



**The  
Hubert H.  
Humphrey  
Bridge**

**and**

**The Cocoa, Rockledge,  
Merritt Island Scenic Drive**

**DEDICATION**

**Friday, March 1, 1968**

PROGRAM

Welcome ..... William A. Earman, Manager  
Cocoa-Rockledge Chamber of Commerce

Presentation of Colors ..... Cocoa High School R.O.T.C.

National Anthem ..... Cocoa High School Band  
Merritt Island High School Band

Invocation ..... *Rev. Hovey*  
Father Fred Hovey  
Gloria Dei Episcopal Church

Introductions ..... *[initials]* Mr. Earman

Comments ..... *[initials]* Lee Wenner, Chairman  
Brevard County Commission

Introduction of the Vice-President ..... *[initials]* Honorable Claude Pepper  
United States Representative

..... Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey  
Vice President  
United States of America

*Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls*

Special Music from 1:00 P.M. until the arrival of the  
Vice President provided by:

Cocoa High School Band and Chorus  
Merritt Island High School Band and Chorus  
Senior Citizens Kitchen Band  
The Mark Wayne Quartet

*Janice Drive*

*Plane Sign welcome Party*

Florida State Road Dept.

Brevard - County Commissioner

Mr. Lee Wenner Chu

NOTES

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

DEDICATION OF THE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY BRIDGE

BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

MARCH 1, 1968

Cocoa-Rockledge Area Chamber of Commerce  
& the 520 Action Committee

Brevard County and all of you here today have greatly

honored Mrs. Humphrey and me with the dedication of this magnificent new bridge. - 4 have

My own contribution to it was a ~~small one~~ cutting a little red tape among government agencies -- I was only by

name Horatio at the Bridge.

The real work was done by the 520 Action Committee of

the Cocoa-Rockledge Chamber of Commerce, by your Commissioners and your state officials, your Senators & Cong Delegation and by all the Brevard citizens who

saw a way to improve their County and acted.

Sen Halland  
Sen Smathers

✓ Martin Anderson  
✓ Willard Peebles

2 Bridges

Gov Hayden  
Byrnes  
District  
Commissioner  
of  
Deland &  
Brevard

Gov Hayden  
Byrnes

Hi Ruediger  
Dressing over Indian  
River to Merritt Island &

Cap Kennedy

Getting people to work together

(~~Deland County~~)

⊗ The Willard Peebles Bridge over the Banana River

I must confess that I am concerned about one thing, however, and I hope it won't detract from this non-partisan occasion to mention it.

∟ It seems that there was a certain division along political lines when the County Commissioners voted, four to one, to name this the Hubert H. Humphrey Bridge. I only hope the present balance of power will be maintained until the other span is dedicated. (

∟ As I was preparing to come here today -- thinking of this bridge... of the community effort that went into it... of Cape Kennedy to which it leads, and of all our magnificent achievements in space -- I was reminded of Thoreau's lines:

"The youth gets together his materials to build a bridge to the moon, or perhaps a palace or a temple on the earth, and, at length, the middle-aged man concludes to build a woodshed with them."

" youth is not a time of life, It is a state of  
Mind. We grow old only by deserting  
our ideals... you are as young as your  
faith ... as old as your Doubt... as  
young as your self confidence... as old  
as your fear; as young as your hope...  
as old as your despair!"

" I cannot say that I am in the slightest  
degree impressed by your bigness, or your  
material resources, as such. Size is not  
grandeur, and territory does not make  
a nation. The great issue about which  
hangs the terror of overhanging fate,  
is "what are you going to do with  
all of these things"

*But* I doubt if America will ever settle for the woodshed.

I think we are still very young. Our American dreams and our vision are still very much alive... still leading us forward.

↳ Within the next several months we shall see the first Americans cross that "bridge to the moon" which was mythical to Thoreau.

Dr Curt DeBus.

↳ Here on earth we have built not so much palaces and temples for kings, but an abundance for nearly everyone which is beyond the farthest dreams of mankind in any previous age. - more to do!

Handwritten - what to do with our resources

↳ ~~I think~~ our youthful vision of a better society has allowed us to use our abundance well.

We have used it, for instance to provide decent medical care for our fathers and mothers.

↳ We have used our abundance for education -- in an attempt to give each American child a fair and equal chance to develop his full human capacities.

Educ

↳ We are now embarking on an unprecedented program to wipe out hard-core unemployment in the United States -- to give every citizen the dignity and security of <sup>a</sup> meaningful job in our free enterprise system.

Jobs

↳ In the world at large we have used the abundance of our farms and factories to help other nations help themselves toward economic self-sufficiency and social justice.

↳ We have stood firm for the principle of peaceful coexistence among nations and for self-determination for all peoples.

↳ We have had the faith and the courage to push on toward security and development at home... and security and development abroad.

- the basic foundations for better world.

our goal - Peace at Home  
Peace ~~at home~~ in the world.

↳ We have naturally had our share of frustrations and disappointments. There is still plenty of unfinished business ahead.

But the important thing is that we keep looking forward... that we do not lose sight of our dreams and hopes.

↳ So long as we continue to do that, our frustrations can be counted as growing pains -- not signs of aging -- and they can be seen in their proper perspective.

↳ So long as we do not permit the uncertainties of the moment to overwhelm our vision of a better tomorrow... so long as our people work to improve their own communities... so long as we continue to use our wealth with compassion and our power with restraint in the world... I think America will go

on building its bridges <sup>not only to</sup> ~~to~~ the moon <sup>but to nations and</sup> and beyond.

to all people. It is in the building of  
Bridges of Understanding that  
we give reality + meaning to  
our nation, under God, indivisible with liberty &  
Justice for all!

*Transcript* *March 1, 1968*  
*Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey*  
*Budge Dedmon* *Cocoa, Florida*

Size is not grandure and territory does not make a nation. The great issue about which hangs the terror of over-hanging fate is... what are you going to do with all of these things?

Ladies and gentlemen, greatness is in the quality of life, not the quantity. Greatness is not indignance, it is character. What are we going to do with this affluent, great abundance that is ours? Maybe for just a moment we might reflect on it because there is discontent even among the more prosperous of us.

Why, sometimes one wonders, but there is, and yet this America last year produced almost 40 per cent of everything that was produced in the world. With only about 6 per cent of the world's population, we produced 40 per cent of the world's goods and we consumed almost as much as all the rest of the world put together. No nation has ever been so richly endowed and blessed. No nation has ever had so much.

Maybe we then could reflect as to why there are such complaints when we are so fortunate. But I think, in the main, we have used our abundance as good people would have wanted us to. We have used it for instance to provide better and decent medical care for our fathers and our mothers and long last bringing the blessings of the healing art to our senior citizens. We have used, too, our abundances for education in attempt to give each American child a better, a fairer and equal chance to develop his full human capacity.

Needless to say, there is yet even greater need, but we have made great progress and we are now embarking on an unprecedented program that no other nation has ever dared to try, but we do. A program to wipe out the hard-core unemployment in the United States...a program to rehabilitate human resources, to upgrade human kind, to see to it that every person that bears the title "citizen of the United States" shall be literally promoted and encouraged. We are going to do this too, with the free enterprise system calling on the leaders of business and labor in the partnership to find a way to open the gates of opportunity to those who have never known such a blessing.

And in this world, at large, we have used the abundance of our farms and factories to help other nations help themselves toward economic self-sufficiency and social justice. We have stood firm. As Claud Pepper, Congressman Pepper said, "For the principles, a peaceful co-existence among nations and for self-determination for all people". And we have stood firm against those who practiced violence at home or abroad...the aggressor and those who feel that they will work their will through brute force as the law of the jungle. And we have had the faith and courage to push on towards security and development at home and abroad.

These are the basic foundations for a better world. And I underscore the meaning of our objective and our goals...peace at home and peace in the world.

And we have naturally had our share of disappointments and frustrations but there is still plenty of unfinished business ahead. The important thing is that we keep looking forward, that we never, never lose sight of our dreams and our hopes. Remembering always how much we have to do with, and remembering always how much is expected of us.

So long as we continue to look forward, never losing sight of our dreams and hopes, our frustrations can be counted as growing pains...not as signs of aging... and they can be seen in their proper perspective.

So long as we do not permit the uncertainty of the moment to overwhelm our vision of a better tomorrow...so long as our people work to improve their own communities...and that's the only way you can improve America, by starting it right here...so long as we continue to use our wealth with compassion and our power with restraint in this world...I believe that we can say that America will go on building its bridges not only to the moon which is surely on our agenda, but building its bridges to nations all over this globe and to people everywhere.

My fellow Americans, we live in the most dangerous of times...in times of peril...times of uncertainty...but also in times of promise...times of challenge. It all depends on what we do with these days that are ours. Those who are timid and afraid can shrink in fear and doubt but those who are brave and confident, filled with faith, will know that these days, difficult as they are, can be the greatest of days, the best of times.

We are in the last third of the twentieth century and in these next 33 years, the fate of mankind may well be determined. We have created the instruments of total destruction and the power that they represent can also be the instruments of emancipation, of great benefit to mankind. That same atomic energy which make possible the atom bomb is the same atomic energy that can bring water to the deserts, can heal the sick, can provide powers for our teaming cities and our growing economy. The same men that had the know-how, the brilliance to split the atom ought to have the good sense and the compassion to learn how to split the difference. And I think that we can, without ever sacrificing what we stand for.

Lincoln has told us in words that are eternal and immortal what should be the stands of this nation. He reminded us that it was the last best hope on earth. But he also told us something else he gave us a creed to live by now and in the future as we are being tested...as we're being challenged. In those words of his second inaugural when he said, "With malice towards none, with charity for all, but with firmness in the right as good gives us to see the right. This is what makes for a great people." And while we are here to dedicate a physical object called a bridge, what we are really thinking about, I am sure, is building those bridges of understanding here at home in America so that what that flag stands for that flag that you salute, that you honor, and that flag comes into its full meaning. And I know of no better way to have it come into its meaning than a piece of cloth.

The pledge of allegiance which is so meaningful in these days above all others tells us our purpose and tells us why we need to build bridges of understanding so that we can have one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. That is the creed of building, that is the necessity of this generation. And might I say that it is a challenge for all Americans to live up to, wherever they may be, whoever they may be.

Thank you very much for the honor that you have bestowed upon me.



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