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REMARKS BY
VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
AUGUST 18, 1968

I am here today to talk about servicing America. You understand this -- the business of letter carriers is serving America.

We take our postal service too much for granted. We forget its economic importance.

The letter carrier has become "the paymaster of the nation" -- linking our entire economy together. You deliver payrolls, bring social security benefits and veterans checks, speed purchases, payments, dividends.

We forget that our postal service binds us together as one nation. A great man -- a great President of this Union -- a great Ambassador of this country -- wrote:

"In my opinion, it is as unwise as it is ungrateful for anyone to take any of the blessings of liberty for granted. And there is none among these blessings more important or more vital to survival than freedom of communications epitomized by the postal service."

Bill Doherty is right.

Yes, there are problems with our postal service today -- and problems for the people who work in it. But cutting back -- retreat -- is not the solution to any of them.

I have been concerned with the problems of postal employees -- all federal employees -- since I went to the Senate. My first Senate assignment was to the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

Back in those early days a lot of us -- many are right here in this hall today -- made a basic decision. We decided it was wrong for a man working for the Federal Government to be paid far less than a man doing the same work for private industry. And we did something about it.

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We worked for legislation, year after year, to secure the same treatment for people in government as those outside government, to assure comparable pay and comparable benefits. We've seen a lot of progress.

Al Ostrenga of your Pioneer Branch No. 2 wrote to me a few days ago. He agreed with my statement that there is no excuse for denying the rights of collective bargaining to anyone just because he works for the public.

And he asked if I, as President, would seek to extend rights of union recognition and meaningful collective bargaining for letter carriers.

I'll answer him now, with an unqualified Yes. In particular, we must develop techniques for meaningful third party involvement to resolve negotiation disputes with finality.

We need a Federal Employees Labor-Management Relations Act.

But I want a good law -- one with real protection. That demands a progressive Congress next year, and with your help, I think we can get it.

Until we can get that good law, there are important improvements that can be made in Executive Order 10988 to protect the interests of federal employees. If I become President, they will be made.

I am openly partisan on this issue.

When the basic interests of people are involved, there can be no neutrality. You either work for people -- for all Americans -- or you work against them.

This year, every American is judging what Mr. Nixon and I have done with our lives in politics: Did we or did we not show deep and active concern for people?

You are the best judges. What does Labor think?

The AFL-CIO says that in his brief career in the House and Senate, Mr. Nixon cast seven votes against the people on the most crucial issues affecting this country -- unemployment compensation, F.E.P.C., minimum wage and others -- and not one single vote for the people.

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How have I voted? Labor says I voted for the people on these crucial issues sixty times -- civil rights, housing, welfare and pension funds, unemployment, job training... it's all there -- and did not vote against them once.

I say there is a difference -- a difference in our concern for people and our willingness to act on that concern.

Thomas Jefferson said it: "The care of human life and happiness... is the first and only legitimate object of good government."

That is my philosophy of public service. I know it is yours.

There are great problems now facing this country...problems that blight people's lives.

You see them six days a week as you deliver the mails ... as you visit every citizen in this country ... from farm to suburb to slum.

You see the heart of the Harlem ghetto, where people live so closely packed together they can barely breathe. If the same population density of Harlem existed throughout New York City, every single person in this country -- 200 million -- could be jammed into only three of New York's five boroughs. This is just plain wrong.

What chance does a child have growing up in conditions like that? He needs light ... he needs air ... and he needs a healthy environment, good nourishment and a good education if he is to have any chance for a decent life -- a life of quality.

On those six days a week when you are meeting America, you see much more.

You see the fear of crime which haunts our country -- particularly fear of violent crime -- and you know that we must have civil peace if we are to have civil justice.

You see hopelessness of people in the inner cities and in the rural areas passed over by progress;

-- the squalor of poor housing;

-- the bitterness and disadvantage caused by discrimination.

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Six days a week you see the unemployed, the unwanted, and the homeless who lack even the identity of a postal address.

You see families enslaved by medical bills.

You see hungry Americans, and Americans who can't read.

And yes, you share the private anguish of families whose sons have died in Vietnam.

These conditions of injustice ... these foundations for disorder must be eliminated together -- you and I and all citizens who believe in service to America -- will eliminate them.

This may be partisanship -- this willingness to see need and eagerness to act to meet it -- this great concern to help people live lives of quality -- this determination to see true social justice prevail. But if this is partisanship, it is a new and noble partisanship of citizens who truly care.

We care about peace overseas and in our cities -- enough to travel the hard path leading toward it.

We care about the dignity of every man -- enough to dedicate our lives to the service of man.

We care about all the people who live in our country and our world -- enough to commit ourselves totally to humanity.

We can transform this care and commitment into action, change and human progress. That is my mission. Alone, I would be lost. With your help, I will win.

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Boston, Massachusetts

Sunday, August 18, 1968

EDT

*You King!
You Peabody!
Ed Day!*

This is your 6th trip to Boston, since you were elected Vice President. On board the plane from New York City will be Governor John W. King of New Hampshire and Endicott Peabody, former Governor of Massachusetts; as well as J. Edward Day, former Postmaster General.

While in Boston you will be addressing the National Association of Letter Carriers, taping "An Evening with The Vice President," and speaking before a meeting of the Massachusetts Delegates. The captain of the advance team is Bruce Shine.

FYI: Senator Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island is coming to Boston to talk to you. We have not put him on the schedule as we did not know his exact plans.

*Speaker McCormack
Kevin White*

Upon your arrival at Logan International Airport, you will be greeted by a reception committee, headed by Speaker of the House, John W. McCormack, and Mayor Kevin White. (Additional names in speech file)

Ted Kennedy arrives back from Europe Friday night, but his plans at this writing are uncertain. I informed AA Dave Burke of our schedule, and invited the Senator to all or any part of it.

Gino Cappelletti

Also, in the reception line will be Gino Cappelletti, who plays football for the Boston Patriots. Julie Cahn asked that he be included in your visit to Boston.

*Sam
Mrs. Huntington*

Mass Letter Carriers band

Boston, Massachusetts

He has just announced his support for you through an Athletes for Humphrey Committee.

Also, in the reception line will be Mrs. Samuel Huntington. Her husband, Professor Samuel Huntington, is on the Professors for Humphrey Committee.

Also at the airport will be a band from Minnesota from the National Association of Letter Carriers, which will, of course, play the Minnesota Rouser. After you have gone through the receiving line, you will pass through an Honor Guard of twenty Letter Carriers in uniform. There will be no crowd at the airport, because you are landing at American's Hanger, which is private property.

EDT 3:10 pm

Depart the airport, accompanied by Speaker McCormack and Jerome Keating, President, National Association of Letter Carriers; and Mayor Kevin White. Mayor White will have to leave you at the War Memorial Auditorium, because he has another commitment.

3:25 pm

Upon your arrival at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, you will be met by a crowd of 1,000 or more. There will be a convertible and a bullhorn for you to say hello.

Proceed immediately upstairs to your Suite, #2923-2927, accompnied by Speaker McCormack, who will visit with you briefly. You will then have about thirty minutes to review your speech.

4:00 pm

Depart your Suite for the War Memorial Auditorium, which adjoins the Sheraton Boston Hotel. In front of the Auditorium, you will be met by an escort committee, which will escort you down the main aisle, following the band. The escort committee is headed by Austin B. Carlson, from Coon Rapids, Minnesota.

Proceed directly to the platform. J. Edward Day, former Postmaster General, will say a few words to the convention, and will endorse your candidacy at this time.

- ✓ Bill Daugherty
- ✓ Jerry Keating
- ✓ Jim Rademaker
- ✓ Ed Day
- ✓ Auntie Carlson
- Speaker McCormack!

~~Stan~~

mp's Postal Employees
(A Day's Work) Band!

Man Rouser -
(Fresh Eggs are Shining)
with Swedish
Accent.

Boston Red Sox
4-1 - End 78th

Women tries
not under
Hatch Act!

Mr Speaker { an all-
American
Champion }
McCormack

Jim Rademaker
(President to be)

Stan Lewis
(Badge - V.P. to be)

⊗ Jimmy Senouly
Chair - not so good

✓ Mary Kevin White

✓ Speaker Mc Cormack

✓ Sen. [unclear]

✓ Eddie Mc Cormack

Cong. Dylake

Cong. [unclear]

Kevin Rowan
(Lunch Eyes are shining)
w/ [unclear]
Sweated
account

Boston
Red Sox
4-1
last
8th

B. I. D. [unclear]

✓ Jerry Keating (Pres)

✓ Jim Rademaker

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WE FORGET ITS ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE

THE LETTER CARRIER HAS BECOME "THE PAYMASTER OF THE

NATION" -- LINKING OUR ENTIRE ECONOMY TOGETHER. You

DELIVER PAYROLLS, BRING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AND

VETERANS CHECKS, SPEED PURCHASES, PAYMENTS, DIVIDENDS..

and you bring loved ones together --
The letter from the ~~man~~ in Vietnam
to mom, dad, wife, sweetheart,
family & friend.

Stan
Lewis
(V.P.)

Jim Rademaker

and
L ~~WE FORGET THAT~~ OUR POSTAL SERVICE BINDS US TOGETHER
AS ONE NATION. L A GREAT MAN -- A GREAT PRESIDENT OF THIS
UNION -- A GREAT AMBASSADOR OF THIS COUNTRY -- WROTE:

"IN MY OPINION, IT IS AS UNWISE AS IT IS UNGRATEFUL
FOR ANYONE TO TAKE ANY OF THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY
FOR GRANTED. L AND THERE IS NONE AMONG THESE
BLESSINGS MORE IMPORTANT OR MORE VITAL TO SURVIVAL
THAN FREEDOM OF COMMUNICATIONS EPITOMIZED BY
THE POSTAL SERVICE."

and BILL DOUGHTERTY IS RIGHT. !

Sure L THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH OUR POSTAL SERVICE
~~TODAY~~ -- AND PROBLEMS FOR THE PEOPLE WHO WORK IN IT. L BUT
CUTTING BACK -- RETREAT -- IS NOT THE SOLUTION TO ANY OF THEM. !

L I HAVE BEEN CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEMS OF POSTAL
EMPLOYEES -- ALL FEDERAL EMPLOYEES -- SINCE I WENT TO THE
SENATE. L MY FIRST SENATE ASSIGNMENT WAS TO THE POST OFFICE
AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE.

↳ BACK IN THOSE EARLY DAYS A LOT OF US -- MANY
ARE RIGHT HERE IN THIS HALL TODAY -- MADE A BASIC DECISION.

↳ WE DECIDED IT WAS WRONG FOR A MAN WORKING FOR THE FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT TO BE PAID FAR LESS THAN A MAN DOING THE SAME *Kind of*
WORK FOR PRIVATE INDUSTRY. AND WE DID SOMETHING ABOUT IT. !

↳ WE WORKED FOR LEGISLATION, YEAR AFTER YEAR, TO
SECURE THE SAME TREATMENT FOR PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT AS

THOSE OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT *and* TO ASSURE COMPARABLE PAY AND
COMPARABLE BENEFITS. WE'VE SEEN A LOT OF PROGRESS.

↳ AL OSTRENGA OF YOUR PIONEER BRANCH No. 2 WROTE TO
ME A FEW DAYS AGO. *↳* HE AGREED WITH MY STATEMENT THAT THERE
IS NO EXCUSE FOR DENYING THE RIGHTS OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

TO ANYONE JUST BECAUSE HE WORKS FOR THE PUBLIC.

AND HE ASKED IF I, AS PRESIDENT, WOULD SEEK TO
EXTEND RIGHTS OF UNION RECOGNITION AND MEANINGFUL COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING FOR LETTER CARRIERS.

↳ I'LL ANSWER HIM NOW, WITH AN UNQUALIFIED YES.

and, IN PARTICULAR, WE MUST DEVELOP TECHNIQUES FOR MEANINGFUL
THIRD PARTY INVOLVEMENT TO RESOLVE NEGOTIATION DISPUTES
WITH FINALITY.

↳ WE NEED A FEDERAL EMPLOYEES LABOR-MANAGEMENT
RELATIONS ACT. !

↳ BUT I WANT A GOOD LAW -- ONE WITH REAL PROTECTION.

and, THAT DEMANDS A PROGRESSIVE CONGRESS NEXT YEAR, AND WITH YOUR
HELP I THINK WE CAN GET IT. !

Congress.

UNTIL WE CAN GET THAT GOOD LAW, THERE ARE
IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENTS THAT CAN BE MADE IN EXECUTIVE
ORDER 10988 TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

IF I BECOME PRESIDENT, THEY WILL BE MADE,

I AM OPENLY PARTISAN ON THIS ISSUE.

WHEN THE BASIC INTERESTS OF PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED,
THEY CAN BE NO NEUTRALITY. YOU EITHER WORK FOR PEOPLE --
FOR ALL AMERICANS -- OR YOU WORK AGAINST THEM.!

↳ THIS YEAR, EVERY AMERICAN IS JUDGING WHAT

MR. NIXON AND I HAVE DONE WITH OUR LIVES IN POLITICS; _____

DID WE OR DID WE NOT SHOW DEEP AND ACTIVE CONCERN

FOR PEOPLE?

↳ YOU ARE THE BEST JUDGES, WHAT DOES LABOR THINK?

↳ THE AFL-CIO SAYS THAT IN HIS BRIEF CAREER IN THE

HOUSE AND SENATE, MR. NIXON CAST SEVEN VOTES AGAINST

THE PEOPLE ON THE MOST CRUCIAL ISSUES AFFECTING THIS

COUNTRY -- UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, FEPC, MINIMUM

WAGE, AND OTHERS -- AND NOT ONE SINGLE VOTE FOR THE

PEOPLE.

HOW HAVE I VOTED? LABOR SAYS I VOTED FOR THE
PEOPLE ON THESE CRUCIAL ISSUES SIXTY TIMES --
CIVIL RIGHTS, HOUSING, WELFARE AND PENSION FUNDS,
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, JOB RE-TRAINING --
AND DID NOT VOTE AGAINST THEM ONCE. !

L I SAY THERE IS A DIFFERENCE -- A DIFFERENCE IN
OUR CONCERN FOR PEOPLE AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO ACT ON
THAT CONCERN. |

THOMAS JEFFERSON SAID IT: "THE CARE OF HUMAN LIFE
AND HAPPINESS ... IS THE FIRST AND ONLY LEGITIMATE OBJECT
OF GOOD GOVERNMENT."

L THAT IS MY PHILOSOPHY OF PUBLIC SERVICE. I KNOW
IT IS YOURS.

THERE ARE GREAT PROBLEMS NOW FACING THIS COUNTRY ...

PROBLEMS THAT BLIGHT PEOPLE'S LIVES.

↳ YOU SEE THEM SIX DAYS A WEEK AS YOU DELIVER THE
MAILS ... AS YOU VISIT EVERY CITIZEN IN THIS COUNTRY ...

FROM FARM TO SUBURB TO SLUM. ! Farm - Suburb - Slum

↳ YOU SEE THE HEART OF THE HARLEM GHETTO, WHERE
PEOPLE LIVE SO CLOSELY PACKED TOGETHER THEY CAN BARELY

BREATHE. ↳ IF THE SAME POPULATION DENSITY OF HARLEM
EXISTED THROUGHOUT NEW YORK CITY, EVERY SINGLE PERSON
IN THIS COUNTRY -- 200 MILLION -- COULD BE JAMMED INTO

ONLY THREE OF NEW YORK'S FIVE BOROUGHS. ↳ THIS IS JUST
PLAIN WRONG. !

↳ WHAT CHANCE DOES A CHILD HAVE GROWING UP IN CONDITIONS
LIKE THAT? ↳ HE NEEDS LIGHT ... HE NEEDS AIR ... AND HE
NEEDS A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, GOOD NOURISHMENT AND A GOOD
EDUCATION IF HE IS TO HAVE ANY CHANCE FOR A DECENT LIFE --

A LIFE OF QUALITY. !

Get this!

↳ ON THOSE SIX DAYS A WEEK WHEN YOU ARE MEETING
AMERICA, YOU SEE MUCH MORE!

YOU SEE THE FEAR OF CRIME WHICH HAUNTS OUR COUNTRY
PARTICULARLY FEAR OF VIOLENT CRIME -- AND YOU KNOW
THAT WE MUST HAVE CIVIL PEACE IF WE ARE TO HAVE CIVIL
JUSTICE.

*Peace
+
Justice.*

↳ YOU SEE HOPELESSNESS OF PEOPLE IN THE INNER CITIES
AND IN THE RURAL AREAS PASSED OVER BY PROGRESS!

-- THE SQUALOR OF POOR HOUSING;

-- THE BITTERNESS AND DISADVANTAGE CAUSED BY

DISCRIMINATION

and economic distress.

↳ SIX DAYS A WEEK YOU SEE THE UNEMPLOYED, THE UNWANTED,
AND THE HOMELESS WHO LACK EVEN THE IDENTITY OF A POSTAL
ADDRESS!

YOU SEE FAMILIES ENSLAVED BY MEDICAL BILLS,

↳ YOU SEE HUNGRY AMERICANS, AND AMERICANS WHO
CAN'T READ *or write!*

↳ AND YES, YOU SHARE THE PRIVATE ANGUISH OF FAMILIES
WHOSE SONS HAVE DIED IN VIETNAM,

↳ THESE CONDITIONS OF INJUSTICE ... THESE ~~CONDITIONS~~ *well Springs*
FOR DISORDER MUST BE ELIMINATED. *TOGETHER -- YOU AND I*
AND ALL CITIZENS WHO BELIEVE IN SERVICE TO AMERICA -- *must and*
WILL ELIMINATE THEM.

↳ THIS MAY BE PARTISANSHIP *Partisanship* -- THIS WILLINGNESS TO SEE
NEED AND EAGERNESS TO ACT TO MEET IT -- THIS GREAT CONCERN
TO HELP PEOPLE LIVE LIVES OF QUALITY -- THIS
DETERMINATION TO SEE TRUE SOCIAL JUSTICE PREVAIL.

BUT IF THIS IS PARTISANSHIP, IT IS A NEW AND NOBLE PARTISANSHIP
OF CITIZENS WHO TRULY CARE!

*yes Party is a love of
America & Partisanship
the Concern for our People.*

WE CARE ABOUT PEACE OVERSEAS AND IN OUR CITIES -- *and care*
ENOUGH TO TRAVEL THE HARD PATH LEADING TOWARD IT.

WE CARE ABOUT THE DIGNITY OF EVERY MAN -- *care* ENOUGH
TO DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO THE SERVICE OF MAN.

WE CARE ABOUT ALL THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN OUR COUNTRY
AND OUR WORLD -- *care* ENOUGH TO COMMIT OURSELVES TOTALLY
TO HUMANITY.

WE CAN TRANSFORM THIS CARE AND COMMITMENT INTO
ACTION, CHANGE AND HUMAN PROGRESS. THAT IS MY MISSION!
ALONE, I WOULD BE LOST. WITH YOUR HELP, I WILL WIN!

So, on to Victory -
Victory at the Ballot Box
in November -
Victory for a Better America
today + Tomorrow!

^{1st}
Lester Hyman
Spokane Wash
Quinn

* Legislators
Mayor Kevin White

Mayor Donohue
President Smith

John Bowers

② Cheerung Section

Patriotism is not
the sudden and
frenzied emotional
outburst but
the steady dedication
of a life time.

Mayor
Smith
V. P. } Look
ahead

Worker Peace.

Will Support Nominations

Wnac-tv Ch 7 Boston, Mass.

Mr. Vice President.

You are appearing on a half hour special
"An Evening with Vice President Humphrey"
This program will be aired Thursday
Aug 22 at 7:30 PM.

Interviewers are:

Al Benjamin, WNAC Political Reporter

Bill Brooks, WNAC Anchorman for the News

Al Benjamin will be in Chicago to cover
the convention.

PROCEDURE FOR MASS. DELEGATE MEETING.

Lester Hyman, Chairman Democratic Committee, presides.

Lester Hyman introduces Robert H. Quinn, (speaker of house of representatives), and Vice Chairman of convention delegates.

Hyman introduces Vice President;

Vice President... brief remarks

Question and Answer session for delegates and alternates:

Photo session.



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