

CALIFORNIA CAMPAIGN OPENING STATEMENT

SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
MAY 18, 1972

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BUT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES OF VITAL CONCERN TO ALL CALIFORNIANS ON WHICH SENATOR MCGOVERN AND I HAVE SERIOUS AND FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES. THESE MUST BE DISCUSSED AND UNDERSTOOD.

LET ME BRIEFLY OUTLINE A FEW OF THESE IMPORTANT ISSUES.

SENATOR MCGOVERN AND I DISAGREE ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE DEFENSE AND AEROSPACE BUDGETS CAN BE CUT WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING EITHER THE SECURITY OF OUR NATION OR THE JOBS OF MILLIONS OF THOUSANDS OF CALIFORNIANS. I VOTED TO GUARANTEE THE LOAN TO LOCKHEED AND I HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPACE SHUTTLE AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS OF OUR GOVERNMENT. THESE ARE PROGRAMS ARE VITAL TO THE BEST INTERESTS AND GROWTH OF OUR NATION AND THEY MEAN JOBS.

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ARE ON WELFARE. BUT THE ANSWER IS NOT WELFARE. (IT IS JOBS).

~~I KNOW THAT PEOPLE DO NOT WANT WELFARE. THEY WANT JOBS.~~

THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES ON WHICH WE DISAGREE. BUT THERE IS ONE ISSUE ON WHICH WE SEE EYE TO EYE: THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA TO KNOW WHERE WE STAND ON THE ISSUES AND WHAT SOLUTIONS WE PROPOSE TO THE PROBLEMS OF THIS NATION.

IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT I INVITE SENATOR MCGOVERN TO DEBATE THE ISSUES OF THE CAMPAIGN WITH ME.

I OFFER THE INVITATION IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND GOODWILL. EVERY POLL, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OF WHICH I AM AWARE INDICATES THAT I LEAD IN CALIFORNIA.

I AM PREPARED TO PUT THIS LEAD ON THE LINE SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA CAN MAKE A FULLY INFORMED DECISION ON JUNE 6.

I SINCERELY HOPE THAT MY INVITATION IS ACCEPTED. I SUGGEST A SERIES OF FOUR DEBATES THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THE LOCATION AND FORMAT OF THESE DEBATES ~~IS~~ ^{IS OF LITTLE CONCERN TO ME SINCE SENATOR MCGOVERN AND I CAN SHARE} CAN BE MUTUALLY AGREED ON BY REPRESENTATIVES ~~THE MEDIA EXPENSE SO THAT THERE WOULD BE NO EQUAL TIME OF BOTH CAMPAIGNS. I DO BELIEVE THAT SENATOR MCGOVERN AND I SHOULD SHARE THE MEDIA EXPENSE SO THAT THERE WOULD BE NO EQUAL TIME PROBLEMS INVOLVED.~~

I URGE SENATOR MCGOVERN TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION. ^{THIS WOULD SET THE TONE OF THE ENTIRE CAMPAIGN - A TONE OF THROUGHOUT BUT WILL BE CRUCIAL TO THE TONE AND DIRECTION OF THIS IMPORTANT CAMPAIGN.} ~~HIS DECISION WILL BE CRUCIAL TO THE TONE AND DIRECTION OF THIS IMPORTANT CAMPAIGN.~~ FRIENDLY DISCUSSION.

I CONCLUDE BY EXPRESSING MY CONFIDENCE THAT WHEN MY VIEWS, PROGRAM AND EXPERIENCES ARE FULLY STATED, EXPLORED AND DISCUSSED, I SHALL WIN THE CALIFORNIA PRIMARY ON JUNE 6.

A CONTEST FOR THE PRESIDENCY IS AN INTENSE ONE, WITH DEEP EMOTIONS. CANDIDATES THEMSELVES AND THEIR FOLLOWERS FREQUENTLY FEEL THEIR ISSUES INTENSELY. ALREADY, EVEN BEFORE SENATOR MCGOVERN AND I ENTERED THE STATE, THERE HAVE BEEN RECKLESS CHARGES OF SNEAK. WE HAVE ALREADY WITNESSED THIS TRAGEDY, SYMPTOMATIC OF THE HEAT THAT CAN COME FROM VIOLENT FEELINGS. MY PROPOSAL FOR A DEBATE IS TO LOWER THE LEVEL OF THE HEAT AND RAISE THE LEVEL OF THE CAMPAIGN TO THE ~~LEVEL~~ ^{LEVEL} OF RATIONAL DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES.

I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT WHEN GERALD MCGOVERN AND I, AS TWO CLOSE FRIENDS AND ALLIES IN MANY CAUSES, DEBATE THE ISSUES, THE

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THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM ALL SIDES

AND TO ASK QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES AND TO EXPRESS THEIR

OPINIONS ON THE ISSUES AT HAND

AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PROCESS IS FAIR AND BALANCED

AND THAT THE RESULTS ARE CREDIBLE

AND THAT THE PROCESS IS TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE

AND THAT THE PROCESS IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL CALIFORNIANS

AND THAT THE PROCESS IS COST-EFFECTIVE

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AND THAT THE PROCESS IS A NEW MODEL FOR DEMOCRACY

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HUMPHREY CHALLENGES McGOVERN TO DEBATE ISSUES

LOS ANGELES -- Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey today challenged Sen. George S. McGovern to debate the issues in the California presidential primary.

Opening his California campaign, Sen. Humphrey suggested a series of four televised debates throughout the state to "clarify the issues for the people of California so that they can make a fully informed decision."

~~Such~~ Such debates would help lower the level of emotion of the campaign and raise the level of knowledge of the issues on which the candidates disagree, Humphrey said in a statement ^{transmitted} ~~from~~ his Los Angeles headquarters.

"I pledge to conduct a campaign based on the issues, not on personalities," Humphrey said.

The Minnesota Senator listed ^{as} some of the issues on which he and his principal rival disagree: ~~The~~ ~~the~~ ~~of~~ defense and aerospace ~~cuts~~ ~~tax~~ ~~cuts~~ ~~can~~ ~~be~~ ~~made~~ ~~without~~ ~~jeopardizing~~ ~~the~~ ~~security~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~nation~~ ~~or~~ ~~the~~ ~~jobs~~ ~~of~~ ~~Californians~~; tax reform; welfare reform; ~~and~~

Humphrey said the cost of the televised debates could be shared by the two candidates to avoid equal-time problems. The ~~debates~~ debates could be held in four different locations throughout California, Humphrey suggested.

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spirit of ~~friendship and good will.~~ "Every poll, both public and private of which I am aware, indicates that I lead in California. I am prepared to put this lead on the line so that the People of California can make a fully informed decision on June 6," ~~he~~ said **Humphrey**.

"I urge Senator McGovern to accept this invitation. This would set the tone of the entire campaign - a tone of thorough but friendly discussion.

"I conclude by expressing my confidence that ~~if~~ when my views, programs and experience are fully stated, explored and discussed, I shall win the California primary on June 6," he said.

the text of ~~the above~~ Sen. Humphrey's statement follows:

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