

APRIL 7, 1967

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY'S RESPONSE TO TOAST BY PRESIDENT
DE GAULLE AT LUNCHEON
PARIS

Mr. President, Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Fifty years ago President Woodrow Wilson sent a message to the American Congress asking for a Declaration of War and setting forth these words: "The day has come when America is privileged to spend her blood and her might for the principles that gave her birth and happiness, for the beliefs which she has treasured. God, helping her, she can do no other."

Fifty years ago we came to the aid of France when she was threatened. And only a few years later we once more came to the aid of our friends.

President Wilson spoke wisely when he said, "God helping her, she can do no other."

For my country's ties to Europe, and to this nation, are deep and real.

They cannot and will not be taken away.

This was true fifty years ago.

It was true in 1941.

It was true in 1947 when the Marshall Plan was born. And it has been true ever since.

We are committed to you and to your freedom as we are committed to the freedom of our own people.

Your Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, I raise my glass in honor of the President of France -- a great man, worthy of this nation and of this great people -- and to the friendship that has joined our countries together for so many years and through so many trials. To the President of the Republic of France.

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Vice President's Response to Toast by
President deGaulle --- Elysee Palace
Friday, April 7, 1967

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We are committed to you and your freedom as we are committed to the freedom of our own people.

For we owe a debt to France which can never be fully repaid. A debt not only for your assistance and friendship to our own country, but for France's contributions to

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the building of enduring Western values and her contributions indeed to humanity.

The genius of the French people -- collectively and individually -- has been expressed in science, in art, in literature, and in the law. In my own country, the names Lafayette and de Tocqueville have special

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meaning. And, for all men, the names Pasteur, Voltaire, descarte (Day-cart), Moliere (Mole-Yare), Manet (Man-ay), Rousseau, Racine, and others attest to French greatness of mind and expression.

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