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EXCERPTS FROM REMARKS  
THE HONORABLE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
YOUNG DEMOCRATS CONVENTION  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA  
DECEMBER 13, 1969

Sometimes we get so overwhelmed by the problems of today that we forget the promise of tomorrow.

The same issues that today are dividing Americans, can tomorrow -- with leadership and vision -- become the issues that unite us. America waits the call to action.

In the meantime, middle America -- white affluent America -- is threatened no less than poor black America by:

- ... bad schools
- ... by soaring crime rates
- ... by runaway inflation
- ... by environmental pollution
- ... by overpopulation that clogs our streets and overtaxes our public services
- ... by juvenile drug abuse
- ... by inadequate over-priced housing
- ... by backlogs in the courts
- ... by unemployment and underemployment
- ... by soaring health costs and deteriorating health services

These -- and a host of other issues -- are driving Americans further from each other. But these same challenges can -- if the Administration ceases its effort to divide us -- bring back the sense of high national purpose that has brought us, ever stronger, through earlier days of national danger and distress.

We need not see group set against group if we can:

- ... help our rural residents understand that they too have a stake in the success or failure of our cities
- ... help our white parents see that all schools -- not just ghetto schools -- need to do a better job for the children of America
- ... help our minority group members see that a victory for one minority can be progress for all minorities
- ... help our working men understand that employment of the hard-core is not a threat to their seniority, but a potential solution to their welfare burden
- ... help our suburban citizens understand that inner-city residents are tremendously more victimized by crime than the rest of our population -- and have as high -- or higher -- a stake in curbing the frightening incidence of crime

... help those with narrow sectional interests to see the broader national interest -- and their very personal stake in the goals of our democratic society.

Such unity, such comprehension, will not come through rhetoric, but through policies and programs specifically designed to relieve our major national tensions.

No such programs are on our horizon today.

The Administration is asking that we lower our voices -- while it lowers appropriations and program goals. Lower voices and laggard programs will not halt the deterioration of our cities, nor can they stem the rising expectations of our racial and ethnic minorities. They cannot return law and order to our communities nor remove pollutants from our air and waterways.

The Administration is not responsible for the existence of these problems -- no more than is the media which reports their existence.

But the Administration is -- as the media is not -- in a position to address the problems with sound legislative proposals.

So far it's been "all talk and no action" for this Administration.

While our nation's leaders alternately berate TV commentators, journalists, and members of Congress, the people wait in vain for administrative leadership directed toward equitable tax relief, housing construction, crime control, lower interest rates, a check on inflation, better health care, clean air and clean water, better schools and -- the list is far too long.

The President is by tradition and Constitutional authority our national leader. The duty of a leader is to lead, not to lag.

The diversionary tactics of the "politics of denunciation" may make good headlines, but they don't make good government.

This is a strong, resourceful and rich nation. We can afford more than bombast, more than rhetoric.

We can do better than the "politics of schizophrenia" -- the Jekyll and Hyde cabinet level controversies that have characterized government in 1969:

- ... when we have heard the U.S. Commissioner of Education announce "the Right to Read" and the President say he won't spend the money Congress appropriated for education;
- ... when we have heard the Republican leadership promise tax relief -- and the President say he will veto the tax reform bill;
- ... when we have heard the Vice President denounce media monopoly -- while the Administration lobbies against a Congressional effort to make the press subject to anti-trust law;
- ... when we have heard Mr. Nixon's Director of the War on Poverty try to save the program -- while the House Minority Leader tries to scuttle it;
- ... when we have heard the Administration promise to protect our voting rights -- and this week cripple the only effective act we have ever had;

... when we have heard the White House agree to a school desegregation slowdown -- and the Supreme Court judge it illegal;

... when we have heard members of the Cabinet publicly support -- and publicly attack -- welfare reform, electoral reform, hunger programs, citizen rights of assembly, a continuation of the War on Poverty and so forth.

Public confidence in government is indispensable in a free nation, and public confidence cannot long survive this kind of chicanery.

The Administration has the voice of Jacob and the hands of Esau.

Our political history has encompassed a succession of fads and slogans, but in the end our saving grace as a democratic society is that the people, sooner or later, penetrate to the truth.

You can't beguile all of the people all of the time, Mr. Nixon.

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Electors '72

Party Reform (Mc. Hoover)  
First Priority Peace

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that we forget the promise of tomorrow.

↳ The same issues that today are dividing Americans, can

tomorrow -- with leadership and vision -- become the issues that

unite us. Problems can be made into challenges --  
difficulties into aspirations -- America awakes to the  
call to action -- there is a majority that have  
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.. by ~~over~~ by ever increasing demands on  
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Common  
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and  
similar  
happ,

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not the politics of prejudice & polarization

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These -- and a host of other issues -- ~~that today~~ <sup>that today</sup> are driving

Americans further from each other, ~~can~~ <sup>But can</sup> tomorrow, ~~if we cease~~ <sup>if we seek</sup>

~~the unproductive effort to assign blame and unite in common cause~~ <sup>Practical and Creative Solutions</sup>

~~to seek instead creative solutions to our common problems -- can~~ <sup>problems - have same challenges</sup>

~~tomorrow~~ bring back the sense of high national purpose that has

brought us, ever stronger, through earlier days of national danger

and distress.

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 TREATING PEOPLE NOT THINGS

*We need not have a ~~divided~~ <sup>polarized</sup> America if we but*

.. help our minority group members see that a victory for one minority can be progress for all minorities

*We need not have <sup>any</sup> ~~anger~~ <sup>or bitterness</sup> if we*

help our working men understand that employment of the hard-core is not a threat to their seniority, but a potential solution to their welfare burden

*We need not have 2 Americas - ~~Separate~~ <sup>Separate</sup> + ~~unequal~~ <sup>unequal</sup> if we*

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help those with narrow sectional interests to see the broader national interest -- and their very personal stake in the goals of our democratic society.

*But*

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*Deploying dissent and ~~condemning~~ <sup>condemning</sup> demonstrators, is not a program of social ~~action~~*

Designed to get at our troubles and fulfill our hopes. It is ~~the~~ the old and discredited technique of diverting our attention, seeking a scapegoat, appealing to the lesser instincts, when the times and conditions call

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But the Administration is -- as the media is not -- in a position to ~~address~~ *Constructively attack* the problems with sound legislative proposals *and resources.*

So far it's been *Too much* talk and *too little* action for this Administration.

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*liberal* journalists and members of Congress, *The people* citizens wait in vain for *Presidential*

*Leadership for* relief, *for* housing *relief*, *for* crime *relief*, *for* better health care, *lower interest Rates,*

~~for~~ clean air and clean water and better schools and -- the list is

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Voting Pts  
~~Split level~~  
~~+ split Pts~~

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~~split level - split level - split level~~  
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*What America needs is the Politics of Unity and understanding - not the Politics of Polarization and Prejudice. - (End)*

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Issues of ~~tenor~~ <sup>###</sup> -

- Open Society
- ✓ non discrimination
- ✓ Human Resources  
Edu. + Health
- ✓ Physical Environment
- ✓ Arms control + Peace



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