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They discredit the very ideals you and I have fought for.

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Deception, doubt and despair -- that is the litany of the men who sell America short.

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The world knows through pain and tragedy the price of violence, aggression, oppression and hate. The world knows the meaning of conflict all too well.

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Because we know what they cost.

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I will do everything I can to help that effort -- whatever I may be called upon to do.

I will do everything I can for the cause of peace in the world.

I will do everything I can to keep social progress moving forward in America.

I will do everything to sustain and carry forward the work we have begun in this country.

And I ask your help -- and the help of all Americans -- in doing this.

The world is watching us now.

We cannot for a moment let there be any misunderstanding of our intention or our national resolve.

I call on all Americans, regardless of party or persuasion, to stand together now in unity behind the President in our national quest for peace.

It will require, above all, maturity.

Can we do it?

I think we can.

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✓ Harry Boyer
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Thank you, Harry, thank you very very much. Thank you my friend, thank you, Harry Boyer, and that you of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO, our friends from the Seamsters, from all the great organizations of Labor across this State. You sure No know how to make a fellow feel good, I do want you to know that. I really mean it when I say I am eternally grateful and proud as can be to have this long friendly relationship with the finest people in the world, the working people, the ~~the~~ laboring people of America.

Now, I was very pleased that my friend Harry saw fit to introduce the Business Agent in my family, and I'll tell you she can negotiate, don't think she can't. You fellows should have her sometime, she gets plenty of fringe benefits too, and she ~~doesn't~~ doesn't seem to worry as much about inflation as I do.

Well, Harry, I remember our first meeting and I can remember the days when we talked together as friends, people in a common cause. I can remember being with you at Harrisburg; I can remember being with our different organizations that are here at one hundred different places. There are so many today I want to acknowledge. I, first of all, just want to salute one of the finest public officials and one of the finest and dearest friends, the Mayor of the great City of Pittsburgh, Mayor Joe Barr.

Up and down this table ~~are~~ and behind me are people that

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represent every one of our great Labor organizations. For me to single each and every one out we would be here all day long -- and we may be anyhow, so, I don't think I had better start it. But I do know that one of the key officials of the Labor movement ^{who} that has come to me on many occasions and has been to me in recent days talking to me about things of mutual concern, is the International President of the Steelworkers, and I just want to salute my friend I. W. Abel. You sure do look good, I tell you that, and, Brother Rafferty, how are you doing down there? Oh, yes, there are so many here. We will get around to each and every one we have from all the different organizations. But I want to salute also the COPE Director that is here, and I will tell you why I want to salute the COPE Director, because of what Harry Boyer said about saving your energy. Don't you save it, just get it organized, just get ready. This is your spring training. I want to salute Al Barkan of COPE.

I just want to tell you that I missed out on a reception and I missed out on a breakfast, and I told this fellow that if he didn't come here and provide me at least with a lunch that we were going to break off negotiations, and I'll tell you Eddie Leonard of the Plasterers is here just to deliver it.

Now, let's get down to business. This is the year for contract negotiations, and I thought that you folks might want to talk about that a little later. There are all sorts of contracts that are going to be negotiated this year, ~~and~~ and the most

important one that is going to be negotiated is the one that you are going to negotiate at that ballot box on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1968, ^{And} some of the negotiating partners will be around to see you in due time. You never can tell some of them may even be here.

Yesterday I received a word of commendation that I will cherish all of my life. I can't think of anything better for a man in public life ^{who} ~~that~~ has tried to be progressive in his policies than to have the words of praise and commendation from the great President of the AFL-CIO George Meany, and I want to thank Mr. Meany for what he had to say yesterday. He honored me. He extended his hand of support and friendship, and I can tell you that when a man of the stature of Mr. Meany asks you to do something and suggests a way to do it that you surely have to take that and give it very very serious consideration. I don't think you need to be told that that is exactly what I'm doing.

This is a serious meeting for a serious purpose. I can't think of a place that a man can talk about his country, about what we are trying to do in this country, talk about this troubled world and what we are trying to do in it -- I can think of no better place to talk about these things than with the people who have to carry most of the burdens, the working people of this land, ^{And} I am here to talk to you about it.

The first thing that we need to get clear is that 1968 is not only an important year, but I think it is a decisive year

in many ways. Americans are going to make basic decisions in the next few months that will tell a great deal about the future of this country and the future of the world, but before we make those decisions I think it is the duty of those of us who are involved in positions of public responsibility to ask you to come face to face with the realities of our time.

I am not interested in trying to indulge myself in fantasy or [~]facy, I am not particularly interested, if you please, in trying to project pie in the sky, I am interested in talking to serious minded mature people about their country and what we can do about it, where we are going and how we are going to get there.

Now, let's talk about realities -- realities that you have to face every day in your life just like I have to face them in mine -- and reality number one was stated so clearly, so brilliantly and so bluntly ~~day~~ about five years ago by the late President Kennedy. Here is what he said, "Peace and freedom do not come cheap and we are destined -- all of us here today -- to live out most, if not all our lives in uncertainty and challenge and peril."

Now, my fellow Americans, that's exactly the way it is and we can't glass it over and we can't ignore it, [^]and to think otherwise is a dangerous illusion, and to follow the voices of those who would have us think otherwise is dangerous deception. I speak of the realities to this audience because you can take it, you have had to all of your lives. It hasn't been easy

for the families that are represented here.

Reality number two is that the answers to these uncertainties, these challenges and perils, as you all know too well, are not simple answers, and beware of those who give you simple answers. The world is a complex and troubled place, and it is a world in which we live and our children live. I think we should by now as Americans have reached the end of our Age of Innocence.

We ought to know what the facts are of life, which brings me to ^{reality} ~~reality~~ number 3.

American/~~is~~ a ~~grip~~/^{is} grown-up nation just like this labor movement ~~as~~ a grown-up labor movement, ~~And~~ we must be able to act our age. Yes, we are young in spirit. Goodness me, yes. Age and the chronological calendar age tells us little or nothing. You know, we are as young as our ideals, and as old as our fears. We are as young as our hope, and as ^{old} ~~young~~ as our doubts.

And that is why I have said that America is essentially a young nation, because we are a nation in hopes and ideals -- at least most of us.

But it is by the nature of our judgement in these troubled times and our statesmanship that we are going to be judged as we wrestle with these tough problems in the world around us. And every day you are told of those tough problems, and every day you have people that have quick answers for them.

There is only one thing, or two things instant, that I know of friends -- instant coffee, and instant tea. There are no instant ~~et~~ answers to problems that have plagued ^{us,} some of them for generations, and many ~~is~~ that have been with us since World War II.

Now what is ^{reality} ~~reality~~ number 4? ~~They~~/^{is} This is a good one. We have more chance in America today to overcome the troubles that plague us than any other nation on the face of the earth. And we

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have more chance today in America than any other time in history. We have the power; we have the wealth, we have the skill; we have the resources to do what needs to be done. And I am here to ask you that we get busy and go to work and get these things done.

Let no one sell this country short. And remember this, my friends that those that do either do not know its history, or its strength, or they seek only to demonstrate their act of understanding of what we are all about.

We are not going to sell America short. You never have. And we are going to build America strong, and America is strong today, because there are men and women, millions of them in organized labor and millions in other parts of our economy that still have faith in this country, that still understand ~~what basic~~ its basic vitality, that still understand its purpose. And they are not selling America short. And I don't think they are going to listen to the voices on the political stump, or anyplace else that does sell America short.

Now we have been together a long time, and frankly, I like your company. And let me tell you friends, if we stick together a little longer, we are going to be together a lot longer.

And we have come a long ways, too. There are people here that can remember different days. Yes, I once was offered a job in the Mediation Service. Frankly I have been mediating every since.

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We have come a long ways in these last four years, just to pick one period of our history. And we have come a long ways, because you helped make it so.

I want every person in this audience to remember one thing, the man that is President of the United States is President, because you helped make him President.

The man that is Vice President of the United States would never have been Vice President without your help, before and after the Convention, I know.

This is your administration; this is your government, and this is your democratic administration. I am here to tell you that it has kept its promises. We have fulfilled our promises.

I am not going down the laundry list, and I am not going to try to list all of the accomplishments, but just ask the people of America in the calmness of their reason, ask them and ~~they~~ they will tell you, they know. Ask the retired couple who now can get modern medical care with dignity under Medicare. They know.

It took us 20 years to get that. And I was in on the take-off, and I was in on the landing, too.

Ask the children; ask the children of this retired couple who no longer are burdened with their hospital and doctor bills. They know we kept our faith and kept our promises. Ask the workers who only a few years ago were unemployed right here in Pennsylvania and in Pittsburgh, and now have a job. They know that we kept our promises. Ask the millions; yes the many millions of workers

who got job training and were able to get their skills upgraded or even get any skill and have a job. They know we have kept our word.

And ask the men and the women who are today covered by minimum wage, the 9,000,000 more of them in the last bill, and who today for the first time are getting not less than \$1.60 an hour. They know we kept our word.

Ask the mothers of the 9,000,000 American children who now for the first time have the all important chance for a decent education, because Federal Elementary and Secondary Education assistance came under this administration. And four previous administrations struggled to get that Federal help to our youngsters, but one administration did it, your administration, the Johnson-Humphrey administration did it.

Yes, we have kept our promises, And ask the thousands of Americans today who serve on local community action councils and boards in every major city in America. They know which administration gave them their chance,

For the first time in their lives to become first class American citizens. Ask the person that was discriminated against in jobs, in every area of life, millions of them, fellow Americans, who had no other reason to be discriminated against than the fact that somebody didn't like the color of their skin. Ask them which Administration delivered.

Yes, my friends, something grand and good is happening in this country. And I am not going to carry the message of America and the message of this administration to the American people by complaining and by just constantly pointing out whatever little shortcomings we can find. I think that there is something good that is happening in America and I am going to lift my voice to get Americans to stand up and be proud of their country.

There is a new dimension to our democracy. You made it possible in your unions, wherever members had a right to vote, ~~wherever~~ ~~per~~ every person was brought in if he wanted to be in the decision making process. And that new dimension is called participation by everyone which for the first time makes Government of the people, by the people, and for the people ~~is~~ exactly what it says it is, Government of the people.

And this my friends is real people power; people power. That is the kind of power that counts in this country. You don't need to separate people on the basis of class or color or ethnic origin. This is its promise, one nation, under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all -- that is people power.

And people power means new motivation, new participation, new purpose. And we are going to put people power to work, just like you have done it right here in the Union Movement itself.

Now, there isn't much new about our problems. The problems of our slums, or of our impoverished rural areas, or blighted

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opportunity in America. We have known about them. They have been sharpened; they have been brought into focus as they should. But what is new, and this is something to remember, what is new is that the remedies for these old problems have come faster in the last four years than every before in ~~the~~ the history of this Republic. And I am here to say that the administration of President Lyndon Johnson has accomplished more for the people in the last four years than any ~~other~~ comparable period in American history.

And having said it, let me document it, because ours has been the language of progress. By the way, I generally speak of the Johnson-Humphrey administration, you know, because, well, — I ~~didn't~~ didn't used to talk about it that way so much, until one day when I was presiding in the Senate, the minority leader, he was listening to a debate going on. And Democrats and Republicans alike were having a field day, just picking on the President, criticizing him, having a great time doing it. And mind/ you, the minority leader got up and said in his melodious senatorial rolling voice, he said, "Mr. President..." that was me, he said, "I have been listening all afternoon to the criticism of our President, all the mistakes that he is supposed to have made. I just want to correct the record. I don't think we ought to accuse the President alone of all of these things." He said, "Let's include Hubert, too." So with the suggestion and the blessing of the ~~loyal~~ loyal administration it became the Johnson-Humphrey administration.

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Well, what is the language ~~we~~ that we speak? The language of doubt? No, but the language of progress. And the American people have understood it. 3,900,000 needy college students are in universities today and yesterday receiving Federal assistance because a President and a Government cared; 26,000,000 hospital bills have been paid; 5,000,000 patients have received doctors' services under Medicare; 5,000,000 ~~needy~~ needy persons have participated in community action programs; over 1,000,000 children in Project Headstart, alone. More consumer legislation has been passed to protect the American consumer under this administration than in all of the administrations since the beginning of this Republic.

Fair packaging, wholesome meat, traffic and auto safety, truth in lending, flammable fabrics, one bill after another for the home is in for the people, because this Administration cares about people, it believes in people, it respects people. And we have delivered for the people.

Crucial beginnings have been made in environmental control, cleaner air, water pollution control, cleaner rivers and major crime control legislation passed. And more is now pending in Congress; firearms control, safe streets, and crime control, juvenile delinquency prevention, a whole galaxy of legislation, if you please, sponsored by a President and an Administration that cared and passed by a Democrat Congress that cared, too.

Now, anybody that will deny this record distorts the truth.

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And they discredit not only the truth, and the ideals in which you and I believe, ~~they also~~, they also discredit those of us who have fought for those things. They cheat Americans out of pride in our progress, and ~~they~~ these distorters of the truth shake their confidence, the confidence of American and Americans in our nations's ability to face the future.

Deception, doubt, despair, this is the litany of men who would sell America short. Have nothing to do with it, and have nothing to do with those that talk like that, ~~we~~ my fellow Americans.

Now, are we content with these achievements? Of course not. It would be exactly like a Union being content with your last contract. Of course we want a better today; we are a restless people, and we set new standards every decade, every year. Americans are always seeking to negotiate a better contract, and we will never be content until democracy's house is complete.

Dissatisfaction, however, is no excuse for violence or irresponsibility ~~the~~ demagoguery. The art of progress is to preserve order ~~in~~ amid change and to preserve and advance change amid order, order and change, change and order -- you can't have one without the other. The law of the jungle has no place in the world today, and it has no place in any American neighborhood.

Violence can not produce responsible decision, and it is inexcusable where peaceful means are at hand. The determination to preserve law and order may indeed be the ultimate test of our nation's maturity. This nation is on the spot, ~~we~~ everyone of us. We can tear down

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this house of democracy in a short time. It has taken us two centuries to build it.

And beware of the wreckers and beware of the distorters. Beware of the demagogues. Beware of those who seek easy and simple answers to difficult and complex problems. We know better.

You didn't build the labor movement overnight. You didn't get it just because somebody said they ought to have it. You got it because you worked for it. You had to stand for it. You had to be devoted to it. And today the American labor movement stands as a mighty force for liberty and freedom and justice not only in America, but I can tell you, all over the entire world, thank goodness.

This world knows through pain and tragedy the price of violence, of aggression, of oppression and hate -- hate. A mature country, a responsible people can not ever tolerate condone or embrace extremism at home or abroad. And we can not tolerate, condone or embrace the dangerous courses either of violence at home, or withdrawal abroad.

We know what they cost. Now much of the same is true in the world at large. The best road to security and development which are our objectives lie in diplomacy, in negotiations, in economic progress, in education and in health. These are the essentials of nation's building. These are the essentials of peace; these are the commitments of this labor movement. These are the resolutions which you have adopted year in and year out. And these are the policies of your administration the administration of President

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Johnson and Vice President Humphrey.

Now, let me speak to you of the most urgent matter of all, because everything that we seek can be lost if in this nuclear age man's madness tears this world apart. The ultimate task of statemanship is building the conditions in this world that tend themselves to an enduring and real peace.

Last Monday, Mrs. Humphrey and I returned from Mexico City. I went there to affirm our country's pledge to help keep Latin America, our neighbors to the south free of nuclear weapons, and the threat of their use; to have at least one place in this world where the weapons of mass destruction would have no home, no acceptance.

We signed that treaty which is a remarkable step in curbing the ~~arm's~~ arm's race.

And then there is a nuclear non-proliferation treaty that is pending before the United Nations, and it is there, because your President, and your Government of which I have been a part helped get it there. Just within this last year we have seen the establishment of a new ~~Asia~~ Asian Development Bank. We have joined with other nations to lower trade barriers and promote economic growth. We have concluded an agreement to bar nuclear weapons in outer space. We have agreed to a Consular treaty with the Soviet Union. The "hot line" kept the middle East crises from exploding into a major international confrontation that could have engulfed the world.

President Johnson's personal envoy averted war over Cyprus.

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All of these things happened because there was somebody in the White House, and because there was a Government that cared, because there was a Government that was determined to build the cathedral of peace, stone by stone, block/ by block, because the cathedral of peace does not come from a dream or a talk. It comes because there are architects and workers and builders. And the master architect of this "cathedral of peace" for the United States of America is the man who, on Sunday nite demonstrated his statesmanship, and his courage once again, the man that I ~~was~~ have stood alongside of for ~~the~~ almost four years, President Lyndon Johnson.

And who has a greater stake in peace than this audience whose sons are on a battlefield? whose daughters likewise are called to the service of their country. And these building block of peace are not the rrsult of some magic formula discovered on the political stump in an election year.

I remember this candidate of the opposition -- I have forgotten his name for the moment. He has been around a long time. I remember not long ago when he said he had a plan for peace in Southewst Asia. And when I said to him, if you have, you have a sacred solemn citizenship duty to present it to the President of the United States.

And what was his reply? And what was his reply? He said he would have to wait until after the election. Well, I have some news for him, if he presents his plan, he will present it only as a citizen and not as an office holder.

And by the way, ~~can you think of anything that would be really,~~
can you think of anything that would be really more enjoyable
than having a good campaign with the fellow with the new image?

You know, I'm getting interested. After all, my friends, it has become ^{normal} ~~an~~ operation in America these days for most of us to reassess our position.

Well, now, just back up a little bit now. So, here is our America, here it is now 1968. We are in it together. This is no longer an adolescent nation. The question before America is not how many people drink Fresca, the question before America is how much thinking do we do? Where do we stand? We are a country thrust into the center of world power and world responsibility. There isn't any way that we can change it except at our destruction/ And here is America -- your America, my America, 1968 -- no longer able to afford the luxury of escapism. "Stop the world, I want to get off." Oh, no, we can't escape away from the problems of our cities or ~~into the wider human~~ ^{and} in the wider human community. We have to stand ^{and} do what needs to be done.

Here is America, most America rich and comfortable, but knowing that wealth alone does not make justice, and ~~and~~ ~~that~~ ~~comfort~~ that comfort for the many does not make peace. Here is America well on its way with more opportunities by far than problems, with more strength than weakness, with more of a chance of achieving the full meaning of freedom than any other country in the history of the world. We can have an America that pledges itself to full and equal rights for every citizen and keeps that pledge. We can have an America that pledges cities that are safe and clean, where neighborhoods are once again filled with neighbors, and keeps that pledge.

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precious human worth/~~of~~ every child.

R I read one place that the birth of every child is God's testimony to his faith in mankind, and I think so. How important it is that every institution of this country, public and private, measures itself by its dedication to that child, its hopes, its aspirations, and we can have an America that pledges itself to genuine and real peace and progress around the world and fulfills that pledge.

We can have it if we stand together, if we don't lose our way, if we work together, and we are working for it now, everyone of us.

So, let me finally say a few words about the matter that is foremost in all of our minds today.

Last Sunday -- you know, sometimes it takes a long time to sign a contract -- last Sunday President Johnson once again offered peace with honor in Southeast Asia. He offered a peace that would save American lives and Vietnamese lives. He offered a settlement that could bring new security and development to all the peoples of Southeast Asia. Within a ~~fewKERN~~ very few hours our President will be enroute to the Pacific to pursue that settlement, to pursue that purpose.

I talked with him long this morning. The road to peace is a tortuous one and a difficult one. The search for peace is a lonely battle, but, my fellow Americans, the beginnings are

being made.

I think I know a little bit about that search for peace in my work in the Congress and as Vice President--some of it very undramatic -- food for peace, the Peace Corps, the disarmament agency -- these are some of the legislative programs to which I gave my attention and effort, and I have stood through many long hard days as the Majority Whip of the United State Senate alongside President John Kennedy as we sought a Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, as we ~~asked~~ had to ~~face~~ face up to Kruchev's threat of nuclear weapons in Cuba, facing a grave danger in that Cuban missile crises. I was there in the Congress and at the White House, and I have stood beside President Johnson day after day as he faced decisions involving the life and the security of this nation, and I think I know the difference between a fleeting thought and a hurried speech about peace and the hard hard difficult work of finding it and achieving it.

I have been with the President in the meetings of the cabinet and the National Security Council, and alone with him at lonely hours in the White House Mansion, not once but dozens of times as we reviewed the various policy alternatives facing our country in Southeast Asia, in the Middle East, in the Mediterrian, in the Carribbean. It has not been easy. It takes its toll. I have, as you would expect, as one member of the President's cabinet and as his partner, given what advice I felt I could, and I have honestly given my viewpoint. I say to this great audience today that I am very proud to have been and to continue to be the

diplomacy which lies ahead, but I will do everything I can to help that effort -- whatever I may be called upon to do. I will do everything I can for the cause of peace in this world, and I will do everything I can to keep the social progress that we have had thus far moving ~~far~~ forward in America. I will not spare myself whatever may be my duty or my position. I will do everything to sustain and carry forward the work that we together have begun in this country. And I come here today to ask your help and to ask the help of all Americans in doing these worthy jobs.

I know what your request is. I know what your thoughts are. I am most grateful, you know that, and I am not one to walk away from a decision. A decision will come in due time. I must say to you now that we cannot for a moment let there be any misunderstanding of our intentions here at home or our national resolve.

This is a very very important moment in American history for our children, for our men in Vietnam, for our nation, and I am going to call once again on all Americans, regardless of party or persuasion, to stand together now in unity behind the President in our national quest for peace. We have a chance now, my friends. It will require great discipline from you and from me, it will require patience, and it will require above all responsibility and maturity. I know that all of those qualities you have, and I say to you as your friend that I will do my level best in whatever role fate or decision may thrust me. I will do it. I think not only can I do it but I think we must all do it. We must act, as

I said, with responsibility and maturity. Can we? I think we can; I know we must. As your life long friend and one that looks forward in these months ahead of working very d closely with you I ask your help. Now, my friends, let's join together-- let's join together in a mighty effort in this country. Let's see to it that the struggle we started in 1961 to get this nation moving once again, that that struggle does not falter now.

I can assure you that I will be prepared to do whatever is necessary to be done. Thank you very much. (Standing ovation)



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