

STATEMENT  
VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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I have spent the past several days watching the Republican National Convention on television. I must say I have enjoyed every minute of it.

I think it is clear to most Americans by now that the New Republican party is the same Old Republican party.

Now about Mr. Nixon: I have known Dick Nixon for many years. I know his public record. I don't for one minute underestimate his abilities as a campaigner or as a candidate.

Over the past several months, Mr. Nixon has outlined his proposed policies and solutions to domestic and international problems. His programs and proposals are far different from mine in the fields of national security . . . arms control . . . and greatly different in their basic approach to the business of social progress in America.

If I gain the nomination of the Democratic party -- and I think I can -- I believe the American people will have a clear choice between men . . . between political philosophies . . . between the kind of role this nation is to play in the world. If nominated, I shall do my

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best to bring the American people into a full and open discussion of these issues. I have already gone on record as to my willingness to engage in national television debates with Mr. Nixon.

America needs this kind of discussion and debate.

Finally, as a man who has spent his entire career in public service, I would add a personal note: I look forward to this campaign. If nominated, I shall ~~hope~~ <sup>run</sup> it with confidence and determination. I intend to win.

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