



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

SUNDAY AM'S

TELEPHONE MESSAGE
BY VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
TO
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
CLAY COUNTY, MINNESOTA
DFL CONVENTIONS
APRIL 6, 1968

My good friends in Minnesota.

Had any of us forgotten, we were reminded this week of the unpredictable and complex nature of the times in which we live.

Last Sunday night our President -- by a brave and selfless act -- brought new hope of peace to our nation and the world.

Then on Thursday we were confronted by the tragic news of the murder of Reverend Martin Luther King -- an apostle of non-violence fallen victim to violence.

We desperately seek peace and freedom thousands of miles away. We also seek them here at home -- in the streets and neighborhoods of our great cities.

Can peace and freedom be found?

Can America make it through these times?

Is the progress of 200 years to be lost in a frenzy of flame and hate?

These are the questions that race through the mind tonight of every American citizen.

The answers will depend on us.

They will depend, basically, on whether or not we -- as free men and women -- will be able to meet the responsibilities of democratic government.

They will depend on whether each one of us is willing to put, as the President said, this country's cause above any personal, individual interest.

In the world we must be able to show those qualities of patience and courage which we will need as we travel the long and difficult road to peace.

And, at home, we must be able -- once and for all -- to see each other not as strangers, but as brothers . . . not rich and poor, black and white, but as American citizens all.

Now is the time for all of us to put behind us the intolerable burden of prejudice and resentment.

Now is the time for all of us to return to the fundamental things at the heart of the American dream:

- the belief that all men are created equal;
- the belief that people possess the wisdom to truly govern themselves;

-- the belief that men, through the exercise of free will, can change the conditions of life on this earth -- and change them for the better.

If we place our faith, and our action, behind these beliefs.

If we join arms and hands -- black and white, brown and yellow, adult and child -- in the single cause of America:

We can grasp that cause -- now fallen from Martin Luther King's dead hand.

Almost four years ago, when Dr. King's life had been threatened, he said;

"Well, if physical death is the price that I must pay to free my white brothers and sisters from a permanent death of the spirit, then nothing can be more redemptive."

Now, my friends and neighbors, is the time for redemption.

May we prove equal to it -- so that no man's death may ever again be needed to so shake the conscience of this nation.

Let us ask each other for courage . . . for strength . . . and for faith.

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