEMOCRATS AND MOST REPUBLICANS KNOW THAT THIS NATION MUST CONTINUE TO MOVE AHEAD, AND THAT A GREAT SOCIETY LIKE OURS MUST STRIVE FOR CONSENSUS AND UNITY, AND THAT PUBLIC LEADERSHIP MUST BE CONSTRUCTIVE AND CREATIVE, NOT NARROW AND NEGATIVE. (Pause)

↳ I BELIEVE IN THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM. ~~I BELIEVE THAT IT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE FUNCTIONS OF THIS SOCIETY.~~

BUT THERE MUST BE TWO RESPONSIBLE PARTIES.
 THERE MUST BE MEN WHO ARE EQUIPPED TO LEAD A GREAT
 NATION AS THE STANDARD-BEARERS OF THOSE TWO GREAT
 PARTIES. NO MATTER HOW DIFFERENT THE PERSONALITIES
 AND THE DETAILS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PARTY PROGRAMS,
 IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE LEADERSHIP OF THOSE GREAT
 PARTIES MOVE WITHIN THE MAINSTREAM OF AMERICAN
 THOUGHT AND PHILOSOPHY.

I SAY TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE AND PROGRESSIVE
 REPUBLICANS WHO PUT COUNTRY ABOVE PARTY -- WE
WELCOME YOU TO THE BANNER OF LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON!
 WE WELCOME YOUR SUPPORT.

FOR THIS PRESIDENT, MY FELLOW AMERICANS, IS
 THE PRESIDENT OF ALL OUR PEOPLE.

HE IS A PRESIDENT IN THE GREAT AMERICAN
 TRADITION, FOR LABOR AND FOR ~~MANAGEMENT~~ ^{BUSINESS}, FOR FARM
 FAMILY AND FOR CITY WORKER, FOR NORTH AND SOUTH AND Farm
 FOR EAST AND WEST. PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON REPRESENTS
 THE SPIRIT OF NATIONAL UNITY, THE EMBODIMENT OF NATIONAL
PURPOSE, THE MAN IN WHOSE HANDS WE CAN PLACE OUR FORTUNES,
 OUR LIVES, AND OUR HONOR.

I AM PROUD TO BE THE FRIEND OF THIS GREAT
 PRESIDENT.

⌞ I AM PROUD THAT HE HAS ASKED THIS GREAT CONVENTION TO SELECT ME AS HIS RUNNING-MATE.

⌞ I ASK YOU, MY FELLOW AMERICANS, TO WALK WITH US, TO WORK WITH US, TO MARCH FORWARD WITH PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON. ~~to help~~

⌞ "LET US CONTINUE." LET US GO FORWARD.

⌞ LET US TAKE THOSE GIANT STEPS ~~forward~~ TO WHICH OUR PRESIDENT HAS CALLED US -- TO END THE SHAME OF POVERTY, TO END THE INJUSTICE OF PREJUDICE AND THE DENIAL OF OPPORTUNITY, TO BUILD THE GREAT SOCIETY, AND TO SECURE THE FREEDOM OF MAN AND THE PEACE OF THE WORLD.



LYNDON B. JOHNSON
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of American working people are no longer in danger of any bank failure. They are protected by the insurance of the United States Government.

Because of Sam Rayburn and the late Senator Robert F. Wagner, an individual American need no longer stand helpless in the market place, forced to sell his labor as a commodity. He has the protection of collective bargaining.

Because of Sam Rayburn there has been incorporated into the laws of this land the Fourth Commandment of the Laws of God: "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land." No longer does our Nation turn its back on the men and women who are too old to work. Social Security protects their age—and also their self-respect. This is not only a matter of the Nation's laws—but because of Speaker Sam Rayburn it is now a part of the Nation's conscience.

I have known three generations of great Americans from Texas. I know that if Speaker Sam Rayburn were here tonight, he would unhesitatingly say that much of what he accomplished he owed to his great teacher, Speaker of the House, Vice President of the United States John Nance Garner, who brought him up in the ways of the Congress.

And, presumptuous as it may seem, I most earnestly believe that the President of the United States would be the first to say that for much of his effectiveness he is indebted to the instruction and advice of Speaker Sam Rayburn.

There is one single act of legislation, however, which to me, especially hallows the name of Speaker Sam Rayburn. Because of his tremendous efforts, it is now the law of our land that children may no longer be compelled to spend the precious hours of childhood at hard work. No longer are little girls in the mills and little boys in the mines part of our national economy. Because of Sam Rayburn they have been elevated to their proper place as the single greatest asset of our national treasury.

By his generalship in the House, Speaker Sam Rayburn wrote the Emancipation Proclamation for American childhood, a law which in my opinion gave more freedom to more children without regard to race, creed or color, than any document in recorded history.

"Suffer little children to come unto me," said our Maker. If this be the mightiest law of all, it is upon it that I commend my old friend to you and to God—your faithful servant, Mr. Sam of Texas.

Good luck and God bless you all. (Applause.)

Chairman McCormack: The Chair recognizes the outstanding Mayor of the great City of New York, the Honorable Robert Wagner. (Applause.)

Mayor Wagner: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates and friends:

I ask all here tonight to please rise and join with me in a moment of silence to honor the distinguished and great Democratic Senators who have died since 1961:

Herbert H. Lehman of New York, Estes Kefauver of Tennessee,

Dennis Chavez of New Mexico, Robert Kerr of Oklahoma and Clair Engel of California. (There was a moment of silence.) Thank you.

Chairman McCormack: The Chair appoints as members of the Committee to escort the Vice President into the Convention Congressman John Blatnik of Minnesota, Honorable Gene Foley of Minnesota, Honorable Herb Waters of Minnesota, Senator George McGovern of South Dakota, Governor Harold Hughes of Iowa, Honorable Cyril King, Secretary of the Virgin Islands, and the Honorable J. McFaver of Georgia. (Applause.)

A great American whom I introduced the other night, one of the truly outstanding members of the United States Senate and a great Democrat, I request him, the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson of Washington to assume the Chair. (Applause.) (Senator Magnuson assumed the Chair.)

Senator Magnuson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Delegates to the Convention.

(The President entered the Presidential Box. Standing Applause.)

Senator Magnuson: Let us sing "Happy Birthday" to the President.

("Happy Birthday" was sung to the President.) (Applause.)

Fellow delegates to the Convention: In 1948 a young Mayor of Minneapolis emerged upon the national scene. Since 1948 that young Mayor has become a national leader in his own right, a national leader for the rights of men and women, young and old, all generations, a man dedicated to the ideals of Lyndon B. Johnson, dedicated to the fight against the common enemies of mankind. But ladies and gentlemen, I want to add something here tonight that hasn't been said at this Convention yet. I think the nomination of the Johnson-Humphrey ticket last night was the greatest assurance for peace in our time that we ever took out in all our history. (Applause.)

It is with high honor and a great privilege that I present to you now the next Vice President of these United States, Hubert Humphrey. (Applause.)

✓ ADDRESS BY THE HONORABLE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
ACCEPTING THE NOMINATION FOR THE VICE PRESIDENCY
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He is a man with the instincts of a teacher, who would rather persuade than compel, who would rather unite than divide.

President Johnson is respectful of the traditions of the Presidency, and he understands the compelling need for restraint in the use of the greatest power ever assembled by man.

In President Johnson's hands, our people know that our power is for justice, and in his hands our people know that our power is for peace. In his hands, our people know that our power is for freedom.

President Johnson has helped to make the Democratic Party the only truly national party. And this Convention demonstrates our strength and our abiding unity and brotherhood. (Applause.)

What a contrast, what a contrast with the shambles at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. What a contrast with that incredible spectacle of bitterness, of hostility, of personal attack.

The American people have seen the contrast. The American people do have a clear choice, and I predict their choice will be Lyndon Johnson in November (Applause.)

Ralph Waldo Emerson once spoke of "the two parties which divide the state"—the party of hope and the party of memory, my fellow Democrats. They renew their rivalry, he said, from generation to generation.

This contest, between the party of hope and the party of memory lies at the very heart of this campaign.

During the last few weeks, shrill voices have tried to lay claim to the great spirit of the American past. But they long for a past

that never was. In their recklessness and in their radicalism, they distort the American conservative tradition.

Yes, those who have kidnapped the Republican Party have made it this year not a party of memory and sentiment, but one of stridency, of unrestrained passion, of extreme and radical language. (Applause.)

And by contrast, which is clear to all, under the leadership of President Lyndon Johnson, the Democratic Party stands today as the champion of great causes, as the Party of purpose and conviction, as the Party of national unity, and as the Party of hope for all mankind. (Applause.)

Now let me document my case. Above all, the contrast between the Democratic leadership and that of the Goldwater party is sharp and decisive on the question of peace and security. For 25 years, my fellow Americans, both parties have held the conviction that politics should stop at the water's edge, that we must be united in the face of our enemies, and that we must be united in support of our allies and our friends.

And I say here tonight, to every American, to every friend of freedom woe to that party or that spokesman that turns its back upon bipartisan foreign policy. Woe to those who are willing to divide this Nation, and beware of those who cast false doubts upon our great strength. (Applause.)

What great problems there are to solve: Problems to control the awesome power of the nuclear age, to strengthen the grand alliance with Europe. To continue the task of building a strong, prosperous and united hemisphere under the Alliance for Progress. To assist our friends in Asia and Africa in preserving their freedom and promoting their progress. And to defend and extend freedom throughout the world.

Now, my fellow Americans, these urgent problems demand reasoned solutions, not empty slogans. Childlike answers cannot solve man sized problems.

These problems demand leadership that is prudent, restrained and responsible. They require a President who knows that Rome was not built in a day, but who also knows that the great edifice of Western Civilization can be brought down in ruins in one hour.

The American Presidency is not a place for a man who is impetuous at one moment and indecisive the next; (Applause) nor is it a place for one who is violently for something one day and violently opposed to it on the next (Applause), nor is it an office where statements on matters of major policy are so confusing and so contradictory that neither friend nor foe knows where he stands.

And my fellow Americans, it is of the highest importance that both friend and foe know that the American President means what he says and says what he means. (Applause.)

The temporary spokesman of the Republican Party (Applause); yes, the temporary Republican spokesman is not only out of tune with the great majority of his countrymen, he is even out of step with his own party.

In the last three and a half years, most Democrats and Republicans have agreed on the great decisions our Nation has made. But not the temporary Republican spokesman, not Senator Goldwater. He has been facing backward, against the mainstream of American history. Most Democrats and most Republicans in the United States Senate, for example, voted for the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. But not Senator Goldwater, the temporary Republican spokesman. (Applause.)

Most Democrats and Republicans in the Senate voted for an eleven and a half billion dollar tax cut for the American citizens and American business—but not Senator Goldwater.

Most Democrats and Republicans in the Senate, in fact four fifths of the members of his own party, voted for the Civil Rights Act—but not Senator Goldwater.

Most Democrats and Republicans in the Senate voted for the establishment of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency that seeks to slow down the nuclear arms race among the nations—but not Senator Goldwater.

Most Democrats and most Republicans in the Senate voted last year for an expanded medical education program—but not Senator Goldwater.

Most Democrats and most Republicans in the Senate voted for education legislation—but not Senator Goldwater.

Most Democrats and most Republicans in the Senate voted for the National Defense Education Act—but not Senator Goldwater.

And my fellow Americans, most Democrats and most Republicans in the Senate voted to help the United Nations in its peace keeping functions when it was in financial difficulty—but not Senator Goldwater.

Yes, my fellow Americans, it is a fact that the temporary Republican spokesman is not in the mainstream of his Party. In fact, he has not even touched the shore. (Applause.)

I believe in the two-party system, but there must be two responsible parties. There must be men who are equipped to lead a great nation as the standard-bearers of the two parties. It is imperative that the leadership of the great parties move within the mainstream of American thought and philosophy.

I pledge to this Convention, I pledge to our great President, to all the American people, my complete devotion to this task: to prove once again that the Democratic Party deserves America's affections, and that we are indeed the Party of hope for the American people. (Applause.)

So tonight let us here and now pledge that the campaign that we will wage will be worthy of our great President Johnson; and, my fellow Americans, let us resolve and pledge tonight that our campaign will be worthy of the memory of the late and beloved President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. (Applause.)

While others may appeal to passions and prejudices, and appeal to fear and bitterness, we of the Democratic Party call upon all Americans to join us in making our country a land of opportunity for our

young; a home of security and dignity for our elderly; and a place of compassion and care for our afflicted.

I say to those responsible and forward-looking Republicans who put our country above their party, and there are thousands of them, we welcome you to the banner of Lyndon Baines Johnson. (Applause.)

Yes, we extend the hand of fellowship. We ask you to join us tonight, for this President, my fellow Americans, is the President of all of the American people. He is a President in the great American tradition. Laborer and businessman, farm family and city dweller, North and South, East and West will receive the unending attention and care of this President. (Applause.)

President Lyndon Johnson represents the spirit of national unity and national purpose. In his hands we place our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.

I am proud to be the friend of this great President. I am very proud that he has asked this Convention to select me as his running mate. (Applause.)

And I ask you, my fellow Americans, to walk with us, to work with us, to march forward with us, to help President Johnson build the Great Society for America of the future.

Yes, let us continue. Let us, fellow Democrats and fellow Americans, go forward. Let us take those giant steps forward to which the President has called us—to end the shame of poverty, to end the injustice of prejudice and the denial of opportunity, to build the Great Society and to secure the freedom of man and the peace of the world. We can do no less, and to this, tonight, let us resolve to pledge our every effort.

Thank you. (Standing ovation.)

Chairman McCormack: The Chair appoints, as members of the committee to escort into the Convention Hall the President, and the next President of the United States, the following members:

Chairman, Congressman Carl Vinson, of Georgia; Governor John Dempsey of Connecticut; Senator Frank Moss, of Utah; Mayor Victor Schiro, of Louisiana; Congressman William L. Dawson, of Illinois; Congressman Al Ullman, of Oregon; Congressman Neal Smith, of Iowa; Mrs. Geri Joseph, of Minnesota; Honorable Hulett Smith, Democratic nominee for Governor of West Virginia; Honorable Sam Goddard, Democratic nominee for Governor of Arizona; Honorable Douglas Wynn, of Mississippi.

The Chair takes this opportunity to call to the attention of this great Convention that the Chairman of the Committee, Carl Vinson, has served the longest of any man in the history of our country in the House of Representatives. One of the great Americans of all time, the country is no more indebted to any one than Carl Vinson, for the great powerful military force that we have today.

I will now read a telegram addressed to me:

"My heartiest greeting to my fellow Democrats. You are having a great Convention, and you have produced a great ticket. Johnson and Humphrey are unbeatable. During the campaign, my services are available whenever possible. Harry S. Truman."

Senator Humphrey: Ladies and gentlemen, my fellow Democrats, my fellow Americans: Tonight it is my privilege to present to this great Convention and to this Nation a great friend, a great leader, the President of the United States and the next President of the United States, Lyndon Johnson. (Standing ovation. Sustained demonstration.)

ADDRESS OF THE HONORABLE LYNDON B. JOHNSON
ACCEPTING THE NOMINATION FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF
THE UNITED STATES

President Johnson: Chairman McCormack, my fellow Americans, I accept your nomination. (Applause.)

I accept the duty of leading this Party to victory this year. (Applause.)

And I thank you, I thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for placing at my side the man that last night you so wisely selected to be the next Vice President of the United States. (Applause.)

I know I speak for each of you and all of you when I say he proved himself tonight in that great acceptance speech, and I speak for both of us when I tell you that from Monday on he is going to be available for such speeches in all fifty States. (Applause.)

We will try to lead you as we were led by that great champion of freedom, the man from Independence, Harry S. Truman. (Applause.)

But the gladness of this high occasion cannot mask the sorrow which we share in our hearts. So let us here tonight each of us, all of us, rededicate ourselves to keeping burning the golden torch of promise which John Fitzgerald Kennedy set aflame. (Applause.)

Let none of us stop to rest until we have written into the law of the land all the suggestions that made up the John Fitzgerald Kennedy program and then let us continue to supplement that program with the kind of laws that he would have us write. (Applause.)

Tonight we offer ourselves, on our record and by our Platform as a Party for all Americans, an all-American Party for all Americans. This prosperous people, this land of reasonable men, has no place for petty partisanship or peevish prejudice. The needs of all can never be met by parties of the few. The needs of all cannot be met by a business party or a labor party, not by a war party or a peace party, not by a Southern party or a Northern party.

Our deeds will meet our needs only if we are served by a party which serves all our people.

We are members together of such a Party, the Democratic Party of 1964.

We have written a proud record of accomplishments for all Americans.

If any ask what we have done, just let them look at what we promised to do. (Applause.)

For those promises have become our deeds. And the promise of tonight I can assure you will become the deeds of tomorrow. (Applause.)

We are in the midst of the largest and the longest period of peace-

time prosperity in our history. (Applause.) And almost every American listening to us tonight has seen the results in his own life.

But prosperity for most has not brought prosperity to all. Those who have received the bounty of this land, who sit tonight secure in affluence and safe in power, must not now turn from the needs of their neighbors. (Applause.)

Our Party and our Nation will continue to extend the hand of affection and love to the old and the sick and the hungry. For who among us dares betray the command: "Thou shalt open thine hand unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy in thy land." (Applause.)

The needs that we seek to fill, the hopes that we seek to realize, are not our needs, our hopes alone. They are the needs and hopes of most of the people.

Most Americans want medical care for older citizens. And so do I. (Applause.)

Most Americans want fair and stable prices and decent incomes for our farmers. And so do I. (Applause.)

Most Americans want a decent home in a decent neighborhood for all, and so do I. (Applause.)

Most Americans want an education for every child to the limits of his ability. And so do I. (Applause.)

Most Americans want a job for every man who wants to work. And so do I. (Applause.)

Most Americans want victory in our war against poverty. And so do I. (Applause.)

Most Americans want continually expanding and growing prosperity. And so do I. (Applause.)

These are our goals. These are the goals and will be the achievements of the Democratic Party. (Applause.)

These are the goals of this great, rich nation. These are the goals toward which I will lead, if the American people choose to follow. (Applause.)

For 30 years, year by year, step by step, vote by vote, men of both parties have built a solid foundation for our present prosperity. Too many have worked too long and too hard to see this threatened now by policies which promise to undo all that we have done together over all these years. (Applause.)

I believe most of the men and women in this hall tonight, and I believe most Americans, understand that to reach our goals in our own land, we must work for peace among all lands. (Applause.)

America's cause is still the cause of all mankind. Over the last four years the world has begun to respond to a simple American belief, the belief that strength and courage and responsibility are the keys to peace. (Applause.)

Since 1961, under the leadership of that great President, John F. Kennedy, we have carried out the greatest peacetime buildup of national strength of any nation at any time in the history of the world. (Applause.)

I report tonight that we have spent \$30 billion more on preparing

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SPEECH BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, MINNESOTA, ACCEPTANCE OF VICE PRESIDENTIAL
NOMINATION, DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION, AUGUST 26, 1964

My Fellow Democrats,

My Fellow Americans:

I have been deeply honored tonight. I have received a singular tribute from a friend and a great President, a tribute that I shall never forget. I pray God that I shall have the strength and the wisdom to measure up to the confidence and the trust which has been placed in me. And, I want to thank this Democratic Convention.

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It has been my privilege to know and to work with a great leader for fifteen years. First, as his fellow Senator, then as one of his deputies when he assumed the Majority Leadership of the Senate, then for almost three years as a member of the Congressional leadership and finally, as one of his lieutenants.

I believe I know President Johnson as well as any man. I have known his courage and his wisdom, his tact and his persuasion, his judgement and his leadership.

I shall never forget those hours and days of tragedy and crisis last November when one great President was taken from us and another stepped without a falter, without a moment of hesitation or doubt, into the greatest office in the world. I was there. I was among those he called to his side. He asked us -- Republicans and Democrats alike -- for our help.

Thank God that John F. Kennedy was the patriot that he was -- that he had the foresight to provide for his country.

Thank God for this country and for the peace of the world -- that President Kennedy had the wisdom to choose a Lyndon Johnson as his Vice President.

In those moments of last November no one knew what would be the outcome. Our country trembled. We did not know the way. We did not know what terrible consequences might rise from the murder of the President. We did not know what great conspiracy might be triggered by the assassination. But within a few hours, a grief-stricken nation and a sad and frightened world knew that there was aman in charge -- that strong and reassuring leadership had been restored to the United States.

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I was proud of our country in those days. And I was proud of our new President, even as we sorrowed over the loss of another beloved friend and leader.

"Let us continue..." Those simple and direct words of President Johnson reached the hearts of our people, rallied them, reassured them, lifted and unified them.

In this world, disaster is ever but a step away. In a world taut with tension, living under the monstrous shadow of the mushroom cloud, there is no margin for error. And the leader of the free world, the leader of the American Democracy, holds in his hands the destinies not only of his own people, but of all people. The President of the United States must be a man of calm and deep assurance, who knows his country and his people. Above all, he must be a man of clear mind and sound judgement, a man who can stand crisis without faltering, man who can lead, a man who can decide and a man of purpose and conviction.

Lyndon Johnson is that man!

He is a man with the instincts of the teacher, who would rather persuade than compel, who would rather unite than divide.

Our President is a man without pretension. He is a man who understands the dignity of the office of the President of the United States. He is respectful of the traditions of the Presidency, and he understands the compelling need for restraint in the use of the greatest power ever assembled by mankind. In his hands, our people know that our power is for peace.

President Lyndon Johnson has helped to make the Democratic Party the one truly National Party. The people will prove this in November! This Convention demonstrates our strong and binding unity.

What a contrast with the shambles at the Cow Palace in San Francisco -- with that incredible spectacle of bitterness and hostility, of personal attacks. Spokesmen for different points of view were hooted at and jeered. The President of our country was denounced and vilified.

The American people have seen the contrast. They have a choice -- and I predict it will be Lyndon Johnson in November. *promised & turned to LBJ*

The Democratic Party has confirmed its tradition of conciliation and compromise, those who

have kidnapped the Republican Party have made it this year a party of stridency, of unrestrained passion, of extreme and radical language, of bitter and partisan philosophy.

It is the Democratic Party, under the leadership of President Johnson, that stands today as the champion of great causes, as the party of purpose and conviction, as the party of national unity.

Above all, the contrast between the leadership of our party and that of the Goldwater party is sharp and decisive on the question of peace and security.

For twenty-five years, my fellow Americans, both parties held to the conviction that politics should stop at the water's edge, that we must present a united face to our enemies and take a united stand on behalf of our friends and allies of the world. Woe to the party that turns its back on the concept of a bipartisan foreign policy! Woe to those who are willing to divide our nation. .Shame on those who cast false doubt on ^{our} strength. Beware of those who would play recklessly with this mighty power.

I am honored to be asked to stand and work beside President Johnson. I offer to him and to you all the resources of my mind and heart.

Oh -- what great problems there are to solve: to control the awesome power of the nuclear age; to strengthen even more the grand alliance with Europe and to build even greater ties with our friends around the rim of the Pacific; to continue the task of building a strong, prosperous and united hemisphere; to defend and extend freedom throughout the world; and to extend human rights and opportunities to all our people -- and indeed, to all people these urgent problems demand reasoned solutions, not tricky slogans. Childlike answers do not solve man-sized problems. ^{appear} They demand leadership that is prudent, restrained, responsible. They require a President who knows that Rome was not built in a day, but who knows also that the great edifice of Western civilization can be brought down into ruins in an hour.

The American Presidency is not the place for a man who is impetuous at one moment and indecisive the next; who is violently for something one day, and violently opposed on the next: whose statements on matters of major policy are so confusing and contradictory that neither friend nor foe knows where he stands.

And my fellow Americans, it is of the highest importance that both friend and foe know that the American President means what he says and says what he means.

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Most Democrats and most Republicans in the United States Senate voted for the National Defense Education Act.

But not Senator Goldwater.

Most Democrats and most Republicans in the United States Senate voted to help the United Nations when it was in financial difficulty.

But not Senator Goldwater.

Most Democrats and most Republicans know that this Nation must continue to move ahead, and that a great society like ours must strive for consensus and unity, and that public leadership must be constructive and creative, not narrow and negative.

I believe in the two-party system. I believe that it is fundamental to the functions of this society.

But there must be two responsible parties. There must be men who are equipped to lead a great nation as the standard-bearers of those two great parties. No matter how different the personalities and the details of their respective party programs, it is imperative that the leadership of those great parties move within the mainstream of American thought and philosophy.

I say to those responsible and progressive Republicans who put country above party -- we welcome you to the banner of Lyndon Baines Johnson! We welcome your support.

For this President, my fellow Americans, is the President of all our people.

He is a President in the great American tradition for labor and for management, for farm family and for city worker, for North and South and for East and West, President Lyndon Johnson represents the spirit of national unity, the embodiment of national purpose, the man in whose hands we can place our fortunes, our lives, and our honor.

I am proud to be the friend of this great President.

I am proud that he has asked this great Convention to select me as his running-mate.

I ask you, my fellow Americans, to walk with us, to work with us, to march forward with President Lyndon Johnson.

Don Carl Palvo

*Dallas Townsend
of CBS inserted
comment during
prolonged applause
Omitted*

*crowd read in chorus. LBJ clapped for 1 1/2 hrs.
big cheer interrupted speech. LBJ + LBJ lead together*

*LBJ. appended my initials to H.H.
ad lib. H.H. ref. to J.F.K.*

"Let us continue." Let us go forward.

Let us take those giant steps toward which our President has called us -- to end the shame of poverty, to end the injustice of prejudice and the denial of opportunity, to build the Great Society, and to secure the freedom of man and the peace of the world.

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Lady bird scanned crowd with high power glass during speech. LBJ stood up, applauded & leaned over several times to talk to Muriel H, who was beside her. When LBJ left Bob to take his turn on platform Bobby K stepped over & patted Muriel's hand warmly. So did his wife, Ethel.

Jackie K. party -
Tast, taste - no police,
no pushing & shoving.
Well groomed, young
ladies... Cocktail dresses.

Looking ^{at} dress, simple but
brocade, geranium pink.
Knowing Muriel as an expert
seamstress, she may have
made it herself.

3/4 length coat costume
sheath to match.

Striking contrast with her
nearly white hair. Accented
with simple jewelry, earrings
& pearl necklace.

Muriel's Dress

Description
by ↓

Mrs. Gloria Segal of 54 L. Park

The needs of all can
not be met ~~by~~ by a
labor party or a big party
A southern party or a northern
party.

Medicare
Stable farm prices

Jobs for all
War on poverty

Strength, courage & responsibility
are the keys to peace.
Every American has the right to be
treated as a person.

H H would resign till
~~Dec~~ Nov. or early Dec.
So Robvasq would have
time to live up represent
& get ducks in a row.

As wave after wave of cheers
rolled over the convention,
Min. delegation did not
join in the rapture for Bobby P.

When the demonstration
continued unbroken beyond the
10 minute point, ~~was~~ ^{threatening}
with the prospect last night
oration for Pres. Johnson, Pat
Lutz of N.Y. quipped: "The
Pres. will have to demand
equal time."



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