

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUMPHREY

BLACK COMMUNITY MEETING

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

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1. FOR 25 YEARS I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING ON A STRAIGHT-  
LINE COURSE TO UNIFY THIS COUNTRY--TO UNIFY THE PEOPLE OF THIS  
COUNTRY BY ADVANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OF THEM--IN  
EDUCATION, IN EMPLOYMENT, IN HOUSING, IN HEALTH, IN EQUAL  
OPPORTUNITY AND IN ALL THE OTHER AREAS THAT AFFECT OUR DAILY  
LIVES.

2. LET'S BE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS--AND LET'S BE FRANK:  
I TELL YOU WE MUST ALL BEWARE OF THOSE NEW-FOUND FRIENDS, THOSE  
JOHNNY-COME-LATELIES WHO SOLEY OPPOSE A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
AGAINST BUSING--WHO DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES  
--WHO DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT BETTERING YOUR LIVES AND THE LIVES

OF ALL AMERICANS.

3. AND IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EDUCATION, LET'S REALLY MEAN IT--EDUCATION MEANS ACHIEVING A GOOD QUALITY EDUCATION FOR EVERY CHILD--NOT JUST AIMING TO ACHIEVE RACIAL BALANCE. RACIAL BALANCE IS PART OF THE PIE, BUT IT'S NOT THE WHOLE PIE.

AND WHAT ELSE DOES EDUCATION MEAN? IT MEANS MONEY, AND THE FULL COMMITMENT OF ALL OUR RESOURCES--TO BUILD BETTER FACILITIES, TO TRAIN BETTER TEACHERS, TO PUBLISH BETTER TEXTBOOKS.

I BELIEVE THERE ARE FOUR SPECIFIC STEPS WE MUST TAKE NOW TO PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION:

1. FEDERAL FINANCING OF AT LEAST ONE-THIRD OF  
EDUCATION COSTS SO THAT ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS IN ALL  
NEIGHBORHOODS ARE UPGRADED.
  2. IMPLEMENT SPECIAL PROGRAMS TO HELP EDUCATIONALLY  
DEPRIVED MINORITIES.
  3. ESTABLISH DEVELOPMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL DAY-CARE  
CENTERS ALL ACROSS THE NATION.
  4. EQUALIZE SPENDING AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
4. AND EDUCATION MEANS USING EVERY TOOL AND EVERY RESOURCE  
AVAILABLE. LET'S NOT LOCK OURSELVES OUT OF ANY TOOL--AND THAT  
INCLUDES BUSING. BUT DON'T GET HUNG UP ON BUSING, AND DON'T GET



HUNG UP ON NEW-FOUND FRIENDS WHO TALK ONLY ABOUT BUSING.

I'M FOR REASONABLE BUSING--NOT BUSING AT GREAT DISTANCE  
AND AT GREAT COST--AS WE MAY FIND IN THE RICHMOND, VIRGINIA  
SITUATION.

5. LET'S NOT GET LOCKED IN ONLY ON THE QUESTION OF RACIAL  
BALANCE IN THIS OR THAT SCHOOL--LET'S LOOK TO REDEFINING SCHOOL  
DISTRICTS, TO ENFORCING OUR HOUSING LAWS, AND TO PROVIDING FULL  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

6. I'M FOR POSITIVE EDUCATION--NOT HALF-HEARTED EDUCATIONAL  
PROGRAMS THAT TOUCH AND NOT FACE TOUGH PROBLEMS. AND POSITIVE

EDUCATION MEANS EVERYTHING I'VE TALKED ABOUT TONIGHT--THE  
WHOLE PIE, NOT JUST INDIVIDUAL PARTS OF IT--AND USING EVERY  
TOOL AND RESOURCE AVAILABLE TO US.

Z. I'VE PROVED MY SINCERITY--IN A QUARTER CENTURY OF  
HARD WORK. AND WHEN IT SAY SOMETHING TO YOU--WHEN I PLEDGE  
SOMETHING--I MEAN IT.

I CAN PLEDGE TO YOU:

--NO MORE HAYNESWORTHS AND CARSWELLS NOMINATED FOR THE  
SUPREME COURT.

--NO MORE JOHN MITCHELL AND HIS CRONIES IN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

Q --NO MORE GAMES WITH CIVIL RIGHTS FOR ALL MINORITIES--WHO

WANT THE REAL THING—BETTER EDUCATION, GOOD HOUSING, ADEQUATE  
HEALTH CARE AND GOOD JOBS.

--AND NO MORE RICHARD NIXONS IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

AND I PLEDGE TO YOU THERE ARE THINGS WE MUST DO:

--WE MUST MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR CHILDREN WITH SERVICES  
THAT WILL DEVELOP THEIR FULL AND TOTAL POTENTIAL.

--WE MUST TAKE A REAL INTEREST IN OUR AIR, LAND, AND  
WATER, SO THAT LIFE ITSELF CAN CONTINUE.

--WE MUST DEFINE OUR POSITION IN THE WORLD--WILL WE SIT  
AT A ROUND TABLE AS A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF MAN, OR WILL WE  
CONTINUE TRYING TO DICTATE TO THE WORLD FROM THE CENTER SEAT  
OF THE HEAD TABLE.



ABOVE ALL, WE CAN'T LOOK BACK. WE CAN'T STAND STILL.

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO GO--AND THAT IS FORWARD.

I SAY TO YOU THIS ADMINISTRATION IS NOT GOING FORWARD.

THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS TRIED TO TURN BACK THE CLOCK OF CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRESS.

IT HAS TRIED TO TURN BACK THE CIVIL RIGHTS CLOCK ON EQUAL HOUSING, ON VOTING RIGHTS, ON JOBS.

AND I SAY TO YOU THAT RICHARD NIXON, SPIRO AGNEW, AND JOHN MITCHELL CANNOT TURN THE CIVIL RIGHTS CLOCK BACK--NOT ONE SECOND, NOT ONE MINUTE, NOT ONE HOUR.

WE WON'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT.



TOGETHER, YOU AND I ARE GOING TO WIND UP THE CIVIL RIGHTS  
CLOCK AGAIN--AND FOR RICHARD NIXON HIGH NOON WILL BE ELECTION  
DAY, NEXT NOVEMBER.



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