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GOVERNOR HEARNES: It is a very great honor and a privilege for me this afternoon to welcome the Vice-President of the United States to Kansas City and the State of Missouri. That comes out so easy a person could almost say Mr. President and not be in error.

We are very happy to have the Vice-President here this afternoon. And to all of you, I want to say that one of the privileges that a governor has as a governor of a state is a chance to know the people and a man to run for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency of the United States.

I have had that pleasure, and I have had that privilege. One of the candidates is with us this afternoon. In the four years that he has been Vice-President, I have had an opportunity of more than just a handshake, but the opportunity to spend many hours talking with him in a personal vein.

And I can say to you, Mr. Vice-President, and to the people here, that I think you are one of the finest -- finest men and people in the United States.

(Applause.)

I would like to also say to you, Mr. Vice-President, and I'm not sure that they can hear me on the other side, but in the newspapers today I read -- in the newspapers today I read of a poll which was taken of all of the

1 Democratic committeemen and committeewomen in the State
2 of Missouri, and of that poll, which was released last
3 night and to the papers this morning, seventy-two per
4 cent of those polled favor Hubert Humphrey for Democratic
5 nomination as the President of the United States.

6 (Applause.)

7 So our slogan in Missouri is, "Missouri loves com-
8 pany", so it looks like from that poll, they love Hubert
9 Humphrey.

10 Mr. Vice-President, I would like to present to you
11 the people of the State of Missouri, particularly of
12 Kansas City and the surrounding area.

13 VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thank you, thank you,
14 Governor. Thank you, thank you very much, Governor.

15 (Applause.)

16 Governor Hearnest and my friends of the Democratic
17 party that have gathered here and our fellow -- the State
18 of Missouri and even those wonderful good friends who
19 have come over here from the State of Kansas, and I
20 notice that there are a goodly number of them.

21 (Applause.)

22 Governor, you have already made me feel as welcome
23 as if I were a native citizen of your state, and I come
24 to you as a long-time admirer of you and of your state
25 and the quality of people that it produces. How could

1 anyone be a Democrat and not love Missouri? How could
2 anyone be a Democrat and not love Harry Truman from
3 Missouri?

4 (Applause.)

5 And how could anybody be a Democrat in the State of
6 Missouri and not be proud of their great Governor, and
7 how could you be a citizen of Missouri and not be proud
8 of the great Governor Warren Hearnes of the State of
9 Missouri?

10 I come here to speak up for our party. I come here
11 not to tear anyone down in order to build myself up. I
12 come here as a proud American, proud of our country,
13 greatful for its blessings, concerned about its problems,
14 but convinced that we can find the answers working to-
15 gether. And I am proud to see signs that say, "Unite,
16 unite, my fellow Americans, unite and work together."
17 Some of them say, "Unite with Hubert Humphrey." I am
18 honored by that, but more importantly, what we need to
19 do is to pull together as a people behind our leadership
20 so that we may stand strong in this world and that we
21 may do justice here at home.

22 I am proud to come to a state that is known for its
23 independence, that is known for its courage, that is known
24 for the quality of its leadership, and I am proud to come
25 here and stand alongside a friend that I admire and respect,

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the Governor of this great state, and I hope that I can
be alongside of him for many years to come in public
service.

Thank you very much. Thank you.
(Applause.)

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