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INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN

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Jerry Malloy

✓ Teddy Gleason

✓ Paul Hall

Seafarers International  
Union of North America

✓ Elliott Roosevelt

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Buster  
Slaughter

✓ Gov Hughes!  
✓ Seet Ruck!

I FIND THIS CONVENTION DEEPLY REASSURING.

THERE HAS BEEN A RUMOR GOING AROUND LATELY --

PROBABLY SPREAD BY THE YOUNGER GENERATION -- TO THE EFFECT

THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BE PROGRESSIVE AFTER THE AGE

OF 30. NOW IF THAT WERE TRUE, THERE WOULD NOT BE MUCH

HOPE FOR OLD FOLKS LIKE TEDDY GLEASON AND ME.

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Committee

↳ BUT THE EVIDENCE BEFORE US TODAY DISPROVES

THE RUMOR.

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↳ TEDDY GLEASON, NOW IN HIS FIFTY-SECOND YEAR

OF UNION ACTIVITY, HAS EMERGED AS ONE OF THE MOST

PROGRESSIVE AND LIBERAL LEADERS IN THE HISTORY OF THE

AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT.

Teddy  
Many things teddy could say about  
V.P.

L FEW PEOPLE HAVE DONE AS MUCH AS HE HAS TO  
UP-GRADE WORKING CONDITIONS AND TO IMPROVE  
STANDARDS OF LIVING FOR UNION MEMBERS.

L AND HE SHOWS NO SIGNS OF SLOWING DOWN.  
THEY TELL ME HIS DAILY SCHEDULE IS EVEN WORSE THAN MINE.

L MOREOVER THE ILA ITSELF SEEMS TO BE GETTING  
YOUNGER AND MORE PROGRESSIVE EVERY YEAR, DESPITE ITS  
ADVANCED AGE OF 75.

L I WANT TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY AS A SPOKESMAN  
FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON  
BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE NATION FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS  
YOU HAVE MADE IN MEETING 3 OF OUR GREAT NATIONAL  
CHALLENGES.

L THE FIRST OF THESE IS THE CHALLENGE OF PROVIDING  
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY AMERICAN, REGARDLESS OF HIS  
RACE OR CREED.

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Equal Opportunity

↳ THIS NATION HAS MADE GREAT PROGRESS DURING THE LAST DECADE AND A HALF TOWARD FULL CIVIL RIGHTS FOR ALL. BUT MUCH OF THAT PROGRESS IS MORE EVIDENT IN THE LAW BOOKS THAN IN THE LIVES OF MANY AMERICANS.

↳ THESE LAWS GUARANTEE THE RIGHT TO VOTE, BUT THEY HAVE NOT GUARANTEED THE RIGHT TO WORK.

↳ THEY GUARANTEE THE RIGHT TO ATTEND INTEGRATED SCHOOLS, BUT THEY HAVE NOT INSURED EVERY NEGRO CHILD AN EDUCATION THAT WILL ENABLE HIM TO EARN A DECENT WAGE.

↳ THEY GUARANTEE THE RIGHT TO BE SERVED AT ANY RESTAURANT, BUT THEY DO NOT GUARANTEE SEVERAL MILLION AMERICANS MORE THAN A STARVATION DIET.

*Close the GAP* ↳ CLOSING THIS GAP BETWEEN LEGAL RIGHTS AND REAL OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR NEGRO CITIZENS AND FOR OTHER MINORITY GROUPS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE ITEM ON THE AMERICAN AGENDA TODAY. ↳ AS LONG AS THAT GAP REMAINS, THIS NATION CANNOT CLAIM TO HAVE FULFILLED THE PROMISE OF DEMOCRACY.

*Closed  
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gap!*

↳ THE INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

HAS CLOSED THAT GAP. IT HAS MADE GOOD ITS PLEDGE OF  
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL MEMBERS, WITH NO REGARD FOR  
RACE.

↳ WITH JOBS AND POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY, IT

HAS GIVEN REAL SUBSTANCE TO THE IDEAL OF EQUALITY.

*Civil  
RIS*

↳ YOUR ACHIEVEMENT IN CIVIL RIGHTS IS AN EXAMPLE

TO THE ENTIRE LABOR MOVEMENT, AND TO EVERY AMERICAN. !!

↳ ANOTHER OF AMERICA'S GREAT CHALLENGES TODAY IS

TO secure REAL HUMAN BENEFITS FROM OUR RAPID Scientific

TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS. HERE AGAIN THE ILA IS IN THE

FOREFRONT WITH A HISTORIC CONTRACT.

*Human  
Benefits  
-  
Technological  
Program*

↳ THAT CONTRACT SAYS THAT LONGSHOREMEN ARE IN

FAVOR OF PROGRESS.

↳ IT SAYS THAT LONGSHOREMEN WANT THE PERSONAL

DIGNITY THAT COMES FROM DOING A NECESSARY JOB WELL WITH

MODERN EQUIPMENT.

↳ IT SAYS THAT LONGSHOREMEN KNOW THAT AN  
UP-TO-DATE ECONOMY MEANS MORE TRADE,

-- AND THAT MORE TRADE MEANS MORE SKILLED JOBS  
FOR MORE WORKERS,

↳ -- AND THAT MORE JOBS MEAN MORE PROSPERITY  
FOR MORE PEOPLE,

↳ BUT IT ALSO MEANS THAT ALL LONGSHOREMEN ARE  
ENTITLED TO A GUARANTEED SHARE IN THE BENEFITS A  
MODERN TECHNOLOGY PROVIDES.

IT SAYS THAT THE VERY CONCEPT OF CASUAL  
LABOR IS OUT OF DATE.

↳ IT SAYS THAT PENSIONS AND MEDICAL CARE MUST  
BE ADEQUATE TO INSURE REAL SECURITY.

↳ IT SAYS THAT MEN, NOT MACHINES, MUST BE SERVED.

↳ NOW THIS IS A MESSAGE FOR ALL AMERICA.

↳ OUR MODERN FACTORIES ARE PRODUCING MORE  
GOODS FASTER THAN EVER BEFORE. ↳ OUR CITIES ARE  
GROWING LARGER, OUR HIGHWAYS LONGER, OUR AUTOMOBILES  
FASTER AND MORE NUMEROUS. ↳ OUR SCIENTISTS ARE PUSHING  
OUT INTO SPACE AND DOWN THROUGH THE OCEAN FLOOR.

↳ MACHINES ARE RELEASING MEN FROM AN INCREASING NUMBER  
OF TIRESOME TASKS.

↳ Yes THIS SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS  
OFFERS US ENORMOUS OPPORTUNITIES -- IF WE ARE  
HAVE THE WILL AND THE DETERMINATION TO TAKE ADVANTAGE  
OF THEM.

↳ WE CAN REVOLUTIONIZE OUR SCHOOLS, SO THAT EVERY  
AMERICAN CAN HAVE AS MUCH FIRST-RATE EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING AS HE CAN USE.

↳ WE CAN REMAKE OUR CITIES INTO SAFE AND  
COMFORTABLE PLACES TO LIVE.

↳ WE CAN PROVIDE ADEQUATE, MODERN MEDICAL  
CARE FOR ALL.

↳ WE CAN STAMP OUT THE BLIGHT OF POVERTY AT HOME AND ABROAD.

↳ WE CAN DO MUCH TO INSURE PEACE.

↳ BUT THE SAME TECHNOLOGY WHICH OFFERS US THESE UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITIES ALSO CARRIES WITH IT GRAVE THREATS.

↳ IT CAN MEAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNEMPLOYMENT IF WORKERS ARE NOT GIVEN THE SKILLS TO USE IT.

↳ IT CAN MEAN AIR AND WATER POLLUTION AT LEVELS SUFFICIENT TO CAUSE SICKNESS AND EVEN DEATH.

↳ IT CAN MEAN THAT THE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR GROWS EVER WIDER.

↳ IT CAN MEAN MASS DESTRUCTION - *nuclear*

↳ AMERICA TODAY FACES A CHOICE AMONG THESE ALTERNATIVES. AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO ASK OURSELVES WHETHER OUR PAST MATERIAL PROGRESS HAS REALLY YIELDED ENOUGH IN TERMS OF HUMAN BENEFITS FOR US, THE PEOPLE IT IS SUPPOSED TO SERVE.

~~man on the moon~~  
man on his feet. -6B-

Is EVERY AMERICAN FAMILY ENJOYING A FAIR  
SHARE OF OUR NATIONAL WEALTH? NOT WHEN NEARLY  
20 PER CENT OF OUR CITIZENS STRUGGLE TO LIVE ON  
POVERTY INCOMES.

Poverty

Does EVERY AMERICAN BENEFIT FROM MODERN  
MEDICAL SCIENCE? NOT WHEN ALMOST ONE THIRD OF OUR  
PEOPLE HAVE NO REGULAR ACCESS TO DOCTORS AND DENTISTS.

DO OUR CITIES OFFER A REWARDING ENVIRONMENT

FOR THE 70 PER CENT OF AMERICANS WHO LIVE IN THEM?

NOT WHEN STREETS AND PARKS ARE UNSAFE AT NIGHT. NOT WHEN MILLIONS LIVE IN SLUMS AND WHEN WORKERS WASTE HOURS OF LEISURE TIME GETTING TO

AND FROM WORK  
equals

NOW I AM NOT ONE OF THOSE DISGRUNTLED PEOPLE

WHO THINK WE HAVE NOT MADE REAL PROGRESS IN ALL OF

THESE AREAS.

We've made Progress  
+ need to make more

Medicare

NINETEEN MILLION AMERICANS ARE COVERED BY A

MEDICARE PROGRAM WHICH IS ONLY A YEAR OLD. FOUR MILLION

PATIENTS HAVE RECEIVED HOSPITAL CARE SINCE THIS PROGRAM WAS INSTITUTED.

THE JOB CORPS, DESIGNED TO EQUIP YOUNG WORKERS

TO COMPETE IN AN ECONOMY OF RAPID TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE,

HAS ALREADY GRADUATED 60 THOUSAND SKILLED WORKERS, AND

ANOTHER 41 THOUSAND ARE NOW IN TRAINING.

~~Minimum Wages~~

LAST YEAR'S AMENDMENTS TO THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT REPRESENT CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS NOT ONLY BECAUSE THEY RAISED THE MINIMUM WAGE BUT BECAUSE THEY EXTENDED MINIMUM WAGE COVERAGE TO MILLIONS OF AMERICAN WORKERS WHO HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY PROTECTED.

BUT AMERICA HAS A LONG WAY TO GO IF IT IS TO REAP THE HUMAN DIVIDENDS OF ITS TECHNOLOGICAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS. THE ILA HAS NOW BECOME, AND WILL REMAIN, A LEADER IN THIS STRUGGLE.

FINALLY, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE AND THANK THIS UNION, AND PARTICULARLY TEDDY GLEASON, FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STRUGGLE IN VIETNAM.

~~Vietnam~~

AS YOU KNOW, TEDDY HAS PERSONALLY VISITED VISITED VIETNAM 4 TIMES AT UNION EXPENSE TO ADVISE BOTH OUR PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM ON WAYS OF SPEEDING UP CARGO HANDLING IN THE PORT OF SAIGON.

↳ HE BROUGHT TO BEAR HIS OWN 5 DECADES [REDACTED]  
OF EXPERIENCE AND ALSO MADE AVAILABLE THE SERVICES OF A  
TEAM OF ILA TECHNICIANS.

↳ I CAN REPORT THAT THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN  
DRAMATIC, NOT ONLY IN THE SPEED WITH WHICH CARGOES  
ARE HANDLED, BUT IN PORT SAFETY AND IN LABOR-MANAGEMENT  
RELATIONS AS WELL.

↳ THIS WAS A CONTRIBUTION OF ENORMOUS STRATEGIC  
IMPORTANCE TO THE WAR EFFORT ↳ IT WAS ALSO A CONTRIBUTION  
TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM -- AN  
EQUALLY IMPORTANT PART OF THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM IN  
THAT COUNTRY.

↳ IT WAS A CONTRIBUTION TO A NATIONAL EFFORT  
WHICH TEDDY GLEASON AND THE MEMBERS OF THE ILA WERE  
UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO MAKE.

L I AM HERE TODAY TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF  
THE ADMINISTRATION, ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN FIGHTING  
MEN IN VIETNAM, AND ON BEHALF OF ALL AMERICANS.!

SO THIS 75TH ANNIVERSARY IS A PROUD AND  
HAPPY OCCASION. THE ILA DESERVES CREDIT FOR SERVING  
THE INTEREST OF ITS WORKERS. BUT IT DESERVES CREDIT  
FOR MORE THAN THAT.

*It deserves credit & thanks -*

- FOR FACING UP TO THE CRITICAL ISSUES  
WHICH FACE AMERICAN SOCIETY TODAY.
- FOR ASSUMING A LEADING ROLE IN MEETING THEM,
- ~~FOR SUPPORTING NAT SECURITY~~
- AND FOR BECOMING AN ACTIVE PARTNER WITH  
GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY IN THE AMERICAN ~~GOVT~~ *search for*  
FREEDOM AND EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY, AT HOME AND ABROAD.

I HOPE AND PRAY THAT WE AS A NATION WILL ALSO  
SUCCEED IN MEETING THE GREAT CHALLENGES BEFORE US.

WE HAVE THE POWER AND THE KNOWLEDGE TO  
DO SO.

AND I HOPE WE HAVE THE IMAGINATION TO MAKE  
FULL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEMOCRACY A REALITY FOR  
ALL OF OUR PEOPLE.

I HOPE WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO BE A NATION  
WHICH BRINGS HOPE AND PEACE, NOT FEAR AND WANT, TO  
THE WORLD.

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July 20, 1967

Longshoremen International  
Miami, Florida

PRESIDENT GLEASON: Mr. Vice President, we are sure happy you are here.

Officers and delegates to this 41st Convention of the IIA, ladies and gentlemen, I believe that the task now before me is one of the greatest honors that I have had in my lifetime and especially during my 52 years of service in this, the IIA.

The honor that is being accorded us here today is not a personal one to me but an honor to you, the IIA rank and file.

Our Vice President started his business career as a pharmacist but continued his studies to become a college professor before his public service.

He hails from the great State of Minnesota where he served as Mayor of Minneapolis until his election to the United States Senate in 1948.

In 1964 our guest of honor was elected to the office of Vice President of the United States.

There are many, many things I can say about the Vice President but I would like to mention and call your attention to just a few of his outstanding contributions and accomplishments.

Vice President Humphrey was the father of Medicare

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having introduced this as his first bill after coming to the United States Senate.

Vice President Humphrey sparked the movement for Civil Rights legislation with a speech before the Democratic Convention in 1948, and, of course, was the floor leader for the bill in 1964.

Vice President Humphrey was the author of the first bill for Federal aid to education.

Vice President Humphrey is the father of the Food for Peace programs and also originated the conception of both the Peace Corps and Job Corps programs.

His record as a friend of the labor movement goes back to the days as Mayor of Minneapolis. He was supported for years by literally every labor union in the country.

I can go on and on and continue the list of major accomplishments which is much longer, but I would like to say that the Great Society Program might never have been passed if the Vice President did not support them and spoken so clearly and forcibly and so eloquently over the years.

May I present to you Hubert H. Humphrey, the Vice President of these United States of America. [Applause]

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VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thank you. Thank you very much, my dear friend, Teddy.

Thank you, Mr. President, for your warm introduction, and may I thank my friend, Buster Slaughter, from Duluth, Minnesota, an old friend and compatriot for many, many years, and all the members of this distinguished escort committee that was so gracious and considerate to meet me outside and escort me in here to this convention.

My fellow delegates, I am really not a longshoreman, but I am applying. You never can tell what happens in politics.

There are many people here today that I should like to acknowledge, but it is a dangerous thing to start acknowledging some, less you forget any.

But I do want you to know that I am very proud and very pleased to be invited to this convention and to have a chance to share some thoughts with you as your Vice President and as your friend.

I know this morning you heard from one of our most distinguished, one of our most able, one of our most conscientious and dedicated governors, and I refer to the Governor of the Great State of New Jersey, Dick Hughes [applause].

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One of the joys of public life is the opportunity to share in the friendship of a man like Governor Hughes.

I believe I am correct in saying, unless I was misinformed by none other than the Secretary himself, that you had the pleasure of hearing from the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Rusk [applause].

Let me say to you, ladies and gentlemen, that there is no finer, no more courageous, no more dedicated American, no more able public servant than the Secretary of State, who came here to honor this convention and you, in turn, honored him by your good applause and your good response.

Now, this is your 75th Anniversary, I have been told. Is that correct, Teddy?

PRESIDENT GLEASON: Yes.

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: You and I are not that old [laughter].

This is Teddy's 52nd year. You know, the other day I was confronted by a young man who said to me, "The trouble with you, Mr. Vice President, and men of your age, you just don't understand what we younger people are thinking."

I said, "Listen here, young man," I said, "I am

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a young man, too. I have just been around a little longer than you have." [Applause]

That is the way it is with Teddy Gleason.

If I ever met a young man who was full of, well, he was full of Geritol before they ever discovered it [laughter].

I had to get in a little pharmacy.

Here he is, his 52nd year of union activity, and has emerged, frankly, I would say to you, as one of the most progressive and one of the most liberal leaders in the history of the American Labor Movement. [Applause]

Of course, I know why he does so well. He has 23 vice presidents, or maybe if President Johnson were here speaking to you, he would say, "How does he stand it?"

I am happy to be down here where there is a good tough negotiating committee, because I want every vice president and every member and delegate of the ILA to know that I am doing the work of 23 and not getting paid for it [applause].

I spoke to the Retail Clerks this morning, and I told them that I was not here to complain. I said the wages are fair, the working conditions are much better than tolerable, the fringe benefits are good, but I am now

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opening negotiations for renewal of the four-year contract [applause]. I am putting you all on the negotiating committee—every one. That way I am sure that we can have some success.

Teddy, you say that you could say many nice things about me and you did. As <sup>a</sup> man who prides himself on speaking the truth, I am glad you did not go too far in that description.

The Late Adlai Stevenson used to say, you know, flattery is all right if you don't inhale it.

Every time you see a man in public life being introduced with any words of flattery, you know, he starts to swell, inhale all the time. Believe, that is just what I was doing.

I am sorry today that I missed Paul Hall, the President of the Seafarers International, and I trust that those who will see him will convey my greetings to him.

I wanted to have a chance to meet with as many of you as possible. I would like to think that I am a friend of the maritime industry. I would like to think that I am a friend of the ILA [applause].

I know that I am privileged to share in the friendship of your International President, Teddy, here, and that makes me very, very happy.

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By the way, while I have a chance, I notice that you do treat all of your officers well. I notice they are well-fed, and that they look good and healthy. I noticed that your public relations department does well.

My old friend Larry Malloy looks like he is well paid [laughter]. I just want to salute him. He is a great help to you, a great help, and by the way, while I have a chance, I want to congratulate you, Teddy, on that newspaper that you put out. That is a good one. Your regular organ of information from the union is a tremendous help to the membership and to those of us who try to keep an eye on what you are doing and what you are thinking.

While I am speaking of that--what do you call it? The Longshore News?

While I am speaking of it, I want you to know the importance of political action. I think you know it.

Just remember that politics is the people's business, and until the people take care of their business, they get the business.

You give yourself a little time for effective political action for the activities at home, for activities of labor, education, and while I have a chance to say it, let me say to the younger members of this organization that you owe an awful lot to those that went before you.

The IIA was not developed by people just sitting around hoping it would happen. This great organization did not make its progress by people saying it would be a good idea. People had to go out and fight for it and work for it and the members that come in now under good working conditions have an extra obligation to carry that message of the sacrifice and the work of others to the younger generation that is coming along. [Applause]

I am proud to be a friend of the labor movement. Every place I have gone I have said this in business circles, academic circles, church circles, wherever it is.

I happen to believe the American labor movement has been a bulwark of strength for the United States of America.

I happen to believe in these troubled days, particularly in this post-war years, the American labor movement and IIA in particular, has been a powerful friend of freedom and a mortal enemy of subversion and communism.

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[Applause]

And you are friends of social and economic progress.

I want to talk to you now, hopefully, as your spokesman, as your Vice President, and as your friend and fellow citizen. I want to speak to you about three national challenges or great national challenges to which you bent your efforts and to which you have given a great deal of constructive effort.

The first of these challenges is that of providing full and equal opportunity for every American without any regard to his race, his color, his creed or his national origin, or how he spells his last name, and this Union exemplifies what I am talking about, equal opportunity, first class citizenship, full equal rights for every American without any regard to race or color. [Applause]

I came into public life enunciating this creed and you know that. As a matter of fact, I came in as some folks walked out. I have not forgotten it a bit. I have no apologies because I believe that there can only be one America. I do not think you can have two Americas. I do not think you can have an America of the majority and an America of the minority. We have to have an America for every American and every American has to have an equal

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opportunity under the Constitution and the laws of their land. That is the only kind of America we want.

We made some progress in getting to it. Now I know there are many people disturbed about this and we are going through a troublesome period, a period of great social change.

Ladies and gentlemen, I fly a great deal and many of the times, you know, I think about it as you do and wonder what the weather is going to be like, if it will be too turbulent or we will be fogged in and go through all of that, and despite that fact, I have been flying, as Vice President, over half million miles, bringing the message to the nation as a whole.

When I look at the weather map I am reminded what happens in our own country. The report gets on TV and the reporter says, "The weather across the nation today is good," but he said, "There is a turbulence from the north, from as far north as Canada which is coming in, a cold wave, and a static sort of warm low pressure area hanging over the Eastern Seaboard or Midwest," or whatever it may be, and anybody that has traveled at all by air knows when you have a new weather system coming in on an old, start coming in on an old, static, old pressure system, you have turbulence,

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it is inevitable. You hope and pray that your craft that you are flying in is strong enough to take it. You hope the pilot and navigator know their business. You hope the radar is working and then hope and pray the Good Lord has his arm around you. [Applause]

Well, ladies and gentlemen, there is a new system coming into America, and there is an old system that is hanging on, but it is going out and the new system is the system of first class citizenship, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all. [Applause]

The old system of separate but equal, the old system with one America for the rich and one America for the poor and one for people to vote and one for people not to vote, that old system is going out just like garbage, and that is where it belongs. [Applause]

It is a little rough, while we are going through this change. It is inevitable. It is a little difficult. There are social patterns changing, social habits changing, political establishments changing, and the people today must have faith that this great ship of state of ours called the United States of America has the strength to take it and you have every reason to have faith that the pilot of this ship of state, President Lyndon Johnson, will get you

through if you stick with him. [Applause]

And the ground crew, Congress, is doing all right, too.

I think you will hear from Claude Pepper or have you already heard from my friend, Claude?

You could not hear from a finer member of Congress and a more progressive and liberal man who is as good a friend as you will ever have in the IIA. [Applause]

I have a lot to say here and I did not even have any of this written down.

Now let us just say for just a few moments something about some of the laws that are written. We Americans are great for laws whenever we want to do anything. We say, "Pass a law." That is one part of life, the law is one part. The letter of the law is one part and the spirit of the law the other thing and you do not really salve your conscience by passing a law. You salve your conscience that way, but finally what we have to do is live what we say we believe in.

Now we have been talking about equality. We have been talking about these inalienable rights of American citizens, of all people and finally we have come to grips with the proposition of human equality under the law and

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within this system of ours, and we have to do something about it.

Now the laws, for example, that we passed on Civil Rights are many. I had a hand in making many of those laws and am proud of them, very proud of them, but I know the laws are not enough. We have laws that guarantee the right to vote, but that requires also that those guarantees be implemented at local and state and national levels and it requires the right to vote be backed up by a knowledge of how to vote, a knowledge of public issues and a willingness to accept that franchise.

When I think of the apathy of those people who come out to vote, 35 percent of the local vote comes out, on national elections, 40 to 45 percent of the eligible electorate of this country votes, and we complain about Congress.

On Presidential elections, you are lucky if you get 60 percent of the eligible electorate to vote.

Ladies and gentlemen, in Vietnam a year ago, in September, with all their problems and being threatened by murder, by violence, 80 percent of the electorate came out to vote for their constituent assembly.

I hope we do not have to have that much trouble.

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We want to get people to understand the preciousness of this franchise. You get the kind of government you work for. You get the kind of government you vote for. You get the kind of government you deserve and I am here to ask the IIA to redouble its efforts to see not only that your membership and families vote, but if you get the people out to vote, if you carry your message and print the "Long-Shore News" and get the message out, people will vote and knowledgeably, and vote right, and I will take my chances. Do not worry, we will come out all right. [Applause]

We have the right to vote, but no laws yet to guarantee the right to work, and the right to work is meaningless unless people are equipped to work, unless there are jobs available. You can talk about it all you want to, but work comes to those equipped for it and when there are jobs available and therefore, this expanded economy is absolutely essential for the working man, and as business men you must be willing to put in your part in training and education. That is the way you build this country.

We have guaranteed the right to attend integrated schools, but I must say they did not insure the same laws that every legal child of a minority group in the country has an education that will enable him to earn a decent wage.



We are turning out literally hundreds of thousands of children from our schools who do not know how to work and are not trained and we have to start matching education with reality, education with needs, education with jobs, education with the economy, and every mother and father in this room has a great interest in public education and community colleges and technical institutes.

You have an interest in that. That is what your boys and girls are going to need in the days ahead because this is growing country and this is a highly complex country.

The impact of science and technology on this country is something you owe to your young people to prepare them for. I can tell you an illiterate person, an uneducated person, is like a cripple. Sometimes he is even worse.

We are also concerned about the physically handicapped and the mentally handicapped. We should be. We should bend over backwards to help them but we should be concerned about the other cripples, cripples that are victims of prejudice and illiteracy and victims of no chance at all, and I am here to speak up for those people that do not often have people that speak up for them, and we, together, we can do a lot of this together, working together to speak up for those who are in a sense speechless.

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We have laws to guarantee the right of everyone to be served in a restaurant without regard to race, but they do not guarantee several million Americans more than a starvation diet.

I want to tell you my dear friends, as important as the right of public accommodation is, it is also important to have enough money in your pocket so when you walk in you can buy your lunch and pay for your hotel bill and come in as a first class citizen, not only in theory but in economics.

When I speak to you about rights, it is not just legal rights but real opportunity. That is the whole key today about what we are talking about, opportunity, not just legal opportunity but genuine opportunity for all our citizens, Negro citizens, Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans, anybody.

I long to live for the day when we speak of each other as Americans and quit identifying each other by our respective nationalities or ethnic backgrounds. We should be proud of one citizenship and one name, American. [Applause]

You and I know there are gaps in this country of ours and as long as the gaps exist this nation cannot claim to have fulfilled the promise of our democracy. The great American promise, to summarize Thomas Wolfe, is that every

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man has a chance, every man should have an opportunity and the right to work, to make the most of himself. That is what we are talking about.

I do not know how we are all going to come out. Who does? I do know this, that everybody ought to have the right and the opportunity to do the best with what God gave him, to work with, and that is what we are talking about.

The IIA helped to close this gap between promise and reality. I think it has made good on its pledge of equal opportunity for all of its members, and I can tell you it has because look who is here. Look who met me. Look who the great officers of this organization are, in jobs and positions of responsibility.

The IIA has given real substance to the ideal of equality and whatever your critics may say, let me tell you that you have gone further than most people in America, if not all, in bringing together a great association, a great union, in which Americans of every race, creed, color and origin can participate, and be accepted on the basis of merit for what you are. So that is challenge No. 1. You have done pretty good with it. We have a long way to go as a country but we are making progress. Challenge of equal

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opportunity.

What is the second challenge? The second challenge is to get benefits from the technological revolution we have, and technological progress that is here. Here again, I come to the right place to talk about it, because the IIA is in the forefront with a historic contract. Very few Americans know about your contract. One of the real problems that we have in this country is communication. If you get into trouble, you get communicated all right. How do you get communication on the things you are really doing that are positive and constructive?

This contract says that Longshoremen are making progress. You are not saying to hold back the clock of time. You are not saying, "We want it as it was ten years ago." That contract says that longshoremen want progress, that they want the personal dignity that comes with doing a necessary job and doing that job well with modern equipment.

That contract says that longshoremen know that an up-to-date economy requires more business, more trade, more commerce. That contract says that more trade means more skilled jobs for more workers and this union believes in that, and that more jobs mean more prosperity for more people.

You do not have to have a college education to figure that out. It may confuse you. You and I know--

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I learned more economics in one South Dakota dust storm than I had in seven years at the University. That is true. You learn a lot of economics when you go through a depression. I am a depression boy. I lived in Dakota. I had to work my heart out like many of you have. I saw a family literally broken by the depression.

I went to the University, but I learned more about science in that dust storm than I did in college. When it comes to genuine economic instruction, when you do not have it, you do not have it. [Applause]

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You can talk all day about brotherhood and equality, but if you don't have an education, if you don't have work, if you don't have jobs, if you are broke, and when you are broke, it doesn't make any difference whether you are white or black, republican or democrat, union or non-union, you have had it [applause].

Well, longshoremen know that, and that contract represents what you have understood, that all longshoremen are entitled to a guaranteed share in the benefits of modern technology, and that contract provides, and it says, that the very concept of casual labor is out of date.

You cannot live casually, you know. They want you to pay the rent every month, and the IRS, that is known as the Internal Revenue Service, wants you at least once a year. There is nothing casual about that [applause].

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It says that pensions and medical care must be adequate to insure real security. That is what your contract says, and may I say to those that are non-union members, who may be guests here or newcomers, you don't get those fringe benefits by just whistling in the dark. You had to fight for them. You had to work for them. You had to organize for them. You had to bargain for them, and sometimes people said mean and nasty things. But you got them, and you are

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better off. You look better. You are better. You look healthier [applause].

The ladies are prettier [applause].

That contract says that men and not machines must be served. This is a message for all Americans, not just for you.

Our modern factories are producing more goods and faster than ever before. There has never been anything like it.

By the way, many people criticize our system. There's lots of critics about it, and they never get away from being critics. But I want to tell you if this system is a failure, boy, I am for more failures.

You did not get this kind of America--you did not get this prosperity--you did not get this nation by aggregate, by adding up all the failures. We got it because we made progress.

Of course, once in a while we failed. Of course, we made some mistakes. But we kept our eye on the ball, and we moved forward.

The word in America has been forward. Constantly, probing constantly, opening up new horizons, and I get a little weary of people who are always critical of our country;



always critical of what we do at home, and always critical of what we do abroad.

I do not think America became the strongest, the richest and the most democratic nation on the face of the earth because it had foolish leaders and foolish people and people who constantly made mistakes.

Do you? [Applause].

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Somebody must have done something right some of the time. I think most of the time.

Well, we have our challenges before us. The fact that we have done well does not mean we cannot do better.

I am one of those who believes we constantly have to set new standards.

Just like you, we constantly have to renegotiate a contract.

You have people that say to you, "You had a good contract last time. Isn't that all right?"

What kind of a fellow would you think Teddy Gleason was if he said yes to that all the time, or your board or your membership or your locals. You would not believe that.

You say, "Well, look. This country is growing. There is a change in our economy. We have things that we want to improve. America stands for improvement. For progress."



So, we negotiate a new contract. It does not mean that the last one was no good. It just means we thought up a better one.

It does not mean that if I say, for example, that we have need for some improvement in our economy and in our social structure--it does not mean that what we have is no good. It just simply means we have to discover ways to improve it.

Our cities are growing larger. Our highways are longer. Our automobiles are faster and more numerous.

Our scientists are pushing out into space; down through the ocean floor.

I happen to be Chairman of the Space Council and Chairman of the Council on Oceanography.

My two main responsibilities, one of them puts me out of this world, and the other one puts me in the bottom of the sea [applause].

Machines are releasing men from an increasing number of tiresome tasks. Yet the scientific and technological progress that you know about and read about offers us enormous opportunities. It is there; if we have the will and the determination and the leadership to take advantage of it.

For example, we can revolutionize our schools,

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our educational process today, so that every American can have as much first-rate education and training as he can use.

We can make these schools twelve months a year institutions for our families and our children.

Why, this nine-month school pattern was designed for an agricultural society.

We had to have three months for the kids to go out and help dad on the farm to bring in the crop.

What do you do with these three months and your children now? What do you do with the youth unemployment in this country?

We need to have many of those weeks that are going by wasted now. We need to have these great public facilities opened up for training, for recreation, for all sorts of education, so that we can enrich the lives of our young people instead of having them stand on corners and getting in trouble. Let them be on playgrounds and classrooms [applause].

We can remake our cities, and we better. We can make our cities into safe and comfortable places to live. We know how to do it. It is just a matter of whether we are willing to do it. We are beginning to do it.



This administration, the Johnson-Humphrey Administration--I better mention why I add my name to that--one day in the Senate the opposition was taking off on the President, and they were really giving him the business and criticizing the President and this actually happened.

I was presiding in the Senate, and several of the republicans were up there speaking and giving the President, you-know-what, and some democrats were adding to it.

Finally, Everett Dirksen, minority leader, said, Mr. President--that is President of the Senate. I am the President of the Senate.

He said, "I don't think we ought to lay all of these problems on the back of an already overburdened President. I don't think he is responsible for all of these mistakes. Let's include our friend, Hubert [laughter]."

I always tell my friend, Ev Dirksen, that I make my messages bipartisan by including him in.

Well, since he included me in, I want to stay in, and, believe me, I do [applause].

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So, the Johnson-Humphrey administration is working to improve these cities of ours. Years of neglect we have to overcome in a short period of time; pushing in ten billions of dollars this year--ten billions--in loans and grants to our cities; twenty-six billions of dollars in the War on Poverty.

You read in the paper it is a billion and a half. That is just for all we owe. That is the Office of Economic Opportunity. That is like one platoon in a division or army.

Twenty-six billion. I know we have not done enough. But let me tell you in 1961 we had three billion dollars for our cities. Ten billion now.

In 1960 we had nine billion for our poor. In 1963 we had twelve billion dollars in our Federal budget for our poor and needy and disadvantaged. This year we have twenty-six billion.

Now, that may be is not as good as some people want, but it is a lot better than anybody else ever delivered before. [Applause]

With what we have and what we can do today with this great economy, with science and technology, with government and labor and business pulling together, and we have to pull together.

I will tell you there is none of us that can do

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it alone. The labor movement cannot remake America. Business cannot do it alone, and the government cannot do it alone and should not. But together, with some degree of understanding and cooperation, with common objectives, particularly investment in human resources, we can get a lot done. We can do what needs to be done, and we can provide for our good cities.

We can provide adequate modern medical care for the people that need it. We can stamp out the plight of poverty at home and abroad, and let me tell you right now, that if we can stamp out poverty abroad with our foreign aid program, we better demonstrate that we can do it at home to get the people to believe us. Right here at home.

[Applause]



There is nothing more powerful than example, and we speak a common language. We have common citizenry.

My dear friends, I know as you know that the late beloved Pope John XXIII, that great peasant priest, said where there is constant want, there is no peace.

Two-thirds of this world is in want. Two-thirds of it today is illiterate. Two-thirds of it is sick. That is why there is trouble in this world and, frankly, in many places in America, the reason there is trouble is because of want and poverty and despair and hopelessness and bitterness and hate, and we have to do something about it.

We can. We have the means to do it.

Ladies and gentlemen, last year this great America produced forty percent of everything that was produced in the world. Did you know that? Forty percent of everything that was produced in the world. Six percent of the world population.

Our per capita income is fantastic compared to other people. We can afford to do what we need to do.

Ladies and gentlemen, if we can afford to put a man on the moon, and we will as surely as I am standing here, and I think we ought to, then I submit we can afford to help put a man on his feet right here on earth [applause].



It will be a wise investment. I will let you in on a secret. Once a man is employed, once he is productive, we have a way of getting back the investment into the Federal treasury [laughter].

The one thing this country cannot afford is illiteracy and poverty and ignorance and disease and unemployment and joblessness and despair and hate. We cannot afford that.

But we can afford to help each other. We can afford schools. We can afford teachers. We can afford to build jobs and to train men and women for those jobs, and if we do it, America will not be the poorer for it. It will be the richer, and I defy any economist--I defy anyone to prove to the contrary.

I can demonstrate to you that investment of public funds, Federal, state and local for every dollar that you invest, you add ten dollars to the gross national product.

You add \$2.40 in private investment. Those are not my figures. Those are established survey figures from leading economists.

For every dollar that we put into a city, for every dollar that we put into a farm, for every dollar that we put into a school, \$2.40 of private capital follows it, and \$10 of gross national product is added.

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Ladies and gentlemen, I have been in Washington since 1948, nineteen years, and we have learned how to get our share out of this ten dollars. It will come back.

[Applause]

But you cannot tax the pauper. You cannot tax a man without a job.

My dad taught me as a boy in the drugstore that we are no more prosperous than the customers who come through our door, and we used to have an awful lot of people that just came in to visit [laughter].

Well, I did not have that in the speech, either. I just love to visit with you. You can see that.

There are lots of things we need to talk over. We lose contact with each other.

This same technology that I am speaking of, this fantastic science and technology of ours, which is changing the whole world, making it smaller, bringing us together, whether we like it or not, you are going to live alongside of each other.

I told the other group this morning when I was visiting with them that I moved into Southwest Washington, into an apartment, a fully integrated neighborhood, and I never had one single Negro tell me it would destroy his

property values by coming in [laughter].

This technology and all of this can even help us insure the cause of peace, which we long for and pray for.

Remember what the Scriptures say, blessed are the peacemakers. Makers, not talkers, not walkers, not pickets, not paraders, but makers, and you make peace by building nations, by educating people, by creating economic opportunity, by fighting want and waging war on poverty and hunger. That is the way you make peace.

By keeping a nation strong, by knowing of our values and being willing to defend those values; not by just hoping it will all work out.

They did not say blessed are the union wishers. Blessed are the union makers. Blessed are the peacemakers. Blessed are the doers.

Well, we have a lot more to do. This science and technology can make air and water pollution evaporate. We can do something about it.

We can make the gap between the rich and the poor narrower or can make it grow. That same science and technology can make the air so polluted that you cannot breathe; water so polluted you cannot drink it, or it can do the contrary.



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You see, that same science and technology that can heal you, can destroy you. The same radio isotopes that can get at that cancer, that radio isotopes come from atomic energy; that same atomic energy can destroy you. It just depends on what man's moral values are. How we put it to work. So, you see America faces a set of choices, and I am asking you to help us make those choices.

We need to ask ourselves is every American family enjoying a fair share of our national wealth? It is not a ridiculous question. We have a right to be asking those questions and doing something about the answers, and I think it can be said that when nearly 20 percent of our citizens struggle to live on poverty incomes, that we have something to do yet.

Does every American benefit from modern medical science? Not when almost one-third of our people have no regular access to doctors or hospitals or dentists.

Do our cities offer a rewarding environment for the 70 percent of the Americans who live in them? Well, not when streets and parks are unsafe at night; not when millions live in slums and squalor; no, I am not one of these disgruntled Americans. I am an optimist about this country. I think its history demonstrates, as I said, that we ought

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to be optimistic. I think we have made real progress, but I am the kind of a fellow that believes that once you have learned how to run the 100 yard dash in ten seconds, you ought to get it down to nine. That is the way you win.

[Applause]

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Nineteen million Americans are covered today by Medicare. That is good progress. But we can improve it, and we intend to do it.

Four million Americans last year received hospital care under Medicare, and millions received their payment for medical services. It was a good beginning, and our Job Core that has been over-criticized. That Job Core has graduated sixty thousand skilled workers, over forty thousand now in training.

Who went into the Job Core? People who nobody wanted to help; people who were left outside.

Ladies and gentlemen, only five percent of the recruits for the Job Core ever had a job in their lives, and their average rate of pay was seventy cents an hour for the five percent.

Today, when they graduate from the Job Core, their average rate of pay is \$1.91 an hour.

Seventy percent of all of those who have graduated of the sixty thousand from the Job Core centers have gone into private enterprise and good jobs; twenty percent have gone back to school and ten percent in the armed forces.

I think that is a pretty good investment [applause].

We made some progress in fair labor standards and

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minimum wage. We got it up to \$1.40 an hour, and it is going up next year to \$1.60, and we extended the coverage to eight or nine million more Americans. You helped make this possible. That is a good forward step, but is not the end of the road. We have more to do.

America has a long ways to go, in other words, to realize all the benefits of our technology, and the IIA has become and will remain a leader in that struggle.

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Finally, I want to congratulate you on a subject of vital importance and one today that troubles this nation today desperately.

I want to congratulate and thank this union and particularly Teddy Gleason for your contributions to our struggle and the struggle of other free people in Vietnam.

[Applause]

As you know, Teddy has personally visited Vietnam-- what is it, four times?

Four times he came back to see me. He came back to see me every time. I make him check in [laughter].

I have learned a lot from him, though. I will tell you that. I have learned a great deal.

He has done so at union expense. You paid the bill.

Did you tell them that, Teddy? [Laughter]

And he has done so to advise both the people out there and the government of South Vietnam and the people in our own government on the ways of speeding up cargo handling in the Port of Saigon.

Let me tell you, dear friends, a year ago that port was so congested, that it was literally impossible to move goods.

Today that port is clear. In fact, it is better than it has ever been, and port security is better, and the movement of cargo is faster, and new means have been brought in, and new tools and new mechanisms, and this union sent its own experts over to show how to do it. That is what I call doing things the right way.

I want to congratulate Teddy. I want to congratulate the IIA, and I want to thank you on behalf of a grateful government [applause].

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This is a tremendous contribution to our war effort. It was a contribution also to the economic and political development of South Vietnam, and this struggle cannot be won without economic and political development and political success.

So, I am here to thank each and every one of you on behalf of this administration, on behalf of the American fighting men in Vietnam; on behalf of all Americans.

There is so much to tell you. Do not despair and do not bad-mouth your country.

You know, remember this, as I tell some of my fellow partisans, quit poisoning the well. You may have to drink from it [laughter]. That is right.

I am just as sure as I stand before you that if we sell ourselves short, it only encourages others to try to take advantage of us.

I am sure that when we sell ourselves short, and when we pretend that somehow or other we cannot win these struggles, it only encourages the enemy.

I do not ask for braggadocio. I do not think everybody has to line up every morning and salute the flag four times. Once is enough.

But I will tell you this, I do not think we ought

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to in any way underestimate the capacity of this nation, nor should we underestimate the importance of the task that we have undertaken.

We are not in South Vietnam just for South Vietnam. Not at all. We are there because of America, and we are there because we know, as I tried to tell you, this world of ours shrinks every day. It is a little neighborhood, and it will be getting smaller and smaller with space travel, supersonic transports, communication satellites.

Ladies and gentlemen, the whole world stood on the precipice of disaster only a few weeks ago, not because of what was happening in the Middle West, not because of what was happening in the Northeast United States or in the South, but what was happening in the Middle East of Africa and Asia.

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Your sons and daughters, your very life, the safety of this nation was at stake. We might very well have had a terrible confrontation, far away from home. Most of us cannot even spell the names of the towns that they talk about on the television and the radio, nor can we remember the names of the leaders.

But what happens in the Middle East, and what happens in Southeast Asia, what happens in other parts of the world will determine whether or not you are going to live or die, and whether or not we are going to be free or not free.

Oh, I know some people say, well, it is not our responsibility, and we have done too much. We extended ourselves too far.

Ladies and gentlemen, you do not build a strong union movement by ignoring the welfare of your union brothers. Solidarity has been your theme song for years.

You have learned a long time ago what Ben Franklin knew--you either hang together or hang separately [applause].

Let me say that sometimes you have to take a stand that some people don't understand, and we have had to do it several times in our history.

I remind you that the former President of the United

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States, Harry S. Truman, was not a very popular man when he announced aid to Greece and Turkey. But mark my words, had he not been there with American aid and American men, Greece and Turkey, all of Southern Europe today, might very well have been just another perch of communism, reaching out into the Mediterranean.

I remind you that when he stood there as President of the United States and committed American forces in Korea, it was not popular. His popularity as a President was at an all-time low.

The virus of popularity is a dangerous disease for men in public office. You don't need popular Presidents. You need courageous Presidents [applause].

If you think that what we have done in the past is wrong, I ask you to remember this: Just ask yourselves today what kind of a world it would have been if Mr. Truman had not said to Joe Stalin in 1945 and 1946, "You shall not have Northeast Turkey. You shall not take Northern Iran. You get out."

You know, Harry knew how to tell him in certain words [laughter].

Imagine what kind of a world it would have been if there would have been no Marshall Plan and no NATO?

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Imagine what kind of a world it would have been if he had not stood firm with the Truman Doctrine in the Mediterranean and Greece and Turkey?

Imagine what kind of a world it would have been if we had not had the Berlin Airlift?

Imagine what it would have been if John Kennedy had run in 1961; what it would have been in this hemisphere if he had not had the courage to tell Khrushchev to get his missiles out of this hemisphere and go home? Imagine what it would have been? [Applause]

Imagine the kind of world this would have been and what kind of an Asia it would have been if the Communist hordes could have swarmed over Korea, which would have been Japan, and which would have left free Asia today a total victim of subversion and tyranny and terror.

Oh, we paid a terrible price. 55,000 dead in Korea; 250,000 wounded.

But there is a free Asia today, and ten of the nations met only last week in Bangkok for the first time in history; the first time. Ten free Asian nations started a regional development, political, economic and social.

Imagine what it would have been in Vietnam if almost two years ago, the President of the United States had

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not made his commitment. It would have been cut in two.

Where do you think Indonesia would be today? The sixth largest nation on the face of the earth.

It was in the hands of the Chinese communists.

450,000 Indonesians suffered death in that purge.

Today, Indonesia is a free nation, back in the United Nations, a friend of the United States.

General Sukarno and his government cooperates with your government.

Imagine what it would have been in Burma, which, today, is a friend of the United States, which only two years ago was like a captive of Communist China.

Imagine what it would have been had India not stood firm two times when she was the victim of unprovoked attack.

Just imagine what it would have been? Then you begin to see why we make sacrifices.

You see, leadership is a very, very heavy duty and burden. It is no privilege and no luxury.

Once you get to be a leader, you got to do more than others, and if you don't want to do more, you can always vacate the leadership, and somebody will take it.

Remember this: That the Communists are like the uninvited guests to a banquet. If there is an empty chair,

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he will get in it [applause].

I leave you with this: I want the mothers to know this and the fathers here, that while this is a tragic war, and while none of us know the day that it will come to an end, you can rest assured that it will come to an end, and you can also rest assured that militarily the forces of the allies, the United States, South Vietnam, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Korea and the Philippines, that they are doing well in the field of battle; that the communists cannot win. They know that.

You can rest assured that your sons who are there are getting the best medical care that modern medical science can provide.

The rate of death from wounds this time is so much less than it has been before, that it is almost a miracle.

You can rest assured that there is political development; that a nation is being built, and nation-building is like child-rearing. It takes times, and there are many heartaches, many heartaches.

Gee, when you see your kids grow up, you know, you wonder if they are ever going to make it, and sometimes they wonder about the parents in the process.

It takes time and sacrifices, and there are many

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chilly moments.

But my fellow Americans, we are right. We are doing what is right. Our cause is just. We seek nobody's territory. We seek to dominate no one. We seek to do just what Abraham Lincoln said, with malice toward none. We do not hate anybody. With charity for all, but with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right.

You back that policy; you back your country; you back this cause of freedom; you back this cause of what we call democracy, the right of self expression, freedom of choice, the right of people to make their own life, and you will not go wrong.

I am here to thank you for the backing that you have given us. It has been a source of encouragement in difficult days.

God bless you. Thank you very much. [Applause]

PRESIDENT GLEASON: May I thank you for that great and courageous talk just made.

May I say to you that a copy of that speech will be mailed to everyone of our 400 locals throughout the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico [applause].

May I, in behalf of this 41st Convention of this IIA present you with a badge of this Convention [applause].



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This is the first time I am very close to a Vice President of the United States, and it makes me nervous.

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Not true. He comes into my office all the time.

PRESIDENT GLEASON: We also want to present you with a little token of our appreciation, and we wanted to present you something that would not go in your office in Minneapolis or your office in the Executive Building or your library.

We know that you have a new apartment in Washington, so we thought you would like to have something to remember this Association, this International Longshoremen's Association, so may I present you with this little gift [applause].

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: By cracky, a grandfather's clock for granddad.

That is simply wonderful. I tell you, if I bring that home, my wife will wonder what I have been doing down here [laughter].

Really and truly, this is far beyond any expectation. In fact, all I expected was a chance to talk to you, and you rewarded me with your applause.

This will be a very precious memento for us, and

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I want you to know that some of your friends from the movement today help establish what they call the Hubert Humphrey Library, and when time has ticked out on me, that will be in the Hubert Humphrey Library [applause].

PRESIDENT GLEASON: I would also like to say I speak for the feelings of every delegate here, that every one of us is solidly behind the efforts of President Johnson and yourself and the fight in Vietnam, the War on Poverty, and whatever you attempt to do.

I believe right now--I know we have a few Republicans in here, and I know they will jump the line, but I know they are all for you, Mr. Humphrey.

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