

ADDRESS OF HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

at

WATTS MANUFACTURING COMPANY
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5 MR. WOODS: We are very honored today to have with us
6 Vice-President Humphrey as a visitor. Many of you already
7 know that Vice-President Humphrey has been very instrumental
8 in helping Watts get going and continue to do the job in
9 this country.

10 Without further ado, would you step forward and
11 make a few remarks, Mr. Vice-President?

12 VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thank you very much, Mr. Woods,
13 to you and your father, and to the members of this fine
14 manufacturing establishment, the Watts Manufacturing Company,
15 and my old friend, Dan Kimball.

16 Can I say that this is one of the real happy
17 moments of my visit to California, and I say that because I
18 have had a long-term interest in what is going on in this
19 plant, and what is going on in this community. It is one of
20 the most reassuring, one of the most encouraging developments
21 in our country. I think that Watts Manufacturing has
22 demonstrated what people can do if they can get a chance,
23 and I know that hundreds of employees have gone from this
24 business, from these jobs, onto other jobs, jobs that may be
25 better paying, and I know that this particular company is
26 not only a production facility that has demonstrated great

1 productive capacity, but it is a training facility.

2 I just want to compliment each and every one of
3 you. Some years ago I came out here to visit with some of
4 our industrialists, and my message to them was simply this:
5 "Let's take the jobs to the people instead of having the
6 people running around looking for the jobs," and that is
7 what this is all about.

8 It is my view, if we are really going to do what
9 needs to be done, we have to think in terms of the people
10 owning this plant. We have to think in terms of really
11 self-determination, where people in the black community, for
12 example, have their own representation on the school boards,
13 in all the institutions of government, on all the opportunity
14 action committees; where a plant like this, which has good
15 management here with Mr. Woods, and that this plant may
16 ultimately be owned by its own employees and the people that
17 are doing the work here.

18 (Applause.)

19 I believe that this is the way that you make this
20 a better country. When people have a stake in their country,
21 when they know that it is their country and not somebody
22 else's, then they are going to take good care of it, and
23 that is what we want to have happen.

24 I wouldn't want to conclude my message without
25 telling you, Dan, that I brought along a young friend of
26 mine from out in Detroit, and he is sitting back there

1 hiding out, and we have got Walter Reuther here in case we
2 decide to organize here. Walter?

3 WALTER REUTHER: Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.

4 VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Finally, to Mr. Kimball, I
5 want to thank you for your vision, Mr. Kimball, and to
6 Aerojet General; but I want to primarily thank you for your
7 faith and confidence in people.

8 When I came to Los Angeles -- what was it, three
9 years ago? -- and said to a group of industrialists, "Listen,
10 let's get some plants out in Watts and let's quit talking
11 about it." Who do you think was the first man that said he
12 was going to do this? It was Mr. Dan Kimball. He said,
13 "You don't need to worry about it any longer. I will go out
14 and start to fix up a plant."

15 Now, things are beginning to change. Things are
16 changing for the better. I wish this room were filled with
17 industrialists of California. I want to tell them that they
18 ought to follow suit in this area. As I said before, once
19 these people are trained and have job opportunities, let's
20 let them build their own community.

21 I say if you give a man a good job and good pay,
22 he will take care of his community. You won't need to worry
23 about the rubble.

24 Now, Mrs. Humphrey is with me, and I know that she
25 is as happy as I am this morning to have this chance to say
26 hello to you, and if she would just step up here, I would

1 like for you to see the best part of the Humphrey family.
2 This is Mrs. Humphrey.

3 Then I have a son and a very beautiful daughter-in-
4 law, Robert and Donna Humphrey. Would you step up here,
5 please?

6 I have a very close and personal and wonderful
7 friend who is a state senator in the legislature of Maryland,
8 and his father is one of my closest friends, and when he
9 decided he wanted to run for office, I said, "Well, if you
10 run, I will make a contribution." It wasn't much. I did
11 make a little one, but since then he has been making a
12 contribution to the United States that none of us will be
13 able to repay. Clarence Mitchell III. Clarence Mitchell,
14 step up here.

15 Now, that is about all I want to say except.
16 "Thanks." Thank you very much.

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AT BUS DEPARTURE AREA
104th STREET & CENTRAL,
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TO SEE CHILDREN OFF TO
WATTS LABOR ACTION COUNCIL CAMP
IN SAUGUS

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4 MR. WATKINS: We are about to get this show on the road,
5 and we also are about to get buses, I understand, on the
6 road.

7 I think one of the things that you need to know
8 is that yesterday they filled up that pool up there at
9 Saugus with water, so you can go in swimming there.

10 We have a lot of dignitaries here, and I won't
11 try to introduce all of them, but there are two that have
12 been very close to us and helpful in this operation that
13 we are carrying on here, and one of them is my boss,
14 Brother Walter Reuther, and the other one is the Mayor of
15 the City of Los Angeles, Mayor Sam Yorty.

16 I think at this time without any further adieu,
17 I would like to introduce to you the next President of the
18 United States of America, Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey.

19 (Applause)

20 VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thank you very much, Ted
21 Watkins, and thank you, Mayor Yorty, for coming here today
22 to see this happy occasion when young people will be going
23 out to Camp Saugus.

24 And may I also express my deep appreciation for
25 the presence of a great American, and one who has taken a
26 very great interest in every endeavor in Watts, and that is

1 my friend, Walter Reuther.

2 I want you to stand up here, Walter. I want you
3 folks to take a good look at the President of the United
4 Automobile Workers of America.

5 I am so pleased that the Supervisor of this area,
6 Kenneth Hahn, is with us today, and Congressman Chet Holifield.

7 Now, this is an occasion that all of us are going
8 to remember. It is an occasion where we have people here
9 that are going out to enjoy a wonderful experience in the
10 out-of-doors, and I just want to compliment the Watts Labor
11 Community Action Committee for all that they are doing,
12 and I want to thank Mr. Watkins in particular for his leader-
13 ship, and what he is doing here for these fine young people.

14 Last year, efforts were made --

15 Look. Who do we have here? Who is your friend?

16 Do you want to hear from James Brown? I want to
17 hear from James Brown, and I think all of you want to hear
18 from James Brown.

19 Okay, James, go to it.

20 JAMES BROWN: Thank you very much. I just want to say
21 that all the black people that have come out this morning,
22 no one was asked to come out. I am a black man, and I
23 believe in saying it like it is.

24 Now, I ain't going to tell you something I don't
25 believe in, Mr. Vice-President, because I ain't going to
26 do that. I ain't going to sell you down the river at no

1 time.

2 I want to say this: We would like to know what is
3 going to be done for black people. So I am going to start
4 now by making a new offer to the gentleman standing on my
5 right, and I want to see how you respond to that.

6 First, I would like to say, the black man wants
7 ownership. He wants to be able to own his own bank, and
8 make up his own mind. That is No. 1 in the black community.

9 In the low-income areas, we need housing, so we
10 don't have to stay in the dumps, like I stayed in when I was
11 a kid.

12 We need hospitals, so we don't have to stand around
13 and bleed to death while some other kid gets worked on.

14 This is the way it is. I don't know of no better
15 world. I will just tell you like I feel.

16 No. 3, we need all the facts, so we can get some
17 money for ourselves. We don't want nobody to do this work.
18 We want to do it. We want a bank to be available in black
19 community. We don't want to go downtown. Now, the candidate
20 that gives me those things, that is the man I endorse. I
21 don't endorse the party. I endorse the man. That is No. 1.

22 No. 2, I would like to say again, I want to see
23 that all the black people as candidates. We need black
24 people for the power structure to speak for us, as well as
25 white.

26 Now, if the gentleman over on the right is going

1 to look out for black people better than we have been
2 looked out for in the past, and commit himself to these
3 things, then I will endorse him.

4 VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thank you very much. Thank
5 you very much, James Brown.

6 Let me just say, in the presence of a man that
7 I have grown to respect and admire, and a gentleman that
8 I look to as a friend, that what he has said to this
9 audience here today is what I have tried to say, but not
10 so well.

11 A few moments ago when we were in another part
12 of this community, I said what we mean by self-determination
13 is when the black man can have his own business and own it;
14 and when he can have his own bank and run it, and when he
15 can have his own filling station and own it, when he can
16 have his own department store and run it and own it, and
17 when he not only has his own job and makes a living, and
18 makes his own life, but where he can have his own piece of
19 property, and feel that he has a stake in his community.
20 That is the kind of an American that I want. If it is good
21 for you, it is good for me; and if it is good for me, it
22 is good for you. That is what it boils down to. That is
23 what James Brown has said, and this is what Hubert Humphrey,
24 candidate for the office of President, has said, and I will
25 tell this audience that if I get a chance to be your
26 President, I want to work for you, and you can be assured

1 of it.

2 I want to thank James Brown. I want to thank him
3 for what he is, for what he stands for, for the people.

4 I want to thank Ted Watkins, for what he is, for
5 what he stands for, for the people.

6 And I want to thank the young people here today
7 that are making this a better community. If we can have the
8 young people working together with James Brown and Ted
9 Watkins and people like that, then this will be the best
10 part of Los Angeles, the best part of California, and the
11 best part of America, and I want to work with you.

12 Thank you very much.

13 JAMES BROWN: I can say one thing, Mr. Vice-President.
14 I think I have got that feeling. I have got that feeling.

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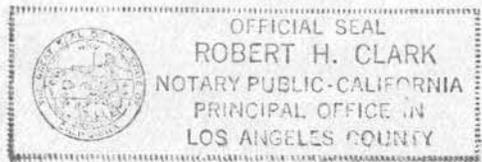
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