

Happy Birthday to  
Kathy Lawlor  
wife of club Lawlor  
Committee of DS

1941-LB5 speaker

EXCERPTS FROM REMARKS OF  
SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
YOUNG DEMOCRATS NATIONAL CONVENTION

Greater Convention  
in our 30 years

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

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Kentucky -  
Alber  
Parkley

⊗ New  
Granddaughter!  
New Y.D.  
Miss America  
1991

Sen. ~~Lee~~ Huddleston

Bob Allen

Nick Nichalson

Bob Vance - Presid  
Assoc. of State Democ  
chaurs

Congressman Buckner

You look Great!! Nation TV  
to see her!

Sen Huddleston - Freshman

ⓑ Recycling!!

④ our troubles  
over issues.

How to manage  
~~not~~ to

✓ The 60's - Decade of Debate, Dissent, Demonstrations,  
Disorder - Decision

✓ Factions, Quotas, Division - must go - needed  
Reconciliation

OUR NATION IS ROCKED BY TROUBLES, Rededication

ITS LEADERS ARE ACCUSED OF WRONGDOING,

The ITS PARTY IN POWER SEEMS PARALYZED -- UNABLE to lead

OR TO GOVERN.

POLITICIANS ARE RATED ONLY A NOTCH ABOVE

USED CAR SALESMEN FOR CREDIBILITY AND HONESTY.

High  
FOOD PRICES, DOLLAR DEVALUATION, GOLD RUNS,

TIGHT MONEY, HIGH INTEREST RATES, ON-AGAIN-OFF-AGAIN

CONTROLS, UNEMPLOYMENT, UNFAIR TAXES, HUGE PROFITS for the Corp.

and Banks + Wall Street  
FOR WALL STREET AND UNBALANCED FAMILY BUDGETS FOR MAIN

STREET, . . . ENERGY SHORTAGE . . . AND SO ON . . .

I RECITE THIS LITANY NOT BECAUSE I AM A PROPHET  
OF GLOOM AND DOOM, BUT BECAUSE IT POINTS TO AN OVERRIDING  
QUESTION THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, FROM ITS CHAIRMAN

TO THE YOUNGEST YOUNG DEMOCRAT HERE, MUST ANSWER:

AS THE LOYAL OPPOSITION, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

WHAT IS OUR PLAN? WHAT ARE OUR PROGRAMS?

↳ IT IS PRIMARILY THESE QUESTIONS I WISH TO DISCUSS WITH YOU.

↳ IT IS FASHIONABLE THESE DAYS TO DEVOTE OUR ATTENTION TO THE LATEST SCANDAL EMANATING FROM THIS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION, ↳ BUT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY MUST GIVE FIRST PRIORITY TO LEADERSHIP WHICH WILL STOP THE SKYROCKETING INFLATION, GUARANTEE THE AMERICAN HOMEOWNER AND <sup>farmer</sup> DRIVER ENOUGH FUEL, PROVIDE A DECENT LIVING FOR THE ELDERLY, MEET THE PROBLEMS OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND PROVIDE JOBS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR all of our PEOPLE.

↳ WE MUST HAVE AN AGENDA FOR PROGRESS AND THESE NEEDS MUST HEAD THE LIST

*Yes a Plan of action for People!*

*Sure,* THE AMERICAN PEOPLE EXPECT DEMOCRATS TO CRITICIZE REPUBLICANS. *+ Vica Versa*

↳ BUT, IN THESE TIMES OF SERIOUS NATIONAL DIFFICULTIES,  
THE PEOPLE ALSO EXPECT A GREATER RESPONSIBILITY FROM  
THEIR POLITICAL PARTIES *and leaders*

↳ WATERGATE CALLS FORTH THAT GREATER RESPONSIBILITY.

↳ WATERGATE CASTS ITS LONG DARK SHADOW OVER THE  
ENTIRE POLITICAL PROCESS.

↳ IT AROUSES DOUBT, SUSPICION, FEAR AMONG OUR  
PEOPLE. ↳ IT CREATES A LACK OF CONFIDENCE AND LACK  
OF TRUST IN GOVERNMENT.

↳ IT SAYS TO MANY PEOPLE: "YOUR GOVERNMENT IS  
FOR SALE, ALL POLITICIANS ARE CORRUPT, THE WHOLE  
PROCESS SMELLS."

↳ WATERGATE IS A NATIONAL TRAGEDY.

↳ IT IS A TRAGEDY BECAUSE THE TRUST AND FAITH  
THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE PLACED IN ITS HIGHEST ELECTED  
AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS WAS MISUSED.

↳ IT IS A TRAGEDY BECAUSE SOME HIGH OFFICIALS  
CONFIDENTLY FORGOT THAT THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF  
CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE.

↳ IT IS A TRAGEDY BECAUSE THEY PERVERTED THE  
CONSTITUTION. THEY USED IT TO PROTECT AND ISOLATE THE  
GOVERNMENT FROM THE PEOPLE, WHILE THE REAL PURPOSE OF  
CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IS AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN TO  
PROTECT THE PEOPLE FROM THE <sup>*abuse of power of*</sup> GOVERNMENT.

↳ BUT, DEMOCRATS SHOULD SEE NO COMFORT IN WATERGATE.

↳ THERE CAN BE NO GLEE FOR ANY POLITICAL PARTY WHEN  
THE FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNMENT ARE SERIOUSLY CHALLENGED *Corrupted;*  
WHEN PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN POLITICS DIPS TO ALL TIME LOWS,  
AND WHEN THE VERY GOVERNING OF A NATION BECOMES A STRUGGLE  
TO STAY AFLOAT.

L THERE CAN BE NO COMFORT FOR ANY POLITICAL PARTY  
WHEN THE HALLMARKS OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY -- JUSTICE,  
FAIRNESS, TRUST, LIBERTY, EQUILAITY AND BROTHERLY LOVE --  
ARE REPLACED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT BY  
BUGGING, ILLEGAL ENTRY, PAYOFFS, HUSH MONEY, PERJURY,  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, HIDDEN HISTORICAL TAPES,  
POLITICAL SPYING, DIRTY TRICKS, INTERFERENCE WITH THE  
OTHER PARTY'S NOMINATION PROCESS, SUITCASES FILLED WITH  
\$100 BILLS, CONDONED VIOLENCE AND ENEMIES LISTS,

L THERE CAN BE NO PARTISAN JOY WHEN THOSE IN POWER  
WOULD SACRIFICE THE OLDEST, MOST SUCCESSFUL AND FREE  
SYSTEM OF DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS EVER DEvised ~~FOR A LARGE~~ *just*  
~~NUMBER~~ TO REELECT ONE PRESIDENT. *But-*

 L WATERGATE HAS EMPHASIZED THREE IMPORTANT LESSONS  
IN POLITICS.

FIRST, POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS MUST HAVE DECENCY AND INTEGRITY, JUST AS PEOPLE EXPECT DECENCY AND INTEGRITY FROM THEIR GOVERNMENT.

SECOND, CAMPAIGN FINANCING MUST BE CLEANED UP AND DEPENDENCE ON HUGE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE WEALTHY FEW ELIMINATED. THIS CAN BE DONE BY GOING DIRECTLY TO MILLIONS OF PEOPLE FOR SMALL CONTRIBUTIONS, AND BY MOVING TOWARD PUBLIC FINANCING OF CAMPAIGNS, BEGINNING WITH EFFECTIVE USE OF THE DOLLAR CHECK-OFF.

THIRD, WATERGATE TEACHES US THAT GOVERNMENT IS A FULL TIME PUBLIC BUSINESS, A FULL TIME PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY, AND MUST NOT BE USED AS A PRIVATE POSSESSION. THIS MEANS POWER IN GOVERNMENT IS NOT TO BE USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO EXERCISE IT, BUT RATHER FOR THOSE WHO NEED THE PROTECTION OF GOVERNMENT TO ASSURE JUSTICE AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY.

ONLY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN PROVIDE BOTH A JUDGMENT  
AND A SOLUTION FOR WATERGATE!

BUT, DEMOCRATS CAN AND MUST ADDRESS THE OTHER  
GREAT ISSUES THAT FACE OUR COUNTRY AND OUR WORLD.

✓ | DEMOCRATS MUST BE POSITIVE, THINK PROGRESS, AND  
LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE. unite |

✓ | PEOPLE ARE TIRED AND FRUSTRATED OVER FIVE YEARS  
OF INFLATION. AN INFLATION IN THE LAST TWO YEARS ALONE  
THAT HAS SEEN PRICES RISE 8.4%, RETAIL FOOD PRICES  
16.5%, AND WHOLESALE PRICES 17.4%, WITH EVEN WORSE  
YET TO COME. official forecasts! | *Inflation*

✓ | PEOPLE ARE FRUSTRATED AT TWO YEARS OF REPUBLICAN  
FREEZES, PHASES, AND PHONY PROMISES.

✓ | PEOPLE ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE FUTURE -- WILL  
THERE BE ENOUGH FOOD? WILL THEY HAVE A JOB? WILL  
THERE BE ENOUGH GAS FOR THE CAR? WILL THERE BE ENOUGH  
FUEL TO HEAT THE HOUSE? | *~~~~~*

PEOPLE ARE UPSET OVER <sup>Bank</sup> ~~BIG~~ BANKERS GETTING RICH FROM HIGH INTEREST RATES THAT CLAMP A LID ON CREDIT AND MAKE HOME BUYING ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE.

PEOPLE ARE SICK OF HAVING THEIR WAGES HELD DOWN AND THEIR PURCHASING POWER REDUCED WHILE THE CASH REGISTER OF CORPORATE PROFITS RINGS UP A RECORD 46.1% INCREASE.

PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF PAYING <sup>high</sup> HIGH PROPERTY TAXES, HIGH INCOME TAXES, HIGH SALES TAXES, HIGH PAYROLL TAXES, WHILE THE WEALTHY FEW AND THE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS USE TAX DODGES, SHELTERS, AND OTHER SCHEMES TO CUT THEIR TAX BURDEN.

WE DEMOCRATS MUST FORMULATE A DEMOCRATIC AGENDA --

OUR AGENDA OF RESPONSIBILITY -- A PLAN OF GOVERNANCE

<sup>the</sup> FOR THE COUNTRY, THAT SPEAKS TO THE NEEDS OF THE AVERAGE

FAMILY TRYING TO STRETCH ITS BUDGET, TO THE ELDERLY

LIVING ON A FIXED INCOME, AND THE YOUTH <sup>ambition</sup> WITH NO OPPORTUNITY

IN SIGHT <sup>to</sup> make its contribution to our country.

OUR AGENDA OF RESPONSIBILITY MUST CONTAIN:

--A REALISTIC, HARD, TOUGH, EFFECTIVE, FAIR  
COST OF LIVING CONTROL PROGRAM, WITH LONG TERM MECHANISMS  
SUCH AS A PRICE AND WAGE REVIEW BOARD, REGULATED PRICE  
INCREASES, AND REGULAR CORPORATE PROFIT REPORTING.

--TAX REFORM THAT PLUGS LOOPHOLES, REVISES CAPITAL  
GAINS, ESTATE AND GIFT TAXES, AND BRINGS EQUITY TO THE  
PAYROLL TAX.

--PENSION REFORM THAT ASSURES WORKING MEN AND  
WOMEN THAT THEIR LATER YEARS WILL BE SECURE.

--NEW LEADERSHIP IN AGRICULTURAL PLANNING, ~~rural development~~  
INCLUDING A STRATEGIC RESERVE FOR FOOD, TO ASSURE OUR  
NATION OF ADEQUATE SUPPLIES AT PRICES WE CAN AFFORD.

--THE MODERNIZING OF OUR CENTRAL CITIES AND  
RURAL COUNTRYSIDE. - *New Mechanisms*

--AN ENERGY PLAN THAT WILL PUT HOME HEATING OIL  
IN OUR HOUSES, PROVIDE FUEL FOR OUR INDUSTRY, AND  
PROTECT AGAINST CONSUMER GOUGING AND DESTRUCTION OF  
COMPETITION BY THE GIANT OIL COMPANIES AND OTHER  
UTILITIES.

--FULL PLANNING FOR OUR COUNTRY'S GROWTH AND  
DEVELOPMENT.

--REFORM OF OUR INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNMENT,  
MODERNIZING CONGRESS WITH COMPUTERIZED RESEARCH,  
and  
BUDGETARY PROCESS, A COMMITTEE SYSTEM THAT WORKS.

--MAKING THE PRESIDENCY A MORE OPEN, MORE  
ACCESSIBLE, LESS REGAL, AND MORE HUMAN INSTITUTION.

THIS IS THE CHALLENGE BEFORE OUR PARTY. !

THAT CHALLENGE -- SIMPLY PUT -- IS TO

REMEMBER THAT THE WORK OF GOVERNMENT IS HARD, TEDIOUS,  
LONG, AND DEMANDING.

*Open  
Government!*

*Know the  
People -  
the Country*

L IT IS NOT GENERALLY FILLED WITH DRAMA AND THE  
SPECTACULAR,

GOVERNMENT IS JUST TAKING CARE OF THE PEOPLE'S  
BUSINESS,

REMEMBER THAT THE IMPORTANT WORDS OF THE  
CONSTITUTION ARE "WE THE PEOPLE."

NOT "WE THE ELECTED"; NOT "WE THE GOVERNMENT";  
NOT "WE THE POLITICAL PARTIES."

BUT: TO SERVE "WE THE PEOPLE." THAT'S THE  
WHOLE PURPOSE OF GOVERNMENT, AND THAT MUST BE THE  
PURPOSE OF OUR DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

THE PEOPLE SHOULD EXPECT NO LESS OF US.  
~~THEY DO EXPECT NO LESS.~~ AND WE CAN DELIVER. !



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