

Mayor

REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

DEMOCRATIC DINNER

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

NOVEMBER 19, 1965

Orleans Parish
Jefferson Parish
Victor Bussie
Victor Skirvo
Skirvo

(wife
Sunny)

Let me begin today by saying how happy I am to see how well the people of this beautiful and lively city have erased the destructive marks of Hurricane Betsy.

"Hurricane Betsy"

All of us were struck by the awesome fury of that hurricane as we followed the reports on radio and television.

President Johnson was kept informed by the-minute by the Office of Emergency Planning. And he had full information from several sources by the time he flew here.

Miss Edna B Stern

But even with that grim information before him, may I say that the President was unprepared for the terrible suffering and destruction he found when he arrived. And he immediately declared Louisiana a major disaster area.

One thing those difficult days showed was this: Our government is neither too big nor too impersonal to react quickly and compassionately in time of emergency.

The National Guard, the Corps of Engineers, the armed services and others moved into round-the-clock disaster posts -- first to assist the victims, then to restore communications, clear debris from the streets, and help reopen the schools.

Community Action
Mayor + Council

Nat Guard
Corps of Engineers
Armed Services

Then came federal agencies with medicine, vaccines
 and clothing. The ^{SBA} Small Business Administration started
 processing disaster loans. The Agriculture Department
 began passing out 5 million pounds of food. The Housing
 and Home Finance Agency began relocating families.

These things, combined with the unconquerable
spirit of Louisiana's people, helped those who lost so
 much to rise up and tackle the job of rebuilding. It
 is clear that you have done a marvelous job in a few
 short weeks.

May I also pay tribute to the members of your
 Congressional delegation.

Louisiana was the first state to get outright federal
grants for property loss from a major disaster. The
 authorization for these grants moved through Congress
 in only eight days.

DISASTER
 LOANS
 5 million lbs
 of food
 HOUSING

Cong
 Delegation
 Louisiana
 Federal
 Grants
 for Property
 Loss!

Now a word about your
Cong Delegation

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Boggs Long

May I add that any legislation which has support of both Hale Boggs and Russell Long has a better-than-even chance.

LSU

Russ Long

△ I have seen Russell, as majority whip in the Senate, and Hale, as majority whip in the House, as they work effectively in Congress. And I know how often the President seeks their help and advice.

- whip
- Chairman

As you may know, one of my great privileges while studying at Louisiana State was having Russell Long as my friend. We were together on the debating team and, side-by-side, we took on all comers.

Aller Ellender

Russell and I continued our debating in the Senate -- sometimes together, sometimes with each other -- but always in friendship and mutual respect.

↳ I also want to pay tribute to Senator Allen Ellender, who became my mentor in another phase of my education. I served on his Agriculture Committee shortly after coming to the Senate and took his advanced course in farm bill care and management.

↳ As a former political science professor, I can tell you that this is a course for graduate students only. It is truly an education to watch Chairman Ellender shape up a good farm bill and steer it through the Senate. He's still doing it -- and the way he handled this year's omnibus farm bill shows he is getting better all the time.

gaw (X) Louisiana is also fortunate to have a Governor with the leadership qualities of my friend John McKeithen.

John McKeithen has ~~become~~ Louisiana's number 1 salesman, both in building an image of good government and in attracting new industry to the state.

∟ The outlook for Louisiana's industrial growth has never been brighter. And a good share of the credit belongs to John McKeithen.

Governor McKeithen is helping build for the future. He is seeking for Louisiana what President Johnson seeks for all America: a fuller, more prosperous, happier life for each citizen, for each community.

∟ Today we Americans are keenly aware of the high cost of wasted human resources -- a cost measured in hopelessness and helplessness . . . in resentment and rejection . . . and in the loss to our nation of valuable energy and talent.

∟ This Administration is dedicated to the development of these resources. This Administration is dedicated to the proposition that every American deserves an equal chance to make his tomorrow better than today.

We see the Great Society not as a welfare state, but as a state of opportunity. While most Americans are making the most of their abilities -- enjoying the highest standard of living in man's history -- there still are far too many living without that opportunity.

↳ That is why this Administration, with the help of Congress, is waging an attack on ignorance, hunger and disease. That is why the American people are united in their dedication to the success of that effort.

↳ We are united in our determination that our young people will have a chance to get a good education.

∟ The Higher Education Act is bringing 7 million ^{\$ 7 1/2 million}
600 thousand dollars to Louisiana this year . . . the
Elementary and Secondary Education Act more than ^{\$ 42 million}
42 million dollars . . . the Health Professions Act ^{Health Prof -}
3 million, 300 thousand dollars for medical education. ^{\$ 3,300,000}

∟ This is legislation that will do more for education
than any legislation in our history.

∟ We are united in our determination that all the
people and all the places in our country should be
brought into the mainstream of our economy.

We are moving ahead in that area with the Economic
Opportunity Act, aimed at strengthening the economic and
social structure of our nation, and with economic
development programs to assist entire regions bypassed
by our prosperity.

We agree that relatives should not be separated because of barriers created by an outmoded immigration quota system. So we have passed a new immigration law that asks not "Where do you come from?" but "What can you do for America?"

We want our cities to be better places in which to live and work . . . and we want to preserve our nation's beauty and natural resources and historic landmarks. And we have passed legislation to do these things.

We are united in our concern for obtaining good medical care for our parents and grandparents. And we have just witnessed passage of a Medicare program for the elderly so they can live their older years in dignity.

The mental health and mental retardation program has brought 2 million 200 thousand dollars to Louisiana.

The Hospital and Health Care Program means 5 million 400 thousand dollars in new assistance here this year.

These programs are part of the most sweeping expansion of health care benefits since the 1930's.

Yes, we Americans are united in recognizing our responsibilities to our own people.

↳ But we also are building a strong and free America able to meet our responsibilities in the world.

Today we know that it is within the means of men, for the first time in their history, to either destroy mankind or to extend mankind's benefits on a scale never seen before.

Our choice is clear. We must resist aggression. We must help those in the world -- the disinherited, the hungry, the humble, the weak -- who need our help. And we must pursue the peace. There is no alternative.

This, then, is what the Great Society is all about. It is the recognition that we can create in America a society of full opportunity.

We can offer each person and each community a chance to be better tomorrow than today.

And we can, with our wealth and power, lead all men toward days of peace and promise.

President Johnson has made clear his commitment to our American tomorrow. I join him in that commitment as do the great men who lead Louisiana. We ask your help.

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- John (1)
- ✓ Gov + Mrs McKithen (McKithen)
 - ✓ Mayor Mrs Victor Skirro SKee Row
 - ✓ Sen Allender
 - ✓ Sen Long
 - ✓ Congressman ^{Hale} Boggs (2d)
 - ✓ Cong Edie Hebert (A bear) (1st)
 - Cong Wagner - 4th (Shreveport)
 - ✓ Cong Speedy Long - 8th (Albany)
 - Cong Ed Willis - 3rd (Land of Swanglin)
 - Cong ^{Jimmie} Morrison - 6th (Hennepin)
 - Cong Passman - 5th (Morse)
 - ✓ Cong Edwin Edwards (7th) Folk Charles
 - Marshall Brown
 - Herman Kohlmeier
 - John Barrineau } Coch
 - (Bearino) - C.H. Downs
 - Mrs Blanche Long } st. ch

Maya S KEE - R00

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"Hurricane Betsy" -

New Orleans - Erasing
destructive marks of Hurricane
Betsy -

- ↳ Nat Guard; Corps of Engineers;
Armed Services;
- ↳ Govt reacted quickly -
First, to Assist Victims
 - (2) restore communication
 - (3) clear debris
 - (4) Reopen schools
- ↳ Provided Aid - medicine,
vaccine, clothing - food -
- ↳ Relocation of families -
- ② Unconquerable spirit of
Louisiana's People - Rebuild!

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✓ Congrats to your Delegation!

✓ Louisiana first state to
get outright federal grants
for Property Loss for
Major Disasters - ..

① Authorization for these grants
in 8 days

✓ Russ Long - Whip -
Chairman

Allen Ellender - my mentor on Ag
I took his Advanced Course
in farm bill care + mgmt.

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Gov John McKeithin -
leader, fighter, builder -
Louisiana on the move
 Industrial Growth -
 Building La. future
 Gov McKeithin - is seeking
 for Louisiana - what
 President Johnson sees for
 America. —

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America on the move!
 57 months —
 Economy growing
 Tax Policies - Partnership
 Strength for long run -
Need Everyone
 - War on Poverty -

GDP
 5700 Bill/100

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With Prosperity + Power
we have

Compassion, Concern
Conscience

① Sign of our health
+ Strength -

② We are Waging War
on Ignorance,
Hunger, Disease, Poverty

6 up grade American life.

⊗ This Administration is
Keenly aware of Cost of
wasted human resources -
Hopelessness, helplessness
this is loss to our nation of
valuable energy + talent!

⊗ This Administ. dedicated to
the development of
Human resources

⊗ Every American deserves
an equal chance to
make his tomorrow better
than today

⑦

Educ - L Elementary + Secondary
for La \$42 million
L Higher Educ \$7 1/2 M.
L Vocational Educ
L Nat Defense Educ Aid

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Health - Heart, Cancer, Stroke
• 5 1/2 million Hospitals + Nursing homes
• 3 1/2 million Aid to Medical Educ

Medicare

• 2 1/2 million to Mental Health + Retardation

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War on Poverty -

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✓ We are building a
Strong + Free America
able to meet our
responsibilities in
the world —

✓ Leadership - no luxury -
a burden

✓ Leadership - no privilege
It is the Robe of Responsibility
not a coat of Comfort

✓ ~~Who will work for~~ Who will work for
Democ. - if we do not -
who will help the weak

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- help the poor, if we don't

↳ who will resist

aggression - if we do not -

↳ We seek no conquest -
no glory - no territory

↳ We have given 168,000
casualties since
World War II -

↳ Vietnam - Protest

"Right to be heard -

but it depends on what you
say, to be taken seriously!"

Viet - Berlin

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Our goal is Peace -
We know that ~~man~~^{we} ~~kind~~
} Can either destroy ~~itself~~
} mankind - or extend
} mankind's benefits.

So we must Pursue
the Peace -

Build the Peace



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