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REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

25th Annual King TURKEY DAY

WORTHINGTON, MINNESOTA

^{umbrella} SEPTEMBER 11, 1965

John S. D. H. Minn

Mayor Roos

C.M.C. Pres. Ralph Johnson

Gen'l Chairman Harry Sowles (SOWLES)

Rain - 1948
Tent in front
of City Hall
1965 Mayor L.A.S
Rain
Central School
Auditorium

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Worthington
Daily
State

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Economic Reconstruction of a war-torn Europe

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But I said then -- as I do today -- that this is exactly the place.

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The time is past in this world -- and we all know it -- when what happens someplace else has nothing to do with us.

The Marshall Plan had something to do with us in 1948. It revived Western Europe and helped make us secure from a very real and present danger. Korea had something to do with us. ^{in 1950} So did Hungary. ^{in 1956} So did Cuba ^{in 1962}

So today do India and Pakistan and Vietnam.

(No one knows this better than the families in Worthington, and there are several of them, who have sons in Vietnam today). And, might I add, so today do Watts, California and Harlem, New York, have something to do with us.

Interdependence No man, no country can live in isolation.

There was a time when we thought we could. Some of us can still remember it first hand.

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↳ And it wasn't long 'til we closed our banks, and we closed our businesses, and our farms . . . and we opened up bread lines. We found ourselves in world depression and, then, Pearl Harbor. !

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↳ There are things being done in this nation, and by this nation, that are worth some of our time.

↳ We Americans face great burdens ahead.

Compassion
Concern
Conscience

That is why we are building the great resources -- both material and human resources -- of this country to meet long, hard tasks at home and in the world.

↳ We are trying to create an environment in this country where every single citizen will have the equal chance to do something for himself and for his fellow man. We seek to create a true state of opportunity.

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3/4 million new dropouts
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over 30 million
no hi-school
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Automation

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The Neighborhood Youth Corps

The Job Corps camp is not a make-work project.

It is nothing less than an effort to help young men *+ women* learn how to make a living -- to help them become taxpayers and not taxeaters. *Producers not parasites*

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Yes, we are making basic, long-term investments in America and its people.

Education
New schools
for 10 million
more young
people
in next 10 yrs

① *Junior College of Worthington*

Our country is rich and prosperous. We can afford it. We can afford a strong national defense. We can afford billions of dollars to put a man on the moon and we can afford to help put a man on his feet right here on Earth. Yes, today we help our neighbor. It is good economics. It is also right.

The author Thomas Wolfe wrote it a generation ago. Today we work for it:

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yes, what an statement to be alive --
- new nations -
- Science Technology - 95% of all life.
- Space - medicine

∟ And where will this strong and free America stand in the world?

∟ Will we, as before, turn inward to keep what we have? Will we let the rest of the world go its own way -- even if that way leads to disaster?

∟ We must not and we will not.

∟ We will not close the doors of our rich city until the less-fortunate of the world are driven to storm its walls.

∟ We will not stand idly by while the totalitarians and the takers of the world work their will by force on those unable to alone defend themselves.

∟ And, we will not -- living under the shadow of a great nuclear cloud -- give up our search for a world of peace.

↳ For peace is like a great cathedral. Each generation adds something to it. It requires the plan of a master architect. It requires the labors of many.

↳ We will build peace with foreign aid. We will build peace with Food for Peace . . . with the Peace Corps . . . with technical assistance . . . with the Alliance for Progress in Latin America.

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