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I have come to Philadelphia today to open our Pennsylvania headquarters, to meet with friends and supporters from around the state and visit in the neighborhoods of a city for which I have a strong affection--Philadelphia.

*See Phil.*

The reports I have been given by former Governor Leader regarding the outpouring of candidates who wish to run as delegates committed to Senator Humphrey are most encouraging.

We will enter on February 15 a full slate of Humphrey delegates and alternates in each of the 50 Senatorial Districts of Pennsylvania. And I intend to campaign in each of those districts.

↳ Thanks to the reforms which the Democratic Party has designed and which the Democratic National Committee adopted --reforms which I have strongly supported--the process of choosing delegates to the national convention has been ~~revolutionized~~ <sup>completely</sup> ~~revolutionized~~.

*drastically changed. ~~made~~. The emphasis is on open primaries - citizen participation - and the ~~end of~~ ~~importance of~~ #*

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The rank and file registered Democrat in Pennsylvania is going to choose his delegates directly--no matter how the Governor of the State may wish him to vote, no matter how much pressure is put on the Democratic organizations.

The people are going to decide who is nominated from Pennsylvania, and I intend to take my campaign in Pennsylvania to the people. Many of my delegates here in Pennsylvania are new people--many have never been in politics before; many are young; many are women; many are workers; many are black. They have not been offered a state or a city job. They have not been promised anything. They are delegates because they believe in what I stand for, and they believe in letting the people decide.

I find it genuinely amusing that in Pennsylvania the man who was elected <sup>to</sup> office on a platform of "letting the people

decide", once in power does not hesitate to use all the patronage power of the Governor's office to try to intervene decisively in what should be an open, freely contested primary.

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I asked Governor Shapp to do but one thing--to keep his promise to the people of Pennsylvania--"Let the people decide".

Governor Shapp had another good slogan in his 1966 primary --"man against the machine."

Governor, that was a great slogan! And it is just as good in 1972.

There is a new machine in Pennsylvania.

And there is a new man against that machine.

He is right here--Hubert Humphrey.

I don't believe the independent-minded Democrats in Pennsylvania are going to be bossed.

They are not only going to send their chosen delegates to the national convention--but they will also demonstrate that the days of old politics, the days of machine politics are finished, once and for all.



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