

Remarks by
Senator Hubert H. Humphrey
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Senator Humphrey. Thank you, very, very much. I think I will hold up and not try to compete with that Electra. They say if you put a tiger in your tank you feel like a Democrat, and that is a Flying Tiger over there. Thank you, very much.

May I first of all thank the Major for his reception, and May I express my appreciation to my distinguished colleague in the United States Senate, your own U.S. Senator Steve Young for being here with us today. And to all the members of the Democratic Congressional delegation of this great Metropolitan Area of Cleveland and the neighboring areas, I want to express our thanks on behalf of Mrs. Humphrey and myself for your gracious reception.

I know it is good to come to these airport receptions because every time I come I notice we have more and more people who want to confess their political sins and come and join us. (Applause) I have been trying to get our young Democrats and our older Democrats to understand that they should be very tolerant and very considerate (plane noise). I don't know that fellow must be from Arizona. That quited him down a little bit.

I have been trying to get our young Democrats, in particular the young citizens for Johnson and Humphrey (Applause) to be very understanding and very tolerant of those who have lived in the paths of political sin and are the victims of kind of a wayward way in American politics, and you will notice when they are here, they are carrying signs, it is sort of like the vanquished that are coming in to lay down their swords. (Applause) I think we ought to tell them that any three Goldwater signs will get them a small L.B.J. button. (Applause)

You know, not long ago a great man in our country said it is one thing to be an old fogey, that is understandable, but to be a young one is intolerable. (Applause) So, now having said that we invite all of you young chaps here that are looking so healthy and fresh, you really are not in the spirit of Goldwaterism because you have got a smile on your face. (Laughter) As long as you have we would like to have you with us and we will welcome you and we are just delighted.

May we just say we have had a remarkable wonderful trip. Every place we have been there have been enthusiastic audiences

to greet us, there has been a sense of friendship and hospitality and we have named our plane that we fly in here, I think, the appropriate title for the spirit that we manifest. We know that we are fighting for a good cause. We know our Party and the program it stands for is good for America but as we carry on this battle we do it with the fellowship and friendship and we do it with a happy heart, and so we call our plane, "The Happy Warrior," and we think that it exemplifies the kind of an attitude we ought to have in this campaign. There is no room in the America for hate. There is no room in the America for bitterness. There is room in the America for honest disagreement. But we ought to approach our problems on the basis of trying to find answers and solutions rather than trying to see who can shout the loudest and who can make the most noise. I am of the opinion that the American people are looking to President Lyndon Johnson for constructive and for reliable and for trustworthy leadership and in him, they find it.

If there is one word that characterizes the Johnson Administration it is responsibility. If there is another that indicates the attitude of the people, it is trust. The young people of America can trust in this President. They can trust him because he is interested in their welfare. He is interested in their education. He is interested in their future. The elderly of America can trust this President because he is interested in their welfare, interested in their sense of dignity, interested in their health, interested, if you please, in their good life, the opportunity to live a good life.

The workers of America, in the factories can trust this man, because he talks to them not just as workers but as citizens of a great Republic, and the businessmen of America trust him, and the great captains of industry and finance that ordinarily would be on the other side find this time that they cannot support the man who temporarily speaks for the great Party known as the Republican Party, and therefore, by the thousands, they are turning to the Democratic Party, and by the hundreds and the thousands, the captains of industry and finance are turning to Lyndon Johnson, and why, because they can trust him, because he is reliable, because he is experienced and because he is going to be the next President of the United States.

Well, we are going to have a little fun out at the Steer Roast. I want you to know that you ought to enjoy politics, you really ought to. A lot of times people get so excited about it they start fighting with their neighbor. You don't

need to do that. What you really ought to do is discuss these things with your neighbors and you who are Democrats and those Republicans who have come over to help President Johnson because they are concerned about the faith of their Nation, you talk these problems out in your neighborhood, talk them out neighbor to neighbor, friend to friend, talk them out in the office and in the shop, and when you get through talking about them and discussing them I am convinced of one thing, I am convinced that most Americans, whether Republican or Democrat or Independent, that most Americans, comes November 3, most Americans are going to vote for Lyndon B. Johnson and not Senator Goldwater.

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Speech of
Senator Hubert H. Humphrey
at Steer Roast, Cleveland, Ohio
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Senator Humphrey. Thank you, very much. Thank you, very much, Bert Porter. Thank you for an introduction that was as short as Steve Young's speech and every bit as good. I am so grateful for the invitation that was extended to me to come to this wonderful party, and I have already been described here by a number of your speakers as a man fully qualified to be Vice President and I want every lady in this house to know that I have had a lot of experience at this job because I have been Vice President in my house now for 28 years.
(Applause)

I would like to have you meet the President of the Humphrey household, Muriel Humphrey. Muriel.

Mrs. Humphrey. I deny every word of it.

Senator Humphrey. Muriel has been campaigning all around the Midwest, and she just joined us last night at Memphis, Tennessee, and it is sure wonderful to have her back with us. All the newspaper reporters say it is great because it will make Humphrey make shorter speeches. I deny that. It will not. Others tell me that it will make Humphrey a little happier and more contented, I agree with that. And I am mighty proud of her and she has done such a remarkable job for us.
(Applause)

It is very good to be here in Cleveland, Ohio, this great Metropolitan Center in Cuyahoga County out here on the shore line of this great and beautiful Lake Erie which is a part of our Great Lake System, and may I say that it surely is great to be greeted by a fellow mayor. I was once a mayor of Minneapolis, and I know what a big job it is. I also know what a rewarding job it is, and I want to thank Ralph Locker for being there at the airport to meet me, and for his generous welcome here at this great meeting here today. He is a wonderful mayor and I know you are proud of him. (Applause)

That fellow, O'Malley, really gives a speech, doesn't he? Everytime I hear a good Irishman like that up here making a rip snorting speech I simply feel sorry for the Republicans. (Applause) But I never feel sorry enough for them to vote for them, I want you to know. It is sort of sympathy on the Sabbath, not on election day, that is all.

Patrick, I remember our meeting, and I remember the occasion that you spoke about, and I told you the truth, that we really had to hustle to get these votes, and to win those elections, and I did have to crawl up the side of that haystack with no ladder and I got there and that Republican came up with a ladder and he did not get there. (Applause)

I am particularly pleased to be on the platform of Charlie Vanik, with Mike Feighan, men who have served you so well in the Congress.

I am also pleased to once again speak a good word for that fireball that already spoke to you, this man who has got more faith per square inch and per pound than anybody I have found for a long time, Robert Sweeney, and you folks ought to get him elected.

What I like about Brother Sweeney is he knows what he believes in and he knows who he is for and he believes in the Democratic Party and he is for Lyndon Johnson and Hubert Humphrey and Sweeney and Steve Young and I, too, want to join in wishing Norbert Denneral not only good luck but lots of good workers.

Well, before I say what I am about to, I want to say just that I am also very happy that I once again can be here to say a kind word for an old friend, Chat Paterson. Chat has been a hard worker for this Party (Applause) -- I know there are others.

I travel a bit in your State. I was up around Akron, and up around Youngstown, and I have been speaking for some of your Congressional candidates. But you know when I come here to speak for them, I do so because I realize the importance of organization. I have been told a number of times, "Look, you are a candidate for Vice President, you don't have to go around and tell people about organization." Well, I want to tell you, you can be a candidate but the main thing to do is get elected and you don't get elected unless people help you and you don't get elected unless there is organization, and you don't have organization unless all of us pull together.

Now, I don't know whether you Democrats have got any fights going on amongst you but if you have, just stop the training now, you are in good shape, turn all the energies loose on the Republicans, they are the ones you ought to be fighting. (Applause)

I gather you are feeling fit as a fiddle and more power to you.

Well, Johnny Blatnik, bless your heart, say, that Johnny can speak Slovenian, don't you think he can't, he really can, at least he tells me. I can't understand a word about it. He tells me it is Slovenian. But John Blatnik is our most popular Congressman from Minnesota, he is a long time lifelong friend of ours, and has been as close to the Humphries as anyone could be and almost like a member of the family. I am so proud that he is here with me, because it is sort of like a character reference to have John Blatnik with you. This is a man who has never in all of his life been anything else but worked for the people. His record of progressive government is second to none and Johnny, I am as proud of you as I could possibly be and if every Congressman in America will do what John Blatnik has done in Minnesota, the Democratic Party will always be able to hold its head high and never lose an election.
(Applause)

Say now, that music is pretty good. I want to compliment you, I like that music, it's got some pep. We get the rhythm and you know what it keeps saying, "vote, vote, vote, vote, vote for LBJ, vote for HHH." You just keep that rhythm up and you won't have a Republican around. We are going to win this going away. (Applause)

I have attended one or two Republican meetings and I wasn't sure whether I was at an meeting or whether it was a funeral dirge. The difference in our music and the difference in the attitude and the countenances of our people and that of the opposition is something really to behold, really and truly it is. We are a happy crowd and we look at this great effort, at politics, not as a grimey, dreary business. We look at it as an expression of our citizenship and whenever you can, express your citizenship in America you ought to lift your voice in happiness, in glee and be joyous about it and that is why I call my airplane that we fly around in "The Happy Warrior, we are fighting for a good cause and we are happy about it and we are going to win on November 3rd.

Say, I found a little newspaper story here that I want to read to you. I have been reading this around the country. We had a wonderful time. We just came in from Memphis, Tennessee, down in the deep South. They told us that we would not do too well in the South. Never had a better time in my life, never had more enthusiastic Democrats. Those folks down there know who is on their side. They like to flirt around with the

Republicans just a little bit so when they come, help them appreciate the fireside of the Democratic Party, that is all. (Applause)

They don't intend to get married to Goldwater, they just want to pinch a little bit, do you know. (Applause) They are beginning to find out that isn't even fun. You want to pinch, pinch a good Democrat.

Well, I have got a little newspaper clipping here and it is from Grand Rapids, Michigan. I found this in the New York Times of September 24. It isn't very big. It is about one column, about an inch, about an inch and a half long. But it tells an awful lot. It's like Steve Young's letters back to his constituents. It gets right to the point and gives you an answer in a hurry, and here is what it says, it says, "State officials, Grand Rapids, Michigan, date line September 24, Associated Press, "State Officials have outlawed the sale of Gold Water (Laughter) -- not a bad idea, really it wasn't a very selling item anyway so that -- but then it goes on there, it says "outlawed the sale of Gold Water, a new soft drink promoted by backers of Senator Barry Goldwater. Some 350 cases of the beverage have been ordered withheld from distribution on the ground that the pop," it didn't say poppy-cock, it said pop, "the pop is grossly misbranded because it lists as its ingredients only artificial coloring and a preservative." (Applause)

Isn't that the best description you ever heard of a candidate and a program. Misbranded, is misbranded because he says he is a Republican and spokesman, because he really is not. He is just the special man for a splinter of the Republican Party, large numbers of good Republicans that love the GOP will vote for LBJ. They are going to vote for LBJ. (Applause)

Those are the people who knew that GOP meant Grand Old Party, instead of Goldwater is our Problem. (Applause) (Laughter) We will have to go along here and I said this is a good description, it says it is misbranded, that is true, and now it comes down to the program, because its ingredients, it lists as ingredients only artificial coloring and a preservative. Well now you know what a preservative is for, don't you, something that is dead. Oh, yes, that is for the museum.

May I say to you that that description which I have just read to you is the most concise political analysis of a program and a splinter group and a candidate that I have ever

read in my life. You remember every word of it and you have got an argument to answer any criticism in your neighborhood.

Now, I mention this because my friend, the head of the druggists' organization here in Cleveland, this lovely lady, we vote no when you get patent medicines that are nothing but you know, sweet water and sugar and a little coloring. We have never sold any, but we have seen some like that, and we also know a political quack when we see one, or a medical quack. So, I am glad to see my druggist friends that are standing up now for medicine of substance, the kind of medicine that America needs, is a good dose of confidence and optimism and some good solid Democratic programs advanced by the President of the United States, Lyndon Johnson. (Applause)

Well now, I want to talk to you about some of that program. I am sorry it rained today, but it seems to me that you folks weren't held back too much, and I look around this audience and see this wonderful crowd, may I say to Bert Porter and Bill Coleman, and may I say to the members of the Committee that it looks mighty good to me. But I found out one thing about your State, and I want to be very candid with you because it takes more than crowds to win elections. It takes work. John Kennedy had larger crowds in Ohio than any State in the union, and he loved this State as he loved his own Massachusetts, and I say to the people of Ohio, you owe something to the memory of that man, you owe something, you redeem his faith. (Applause) I want you to undo what you did in 1960, I want you to give the Democratic Party, I want you to give the man that John Kennedy selected as his Vice President, the man that he reached out and said, "I want Lyndon Johnson" I want you in honor of the late and beloved President to redouble your efforts. I want you to go to work and I want on November 3rd, on that night, a majority vote from this State that will literally send that message to Heaven so that John Kennedy will know that he won. (Applause)

By the way, when you are doing that don't forget that President Lyndon Johnson will be a great President, only if he has a Congress working with him and if you don't send that fireball, that hard working young United States Senator, Steve Young, back to the United States Senate, you ought to be ashamed of yourselves. He deserves your help. (Applause)

You know we call Steve in the Senate -- we call him Mr. People, that's whose side he is on all the time. And that kind of a man deserves the confidence and the support of the people.

Well, I know I am speaking to the greatest, one of the greatest Democratic meetings in the country. I can just feel it, I can see it, and I have been wanting to come here for a long time and when the invitation came I did not hesitate a minute to accept it, because this Steer Roast has had known many, many dramatic moments. As was indicated here when our President spoke here, our late and beloved President Kennedy spoke here. But I think that none of these great moments that it has known can surpass that visit that was recalled to us today of four years ago about this time, of a just and eloquent young man and Senator from Massachusetts, the Democratic candidate for the President of the United States, John Kennedy and here is what he said, I want you to think now of what he said, he said, "I would like it to be said that in our Administration our country moved here at home. It began to solve the problems that face our people. It put special emphasis on education because no free society can survive without the best educational system in the world. It took care of our children and gave medical care to the aged, so that our older citizens could live out their lives in some security. I would like it to be said that we ended discrimination of all kinds in the United States. We want fair treatment for all Americans."

Ladies and gentlemen, those were the words of a young man that was about to become President of the United States. He outlined for us the vision of his America. He outlined for us in real concrete proposals America, the beautiful as he saw it, and I say this was a vision worthy of a Democratic President and a great Democratic Party, and for a dynamic and unforgettable one thousand days, one thousand days from January 20 to November 22, 1963, our beloved John F. Kennedy kept every one of those promises that he made to you here in Cleveland. He kept those promises to America, and when he was taken from us, and the whole world faltered, and wept, and was struck with grief, it was Lyndon Johnson who stepped forward and prayerfully told this Nation, "Let us continue" and as the running mate of President Johnson, a high honor, may I say, and one that I cherish and feel so obligated to, I rejoice to say that with your help, we shall do what President Johnson asked us to do. We shall continue to move our beloved America forward. (Applause)

This Democratic Party of ours believes in a philosophy of Government that was so beautifully expressed by Woodrow Wilson when he said, "I believe in democracy because it releases the energy of every human being."

The Democrats and to the Democrats, people are partners in Government. Government is not our enemy, it is our friend.

Government exists for the people, and because of the people, and it is answerable to the people, all of them, and we are proud as a Party to believe in a Government with a heart, and to believe and support a Government that cares, that cares for the children, that cares for the afflicted, that cares for the elderly, that cares for business, that cares for labor, that cares for all of America. We don't apologize for that. As old Sam Rayburn used to say, "I am a Democrat without prefix or suffix and without apology," and I stand before this audience to say that I am a Democrat that believes in a Government with a heart and a kind heart and a Government that cares. That is our kind of Government, isn't it? (Applause)

Well now, believing this we have set to work to do something about it in these past four years, just as we did in the years of Roosevelt and Truman. Four years ago, I want you to ponder this as I looked over this active, thriving City, talking to your Mayor and your leaders, four years ago our economy was in trouble. It was floundering in the midst of a third recession in eight years. People were in trouble in this community, jobs were scarce. Unemployment was rising, factories were closing down, retail sales were off. Today, this great City of Cleveland, this great State of Ohio, is enjoying the longest sustained growth and economic expansion in all of our history, releasing the energies, that is what we have been doing, releasing the energies, of this great American enterprise system with Government and labor, and capital all working together, all welcome in the White House, all the partners of the President, all of us building a better and a more prosperous and a more just America. That is the kind of a Government and a Party that we represent.

Four years ago, unemployment, it was dangerously high. And no plans were being made to meet the effects of automation or absorb the ever increasing number of people coming on our labor market because of the growth of our population. But today employment is at an all time high, unemployment is down. Employment is up, and we are providing, my dear friends, hundreds of thousands of new jobs every month for a growing America. The Government of the United States under the Kennedy-Johnson program has released the productive energies of the American workers. Now, of course, Senator Goldwater says that this is all poppycock. He says that this prosperity is all artificial. He knows you are feeling good but he doesn't think you should. He says you are sick. (Applause) He says if you will just listen to me you will be even sicker."

Yes, Senator Goldwater says, he has said that all of these

things are nothing but political gimmicks, political gadgetry, that the boom that we are enjoying is artificial, that it won't last. Well, thank goodness that the bankers don't believe it. Thank goodness that the corporate executives don't believe it. Thank goodness that the American people don't believe it because everybody that I know is planning to an even bigger and better America, everybody but the man from Arizona who hasn't caught up with the America we already have, much less a better one. (Applause)

You know the trouble about Barry Goldwater is every time he looks at America through those glasses of his he forgets he doesn't have any lenses in them, you know. (Applause) Very hard to see straight.

Now four years ago, there were no plans to improve our woefully inadequate facility of higher education, to educate our children, and here is this great State of Ohio, this great city of Cleveland, with a growing population, with more and more people wanting education, today, however we have provided the means to construct facilities, educational facilities, to build whole new institutions and to provide more loans for colleges and for students. The Kennedy-Johnson program, the promise made to you here four years ago released the intellectual energies of our cities and America's students. Four years ago, our economically depressed areas had been ignored.

Poverty was an unmentionable word. Even though millions lived in it, and today the Area Redevelopment Administration, accelerated public works, vast programs of housing and hospital construction, programs of highway construction, and the Anti-Poverty Bill, all of those proposals that were pledged to you by John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson four years ago, today they are the law of the land, releasing the energies of the American people. (Applause)

And four years ago as was said from this platform, the moral issue of human rights, constitutional rights had to be faced, and John Kennedy asked you to face it. He said, "... want to live in America where there is no discrimination." His words were repeated right from these Lake shores, and today the Civil Rights Bill has been passed. John Kennedy's Civil Rights Bill, yes, a bill that was presented to Congress by our late and beloved President that was forwarded by this President Lyndon Johnson and that was passed in the Congress, may I say, most respectfully by bipartisan cooperation. We have struck a blow for decency. We have released millions of Americans from the indignities and humiliations of second class citizenship, and I am proud that it happened under a

Democratic Administration. (Applause)

Four years ago the world remained gripped by tense, oppressive black cloud of nuclear fright and anxiety, nuclear tests taking place all over the world, bigger bombs, more radioactive fallout. Today because of the leadership of the Kennedy-Johnson Administration, the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty has been signed, and nuclear bomb tests in the atmosphere, on the ground and under water have been stopped, and today may I say, to the mothers in this room, the milk that your children drink can be free of any dangerous amount of Strontium 90 because a President loved humanity enough to do something about it and to negotiate that Treaty. (Applause) This was one of the first major steps towards a lasting peace, releasing the world from the effects of radioactive fallout. And how did we do it? By building strength, by taking an inventory of our national security, by being strong, and also by being patient, never being afraid to negotiate but never negotiating from either fear or weakness. The Kennedy-Johnson Administration, my dear friends, in these four years, has built up military power of this country, the defensive strength so that it is the wonder of the world, at the same time we proudly pursue relentlessly every path to peace, and as President Johnson has said he will go to the farthest part of the farthest corner of this earth to seek a honorable peace with anybody that wants peace with honor.

Yes, we have done a lot in four years. John Kennedy sat before you here as I read it, a vision. He looked ahead. He saw new frontiers. He saw new horizons. He did not think you guided a country and directed the forward movement of a country by looking through a rearview mirror, and going backwards. He said, "no, let's go down the road to progress and let's steer a straight course. Let's not get off to the extreme right with Barry or the extreme left with the Communists. Let's stay right down the straight road of American democracy." (Applause)

And my dear friends and fellow Americans, we have steered that course. We have pursued it with no extremes, but with a sense of balance, with prospective and with vision, and you responded to that vision, and America responded, and we started to move forward. We shook ourselves up and we came alive. Now this progress just did not happen by accident. It took leadership, and it took a Government, as I said, that cared for the people, and a Government that identified with the people, and above all, a Government that trusted the people.

Ohio has shared in this progress. I have indicated it to

you, it has been a great sharing. In the prosperity of the Nation you have shared and you have contributed to it, and Cleveland is growing. It is the 8th largest city in the United States, and you are going to get larger, so are many of the other big cities and you have many problems to work out, such as urban renewal, clean air and water, good transportation, recreation, decent homes for all of the people, I ask the residents of this great Metropolitan Center, have you heard the Republican candidate say one word about how we will build better cities? No, this man is specializing now in displaying not the 1965 models, he has got the latest covered wagon on display, that is his. (Applause)

Is it any wonder that the automobile companies are for Johnson? (Applause)

Industry in Ohio, this industry must grow, it needs a Government that is to help stimulate it because you can't have jobs without industry. We don't believe in the class struggle in this country, my friends. We are not Markists. We are Democrats. We believe that there is a proper role for capital and labor. We believe in our system. We believe that when there is investments there are jobs and when there are good jobs it encourages investments, and that is the kind of America we are going to build. We, also, have to have something for agriculture. This State surely depends a great deal upon it. The wonderful orchards and vineyards of this western reserve, and the varied agriculture all over your State must be strong -- both for you and for the Nation, and the Democratic Party, every farmer in America knows, that we have never received even a friendly handshake from the Republican Party, they have never received a fair shake, that is for sure, and they are going to vote for the Democrats in this election. (Applause)

So, my friends, on election day, Cleveland and all of America has a choice. You can choose the Party of Wilson and Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy and Johnson, the Party that believes in releasing the energies of America, or you can choose those who have said time after time, year after year, "No, no, no" to every constructive piece of legislation that has ever been advanced, and I say to you that these people are victims of habit. They will continue to say "No" and they have got the special list in the whole program of saying "No" right now as their contrary spokesman and that is none other than Senator Goldwater. (Applause)

So we move to the future. Now you can choose a Democratic Party, to seek to improve this land of ours, because what we

want to to is build a better America. We are not content even with the one that we have. It is good, it has made progress, it has done much, but all of this is like a platform from whence we take off for new gains. We are not going to tear down what we have built and look to the past, we are going to build on that which we have constructed and looked to the future, and we are going to revise and improve our immigration laws or you can choose those who seek to replace the Statue of Liberty with an iron gate and a padlock. What's wrong, for example, with a program advanced by John Kennedy when he was a Senator, I was his co-sponsor, for this legislation, it was known as the Kennedy-Humphrey Bill, and when he became President he advanced it as his legislation, and now it is known as the Kennedy-Johnson program, and what's wrong with it. It has had the support of the last four Presidents of the United States, including General Eisenhower, what's wrong with the Kennedy-Johnson Bill permitting family unification of blood relatives, of United States citizens, and here is your own Senator Steve Young, who is one of the active sponsors of this legislation, along with Phillip Hart of Michigan, along with the late and beloved President Kennedy, along with President Johnson, President of the United States, and along with Senator Humphrey who, if you help us, can be your Vice President of the United States. (Applause)

I would like to ask the Republican spokesman, what's wrong with the Bill providing for immigration of persons with special skills, to reunite families, and of exceptional ability needed by the United States. Such people will not take any jobs away. They will create new jobs, and a better economy. I have some feelings about this. My mother was foreign born, and I don't think she hurt America. I think she helped this country.

And I just might as well be frank with you, the Slovenians were not an indian tribe, they came here from some place else. (Applause) And my good friends, the Italians and the Poles and the Greeks and the Hungarians, they came here too, and America is the richer because of it. (Applause)

The only time this country ever got in trouble, my fellow Americans is when it closed its gates to people that wanted to come in, closed its hearts to the poor, closed its gates to trade and closed its minds to new ideas. You know when that was, Harding, Coolidge and Hoover, that is what happened. (Applause)

I ask you what's wrong with President Kennedy and Johnson's Bill providing for refugee assylum for persecuted persons?

Don't we believe that people that are the victims of Communist oppression ought to have some home? I do. (Applause) Now, it is not a matter of opening the Flood Gates. Opening the Flood Gates, somebody said, I can't remember his name. (Cries of Goldwater")

Senator Humphrey. I can't hear. It is not a question of opening the Flood Gates, it is a question of opening "FAir Gates," F-A-I-R Gates, to admit not more than forty five thousand more immigrants, some of them people who want to join their daughters and their sons so they can live here the remaining years of their lives and be buried with their loved ones if you please, in a free country. I believe it will be a better America when those forty-five thousand people live with us, people that can tell us something of freedom because they have watched it be taken away, people who have skills that we need, and mothers and fathers who want to be near their blood, their loved ones, and I believe we will be prouder, a richer Nation when the Administration's Immigration Bill becomes law, and I believe we will be more compassionate, and more -- and have more common sense when this becomes law.

I will tell you what my standard is for people, not where you are born, but your individual worth. Not your place of birth, but who you are and what you are, that is the Johnson-Humphrey program, and that is the Johnson-Humphrey promise to you, individual worth. We will judge you on that basis. It is our pledge and it is our faith.

Now, my friends, let me leave you with this thought: America is known as the United States of America. We must get over the idea of regionalism. There is no north and there is no south, there is no east and there is no west, there is but one country, one great Republic, one people, the American people in this these United States of America. Let's think that way. (Applause) Let's not listen to the false prophets that try to divide the north and the south, the east and the west, the midwest from the northwest, these people do no one any good. We have had them before and we should repudiate them again, and there is only one people. Beware of the spokesman, my friends, who tries to divide the city from the farm, that tries to divide the Catholic from the Protestant and the Jew, beware of those, my friends, who try to divide people on the basis of race or ethnic group. I will tell you what I think is the greatest thing about President Johnson. President Johnson knows only one kind of citizen, the American citizen. He knows only one kind of America, the United States of America. (Applause)

President Johnson lives and preaches and practices national unity, and America today as it faces the world of terrible power from our enemies, America needs unity today, and it needs a President that is a President of all the people and that loves all of the people. (Applause)

What are we going to do about it? Well, we have got a job to do in the next six weeks, not long, just six weeks. Let us make November 3rd a resounding V-Day, V for Voting, V for Victory for all that is just and noble and courageous and decent in American life, and I say to my good friends, I say to you that in every precinct, in every ward, in every State we must spend the next six weeks not taking anything for granted, assuming that we have got the fight of our lives, and we need to take these next six weeks unleashing the energies of our people in behalf of the Democratic Party, in behalf of Lyndon B. Johnson and his vision of the Great Society, we have a job to do, I ask you to help me get that job done.

I hope you will. Will you? (Cries of "Yes, Yes.")

Thank you.

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Today I speak to one of the greatest Democratic gatherings in America!

This steer roast has known many dramatic moments. But none can surpass the visit four years ago of a courageous and eloquent young Senator from Massachusetts - the Democratic candidate for President of the United States.

Many of you will recall his vision of a greater America:

"I would like it to be said that in our administration, our country moved here at home: it began to solve the problems that face our people; it put special emphasis on education, because no free society can survive without the best educational system in the world; it took care of our children and gave medical care to the aged, so that our older citizens could live out their lives in some security...I would like it to be said that we ended discrimination of all kinds in the United States...We want fair treatment for all Americans."

This was a vision worthy of a great Democratic President and a great Democratic Party. And for a dynamic and unforgettable 1000 days, our beloved John F. Kennedy kept his promises to America. And when he was taken from us, and the whole world faltered, it was Lyndon B. Johnson who stepped forward bravely and told the nation: "Let us continue..."

As the running mate of President Johnson, I rejoice to say that with your help, we shall continue to move America forward.

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The Democratic Party believes in the philosophy of government expressed by Woodrow Wilson, when he said:

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To Democrats, people are partners in the government. Government exists for the people, because of the people, and is answerable to the people -- all of them.

Believing this, and acting upon it, a Democratic Administration began to release the energies of America and bring opportunity to all its people.

-- Four years ago, our economy was floundering in the midst of the third recession in eight years. Today it is enjoying the longest sustained growth in all our history -- releasing the energies of the American enterprise system.

-- Four years ago unemployment was dangerously high and no plans were made to meet the effects of automation or absorb new people coming on the labor market. Today employment is at an all-time high of 72 million people and we are slowly cutting the unemployment rate -- releasing the productive energies of American workers.

-- Four years ago there were no plans to improve the woefully inadequate facilities of higher education to educate our children. Today, we have provided means to construct facilities, add new institutions, and provide more loans -- releasing the intellectual energies of American students.

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Four years ago John F. Kennedy set before you a vision of a better America. You responded to this vision. America responded. And we started to move forward.

This progress did not just happen. It took courageous leadership. It took government that cared for people, identified with them, and above all, trusted them.

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Ohio has shared in the progress of these past four years. Your manufacturing employment is up. Your educational institutions have grown. Your retail sales are up. Your cities have begun urban renewal and to attack the problems of our rapidly growing urban society.

This thriving city of Cleveland is the eighth largest city in the United States. But Cleveland is going to get larger. So are all of the many large cities in this State. You still have problems to work out in urban renewal, in clean air and water, in good transportation, in decent homes for all of the people.

Industry in Ohio must grow and innovate to provide jobs for all your people. But likewise the considerable agriculture of this State must not suffer neglect. The wonderful orchards and vineyards of this Western Reserve, and the varied agriculture all over the State must be strong -- both for you and for the nation.

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