

OPENING STATEMENT

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

CONFERENCE WITH MAYORS

WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL

AUGUST 11, 1965

Today I wish to welcome you to the Fourth Conference for Mayors.

Since my appointment by the President as his liaison with local government, I have been engaged in a continuous exchange of ideas and information with Mayors and other local government officials.

This has been an exhilarating experience for many reasons, but particularly because of my early experience as a Mayor and my active participation as a member of the National municipal organizations.

Today we are shaping a whole new alignment in the United States. It is being brought about by the leadership of President Johnson and a broad national consensus in support of our national goals.

Business, labor and government have found that all have the same objectives -- a better, more secure life for all Americans.

To the problem of relationships between the levels of government, we now apply the concepts of creative federalism. Local, state, and national government are all part of the federal system. Each has a job to do. Each must work ~~efficiently~~^{effectively} with the other if we are to progress together.

We at the federal level are determined to increase our efficiency -- so that there will be no waste of

the taxpayer's money. We are determined, too, to do a better job in aiding state and local government.

Today, in this country, we are breaking through old barriers.

This Congress has responded to President Johnson's leadership and is helping solve urban problems beyond what anyone would have thought possible four or five short years ago -- legislation dealing with housing and urban development . . . legislation on water and air pollution . . . and legislation in the fields of education and economic development to help you do a better job.

Yesterday the President signed into law the 1965 Housing and Urban Development Act.

And this afternoon the Senate will vote on the bill providing for a Department of Housing and Urban Development. I predict that this bill will also be law before the month is out.

This Housing bill has benefits important to all cities in this country -- and not just to the very large urban centers. We recognize particularly the importance of suburbs and the need to meet their expanding needs.

We are moving ahead in the area of better cooperation as a general proposition. But specifically this Administration is taking note of your inadequate tax base.

This problem will receive even more attention in the future.

We know that your organizations recommend that inconsistencies in the grant in aid programs be ironed out. And we will do our best to see that this is done.

You should also know that, -- in response to requests from your organizations -- we are today setting up a high level inter-agency committee to consider research programs on urban problems similar to the research programs carried on in defense, space and health problems.

But, in the final analysis your problems will be met where you are -- in the city.

That is why we need a creative spirit in city hall.

Today, as you can see, we have some of the experts at the head table and in this room. If there are questions which cannot be answered during the conference, catch them immediately afterwards. They will also be at our reception at the State Department beginning at 6:30.

And, after this meeting, if any of you need a federal expert to explain one of these federal programs to your city council or your civic committees, let me know.

Now in the interests of having an efficient conference, may I ask you to direct all your questions in the order of subject areas as listed on our agenda.

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Bob Weaver will be first. Let's have all of the questions on the subject that comes under HHFA before we move on to Secretary Wirtz.

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AGENDA
FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE WITH MAYORS
BALLROOM EAST, WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL
1:30 P.M., August 11, 1965

OPEN CONFERENCE

The Vice President

Opens the meeting at 1:30 P.M. with statement touching on urban problems and pertinent Federal programs.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

Dr. Robert C. Weaver, Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency

will comment briefly on new programs created by the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 and respond to questions and comments from the Mayors.

WAR ON POVERTY

Willard Wirtz, Secretary, Department of Labor

will comment briefly on Manpower Training and Development, Neighborhood Youth Corps, Youth Opportunity Campaign and Job Development

Jack Conway, Deputy Director, Office of Economic Opportunity

will comment briefly and respond to questions on programs of the Office of Economic Opportunity

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

John Connor, Secretary, Department of Commerce

will respond to questions and comments about the Economic Development Act, Bureau of Public Roads and other Commerce Department programs.

FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Charles Schultze, Director, Bureau of the Budget
will speak briefly on Fiscal policies and respond to
questions.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Governor David Lawrence, Special Assistant to the
President
will discuss briefly and answer questions on the subject
of Public Administration.

OTHER GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING

President's Staff

McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President

Vice President's Staff

Neal Peterson
Bob Jensen

Commerce

Rex M. Whitton, Administrator, Bureau of Public Roads
Sherwood Gates, Assistant Administrator, Area Redevelopment
Administration

Health, Education and Welfare

Dean Coston, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Services
Commissioner Ellen Winston of Welfare
Commissioner Francis Keppel of Education
Gordon McCallum, Chief, Division of Water Supply and Pollution
Control
Vernon MacKenzie, Chief, Division of Air Pollution

Housing and Home Finance Agency

Milton Semer, Deputy Administrator
William L. Slayton, Commissioner, Urban Renewal Administration
Marie C. McGuire, Commissioner, Public Housing Administration
Richard L. Still, Acting Commissioner, Community Facilities
Administration
Roger A. Williams, Information Specialist, Office of the
Deputy Administrator
Joseph Barcia, Photographer
Miss Shirley Van Treeck, secretary
David S. Schoenbrod, Student Assistant

Labor

Roger Lewis, Special Assistant to the Secretary
Sam Ganz, Executive Officer, Manpower Administration
Mark Battle, Acting Deputy Director, Neighborhood Youth Corps

Office of Economic Opportunity

Hyman Bookbinder, Assistant Director for Private Groups
Ted Berry, Assistant Director for Community Action Programs

Small Business Administration

Gilbert Hancock, Acting Director, Local Development Company
Loan Program

NON-GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING

National League of Cities

Patrick Healy, Executive Director
John Garvey, Deputy Director
Don Slater, Legislative Representative
Kinney O'Rourke, Legal Counsel

U.S. Conference of Mayors

John Gunther, Executive Director
Hugh Miels, Jr., Associate Director

International City Managers' Association

Harold E. Horn, Associate Director

National Association of Counties

Bernard Hillenbrand, Executive Director
Al McArthur, Deputy Director



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