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REMARKS  
VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
UNITED STEEL WORKERS OF AMERICA - NATIONAL CONVENTION  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
AUGUST 19, 1968

You know that the All-Star game is scheduled here in a few days.

No -- this one's not between the American League and the National League...it's just between two old teammates from Minnesota -- and a promising rookie from South Dakota.

So I thought I'd come to Chicago, get warmed up a little, see some of the fans... and maybe even get a little partisan.

You saw the game in Miami Beach. It was a thriller.

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And I predict the Nixiecrats will be shut out by the American people in November.

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No, it was a man who has opposed every major social program in the last twenty years -- a man whose record in the Senate has become synonymous with reaction, retrenchment and retreat.

HE CLEARED IT WITH STROM.

What else would he clear with Strom in a Nixiecrat Administration?

Secretary of State?

Secretary of Labor?

Foreign Policy?

Civil Rights policy?

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That has been the dream of the labor movement in this country ever since. It was my friend Phil Murray's dream. It is I.W. Abel's dream. It is my dream.

That is why I'm coming back to Chicago next week -- to fight for this dream.

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Job Opportunity: Americans don't want a hand-out. They want training and a decent job at a living wage.

A job is a right in America today. So is training. So is retraining for workers displaced by technological change.

You should be congratulated for the settlement your union concluded a few weeks ago--congratulated for the apprenticeship, testing and training programs that are going to mean jobs for under-privileged Americans.

I am for jobs in the private sector wherever possible. But I am also for the public service jobs set forth in the Clark-O'Hara bill. We need the public services; we need the jobs. We can do it.

Opportunity to have enough to eat: What are we going to say to the mother whose child grows up crippled -- in mind and body -- for lack of protein? It is time to end hunger in America -- now. We can do it.

Opportunity for a Living Environment:... In our cities ... in rural America. I have proposed a Marshall Plan for our cities -- not a new federal program, but a program of local initiative, federal support, and funding from the private sector through a National Urban Development Bank.

And a living environment includes safety -- for every American in every community. It demands a major new effort with local initiative plus strong federal support -- to give every American family the order and justice -- the security of person -- the befits a free nation.

We should settle for nothing less than this ... that every American neighborhood is a place where our families can walk the streets safely -- free of the threat of crime ... where life and property are protected ... where people live by the rule of law ... and not by the rule of the jungle.

It is the first responsibility of government to provide that safety of life and property. And we shall do it.

Opportunity for Self Respect:... to assure that every American who says, "I am a man," is uttering not a threat ... not a cry of despair ... but the simple truth that America has kept its promises. We can do it.

What does all that take?

First, it takes a President who is willing to shake up the Federal bureaucracy -- to keep what is working and improve what is not.

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I don't mean to see them fall victim to their old enemies during this campaign. Poverty ... discrimination ... urban decay ... hunger ... all this existed before 1960. But it took John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson to tackle these problems head on.

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And it means protecting the health of American industry and its ability to compete in expanding world markets. Let me say here that I believe we must take steps now to assure our steel industry fair play and fair competition in the world market-place. And I would favor a world conference to discuss this problem so that the growth of steel-making capacity does not out-pace world demand for steel.

Third, it takes a courageous people ... a people willing to work in their own communities ... a people united behind the idea that problems can be solved.

That has always been the essence of the American spirit. I want to call upon that spirit once again. We can do it.

And it takes peace.

We know -- and a lot of other nations are coming to realize -- that too much of the world's wealth is going to the weapons of war, and not enough to the basic needs of humanity.

Our success in meeting the challenges before us here at home depends directly on our ability to achieve peace in Vietnam and to slow the arms race.

We have a choice now.

We can let another generation grow up in an environment where nuclear terror is part of our daily life.

We can withdraw from the world ... renounce our obligations. As every President from Franklin Roosevelt to Lyndon Johnson, I reject that course.

Instead, we can have real peace emerging from the kind of hard bargaining that produced a nuclear test ban treaty and a non-proliferation treaty ... the kind of encounter that will, I am confident, bring lasting peace in Viet Nam.

Finally, all of these opportunities will not be won in a single season of politics. It really is a short time from May to November ...

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We fought these battles together...and we won them together.

Ours is a marching song.

Their's is a lullaby.

We say, "Forget, and move forward."

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Our job this year -- and every fourth year -- is to elect people who will care and give of themselves in the other three.

Give me your help, and we will do just that.

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- I.W. Abel
- WALTER BURKE, Sec. - Treas.
- Joe Moloney, V.P.
- Joe GERMANO, Chic. Dist.
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*! And No Monkey Business!*

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