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VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY
DEMOCRATIC RALLY

RACINE, WISCONSIN

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I've been traveling the length and breadth of this land. Everywhere I go I've been carrying this non-partisan message: Vote Democratic on November 8th.

Yes, I've been going places - and the most vivid impression I've gained is of an America that's going places.

In America today, progress and innovation are the status quo. If you're just moving, you're slipping behind. If you're standing still, you're way back watching the dust.

These past two years we've had a Congress that's moved with our jet-propelled society, not lagged behind it.

When I visited Asia some months ago, I found they give each year a name as well as a number. This year, for example, is the Year of the Horse.

These past two years in Congress have been Years
of the Tigers -- of men like Lynn Stalbaum who entered it as
freshmen and fought like tigers for the welfare of their
constituents and of the country.

Edw More was done for education in this Congress than in
all the 88 previous Congresses put together. Every level of
education, from the youngsters in Head Start to the graduate
schools, got needed help.

In the past three years alone, we have tripled
federal aid to education - from 2 billion dollars in 1963
to over 6 billion dollars in 1966.

Much of it has been channeled to the boys and girls
who need it most - under-privileged children in elementary
and secondary schools. During the past school year, almost
1.2 million dollars came to this Congressional district for
this worthy purpose.

And, for the first time, federal scholarships are available for college undergraduates - another move to give young men and women of modest means a better break.

↳ Our objective is to assure to every young American all the education he can usefully absorb - so that he can achieve his full potential in self-fulfilment and service to his country.

↳ And we're making other investments in human resources, as well. Through vocational training, we're helping people out of poverty and into the mainstream of our economy. All of us stand to gain as they become producers and taxpayers.

I believe that the original G. I. Bill of Rights was one of the most richly rewarding investments America ever made. And I think Lynn Stalbaum can take real and justified pride in co-sponsoring the new Cold War G. I. Bill of Rights.

If we send our brave young men into battle, we must do our best to assure them the maximum of opportunity when they come home.

We have been investing in our natural resources as well, and most recently, at long last, in the purity of our air and our water.

The Great Lakes are a priceless natural endowment. They contain one-third of all the fresh surface water in the whole world.

But, to our shame, large areas of the lakes are so badly polluted that they are as lifeless as deserts. And Lake Michigan is no exception.

But now we're committed to cleaning them up. Under the program just enacted by this Congress, Wisconsin will receive over five years something like 12 million dollars in federal grants for sewage facilities.

The other states bordering Lake Michigan will also get needed federal aid. I'm confident we'll see a dramatic improvement there.

↳ Even more recently, we have awakened to the fact that all of us live at the bottom of a kind of ocean - the atmosphere - which is becoming steadily more contaminated by the rubbish we dump into it.

↳ This Congress has acted against air pollution as well. Basic research is getting under way, and sorely - needed technicians are being trained. Help will be available to cities to cope with this problem.

↳ You may think that being against dirty water and dirty air is non-controversial - like being against sin.

↳ But apparently not. Your former Congressman - now trying for a comeback, I understand - consistently voted against air and water pollution bills.

What else are we doing today? Where are we headed?

What does the future hold?

Economy
First of all, we are building an economy of strength, of growth and of justice able to sustain everything we do at home and in the world.

↳ Today - in the 68th straight month of uninterrupted economic expansion -- we find the creative energies of industry, of agriculture, of labor all being used, not against each other, but to achieve a greater well-being for all our people.

↳ In the past five years we have cut our unemployment rate in half while achieving the best record of price stability of any industrialized nation. Now we find pressures in our economy. And we are determined to keep them in check so that inflation will not wipe out the gains we've made.

But we know that an expanding economy alone cannot build the stronger and better America we seek.

We know that for the American without education, the American without skill, the American trapped in the discrimination and despair of our big-city ghettos, more must be done if new worlds are to be reached ahead.

That is why we are making it our national business to match our creed with deed when it come to human rights. For there will be unneeded tension and wasted human resources in America so long as a large percentage of our citizens know that -- despite the progress made -- real equality cannot be theirs because of the color of their skin.

That is why we are setting out to make our American cities more than agglomerations of concrete cloverleaves and boxlike buildings ... to make them green and open, secure and safe ... places where there are good neighborhoods and good neighbors.

That is why we are looking to the health and dignity of our parents. Today Medicare is no longer a subject for debate -- it is the law of the land. We have doubled, in the past three years, our federal investments in health.

These are some of the things that are happening in America today.

Yet they are only the bare beginnings of the full realization of our American promise.

Today we stand on the threshold of a bright new age. That age shines forth from the faces of the young Americans I see every day - young men and women seeking their own place and purpose in a world that we, their parents, made.

America's future lies with them - and with people of all ages who are not satisfied with things as they are ... who want to change what is wrong and make it right.

We in Washington can't do everything - and wouldn't try to even if we could. We do not seek to dominate or supplant the efforts of state and local governments. Instead, we seek to stimulate and support them.

It is a partnership we practice - the kind of partnership which, together with Lynn Stalbaum's work, has brought 17 million dollars in federal grants and loans to your Congressional District in the past two years.

It is therefore more important than ever that state government be alert, energetic, and creative - so that it can carry out the kind of initiatives that the new federal programs make possible.

You know how to do this in Wisconsin - elect Patrick Lucey as Governor, and the Democratic candidates who can help him.

On November 8th the people of Wisconsin have an important choice to make.

They have a choice between yesterday and tomorrow - between fear of the future and faith in its limitless possibilities.

They have a choice between men who cannot see beyond what was and men who look forward to what can be.

For Wisconsin -- for the people of Racine -- the choice is clear. They will choose Pat Lucey, ^{*Brouson he Rollette*} Lynn Stalbaum, ^{*the*} and men and women on the Democratic ticket.

These are the men and women who need your help in the next two weeks. I ask you to give that help.

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VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY

AT MEMORIAL HALL -----

RACINE, WISCONSIN

October 23, 1966

MR. JIM ARENA
1st INTRODUCTION
RACINE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN:

I deem it a great honor and a privilege to be able to present the next person. He has served us well for eight years as a State Senator, and for the past two years has done a terrific job as a Representative in Congress and will continue to do so for many years to come. At this time, I would like to present our strong voice in Congress - CONGRESSMAN LYNN E. STALBAUM.

CONGRESSMAN LYNN E. STALBAUM:

Chairman Arena, Ladies and Gentlemen:

First, I want to say thank you at this late hour for filling this hall and the rally on my behalf. It is a real thrill to come here to Racine - to our home town for Mrs. Stalbaum and me - to see so many of our old friends and acquaintances out here in the audience. You have been very patient and I certainly don't want to tax your patience with a long introduction.

Last Thursday evening about 11:30 p.m., the telephone rang at my home. It was the White House and Vice President Humphrey wanted to speak with me. He got on the phone and he pointed out that because President Johnson was out of the country, he felt it an obligation on his part representing our Nation and also as a result of a long friendship, that he should attend the funeral of former Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia. The funeral was scheduled at the same hour as the rally we had scheduled here in Racine. So, on checking out his schedule and our schedule, it was decided that we would take a chance on having him come into Racine after an evening speech which he had scheduled in

Sheboygan tonight. I certainly want to thank each and every one of you for coming out at this hour for this particular rally. I thank you from the bottom of my heart, believe me.

But, you didn't come here to listen to me. I hope you came here to encourage me, to work for me, and to vote for me on November 8.

You did come here to hear the man I am about to introduce. It is certainly a pleasure for me to do so because he is an old personal friend of mine. I have known him in Midwestern politics for a long, long time. I got to know him better in Washington. I want to thank him at the outset for taking time from a very busy schedule now that he is the acting President during the trip to Manila of the President of the United States. I want to thank him for coming out this evening to appear on my behalf. It is a real pleasure and honor to introduce to you the Vice President of the United States, the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey.

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY:

(You've sure got this place fixed up) My goodness...and to think that you've been here since 8 o'clock. Thank you very much my very good and dear friend, Congressman Lynn Stalbaum, and thank you my dear friends of Racine. I even imagine you may have gotten in here from Kenosha -- for all I know and even from Janesville and Beloit. You can never tell how far they come from.

What a special joy it is to be back in my second home right back here in Wisconsin. I think you good friends know that the State of Wisconsin is very dear to the heart of both Hubert Humphrey and Muriel Humphrey.

We trudged the roads and streets and walked through the snow drifts and we met many of you here many, many times. And as I've said from every platform that I've ever been on in Wisconsin, that I had the unique privilege of giving the great President of the United States, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, his spring training right here in the State of Wisconsin. - And, we didn't do bad either.

I'll tell you, I never did understand why Nixon thought he ever had a chance against Kennedy - after all, when I couldn't beat him what made Nixon think he could. I just never could believe that.

Well this is a very happy night. I can see that you're in a good mood and I hope that you'll understand that we had a rather long and busy day and its been a busy week-end.

But I'll let you in on a secret. The President took off on a long trip which is a very, very important journey of over 25,000 miles and it's a trip that's going to have, I think, a very important impact on the life of all of us and upon the well being of this world. And tonight I'd like to say a word or two about that, but just at this moment may I say that I just thought that as long as he was out of the country, I thought maybe I'd just sort of get around the country and see what's going on. He went for a long journey and I came to Wisconsin and I'm not sure who has the best of the deal right now.

I'm sorry that our friend Pat Lucey can't be with us right at this moment, but Pat's been a busy man. He met me up in Milwaukee and we had a very fine visit. But I said, "Pat, look. I think a great deal of you and you're a fine man and you've been carrying on a great battle here. But when I come to Wisconsin, I want to have the best that you have to offer." So, he sent Jean Lucey along with me, and I'm just delighted that Jean's here. And

I'm very, very happy , too, that the candidate for Lieutenant Governor, Martin Schreiber, is here too. I call him Schreiber where there are Norwegians and Schreiber where there aren't Norwegians. Now, I don't know what the make up is here, but can take it either way - our candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

And, of course, you've already met this wonderful young man that's made such a splendid record for himself in Wisconsin public life. (He) carries an honored name but he adds honor to it in his own right, Bronson LaFollette. That's a fine man.

But, I'm here tonight not only to talk about the importance of a Democratic victory here in the State of Wisconsin for our Democratic candidates, but I'm here to say a word about a friend of mine and a friend of yours and one that you saw fit to send to the Congress in 1964 in that memorable election. He's a freshman Congressman, but he's a very wise and mature Congressman. He represents a great district that's made up of business and labor and agriculture and professional people. He represents this great area of Wisconsin along the lakeshore and back into the farmlands and I don't know of any member of Congress that has more fully and clearly understood the interdependence of our economy than Lynn Stalbaum.

He understands that if you're going to have workers on the job, you have to have farmers with fair prices and if you're going to have investment by industry, you're going to have to have fair tax laws that encourage that investment.

And, here is a Congressman that understands that the way that you build America to be a strong nation is to invest in its youth, to invest in its young people through education.

I come here tonight out of a desire in my own heart, not out of any political necessity, not out of any sheer partisanship, but I come here tonight to salute the Congressman that has brought honor to his district, his state, and to his own name, and his nation - Lynn Stalbaum, your Congressman.

And, Lynn, I haven't the slightest doubt that folks back here in this district are going to take good care of your reelection.

You know that when you have a good man on the job, when he's putting in about 18 hours a day, and, fellows, he isn't even asking for overtime, I think you ought to keep that man on the job.

Here's one that's come home to you often -- come here to consult with you, come here to advise with you, come here to explain the government programs to you, come here to refresh his spirit and yet with all of this, he's been on the job in Washington. When you have a Congressman that works for you, I advise you to cast a vote for him on election day. And that's November 8 in case you've forgotten. Lynn Stalbaum.

My friends, I've been traveling a great deal. I've traveled the length and breadth of this country. I shall be in over thirty-five states before I've completed my campaign journeys this fall. And, I try to put in as much work during the week in Washington as one man can possibly take, but I've been out on these week-ends because I want you to know about what we're trying to do. Government of the people, government by the people, and for the people can not be meaningful unless people know what government is trying to do.

And, I do not come here tonight to try and tell you that the government makes your life easy, nor do I come here to tell you that you want the government to even do that. I come to tell you that your government in Washington and indeed your government here at home should have as its objective to be a constructive partner in building a better America.

And not just a richer America even though that is a very worthwhile objective, but a better America, a more just America, a more meaningful America to every citizen.

An America that offers opportunity to its young, an America that offers compassion to its elderly, and an America that offers a bright future to generations yet unborn, and an America that can carry the burdens of world leadership.

And, let me tell you, my dear friends, we live in that kind of country and we would surely be unworthy of our citizenship if we didn't want to take care of this kind of a country. And one of the ways that we do it is to give our attention to public affairs.

Now, I wouldn't for a moment tell you that the Democratic party has any monopoly on virtue or wisdom because you are far too intelligent to be so spoken to. I can only say this, that in the choice that you have - and you do have freedom of choice in this great democracy - in the choice between the two great political parties, I believe that the record of the party that I am privileged to represent on this platform tonight and the record of the administration that I am privileged to represent, I believe that record commends itself to you.

I believe it is one in which you can put faith and trust, and I hope it is one that will command your allegiance and bring your support to Lynn Stalbaum, Congressman right here in this First District.

Lynn Stalbaum is a part of that government and a very important part because the House of Representatives is the House that is closest to the people. It is the assembly of the people and this man has spoken for you clearly and loudly. He has spoken firmly, he has brought to your district benefits that you never knew before, and he is an effective spokesman for every businessman on Main Street, for every trade union and its desire for effective and honorable collective bargaining for every wage earner that seeks to have a decent living for his family and for every farmer in this vast area of Wisconsin that seeks to have parity not only of opportunity but parity of income.

I like Lynn STALBAUM in case you haven't obtained the message right now, I think he's a great fellow.

Now I've been going, I've been going places in America and you know what I found out? America's going places, too - and we're going fast. You know if you're just standing still these days, you're moving backwards.

In fact, if your just bearly moving, and that's just about the tempo of the opposition, because they do like to show signs of life, somebody once said that they should rename our friends of the Republican party - and they are nice folks, don't misunderstand me, we don't have to dislike them, because they are momentarily politically misguided ---somebody once said that they ought to rename them the "Cha-Cha" party. You know you've heard that - one step forward, two steps backwards, stand still, twirl and fall flat.

Now, I don't think we need to do that, I think people know what the opposition has to offer without us putting new titles.

I've been traveling in other parts of the world, too. I visited Asia three times this year. I found when I was there that they give a name to every year. For example, they call this the "Year of the Horse". Well, I think it's about time we took on some of that sort of symbolism because these two years in the 89th Congress have been years of the "Tigers".

Men like Lynn Stalbaum who entered it as freshmen fought like "Tigers" - fought like tigers for the welfare of their constituencies in their country.

Let me just summarize it for you. More has been done in this Congress, for the cause of education than in all of the previous 88 Congresses put together. That's a record that none can deny - and Lynn Stalbaum, sitting on this platform, helped make that record.

As a matter of fact, my examination of what happened in this district demonstrated that during the past school year almost one million, two hundred thousand dollars came to this Congressional district to help children in elementary and secondary schools - some of them underprivileged. And let me tell you something else, - dear friends, we're helping children.

Every year before, the opposition to Federal Aid to Education either killed it on the basis of race or religion. They said you can't do it because if you do you'll educate the Negro. Somebody else said you can't do it because if you do you'll educate a child that goes to a parochial school. So, everybody suffers.

Finally, we had a President called President KENNEDY and a president called President JOHNSON - and those two Presidents together said why don't we think about children for a change? Why don't we think about the children of parents? And why don't we - as a government of the people, by the people, and for the people - why don't we legislate for people instead of for race or church or something else. And, we passed Federal Aid for Education and everybody's better off.

So, it doesn't make any difference where you go to school, you're getting a little help because you need it. We've been investing in the most important resources this nation has.

Woodrow Wilson once said that a nation is not as rich as its banks or its industries, but it is as rich as its people. The most valuable resource that we have is that human resource.

We've been engaging in vocational education, man-power training, all these many programs that sharpen up the skills of workers, that train young people for work experience, and we have made producers out of people that were not producers. We've made tax payers out of people that were tax eaters.

America is not the poorer because we help the poor person. America is the richer because we work together to help people.

Remember this, my fellow Americans, no matter what title somebody may have in the world - whether they call him Emperor, King, Count, or Prince - there is no better title for any person to have in the world - and, you wouldn't trade it for any other title - but to be citizens of the United States of America. That's the best you can be.

Now there are men and women in this audience that were recipients of what we call the "GI Bill of Rights" at the end of World War II. Have you ever thought what would have happened in America had that legislation not passed? Do you realize that today most of the young scientists that are doing the great things in science were students under the "GI Bill of Rights"? Do you realize that many of the corporate executives today that are running our businesses took training under the "GI Bill of Rights"? Our artists - our musicians - our trade union leaders.

Yet, there were people when Franklin Roosevelt suggested it who said, "Oh, we can't afford that". Guess what party they belonged to? One guess and you're right.

But we went ahead and it was passed and we invested billions of dollars, billions, in the "GI Bill of Rights". But, for every dollar invested the government has received ten dollars back. Ten to one...in just the taxes that the people paid because of increased income due to their education.

Now, we've had America guarding the ramparts of freedom every day since World War II. This nation has given a hundred and sixty-eight thousand men as casualties in the cause of human freedom.

And, Lynn Stalbaum on this platform was one of the co-authors of and sponsors of what they call the "Cold War GI Bill of Rights". The young men after the war in Korea - from that day on - will now have the same privileges and opportunities as those that were engaged in the war in Korea and World War II.

And I want to predict something right now. The cold war GI bill of rights will do more to enrich America's life, to enrich it's income, to enrich it's culture, to improve this nation than any other piece of legislation that we have ever contemplated since the original "GI Bill of Rights". Lynn Stalbaum - your Congressman right here - was one of the authors. He should be honored for that if nothing else. He ought to be returned to Congress for that.

Now, let's take a look in another area. This has been a busy Congress. - a hundred and seventy pieces of legislation.

By the way, I talked to the President just before he went on his trip. We were talking about , in fact, about my being here. For a while, it appeared that I might cut out all of my campaign appearances - what this is, in a very real sense. The President said, "Well, you don't need to do that, Hubert. You be around here during the week. After all, when I'm back home here I make these non-partisan meetings."

So, I thought I'd just come out and make a non-partisan speech tonight for LYNN STALBAUM.

Let me just concentrate your attention for a moment on the subject very close to many people here - the Great Lakes. You know some people around in America don't know what a great asset we have.

The Great Lakes contain one third of all the fresh water in the whole world. That's what we have right outside this hall.

Now, we in Minnesota have only a little bit - just a little piece of Lake Superior. You have Lake Superior and Lake Michigan.- both of these great bodies of fresh water. But, to our shame, to our shame, fellow Americans, large areas of these lakes are so badly polluted today that they are as life-

less as the deserts.

Many of you have read the stories of the Gobi Desert in China which was once fertile land and it wasn't taken care of. You can generally tell what happens to a civilization that disappears - they forget their people and their land and water.

When a government or a regime forgets people and forgets those God given resources of land, water, and timber - that civilization is doomed.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we've been piling up money in our banks. We've been building big cities. There was a time when we were pondering our forest. Then along came a Teddy Roosevelt and a Governor (Pinshew?) and we stopped doing that and we started reforestation in Wisconsin and in Minnesota..

You know we are of that part of America that is blessed with land and timber and water and minerals. But, we're making our lakes - our Great Lakes - as dead as the deserts. Lake Erie - polluted. It will take five hundred years of man's efforts to clean it.

What right do we have to do that to a God given resource? What right do we have as contemporaries on this earth to destroy that which man did not make but which the Lord God Himself provided.

And, Lake Michigan is on the verge of pollution. I am here to tell you, my friends, that once it's done, you have ruined the resource. You will never live long enough - or generations yet to come - to change it.

But, before it happens, we can do something. And, we're committed to cleaning them up, to cleaning up these lakes before they're destroyed.

And under a program just enacted by Congress, Wisconsin will receive over five years time, something like twelve million dollars in Federal Grants for just for example, sewage facilities. Sewage facilities so we don't dump our waste into these beautiful lakes.

Other states bordering Lake Michigan will also get much needed Federal Aid. We're going to see these lakes saved - just as we saved our forests. Why? Because the President of the United States cared. Because a Congress cared. And, because a Congressman sitting on this platform tonight cared.

Not jut about the water for the children of today - but also about grand-children, cared also about children yet unborn. And, I think a man that has that kind of vision deserves your support and re-election. Lynn Stalbaum.

You know - listen, my friends - we've all learned that we all sort of live at the bottom of another kind of ocean. The atmosphere. And, it's becoming almost as polluted as some of the lakes - contaminated by the rubbish that we dump up in it..

This Congress has acted not only against water pollution but also against air pollution. And, basic research is getting underway -- it is sorely needed. Technicians are being trained and help will be available to cities and industries to cope with this problem.

Don't you think that we are at least entitled to fresh water and clean air? Is that asking too much of a free society? I think not.

But, I want to tell you something. I thought this was non-controversial. I thought being against air pollution and being against water pollution was about as non-controversial as being against sin. But apparently not.

Your former Congressman who is now trying a comeback - you notice how these Republicans are always on the late shows or trying comebacks one or the other - I never seem to meet them. Well, I understand that he consistently voted against air and water pollution control legislation.

But, not Lynn Stalbaum. He took a stand for the future.

Now, my friends, what else are we doing today? Well, we are doing many things. We're making this economy of ours serve the needs of the people.

I was in this very city in 1960. I was here when there was unemployment. And, I know every Republican spokesman that comes out and talks to an audience like this tries to frighten every housewife. They use all kinds of scare words, they say, "Oh my, look here, my friends, things are going bad. Everything is bad, prices are going up. Inflation!" But, we know that there is a danger of inflation.

Every man and woman on this stage knows that. We know that inflation robs the purse of the worker, destroys the value of investment, diminishes the meaning of dividends and profits, & is a cruel hoax on a pensioner. A government that has had interest in people knows that.

And, your President and your Congress has taken measures to stem that tide. We've asked labor and business to cooperate. They are.

But, let me give you some facts so when you walk out of here and meet somebody that gives you an argument, you know the answer.

1956 - 1961 - that's a good time to talk about. There was a Republican administration. Food prices, cost of living, my dear friends, my housewife friends out here, went up eleven percent. That's cost of living index - not just food - but all that goes into the cost of living - eleven percent.

Your workers, your husbands wages, those wages went up twenty nine percent and you had two recessions of non-employment. If you had a job, you got part-time work, seldom any overtime.

1961 - 1966, the Kennedy/Johnson period. What happened? Another five year period, your cost of living index has gone up nineteen percent, not eleven. Your gross wages have gone up forty-seven percent not twenty-nine. And, you had no recession.

Your unemployment is down in this community to less than three percent - and, it was up to seven, eight, nine and ten percent up and down this lake shore.

What are the other facts that you'll want to remember? The net income of wage earners from 1961 to 1966 - President Kennedy, President Johnson, 88th, 89th Democratic Congresses - your net income went up twenty-two percent after taxes, after adjustment for price increases, and no recessions, no depressions.

From 1956 to 61, your net income went up three percent - three percent. - two recessions, unemployment. Now, if my Republican friends want a little argument about inflation - bring them on, I'm ready to talk to them.

Now, they don't want to argue, they want to propogandize.

Now, if you think that wages are too good - Mr. Farmer, if you think that prices are too high for your Agricultural commodities - Mr. Businessman, if you think the economy is going to fast - I'll show you how to slow it down. They can throw you right through the windshield - just elect a Republican Congress - they'll slow it down for you. They've known how to do it for a long time.

But, I think it's much better to take a sane and sensible course of moderation and a sane and sensible course of steady growth. Now, let me just conclude this message with you tonight by saying to you what we may be able to do in the months ahead. You have a citizenship responsibility, my fellow Americans, and that citizenship responsibility is to care for this nation through your work, through your conduct, and through your vote.

A few weeks ago in Vietnam, eighty - better than eighty - percent of the eligible voters of South Vietnam went to the ballot box to elect an assembly - to write themselves a constitution for a free country. Now, whatever your views may be about Vietnam - or our position in Vietnam - and I know there are differences of views - let the record be clear that the Communists forces and the Viet-Cong made up their minds that they were going to destroy that election. They threatened everyone with death. They cruelly either injured or killed over five hundred election officials. Their propaganda was that the election was a hoax. They said that they would bomb and hand-grenade the election booths and boxes.

Yet, my friends, eighty-three percent of the eligible adult electorate of South Vietnam, even in areas where the Communist Viet-Cong was active, went to a ballot box on a Sunday and cast their vote for a free country.

I think this was the greatest defeat that has been administered to the Communist. While I know that our military has produced miracles of victory - and the American manpower in Vietnam today is the pride of this nation - let me tell you that there's never been a group of men in the Armed Forces of the United States that have ever given a better account of themselves on the field

of battle than those that are there today with great sacrifice and great honor. But, with all of that, the Vietnamese themselves achieved the greatest victory - they made a victory for freedom.

Abraham Lincoln once said that a ballot is stronger than a bullet. He was right.

Now, my fellow Americans, we come down to the election on November 8. The question before the American public is "In a country where we spend millions and millions of dollars to get people out to vote, can we get fifty percent of the electorate out to vote?" Shameful to even speak of it. Fifty percent.

The 80th Congress that many members of this audience remember - the 80th Congress was a minority Congress elected with less than forty percent of the eligible electorate. When you have less than fifty percent of the eligible electorate going to the ballot box - men like Lynn Stalbaum are defeated.

Those that believe in progressive government are defeated. The Nation is set back.

We live at a time, my friends, of vast change. Science and technology move us along. We're living at a time of explosive forces and human relations. We're living in a time that American must move ahead in every area of it's conduct and it's effort. And, that means that you have to take on your duty.

What duty? Your duty to get your neighbor to that ballot box. Your duty to cast your own vote. Your duty to inform yourself of the election, the issues, and the candidates.

I have no doubt - I have no doubt that if you do that - of what's going to happen in Wisconsin. I have no doubt that if the people of Wisconsin are willing to stand up and be counted - if you are willing to demonstrate that you believe in freedom as a living force rather than a rocking chair philosophy - if you believe that democracy means political action rather than political apathy - if you believe that democracy means the right to be different rather than indifferent - if you believe in good government - and, if you believe in progressive, forward looking people - if you believe in these things, you'll make it your business on November 8 to have the State of Wisconsin gain national honors for having cast the largest percentage of the eligible vote. If you cast the largest percentage of the eligible vote, I'll tell you what's going to happen. You're going to elect a Democratic Governor, his name is Patrick Lucey.

You're going to elect a whole Democratic ticket. Above all, my dear friends of this district, you're going to be able to reelect the man who worked for you - who put his faith in the young - who had care and compassion for the elderly - who voted for Medicare and Education - who helped the farmer and trusted and worked with the worker. You're going to be able to elect and pray that you do because he is needed by you and your country, you're going to elect a wonderful man that is on this platform tonight. I want you to go out of this hall just jet-super charged. I want you to go on out and get on that telephone. I want you to talk to people. I want you to activate yourself. You're looking too easy here tonight. Let's get out of here and when we leave here, let's start singing loudly, the name of Lynn Stalbaum, candidate for Congress re-elected. Thank you very much.



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