

President John F. Kennedy said:

the answer

"Let every nation know, whether it wish us well

or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden,

meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any

foe to assure the survival and the success of

liberty."

- our role is not easy.

Leadership - Responsibility.

Sen Mansfield —
Cong. Carl Albert

Members of Congress
John Buckley
Mary Price
~~and Don~~

REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE

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Whenever I meet with Democratic women I'm

reminded of Adlai Stevenson's experience during a
Presidential campaign.

Adlai

Stevenson was campaigning in San
Francisco and his motorcade had stopped downtown.

To his pleasure, he found himself surrounded by a
crowd of Democratic women. One of them reached into
his car to shake his hand.

When he returned to his hotel he found a
plainclothesman waiting outside his room -- the lady
had reported her diamond ring missing.

Be Careful
When you shake hands with
John Buckley or Cliff Carter,

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Be Careful when you shake hands
with our Treasurer - 2 -

I thought I'd better tell that story now. Because
I was sure our treasurer, ^{acting} Arthur Krim, ^{coff center} would tell it
later.

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↳ Tonight is a happy occasion. (We are here to
meet, to talk, to have some fun. We are here, above
all, to look to the future and to the prospect of our Great
Society.

↳ But we did not come to where we are without the
strength and vision of those who came before.

21 ↳ Twenty-one years ago last week we lost President
Franklin Roosevelt.

↳ The work we do today was the work he began. The
world we seek ^{of peace and international cooperation} ~~in common with other free nations~~ --
is the one that Franklin Roosevelt looked toward more
than twenty-five years ago:

What are we for!

Said FDR -

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↳ "In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms.

① ↳ "The first is freedom of speech and expression -- everywhere in the world.

② ↳ "The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way -- everywhere in the world.

③ ↳ "The third is freedom from want . . . everywhere in the world.

↳ "The fourth is freedom from fear . . . anywhere in the world."

Franklin Roosevelt saw a world in which the old coercions . . . the old oppressions . . . the old injustices might be pushed aside. He saw a world in which man might emerge into an age of enlightenment and understanding.

Franklin Roosevelt's vision of yesterday is our goal of today. We work so that it may be the reality of tomorrow.

Franklin Roosevelt often said that the only whole men were free men. #

Today our task at home is to create an America, ~~of whole and free men~~ an America where there is a joy of living, a life of purpose!

-- An America young of spirit and young of heart, but mature in mind.

-- An America with love of children, and with respect for its elders.

-- An America which works for education and strives for human dignity.

-- An America where everyone -- ~~black, white, yellow or red, young or old, man or woman~~ everyone is important, wanted - needed - and respected!

← -- An America where culture and beauty are a main course and not a dessert.

← An America where each child can climb to the limit of his abilities . . . where he can stand right up and claim his place in life.

← Today we are building that America.

← The ~~last session of the~~ ^{89th} Congress, under President Johnson's leadership, made into law the hopes and ideas of our generation and the generation before: Voting Rights, Immigration, Education, Medicare, Housing and Urban Development, ^{agriculture, conservation} Arts and Humanities.

We ~~made laws to make~~ ^{are waging} war on poverty

~~We are opening the gates of opportunity~~

~~We made laws to turn American agriculture in a new and fruitful direction.~~

← These are your programs!

These laws are ~~nothing more than~~ investments

in the better and stronger America -- an America

that we must build if we are to carry our burdens at home and in the world.

Leaders Here

metals
1972
1973

Head Start
- Dept of Justice
- Education
- Health
- Housing
Justice Department

Use ~~the~~ ^{new} ~~opportunities~~ ^{opportunities} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~face~~ ^{face} ~~us~~ ^{us} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~world~~ ^{world}.

~~whole~~ -- that must be built if we are to carry our burdens at home and in the world.

↳ ~~Those burdens will not be small burdens. There are, of course, the challenges we face at home.~~

↳ In four years 211 million people will live here. Half of them will be under age 25. Within ten years we will need, each year, over 2 million new homes . . . thousands of ^{new} schools . . . transportation systems to move goods and people . . . fresh air ^{water,} and light and open space . . . and art, music, literature, theatre -- the things that make life more than a constant struggle for material goods.

↳ But those tasks are nothing compared to the tasks we face in the world around us.

~~It will be up to us~~

Can the four freedoms be realized not only in America but in the world? Skeptics might say that the odds are against us.

↳ Today two-thirds of mankind lives in the same darkness and ignorance it has known for centuries -- and the gap between the rich nations and the poor nations widens each year. At the same time these disinherited of the earth are exposed to modern communication which makes it all too clear that they are not sharing in the benefits we enjoy as a matter of course. These people are the targets of the stirrers-of-trouble and makers-of-violent revolution.

We live in a world in which there are weapons that could wipe out the Northern Hemisphere in less than a half-hour's time.

We live in a world in which large and strong nations have made it their doctrine that democratic institutions must be destroyed and small nations brought to heel with brute force.

How, in this environment, will the four freedoms ever be achieved? |

We know the answer. - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

We know the answer →

It is true that America is the last, best hope of earth.

And It is up to us to lead the way toward the time

when the threat of nuclear destruction does not ~~hover~~ *cast a* dark shadow *over* above the earth.

dark shadow over

It is up to us to help the small and weak nations build ~~the~~ *strong* stable and free -- societies, in face of subversion and totalitarian threat.

We know that it is up to us to provide the leadership -- yes, often to provide the material resources -- to stimulate the strong nations of the West to a greater sharing of these tasks.

Above all, it is up to us to practice what we preach here in America -- to build the strong, the free, the growing, the Great Society.

and we can!
~~It is on ~~the~~ the building~~
Do not underestimate your role in all of this!

~~I know we can count millions of Democratic women in America today. But more than that, we know we can count on them.~~

~~We counted on you in 1964, and we were not disappointed. You helped us win by our greatest majority, largely because of your efforts -- and your votes -- American women went Democratic the first time in 20 years.~~

Viet. - "Prevent the resumption of aggression
Help build a free society
Seek Peace - } U.S. - everywhere

We counted on you in 1964 - and you helped us win the ¹⁰ greatest victory in since ~~1936~~ in 1936. -

We counted on you in 1965. And you mustered support throughout the country for the Great Society programs.

I ask you to put that ~~momentum to work~~ ^{zeal, energy and spirit} in the 1966 campaign.

↳ Mobilize it.

↳ Organize it.

↳ Utilize it.

- This is the Route to Victory, set with it -

↳ This year, 35 United States Senate seats will be at stake. All of the House seats will be at stake. Thirty-five states will vote for governors. And so on down the line to the courthouse and city hall.

↳ Tonight we honor the Congress.

↳ We need the Democratic majority we have in Congress today.

and lets not talk about or think about losing a single seat or fact we can't should increase our majority.

In this century the party in office has not done well in off-year elections. Since 1900 it has lost an average of 38 seats in the off-years.

History may be against us. But ~~I believe the cause~~

we can make
~~of justice is with us.~~ *new history — our own history,*
~~the future is ours~~ *the future is ours*
~~It is with us~~ when we say to the youth of America:

"Here are the tools of education with which to make the most of your future."

~~It is with us when we say to the elderly:~~ *the future is ours*
~~adequate health care for your older years."~~
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~~adequate health care for your older years."~~
~~It is with us when we say to the Negro:~~ "Here is a ballot that gives you full citizenship, after promises broken for a hundred years."

~~It is with us when we say to the poor:~~ *the future is ours* "Here is *opportunity*
~~hope where there has been no hope."~~ *no opportunity*

~~the future is ours~~

Yes, the ¹²tomorrow belongs to us.

~~It is with us when~~ we say to every American: "We can have a land of goodness . . . of beauty . . . of culture . . . of opportunity."

↳ This is the kind of society, the kind of America we believe is possible ~~and we will~~

↳ Twenty-one years ago ^{this week} ~~last week~~, President Franklin Roosevelt sat at his desk in Warm Springs, Georgia, to prepare his address for Jefferson Day, 1945.

↳ These were the last words he ever wrote: "The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith."

~~My fellow Democrats, Let us move forward.~~

My fellow Democrats, we have moved forward - and we must - with strong and active faith.

REMARKS OF VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY AT THE
WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON, D.C.
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My thoughts this evening turn to the words of President John Adams, when he was discussing a subject dear to our hearts: politics and voters.

John Adams said: "It is dangerous to open so fruitful a source of controversy and altercation as would be opened by attempting to alter the qualification of voters; there will be no end of it . . . Women will demand a vote; lads from twelve to twenty-one will think their rights not enough attended to; and every man who has not a farthing, will demand an equal voice with any other, in all acts of state. It tends to confound and destroy all distinctions, and prostrate all ranks to one common level."

Fortunately, John Adams' advice was not heeded. And so we are together this evening.

Politics is part of the joy of life - - at least being a Democrat is. But you are active in politics for other reasons, too.

You are vitally concerned with the issues of our time.

You want security for your families.

You want a future of opportunity for your children.

And, above all, you want a world at peace.

Our purpose in being together in Washington tonight is essentially this: To meet, to talk, to have some fun, and then to get to the business of electing Democrats and building the Great Society.

We will have our Great Society one day. And when it's finished we'll have a society where there is a joy of living, a life of purpose.

-- A society young of spirit and young of heart, but mature in mind.

-- A society with love of children, and with respect for its elders.

-- A society which works for education and strives for human dignity.

-- A society where everyone -- black, white, young, old, man, woman, --
everyone is important (despite what that old Tory, John Adams, had to say).

-- A society where culture and beauty are a main course and not a dessert.

-- A society where everyone is productive and a full participant in American life.

The Democratic members of the 89th Congress, whom you honor tonight, deserve
our highest praise.

The 89th Congress is the one that pulled the sword out of the stone.

And it has used that sword to cut through chains of social injustice that have
shackled our people far too long.

It cut through the chains of insecurity and financial disaster for our older Americans
with the Medicare Law.

It cut through the chains of bigotry and prejudice with the Voting Rights Law.

It cut through the chains of ignorance and illiteracy with education laws.

It cut through the chains of slum living with the Housing and Urban Development
Law.

It cut through the chains of injustice to our friends and relatives in other lands
with the Immigration Law.

It cut the chains shackling thousands of impoverished Americans with broadened and
expanded laws to wage the War on Poverty.

It passed more laws of real quality than any previous American Congress -- laws
which affect the daily life of everyone in this country, and affect it for the better.

It passed laws to build a stronger and freer America -- an America able to meet its responsibilities both at home and in the world.

Our campaign theme for 1966 is: "Vote Democratic -- The Route to Greatness."

This Democratic 89th Congress has surveyed the land and bought the right-of-way for that route.

It's going to be up to the 90th Congress to pave it.

The 90th Congress to be elected this fall is the last one that will be completing its work in the Sixties.

When its job is done, we want history to record that we left for our countrymen in this decade a legacy of hope and not hopelessness . . . education and not ignorance . . . prosperity and not poverty . . . health and not disease . . . humility and not hatred.

We're proud, my friends, of the record we've made in the last six years. It is an impressive record.

But 1966 is not the year to use our laurels as a feather bed.

Thirty years ago this month Franklin Roosevelt said: "I . . . do not believe that the era of the pioneer is at an end; I only believe that the area for pioneering has changed."

Today, we still have new areas for pioneering.

We are pleased that the Gross National Product has topped 700 billion dollars. But we are determined to find new growth.

We are pleased that the unemployment rate has dropped to a twelve-year low. But we are determined that those still out of work will have the opportunity for a job.

We are pleased with the success of the War on Poverty. But we are determined to escalate this war until we have a front line in every pocket of poverty in America.

We are pleased with the new programs for health, housing, education and civil rights. But we are determined they be carried forward to their fulfillment.

I am not unmindful of our commitments in far places along with those at home.

It was with foresight of these troubled times that our beloved President John F. Kennedy said:

"Let every nation know, whether it wish us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival of the success of liberty."

And we shall.

We -- who have been blessed with so much -- will continue our struggle to build a safer . . . a freer . . . a happier world society where large and small nations may live alike in peace.

We will continue our struggle to bring the faceless, by-passed millions of this world some reason for hope . . . for faith . . . for the opportunity to have a share of mankind's benefits.

We have been entrusted with leadership.

It is up to us to prove that the wish of many to end human misery and suffering transcends the will of a few who would tolerate it.

In his State of the Union message, President Johnson said:

"This nation is mighty enough -- its society is healthy enough -- its people are strong enough -- to pursue our goals in the rest of the world while still building a Great Society here at home."

I believe that with all my heart.

I think you, too, believe it, or you would not be here.

Do not underestimate your share of this partnership.

I know we can count millions of Democratic women in America today. But more than that: we know we can count on them.

We counted on you in 1964, and we were not disappointed. You helped us win by our greatest majority. Largely because of your efforts -- and your votes -- American women went Democratic the first time in 20 years.

The President and I are grateful. And I also speak for the many other Democrats elected in 1964 when I express this gratitude.

We counted on you in 1965. We asked you to muster grassroots support for the Great Society programs. The wonderful record of the 89th Congress reflects your response.

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This is the kind of society, the kind of America we believe is possible.

This is the kind of society, the kind of America we are determined to build.

We will not turn back. I ask your help.



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