



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

REMARKS VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
UNITED AUTO WORKERS BIENNIAL CONVENTION
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY
MAY 8, 1968

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I want to say here what this association has come to mean to me.

It means a treasured personal friendship with a great trade unionist . . . a devout believer in human decency and dignity . . . a man with a soft heart who drives a hard bargain . . . and the only man in America who can speak as long as I do -- Walter Reuther.

It means a time-tested partnership in the business of making every human life count . . . making democracy work . . . making the America we love, everything this nation can be.

It means a partnership of ideas and action -- a partnership that has done well in the past, but believes only in the future.

Let's be clear about that.

You and I are proud of this country -- proud of what it has come to mean to us and to so many people. We don't want anyone trying to build himself up by running America down.

We are proud as individuals of whatever part we have been able to play -- in making this country what it is.

We know, too, how much is left to do. That too many Americans are still left out of what we have . . . that the past has no mortgage on the future. . . that we have got to start every new day by declaring our independence of yesterday.

That goes for you. It goes for me. It goes for America.

This is a two-way partnership -- of ideas and actions -- that goes only one way, and that way is up.

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It drove home this idea: That men earn in their working lives something more for their "golden years" than a key to the poor-house and the indignity of charity.

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But the battle isn't over by a long shot.

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Social security isn't enough.

We must have social opportunity -- a chance for people to do something for themselves and for somebody else when their regular work is finished. Life ought to mean something -- all the way through.

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The guaranteed annual wage was your idea.

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Now the whole country is thinking about it -- about "guaranteed incomes" for everybody, or a "negative income tax," or "family allowances."

This is one of the key issues in this year's national debate.

Much of America already agrees in principle.

The present welfare program mocks justice. It doesn't work.

Some better form of "income maintenance" system has to be devised.

We have got to get to the hard questions of how to even things up without whittling people down, or destroying their incentive and their self-respect.

I guess we think most about our partnership of ideas and action in the area of "civil rights." Call them human rights.

The difference is between something left to courts to enforce, and something we respect and serve as individuals.

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Twenty years ago, at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, putting human rights above politics risked splitting a party and losing an election.

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The party split.

But the man who won that election is celebrating his 84th birthday today in Independence, Missouri -- a man named Harry S. Truman.

The battle we waged in 1948 - the battle for full human rights - still has to be won.

Then there is our responsibility to stop compromising with the inhuman absurdity of poverty in this richest and finest of all nations.

This is a hard testing of putting an accepted idea to work.

We are approaching a trillion dollar economy.

The only question is whether we will use all of this increased abundance to multiply the luxuries most of us enjoy or whether we will take a small part of it to meet the necessities of those who have been left out.

We are at work.

The UAW is aiding the farm workers in California and Texas, working with the Child Development Group in Mississippi, building a Labor Community Action Council in Watts, supporting the garbage collectors in Memphis; and this is only a small part of it.

The federal government is acting under the Anti-Poverty Act, the Model Cities Act, the Rent Supplement Act, the Manpower Development and Training Act, the Teachers Corps Act, and many others.

We have done more about poverty in the past four years than in the thirty that went before.

But there is still so much to be done.

And our country is still only half awake, half at work, about what poverty really means.

For too many people, it's still only a bad dream -- about a riot in a slum.

I am going to drive it home hard in this campaign not just that poverty in this country is wrong -- but that it can be eliminated -- by us -- in our time.

We have only to marshall the great human spirit of this country in order to mobilize fully its infinite resources.

We are probably the only nation in history where the poor -- by our standard -- are a minority. Let's say so.

We've come a long way. Let's say so.

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Finally, this:

This union became what it is because it has always been out front -- ahead of its times.

It has kept looking ahead...planning ahead...and fighting the battles of the present with an eye on the future.

And I have been proud to be there with you.

We were out front together for the Peace Corps back in 1959;

...out front for the Job Corps in 1966;

...out front for Medicare;

...out front for the minimum wage;

...out front for federal aid to education;

...out front for the war on poverty.

And that is why America is out in front today.

Today it is time to be out in front again.

One day the war in Vietnam will come to an end.

It will be over.

We will have resources available for new work.

What will happen after Vietnam?

Recession and retreat as in 1954?

Unemployment growing in Detroit...in Chicago...in our great cities?

Will we settle for second-class goals in the first-class country?

Or are we going to plan today -- mobilize now -- to let America take a giant step forward -- to keep it growing and expanding?

We can keep our economy booming -- if we plan now.

We can train every unskilled worker and help him find a job.

We can give every American child a first-class education -
from pre-school right on up.

We can cut the cost of college.

We can build those millions of homes we need -- modern, safe,
clean, decent homes.

We can have those parks and playgrounds...those clean rivers
and that clean air.

We can make our transportation systems work.

We can have neighborhoods where people are neighbors and
friends, not strangers and enemies.

We can modernize rural America.

We can put all your skills and all your dynamism you
represent to work.

You've all heard about the New Economics. Well let me
tell you that we can have a New Democracy in our country -- if
we plan for it now and work for it now.

If we do, we can have an America

free of slums...

free of dissension...

free of bigotry...

free of illiteracy...

free of fear and hate...

filled with opportunity.

That's the America I see.

Together we're going to make that America come true. We
have started. We know the ways and means - and we will find
new ones.

The only question now is: Do we have the will to do the
full job?

I know I have.

I know you have.

I believe the American people have the will.

I intend to call it forth.

I ask your help.

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Candidate of the Hunt Society

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3 Retirees
Joe Sweet
Pat O'Malley
Chuck Ballard

This Campaign - McCarthy

Headstart
- ~~Elementary~~ Elementary + Secondary Educ
- upward Bound - NHT

REMARKS

o Pat Hunt House
o Harvey Kitzman

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① Keith Relected

It's great to be home again (and I don't mean Indiana - I mean UAW!) ^{Indiana}

The UAW hasn't changed a bit. And if anybody is really wondering, neither has Humphrey - except I hope we are all a little better
But I ought to tell you; I have just put in a bid for another job. - Contract Negotiation ^{curse} ^{Stranger}

This Convention Hall has fond memories for me - 1959 - 1964 Democrat conv.

^{But,}
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 not filing any grievance. But if it's all right with you, when
 they ask for references I'm putting down: "Twenty-five years'
close association with the people and the principles of the UAW."

and If anybody asks what that means -- I'll tell them -- with a
 lot of pride and a lot of pleasure.

yes I am proud of twenty-five years of close association with
 the UAW ~~and the Leather Brothers Walter, Victor,~~
~~and Roy --~~

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~~Walter Reuther, Brother - Walter,~~
~~Victor + Roy~~

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things up without whittling people down, *and without* ~~or~~ destroying their
incentive and their self respect.

To mention human rights is to thank sadly -
Except he never let us be sad of a man who sent
him to day - to my Remembrance -

I miss Roy. We all miss him so very much. We miss
his warmth, his sincerity, his friendliness. We miss his
wise counsel. We miss his dedication and his determination.
We miss his constant search for truth and justice.

Fernia
is here

No one ever worked harder or with greater zeal to
insure and extend freedom to all mankind, to build a world
of brotherhood, to achieve a lasting peace, to provide greater
security and dignity for all people, and to enrich human
existence. What a man! He gave so much of himself that in the end
he gave all of himself.

He was and, for me, is Mr. Political Action. He was
and is Mr. Voter Registration, Mr. Civil Rights, and the
working, fighting apostle of social and economic justice for all
the underprivileged and oppressed.

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*wife
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right; our purpose ^{was} honorable;
our will was invincible.*

yes The party split

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L Then there is our responsibility to stop compromising
with the inhuman absurdity of poverty in this richest and
finest of all nations. — Hunger in the midst of abundance.

~~This is a hard testing of putting an accepted idea to work.~~

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The only question is whether we will use all of this
increased abundance to multiply the luxuries most of us
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needs of those who have been left out.

"FDR - The Test of our Progress is not whether we add to the abundance of those who have much - it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."

If we can put a man on the moon - we surely ought
to be able to put a man on his feet here on Earth!
and we are at it -

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↳ We have done more about Fed Aid to Educ in the last 4 yrs than the preceding 100 yrs
↳ more about health
↳ more about Suburban Housing
↳ more about Jobs

↳ But there is still so much to be done. !

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poor -- by our standard -- are a minority. Let's say so.

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say so * and lets go!

Lead the way
You have given a voice to the voiceless - a name to the nameless
You have given representation to the unrepresented
and courage to the fearful.

You have given solidarity and strength to those
who were weak and alone .

You have brought industrial democracy to the
assembly line and helped make the American Dream a reality
for more than a million workers and their families.



And I praise you for that ... and I say God bless you
for what you have done.

And I say keep up the good work!

Finally, this:

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out front -- ahead of its times. *leading the way!*

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fighting the battles of the present with an eye on the future.

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... out front for Medicare;

... out front for the minimum wage;

... out front for federal aid to education;

... out front for the war on poverty.

And that is why America is out in front today.

Today it is time to be out in front again.

"With everyone here kindly step to the rear and let a summer lead the way"

↳ One day the war in Vietnam will come to an end.

It will be over. But what will we do with the Victory of Peace?
We will have resources available for new work.

Peace
Negotiations
Peace
Summit

↳ What will happen after Vietnam?

Recession and retreat as in 1954 after Korea

↳ Unemployment growing in Detroit ... in Chicago ... in our great cities?

↳ Will we settle for second-class goals in this first-class country?

Will we permit those who fought from an integrated Bunker in the South

↳ Or are we going to plan today -- mobilize now -- to let America take a giant step forward -- to keep it growing and expanding?

- To Win our war against Poverty, ignorance and despair.

We can keep our economy booming -- if we plan now.!

live in a Segregated Neighborhood at Home.

↳ We can train every unskilled worker and help him find a job.

- If we are determined to do so

↳ We can give every American child a first-class education -
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That's my Dream!

and Together we're going to make that America ^{*in dream*} come true.

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↳ The only question now is: Do we have the will to do
the full job? — Elections will determine this

I know I have.

I know you have.

I believe the American people have the will.

I intend to call it forth.

I ask your help.

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SECRETARY OF LABOR
WASHINGTON

May 7, 1968

Memorandum for Mr. Douglas Bennett

Doug,

Here is the UAW draft. I have sent the original to Ted.

Willard Wirtz

UAW - May 8, 1968
Draft 5/8

NOT IN RELEASE

It's great to be home.

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~~always wait too long to say our "thank you's."~~ More than any but a few will ever know, all of humanity is Roy Reuther's eternal debtor.

~~Roy Reuther knew that it was action and that~~

You and I don't need to say much -- not to each other -- about where we stand on the idea of human oneness or what we have done over the years to back that idea up with action.

There ~~just~~ ^{EE} aren't two kinds of people in the UAW. There are just

~~people.~~ ^{EE} The most central human idea of all is a living fact in every

~~plant where this union represents the men and women who work there~~

~~and speaks the conscience of the human race.~~

I like to think I have done my part on this, too -- even if it matters now only for whatever it says about doing all that still has to be done -- which is a lot.

National
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The idea of human rights meant to me, in 1954, fighting in the Senate to get rid of Rule 22 -- to put an end to the doctrine of civil injustice by filibuster. (CHECK this paragraph and the next two with Bill Welsh.)

It meant, in 1967, making it clear as the presiding officer in the Senate that I would support the changing of that stubborn, ugly rule.

~~That battle will has to be won. It will be if I can help win~~
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~~That~~ idea has meant, for ~~me~~, fighting along with President Johnson -- and helping win -- the hard victories of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1965 and 1968.

That idea means for me today using this campaign, and the office I seek, to generate the "new national will" which the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders properly marks as the essential condition of the additional legislative action that Commission recommends.

It means, too, electing a Congress which will support ~~those necessary~~ *those measures.* ~~measures.~~

~~This election is about a lot more than the Presidency.~~ *campaign* *(stt)*

~~Beyond civil rights~~ *then there* *out* is this whole responsibility to stop compromising

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We have everything we need now to go the whole way. Let's say so -- and let's go.

Our priorities are that the least shall be first.

Our commitment is to each other -- in the partnership of ideas and

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I am going to drive it home hard in this campaign not just that poverty in this country is wrong -- but that it can be eliminated -- by us -- in our time.

We have only to marshall the great human spirit of this country in order to mobilize fully its infinite resources.

We are probably the only nation in history where the poor -- by our standard -- are a minority. Let's say so.

We've come a long way. Let's say so.

We have everything we need now to go the whole way. ~~Let's say~~
~~so~~ and let's go.

Finally, ^{this:} ~~say~~ ~~T~~ ~~is~~ ~~the~~ 



has
This union became what is it is because it ~~was~~ always been

out front--ahead of its times. It has kept looking ahead...winning

ahead...and ~~fighting~~ fighting the battles of the present with an

eye on the future.

I have been proud to be there with you.
And ~~so has~~ Hubert Humphrey.

We were out ~~in~~ front together for the Peace corps back
in 1959;

...out ~~in~~ front ~~of~~ the Job Corps in 1966;

...out ~~in~~ front ~~of~~ Medicare;

...out ~~in~~ front ~~of~~ the Minimum Wage;

...out ~~in~~ front ~~of~~ Federal aid to education;

...out ~~in~~ front ~~of~~ the War on Poverty.

And that ~~is~~ why America is out in front today.

Today it ~~is~~ time to be out in front again.

One day The war in Vietnam is going to ~~be over~~ *will* come to an
end. I ~~don't~~ know when and I don't know just how. ~~But~~ *It* will

be over. ~~And~~ *We will have* there are going to be a lot of resources available ~~for~~ *for* new work

~~Where will~~

~~Where will be the?~~

What will happen after Vietnam?

~~In~~ recession and retreat as we were in 1954?

Watching unemployment grow in Detroit ^{ing} - in Chicago... in our great cities.

Will we settle for second-class goals in this first-class country?
Settling back?

~~Or are we going to stand today--mobilize now--to~~

Or are we going to ~~stand~~ today--mobilize now--to ~~keep~~ ^{plan} ~~the~~ ~~country~~

~~America~~
let this country take a giant step forward--to keep it growing and expanding?

^{can}
We will ~~have the resources to~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~needed~~ keep our

economy booming--if we plan now.

^{can}
We ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~able~~ ~~to~~ train every ~~worker~~ unskilled worker and

help his find
give him a job.

We can give every American child a first-class education

from pre-school right on up.

We can cut the cost of college.

We can build those millions of homes we need--modern, safe,

clean, decent homes.

We can have those parks and playgrounds, those clean rivers

and that clean air.

^{our}
We can ~~like~~ ~~our~~ transportation ~~systems~~ ^{work}.

We can ~~have~~ neighborhoods where people are neighbors and friends, not strangers and enemies.

We can modernize rural America -

We can put all ^{your} those skills and all ^{your} that dynamism

you represent to work.

You've all heard about the New Economics. Well let me

tell you that we can have a New Democracy in our country--if we plan

for it now and work for it now.

And we have a lot of esuccessful experiments and ~~many many experiments~~ behind us.

now we've made a good start. And don't let any body tell you

we don't know enough today to be able to train...to build...to educate...^{do}

to provide the kind of life ~~that~~ the word "American" stands for.

We are poised for that giant step.
~~But when we get our hands on those resources I~~

~~think this country can move farther and faster than most of~~

~~us have ever dreamed possible as long as you and I are out in front~~

~~fighting...publishing...planning...and telling your fellow~~

~~Americans that they have the ~~resources~~ they can do a lot~~

~~more than they think they can.~~

I say we can take it.

If we do, we can have

~~I have a dream - See an America --~~

An America free of slums...

free of dissension...

free of bigotry...

free of illiteracy...

free of fear and hate...

filled with

~~Full~~ of opportunity.

That's the America I see.

Together we're going to make that America come true.

We have started. We ~~have tried and proven our experiments and models.~~
know the ways and means — and we will find
new ones.

The only question now is: ~~Do~~ we have the will to do the full
job?

I know I have.

I know you have.

believe
I ~~ask for the chance to call upon~~ the American people

have the
~~to demonstrate their will.~~

I intend to call it forth.

I ask you help.

[Signature]

from Dave Cohen

I'm not going to write anything about this but there should
be a note that Vice President should comment and say something
about Roy Reuther -- Roy Reuther, UAW, Died, say something --
about this extemporaneously.--

VP-- spoke about him one other time.
earlier this year.

Dave Cohen -- emphasized the importance
of this.

Dave Cohen

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*United Auto Workers
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May 8, 1968*

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The
... Escort Committee escorted Vice

President Hubert Humphrey to the platform.

... Standing ovation.

INTRODUCTION OF VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

PRESIDENT REUTHER: It goes without saying that we are deeply honored to welcome the Vice President to the 21st Constitutional Convention of the UAW.

Hubert Humphrey needs no introduction to any meeting of UAW members. He is an old friend whom we have had the privilege and the honor ^{of} working with in the vineyards of American democracy over a long number of years. In those years and those struggles, he has earned both our friendship, our admiration, and our warm affection. Hubert Humphrey in the last 25 years has

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~~John~~

joined in championing every major social struggle in America// : The struggle for social justice, the struggle for equal rights, and the struggle for human dignity.

It was Hubert Humphrey who as a young mayor chosen by the people of the City of Minneapolis came to his first national political convention in 1948, when the Democratic Party met in the city of brotherly love, and because Hubert Humphrey/~~belongs~~^{believes} in human brotherhood, it was he who led the fight for the first meaningful civil rights plank in the Democratic National Platform. (Applause)

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He did so well as the Mayor of that great city that the people of the State of Minnesota, in their good judgment, sent him to Washington, where for 16 years he served in the United States Senate; 16 years of dedicated service to the American people and to our great and wonderful country.

As a member of the Senate, Hubert Humphrey spoke on all of the great issues with a voice of clarity, a voice of courage, and a voice of deep human compassion, and he worked hard and he fought hard for legislation that he believed was essential to have America do those things that had to be done to bring the American dream to practical fulfillment.

So he has been working in the best tradition of American democracy, working with men and women of goodwill everywhere in trying to build a better America in which every worker could have a decent job, in which every child could have the kind of education that would fac ~~to~~ maximum growth and development, in which every older citizen could look forward to a life of retirement with a measure of security and dignity in the autumn years of their lives, and in which every American, regardless of race or creed, could be given equal opportunities and equal access to justice and human fulfillment.

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...During the demonstration a baby was brought to the platform and Vice President Humphrey kissed the baby ...

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PRESIDENT REUTHER: It is quite obvious that my first introduction was just a dress rehearsal^{al.}. Now it is my pleasure to present the Vice President of the United States, the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey.

HONORABLE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY,
Vice President of the United States

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Walter Reuther, my very good friend and the distinguished and great International President of the UAW, and the officers of this great organization: Walter, I have a job for you. I want you to introduce me to the Democratic Convention in August of 1968 in Chicago. (Applause)

I tell you, when Walter introduces them they are introduced. And don't you fellows and you ladies waste those signs we have no money to waste, despite everything you may hear. Save it. Just save those signs.

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that I believe in. He has been elected. (Applause)

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I want Brothers Burt, ~~X~~ O'Malley, and ~~Ballard~~
Ballard to understand that I do not believe in premature
retirement. (Applause)

It was great to be greeted at the airport by two
of my oldest friends and to have my dearest friends, Pat
Greathouse and my old friend Harvey Kitzman (6). I have been
working the legs off of these fellows for years, but they
seem to stand well. Not only that, they have what I want.
They get elected, re-elected, elected and re-elected. I want
to follow in their footsteps.

I'm happy to come here today as one of the candidates
of the Great Society. ^{One} ~~the~~ candidate is the head start
candidate. That's my friend, Gene McCarthy. ^{One} ~~the~~ candidate is the
elementary and secondary education, ^{candidate.} That's my friend, Bobby
Kennedy. I'm the upward bound candidate. Just in case you
forgot it, I am the upward bound candidate.

We have a few words we want to share with you.

This wonderful reception that you have given me -- how well

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I remember this hall. I remember saying in this hall that
 most Americans want federal aid to education, but not Barry
 Goldwater. I remember that in this hall. I can say today
 that most Americans, most Americans fight and fight hard
 for all the things that are good for this country, and one
 American that fights harder than almost any other man is
 the President of this great International. ~~XXXX/XXXX/XX~~
~~XXXX/XXXX/XX~~

It's great to come home and see the brothers and
 the sisters, just simply great. I know, there's a song
 about coming home, but I don't think I will sing it now.
 It's in the wrong state.

The UAW, here it is. It hasn't changed a bit,
 except it's bigger, it's better, looks a little more
 prosperous. It looks like it has ~~been~~ been places and
 looks like it is going places.

If anybody is really wondering, neither has
 Humphrey changed, except I hope he is a little better and
 I hope he's going places. (Applause)

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I think I ought to confide in you. I came up here to talk to you because I don't know anybody that knows how to negotiate a better contract than this crowd, and I'm opening my contract for renegotiation now. I ought to tell you that I just put in a bid for another job. The seniority clause in my present contract isn't much good.

I don't want any misunderstandings. I am not filing any grievance, none at all -- just the management closed up on me, that's all.

But now that I have decided to file for another job, if you don't mind, when they ask me for those references, I am putting down the following: 25 years close association with the people and the principles of the UAW. If anybody asks me what that means, I'll tell them, and I'll tell them with a good deal of pride and

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pleasure, because I am ~~might~~ ^{mighty} proud, mighty proud of 25 years of close association with the UAW, 25 years of close association with these wonderful Reuther brothers, 25 years of close association with the workers, the rank and file and the officers of one of the greatest unions that the world has ever known, this ~~the~~ union.

(Applause)

Now let me tell you what I think this association of ours means, at least to me. It means a treasured personal ~~friendship~~ friendship that you have seen exhibited here today, a treasured personal friendship with a great trade unionist, a devout believer in human decency and dignity, a man with a soft ~~of~~ heart who drives a hard bargain -- and I might add the only man in American who can speak as long as I can -- Walter Reuther.

(Applause)

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Walter, it is no secret that I have a deep affection for you, and it is no secret that some of the most pleasant experiences of my life have been with ~~the~~ this great organization. It is no secret to me that I remember 1959 when I spoke in this same Hall to this UAW in its convention. They took this place apart. Boy, what a session that was. There was a lot of ~~hallelujah~~ ^{confession} and ~~hallelujah~~ ^{jah} on that day, I'll tell you.

And I remember that in 1964 something took place in the hall. By the way, I want to tell you that was a fine thing to have happen. I was for it one hundred percent, and I want you to help me move that same kind of enthusiasm that took place here in 1964 at the Democratic Convention right on out there, ~~the~~ ^{from} the midwest where you boys from Chicago come. Now, let's get the job done.

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This association that I speak of, it means a time tested partnership in the business of making every human life count; in making democracy work and in making the America we love everything that this nation can be, and when I look about this hall and see these signs, see these banners, there isn't a banner there but what expresses the heart and the hope, and indeed the purposes and the ideals of this great beloved United States of America. If ever there was an organization that deserved to have the Medal of Honor for its devotion to country and to what this country means, it is this organization of the UAW. (Applause)

Let me say a little bit more about this partnership. ~~business~~ ~~this~~ ~~association~~ This association of ours means a partnership of ideas, Walter, and action; a partnership of what has been done well in the past, but believes only in the future, and that is what I want to talk about. You and I are proud of this country and rightly so. You have helped build it. Proud of what it has come to mean to us and to so many people, and we are so proud of this country that we don't want anyone trying to build himself up, by running America down. (Applause)

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We are proud as individuals of whatever part any of us have been able to play in making this country what it is. But, we know, don't we, we know how much there is left to be done. We know that there are too many Americans that are still left out of what we have, and we know that the past has no mortgage on the future, and we know that we have ~~got~~ to start every new day by declaring our independence of yesterday; every new day has to be a experience. Now, that goes for you. That is the way this union acts and it goes for me and, quite frankly, it goes for America. This is what I have meant by our national purpose and our national unity. Proud of our heritage; so proud of it that we want to add something to it every day, every year, every generation. Proud of our accomplishments, but only as an inspiration to do what needs to be done; to do what needs to be done as it says up there, ~~XXXXXX~~ "Peace, Freedom, Social Justice are indivisible. To make them secure, make them universal." That is what we mean about the pledge ~~f~~ to the future.

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This two-way partnership ⁱⁿ which I have had a chance to be involved, a partnership of ideas -- my, what ideas and actions that goes only ~~of~~ one way and that way is up. I think of the famous old UAW slogan: "Too old to work and too young to die." You made that slogan ~~and~~ more than just words. You drove home this idea; the idea that people earn in their working lives something more for their golden years than just a key to the poorhouse, and the indignity of charity.

You fought for that idea of "Too old to work and too young to die." The action that you proposed was collective bargaining for better working conditions, for fringe benefits, for private pensions and building in Congress of the Social Security System and more recently ~~Medicaid~~ Medicare. You and this union, and others, did the bargaining and, believe me, ~~when/who~~ we, the Democrats, did the law making and that is the greatest one-two punch in history. (Applause) And don't forget it; don't forget it. You do the bargaining; you do the organizing; you do the registering; you get out there

and do your job and you elect the people that are for you.

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You put yourself to the task of electing people that stand 151
for the principles of this union. That is what I mean when
I say to you, ^{you} do the bargaining ^{and} you elect us and we will
do the legislating and we will lay low every form of reaction
in this country with a one-two punch from which they will
never recover. That is our job.

But, the battle is a long ways from being over.
Sure, the Social Security benefits are better. They have
~~got~~ to go up and the cost of ~~Medicare~~ medical care and
hospital care have ~~got~~ to come down. Social Security,
however, isn't enough. What we must have in America is
not just Social Security, but we must have social opportunity --
a chance for the people to do something for themselves and to
help other people as well. (Applause)

Now, I have another idea that the UAW put into a
slogan. You have the best slogans. By golly, there is
even one or two up there (indicating) I like, like that
"Humphrey for President," and a lot of good ~~100's~~ slogans
around here. Just keep them up all during the Convention.

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 Don't take them down tomorrow. Just keep them up. Well, 152
 if you have to take them down for an hour or so, put them
 right back up afterwards.

Well, let's talk about another slogan. I bet you
 this one was written by either Walter or Victor or Roy or
 Emil or somebody around here: "Maintenance for the Machine
 Operator. ~~And~~ Maintenance for the machine ~~operator~~ operator
 is as important as maintenance of the machine."

I read that slogan on these walls at one of your
 conventions and the action that followed that slogan was
 collective bargaining for hospital and medical care programs,
 for vacations, for better working conditions, but you and I
 know that that won't do for the future. That is what you have
 already done. ~~The worker~~

The Workers' Safety Bill that is now lying in
 Congress, to cut down accidents. Two million casualties
 last year. Two million industrial accidents last year.
 We need that bill and I hope before you are out of this
 Convention that you will send a telegram to every member of

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Congress and say you would like to live a little longer.

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Would you get that Workers' Safety Bill passed? (Applause)

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And let's take a good look at the things that we need to do now before we need to put them into effect.

We always talk about unemployment insurance when we have got all the unemployed. The time to improve the unemployment insurance program and to extend its benefits is when there is full employment, so that people can think constructively about it.

The whole ~~work~~ Workmen's Compensation program has to be revised and reviewed and you in the UAW, along with the companies that you deal with, develop the idea of longer term collective bargaining contract to promote industrial stability.

I hope that everybody in America appreciates that great contribution.

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And then you made the idea work by the
escalator and the ~~guaranteed~~ annual improvement factor
clauses. ~~the/guaranteed/annual/wage/~~

The guaranteed annual wage was your idea.

The SUB contracts, you put that idea to work.

Now the whole country is thinking about
guaranteed incomes and negative income tax or family
allowances. This is going to be one of the key issues in
the national debate of this year.

Much of America already agrees in principle,
because the present welfare program mocks justice. The
present welfare program is an indignity to the human
being. It doesn't work. It needs to be changed, and I
think the UAW has some mighty good ideas how it ought to
be done.

Some better form of income maintenance

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has to be devised, and I come to you to ask for your help. Yes, we have got to get ^{to} these hard questions. We have got to get to the ^{hard} questions of how to even things up without whittling down people, and without destroying their incentive and their self respect, and that is ~~how~~ our job, each and every one of us.

I guess that we think most about our partnership of ideas and actions in the area of ~~self~~ civil rights to which President Reuther referred. This has been my life. It has been yours. We called ^{it} ~~in~~ human rights today, and this is a battle in which we have been allies for over 25 years, and to mention human rights is to think very sadly, except he will never let us be very sad, of a man ~~who~~ who isn't here today.

I hope that Walter will permit me to say a word about a wonderful man, a ~~dear~~ dear friend, a great

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g trade unionist, a ~~very~~ marvelous American, and I hope that he will permit me to pay tribute to the lovely wife, the

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gracious wife, ~~Fayeta~~, the wife of Roy Reuther who is here today. (Applause)

I miss Roy, and his absence needs to tell us something. We^E all miss him. We can't help but miss that warmth and that ~~of~~ sincerity and that friendliness.

I miss his wise counsel, and I think you do, too. I miss his dedication, his determination and his constant relentless search for truth and justice.

No man ever worked harder or with greater ~~zeal~~ zeal to insure and extend the meaning of freedom to all mankind, to build a better world, a world of brotherhood, to achieve a lasting peace, to provide greater security and dignity for all people, to enrich human existence.

No man ever worked harder for these things than Roy.

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All I can say is what a man; what a man. He gave so much of himself that he finally gave all of himself. He was, for me, and I hope that this will be your memorial to him, Mr. Political Action, and unless you become politically active, then you do not memorialize his memory.

He was for me Mr. Voter Registration, and unless we register those votes this year, as never before, then we do not really pay tribute to this fallen man, to this fallen hero. Voter registration. He was a working, fighting ~~apostle~~ apostle of social and economic justice.

That simple statement on that wall is his epitaph. "Peace, freedom, social justice are indivisible, to make them secure make them universal."

That is the life story, Walter, of your

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brother, Roy Reuther, and of your family. (Applause)

I have wanted to say ~~for~~ this to this convention, because we forget too soon. We even forget what it was all about sometimes. These conventions are important, but they are only important if they lead to action,

^u Unless we firmly resolve to do what needs to be done.

One thing that Roy and Walter and Victor and others taught me is this: That there aren't two kinds of people in the UAW. There are just first class people in the UAW; American people in the UAW. Yes, and Canadian people in the UAW, wonderful people in the UAW.

We have never hesitated to take our stand.

And I don't intend to start hesitating now.

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Twenty years ago at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia we put human rights above politics and we risked splitting our party and losing an election, and I was told so, but our cause was right. Our purpose was honorable, and our will was invincible.

Sure, we split the party. Some people went out one door and some went out another. I have been having that happen to me every/ since in some of the meetings I have been going to.

And
But most people stayed here. But the man who won that election is today celebrating his 84th birthday in Independence, Missouri, one of the greatest men that ever lived in America, Harry S. Truman. (Applause)

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I know that you have already sent him your birthday good wishes, good wishes for his birthday. Walter, I think you would like to know that I talked to him on the phone just one-half hour before I left Washington. I told him where I was going. He said to me, "They are great people, Hubert. They are great people."

He said, "They are my friends." I said, "Mr. President, they are not only your friends, they are your dedicated believers."

You know what I liked about Harry Truman? He called them as he saw them. That's the way he did it. (Applause)

If I can get in a commercial, I think the highest honor that has been paid to me in my political endeavor is that he is my honorary chairman for my efforts in this coming campaign.

Well, we fought the good fight in 1948. We thought we'd won. We fought the battle for human rights, for full and equal opportunity. But, quite frankly, that battle has still to be won. We have won some skirmishes. We have conquered a few of the sectors of bigotry and discrimination, but the battle is yet to be won.

Then there is our responsibility, my fellow Americans, to stop

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compromising with the inhuman absurdity of poverty in this, the richest and finest nation on this earth. Imagine, the richest nation in the world having poverty. ~~Imagine~~ Imagine, hunger in the midst of plenty; hunger in the USA; it is ludicrous. It is ridiculous, and it is immoral, and we are going to do something about it. (Applause).

I hope every person in this audience will read that report "Hunger-USA" Here (indicating) a must reading (indicating). You read this one and then the report of the National Commission on Civil Disorders. You read both of them and then go to work, because both of them are a report on America.

Not that America is wrong, not that America is backward, not that America is dead, but that America has things to live for, things to do, things that we can do if we will get together as we have been trying in the past and get this job done. (Applause)

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Why, a few years ago I heard Walter Reuther say that we would have a trillion-dollar economy by 1970, and I heard people say, "Well, there is only one man that can exaggerate more than Reuther." And guess who?

Well, I want to tell you ~~something~~^{something} this conservative fellow, Walter Reuther -- of course we will have a trillion-dollar economy. It is well on the way, no doubt about it. The only question is, what are we going to do with it? That is the question. Whether we will use all of this increased income and ~~more~~ abundance to multiply the luxuries most of us enjoy, or whether we will take a small part of it to meet the necessities of those who have been left out, that is the great political, economic and moral issue of the last third of the twentieth century. Right there. (Applause)

Franklin Roosevelt -- some of you are too young to remember having voted for him, but I'm not, not at all -- I want to tell you just a word about that being young. You know, young isn't a matter of age, it is attitude. I have

EE-2 27 seen some people at 18 that have qualified for Medicare and Social Security. And I have seen some folks at age 75 that are still dangerous, girls. You know, you are as old as your fears, as young as your ideals. You are as old as your doubts, as young as your faith. You are as old as your despair, and as young as your hopes. Youth is not a time of life; youth is an attitude of mind, and don't forget it. (Applause) 164

Franklin D. Roosevelt, what a man. You remember what he said? "The test of our progress is not whether we add to the abundance of those who already have too much, it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little." That's the moral equation. That is what the UAW has been working on, trying to provide enough for those who have had too little.

Now, my friends, listen: If we have the means and the know-how and the money and the resources, and the will to put a man on the moon, I should think that we would have the same amount of will, money and resources to help put a man on his feet right here on earth. (Applause)

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And no man ought to be able to say that with more
authenticity than Hubert Humphrey. I'm Chairman of both
the space program and the poverty program.

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I hope that was a cheer.

Yes, my fellow Americans, we are at work. We are a bunch ~~of~~ *of* doers. Boy, you have been working out there with the farm workers in California and Texas and you have been working with the child development group down in Mississippi. You have been building a Labor Community Action Council out there in Watts. You have been supporting the Garbage Collectors in Memphis, and that is only a small part of it and every bit of it has been good for this country -- every bit of it. You have helped ~~expand~~ extend the frontiers of freedom throughout the world and while you have been doing what you have been doing, the Federal Government has been acting under the Poverty Program, the Model Cities, the Rent Supplement, the Manpower Development and Training Acts, the Teacher Corps Act and many others. Quite frankly, we have done more about poverty in the last four years than in the preceding 30. We have done more about Federal Aid to Education in the last 4 years than in the previous century. We have built more homes for the senior citizens in the last 4 years than in the previous 200. We have done a lot, but we haven't done enough. We are going to do more and we are going to do it working together, government, industry, labor, people, with more and more people participating

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in this democracy. So much to do, and our country is still only half awake, half at work about what poverty really means. For too many people it is still only a bad dream about a riot in a slum, and I am going to drive it home hard in this campaign, not that just poverty in this country is wrong, but I am going to drive it home ~~that/it/~~ from every platform in America, that this poverty in America can be eliminated by us, in our time, and I want your help.

Yes, we have ~~got~~ a long ways to go. We have everything we need now to go the whole way -- the resources, the capacity, the ability -- everything, so let's get going.

Now, finally this: This ~~is~~ union became what it is because it has always been out front. If you will pardon it, and I don't like to get involved in commercials, but it has had a better idea, you Ford workers. Now, don't you G.M. and others get all excited. I will come to you, too. I will get into that, but this country has always been out in front. It has been ahead of its times. It's-lead- Its leaders have been ahead of their times. It has been leading the way.

Yes, you have given a voice to the voiceless; a name to the nameless.

You have given representation to the unrepresented, and you have given courage

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to the fearful. You have given solidarity and strength to those who were weak and alone and you have brought industrial democracy to the assembly line and you have helped to make the American dream a reality for more than a million workers and their families. Boy, how everybody should praise you for that, and I say, in all reverence, God bless you, and I say keep up the good work. You have been looking ahead, planning ahead, fighting the battles of the present, but you have had an eye on the future, with your feet on the ground and your eyes on the stars and your vision is a decade ahead and if you don't mind my saying so, I have been out there with you. Sometimes it hasn't been easy for you or for me. We are no Johnny come lately. We have been in the fight a long time.

Listen, we were out in the front together for the Peace Corps back in 1959, when people said it wouldn't work. We were out in front for the Job Corps in 1956, when they said it wouldn't work.

We were out in front 20 years ago for Medicare. I introduced the first bill in the Congress for Medicare. They called me every name in the book and ^{some} ~~pp~~ they don't dare print and they said it wouldn't work.

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We were out in front for the minimum wage. We were out in front for federal aid to education. We have been out in front for the war on poverty and might I add, because we have been out in front, that is why America is out in front today. (Applause)

So, will everyone here kindly step to the rear, as that song said a while ago, and let a winner lead the way, and I mean you. You have been leading the way and I don't mind tagging along, if it is all right with you. I would just like to join up.

Now, my friends, as I speak out, at this very hour your President is meeting with our negotiators that are going to Paris. The hope of peace has at last come to us. I cannot predict the length, the duration or even the nature of the discussions or what we hope will be the negotiations. I guess one could say that it mostly will be difficult and time-consuming. It has been in the past and I imagine it will be in the future.

This union has had long negotiations, too, and you

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know how you won them. You backed up your leadership.

33 You backed up your leaders and, my fellow Americans, if
there ever was a time to back up your leadership it is now,
as we try to find a road to peace. (Applause)

(Standing ovation.)

Your President, ^{your} ~~your~~ President removes himself
from the partisan political scene. He did so for one reason
and one reason alone: That he could perform the supreme act
of statesmanship, which is the search and the quest for peace.
I am his Vice President and I am your Vice President, and I
want you to know that I shall say nothing, do ~~no/act/~~ nothing,
act in no way that will in any way impair the efforts of the
President of the United States to find an honorable peace.

(APPLAUSE)

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I know how easy it would be to make ~~a~~ statements
that would arouse people's emotions. I know that people
long in this country for a just and honorable and ^uendearing
peace.
~~peace/~~ God only knows we want no war, with all of its tragic

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loss, its incredible waste. How easy it is for a man,
when he seeks high office, to say almost anything, but when
you occupy the second highest office in the land, ~~you~~ you
better measure every word you say, lest you injure this
country and what it seeks to ~~do~~ do. (Applause)

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I'll ~~not~~ yield to no one in the love of
 peace. I have fought for it, worked for it, lived for
 it; [?] food for peace, ^{the} ~~the~~ ^D ~~disarmament~~ ^A ~~agency~~, the
 Peace Corps, the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, the Non-Proliferation
 Treaty. These are some of the works to which I have con-
 tributed my feeble effort. Most of them I have sponsored.

I believe in peace, but not the peace that
 is timid and retreat, but the peace that is honorable, the
 peace that is constructive, the peace that permits human
 action to live in freedom and in dignity. I have worked
 for it and I shall continue to do so, and peace will come
 as surely as we are gathered ~~in~~ ~~in~~ in this hall -- when, I
 do not know, but it shall come.

¶ Then the question is, with that price
 of peace in your hands, my fellow Americans, what are you
 going to do with it? After Viet Nam, what?

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I was in the Congress after Korea, 1954.

I was there when more men were in Korea than were in Viet Nam. I was there when we spent more in Korea than we have spent in Viet Nam. I was in the Congress in 1954, and I ~~w~~ saw the American people ~~repudiate~~ repudiate by their votes Adlai Stevenson.

I saw the Congress of the United States turn its back upon the poor, the illiterate, the uneducated.

I saw the United States waste eight years when we ought to have been moving head. So peace does not always bring all that you want.

Many people say to me today if we only had peace we could rebuild our cities; if we only had peace look what we could do for our children;

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if we only had peace look what we could

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do for our homes.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are only going to get peace when? I don't know, but God only knows, it will come.

But let me tell you, when it does come you'd better have elected the right people to make something out of that peace.

So I ask this question: What will happen after Viet Nam? Recession and retreat, as in 1954, or have you forgotten? Unemployment growing in Detroit, or have you forgotten?; in Chicago, or have you forgotten? Three recessions in eight years. Have you forgotten? Oh, I hope not.

Will we settle for second class goals in a first class country? Will we permit those who

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fought from an [?] ~~integrated~~ bunker in ~~Caissen~~ *Khe Sanh* to be

forced to live in segregated neighborhoods in the 50
states of this union? I think those are the

questions you have to ask.

Are you going to permit that man who
was in charge of a company or a battalion or a division
who was of American Negro ethnic origin, but wore the
uniform of the United States and commanded our troops,
to relegate him to a second class job, or are you going
to open up America for a full opportunity for all of its
citizens?

Are we going to plan today, mobilize now
to let America take a giant step forward to keep it
growing and expanding, or are we just going to wait and
argue and wait and grouse around and lose elections and
lose time?

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Are we going to wait to win our war against poverty, ignorance and despair, or ~~w~~ are we going to organize to win it? That is up to you. ~~s~~

We can keep this economy booming, and we have ~~got~~ to have a prosperous economy if we plan now.

We can train every unskilled worker and help him find a job, if we are determined to do it and plan now.

We can give every American child a first class education from Headstart Preschool right up through college, if we plan it now.

We can ~~g~~ cut the cost of a college education so some of you in this room can send your boys and girls on to the best colleges in this land, and we can ^b ~~g~~uild those millions of homes that we need -- modern, ~~s~~ safe,

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clean, decent homes.

We can have those parks and playgrounds,
those clean rivers and those clean lakes and that clean
air.

We can make our transportation system
modern, and we can have ~~en~~ neighborhoods where people are
neighbors and friends, not strangers and enemies.

We can rebuild our cities, we can modern-
ize rural America. We can put all your skills and all
your dynamism you represent to work, if we plant it now,
and that is what we have ~~got~~ to do.

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Now, you have all heard about the new economics. If you haven't, ~~why~~ let me just tell you they say we have ~~got~~ it. You have heard about the new economics. Well, let me tell you that we can have something else. We can have a new democracy in our country, and it is here for the offering and here for the asking and here for the doing. We can have it if we plan for it now and work for it now. We can have that new democracy. We can have an America, a better America, the America of our dream, free of slums, free of dissension, free of bigotry, free of illiteracy, free from fear and hate, and filled with opportunity. This is the America that I see in the days ahead. This is my dream of America, and together we can make that American dream come true.

We have started. We have made progress. We know the way and the means, and we know how to find new ones. The only question before this assembly, the only question before the American people is: Do we have the will to do the job? And the only measure of that will, my dear friends, at least one measure of that will, I should say, is at the ballot box, and that test of will will come to you this fall. That is when you are going to negotiate the most ~~to~~

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important contract of your ~~life~~ life: A four-year contract for the presidency, a six-year contract for a Senator, and a two-year contract for a Congressman.

There will never be a more important bargaining and more important negotiations in your life, because in the next four years much of what we talked about here can come true if you will it.

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I call upon this great organization, one of the greatest democratic and one of the most vigorous and vital unions in the world, I call upon you to become so politically active that there will be no doubt as to the outcome of what will happen this fall. I know that you can do it. I ask you to do it. I believe the American people have the will, and I intend, as a candidate in this election, to call upon the American people to exercise that will, and I ask for your help.

...Whereupon, a standing ovation was given Vice-President Humphrey as he was escorted from the platform.

PRESIDENT REUTHER: The convention will come to order.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE (resumed)

~~PRESIDENT REUTHER: The Resolutions Comm~~

PRESIDENT REUTHER: The resolution before the convention is the omnibus resolution that deals with the broad needs and challenges of our nation and covers many of the very things that Vice-President Humphrey has talked about, education, social security, problems of the cities, poverty, pension, occupational safety, democracy and human rights, medicare and medicaid,



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