

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BEFORE THE UNITED STATES
JAYCEES TEN OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN OF AMERICA

Indianapolis, Indiana

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It's a great pleasure to be with the Jaycees today to honor the ten outstanding young men of 1972.

These men were chosen for this important distinction because of dedicated service to their communities. They have provided leadership where it counts -- on the cutting edge of change -- in their communities, in contact with people.

The ten outstanding men of 1972 have been able to do what government must do more of: recognize the true needs of people and

- help them
- guide them
- teach them
- heal them
- and improve the quality of life in America.

The men honored today are examples of what young Americans can and must do if our country is to move forward into its third century still true to the great principles on which it was founded.

Despite the singular achievements of the men we honor today and the many more men and women working for a better America, we all must recognize that the great problems that beset America today need to be solved by a new partnership of government and people.

And this partnership must be forged in mutual trust and confidence between government and people.

The only way we can create such trust and confidence is with open government.

- Government open to the participation of people,
- Governmental decision-making open to public view and inspection.

These are the two basic ingredients of open government. These are the ingredients of trust and confidence.

Today in America there is a cancer eating away at our society that can be cured only through a new partnership of government and people.

This cancer is increasing drug abuse and drug addiction, particularly among the young.

-- There are an estimated 125,000 hard core narcotics addicts in the United States.

-- Young people under 21 are arrested at the rate of one every 5 minutes in connection with the use, possession, or transaction in drugs.

-- The Senate Committee on Juvenile Delinquency reports narcotic arrests have increased 322 percent since the beginning of this decade.

-- Drug abuse is a suburban as well as an urban problem. And it is also found with increasing frequency in rural communities.

-- The annual cost of narcotic addiction in terms of stolen property alone may well be over a billion dollars a year.

-- Police estimate that a hard-core addict may steal \$400 to \$500 worth of goods to support a \$75 a day habit. Assuming that half of America's addicts steal to support their habits, the total value of goods stolen every day by hard core addicts is approximately \$25 million.

The drug problem in America today is not the government's problem alone.

Yes, the government must strictly enforce laws against those involved in the sale and distribution of drugs.

Yes, the government must do much more here and abroad to halt the manufacture and importation of drugs.

Yes, the government must expand its research into the consequences and effects of drug use and abuse.

Yes, we must establish a Drug Abuse Prevention Treatment and Rehabilitation Administration in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

But the real question is what are you going to do about this problem?

What are people in communities large and small going to do about the drug problem, the race problem, the hunger problem, the education problem and any other problems?

Government alone can't do the job.

And government can't solve the drug problem, for example, merely by passing laws or improving treatment of those already on the books.

This is where the Jaycees come in.

This is where we need grass roots leadership.

And this is where local government must be responsive and work with people -- in establishing rehabilitation clinics, in starting drug education courses in the schools -- in moving forcefully against the drug pushers.

I believe that Americans today need help and guidance in forging a new partnership between themselves and their local and federal government.

As President, I would convene a White House Conference on People's Participation in Government.

At the highest level, we must ask exactly how more people can be brought into the decision-making process of local and federal government.

We must ask if government and people are well served by widespread secrecy in government.

We must ask how we develop viable institutions that begin to fill the gap between 210 million Americans and representative government, staffed by a bureaucracy of millions.

We must ask specifically how we can begin to better utilize the talents and skills of young and older Americans.

We must ask how we can make public officials more accountable to the people they serve.

These questions and many more deserve to be answered at such a White House Conference.

The work of the Jaycees throughout the nation demonstrates what can be accomplished when serving people becomes the prime concern of an organization.

I want to see government make its primary concern service and help for people.

It can and it must.

But a government that meets people's needs, that alleviates poverty, that helps build homes, that educates children, that provides jobs must do these things with people -- in a partnership of common purpose.

This is what I want to see happen in America.

With the type of dedication and determination shown by the Jaycees across the nation, I know we can have a new partnership between "We, the people..." and our government.

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① Royce Pepin - world President
Jaycee International
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① Nick Hahn - (V.P. Jaycees)

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JANUARY 15, 1972

from Minnesota

① Recycling

✓ Luell Thompson - V.P. 7 Jaycees
+ Barbara

✓ Bob Dunbar - Ex-V.P. Jaycees -
from Bloomington
now in Tulsa

IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE WITH THE JAYCEES TODAY *as you*
HONOR THE TEN OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN OF 1972. | *and young women*

THESE MEN WERE CHOSEN FOR THIS IMPORTANT DISTINCTION BECAUSE
OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES. THEY HAVE PROVIDED
LEADERSHIP WHERE IT COUNTS -- ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF CHANGE --
IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, IN CONTACT WITH PEOPLE.

and THE TEN OUTSTANDING MEN OF 1972 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO WHAT
GOVERNMENT MUST DO MORE OF: *to* RECOGNIZE THE TRUE NEEDS OF PEOPLE

AND

- HELP THEM
- GUIDE THEM
- TEACH THEM
- HEAL THEM

"We the People"

*Volunteer - individual
activity*

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a failure wished & succeed & worked

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-- AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN AMERICA.

THE MEN HONORED TODAY ARE EXAMPLES OF WHAT YOUNG AMERICANS
CAN AND MUST DO IF OUR COUNTRY IS TO MOVE FORWARD INTO ITS THIRD

CENTURY STILL TRUE TO THE GREAT PRINCIPLES ON WHICH IT WAS

FOUNDED.

~~Life, Liberty, Pursuit of happiness~~ -
+ Goals instituted

DESPITE THE SINGULAR ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MEN WE HONOR TODAY
AND THE MANY MORE MEN AND WOMEN WORKING FOR A BETTER AMERICA,

WE ALL MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THE GREAT PROBLEMS THAT BESET AMERICA

TODAY NEED TO BE SOLVED BY A NEW PARTNERSHIP OF GOVERNMENT AND
PEOPLE.

AND THIS PARTNERSHIP MUST BE FORGED IN MUTUAL TRUST

AND CONFIDENCE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE.

THE ONLY WAY WE CAN CREATE SUCH TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IS WITH
OPEN GOVERNMENT. (*Recent years - secure*)

-- GOVERNMENT OPEN TO THE PARTICIPATION OF PEOPLE,

-- GOVERNMENTAL DECISION-MAKING OPEN TO PUBLIC VIEW AND

INSPECTION.

THESE ARE THE TWO BASIC INGREDIENTS OF OPEN GOVERNMENT.

THESE ARE THE INGREDIENTS OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE *- without which the social contract of government by the consent of the governed cannot stand*

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TODAY IN AMERICA THERE IS A CANCER EATING AWAY AT OUR SOCIETY

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AND PEOPLE.

the dramatic & tragic

THIS CANCER IS INCREASING ⁱⁿ DRUG ABUSE AND DRUG ADDICTION,

PARTICULARLY AMONG THE YOUNG.

Bob Steele - M. Cong from Conn
unmeasured widespread use of
Drugs in Vietnam

-- THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 125,000 HARD CORE NARCOTICS
ADDICTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

-- YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER 21 ARE ARRESTED AT THE RATE OF ONE
EVERY 5 MINUTES IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE, POSSESSION, OR
TRANSACTION IN DRUGS.

~~Bob Steele - member congress from~~
~~congress~~

-- THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY REPORTS
NARCOTIC ARRESTS HAVE INCREASED 322 PERCENT SINCE THE BEGINNING
OF THIS DECADE.

-- DRUG ABUSE IS A SUBURBAN AS WELL AS AN URBAN PROBLEM.
AND IT IS ALSO FOUND WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY IN RURAL COMMUNITIES.

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PROPERTY ALONE MAY WELL BE OVER A BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR.

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insufficiently
YES, THE GOVERNMENT MUST ~~SURELY~~ ENFORCE LAWS AGAINST THOSE
INVOLVED IN THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS.

L YES, THE GOVERNMENT MUST DO MUCH MORE HERE AND ABROAD TO

habit forming - addictive
HALT THE MANUFACTURE AND IMPORTATION OF DRUGS.

The government must coordinate with the National Agencies such as State Dept, FBI, CIO, Justice Dept, Narcotics Bureau

L YES, THE GOVERNMENT MUST EXPAND ITS RESEARCH INTO THE
CONSEQUENCES AND EFFECTS OF DRUG USE AND ABUSE,

L YES, WE MUST ESTABLISH A DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION TREATMENT
AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
EDUCATION AND WELFARE,

L BUT THE REAL QUESTION IS WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT
THIS PROBLEM? - *we, as individuals,*
at local, state-level
at School, Community Level:

L WHAT ARE PEOPLE IN COMMUNITIES LARGE AND SMALL GOING TO DO
ABOUT THE DRUG PROBLEM, THE *(Senny Hayes for Louisiana)* RACE PROBLEM, THE HUNGER PROBLEM,

THE EDUCATION PROBLEM AND ANY OTHER PROBLEMS? - *Everyone of these*
is a challenge - an invitation to action!

L GOVERNMENT ALONE CAN'T DO THE JOB - *and shouldn't.*

Prison reforms + Rehab of Prisoners.
(Harry Hill of Lincoln)
Crime Pratcher - (Herb Stern)

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MERELY BY PASSING LAWS OR IMPROVING TREATMENT OF THOSE ALREADY

the victims of drug abuse.
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h THIS IS WHERE THE JAYCEES COME IN.

Jaycees

THIS IS WHERE WE NEED GRASS ROOTS LEADERSHIP.

AND THIS IS WHERE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MUST BE RESPONSIVE AND
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FORCEFULLY AGAINST THE DRUG PUSHERS.

I BELIEVE THAT AMERICANS TODAY NEED HELP AND GUIDANCE IN
FORGING A NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND THEIR LOCAL
AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

- But How?

Question is easy
Answer - Difficult

I recommend, and ⁸⁻urge the convening

~~As~~ PRESIDENT, I ~~WOULD CON~~^{of} A WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON

PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT.

would do this
- preceded by state touring
Jaycee talk to the lead,

↳ AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, WE MUST ASK EXACTLY HOW MORE PEOPLE

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+ how to improve cooperation
& coordination

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WIDESPREAD SECRECY IN GOVERNMENT.

(classification)

responsive

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How to get Action!

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SUCH A WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE.

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WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WHEN SERVING PEOPLE BECOMES THE PRIME
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AND HELP FOR PEOPLE.

We the People
Provide for the common
Defense - Promote the
General Welfare.

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*not just for
People*

It must be a

PARTNERSHIP OF COMMON PURPOSE

Full Participation

L THIS IS WHAT I WANT TO SEE HAPPEN IN AMERICA.

WITH THE TYPE OF DEDICATION AND DETERMINATION SHOWN BY THE

JAYCEES ACROSS THE NATION, I KNOW WE CAN HAVE A NEW PARTNERSHIP

BETWEEN "WE, THE PEOPLE..." AND OUR GOVERNMENT. !

*{ Reconciliation
{ Rebuild
{ Rebirth*



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