

ADDRESS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

BROTHERHOOD AWARD OF THE NATIONAL  
CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS HONORING  
CECIL E. NEWMAN

Bruce Schwartz  
Father Coleman Bury  
Rev Clergy.  
"Beautiful People"

Cecil Newman

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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↳ IT IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT TO SAY THAT  
IT WARMS MY HEART TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT THE  
NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD AWARD OF THE NATIONAL  
CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS TO A BROTHER  
IN THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, CECIL EARL  
NEWMAN.

↳ CECIL NEWMAN'S ROLE AS EDITOR, PUBLISHER,  
BUSINESSMAN, AND COMMUNITY LEADER IN MINNEAPOLIS-  
ST. PAUL AND MINNESOTA HAS BEEN A CONSTANT SOURCE  
OF INSPIRATION TO ME AND TO COUNTLESS OTHER  
CITIZENS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS.

{ CECIL ~~NEWMAN~~ IS MY VERY CLOSE PERSONAL  
 FRIEND SO I MUST ADMIT THAT I AM VERY BIASED IN  
 MY OPINION OF HIM, BUT MY BIAS IS OBVIOUSLY THE  
GENERAL FEELING OF THIS GROUP AND THOSE WHO  
 KNOW CECIL'S ~~NEWMAN'S~~ WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY AND  
 STATE.

CECIL NEWMAN HAS BEEN A STALWART AND  
 BRAVE FIGURE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR AUTHENTIC  
 EQUALITY <sup>of opportunity</sup> IN AMERICAN LIFE.

*He understands &  
 believes in the Constitution*

~~CECIL NEWMAN GAVE THIS COMMUNITY A~~  
NEW MEANING FOR "EQUALITY."

*the message  
 of all men are  
 created equal  
 life, liberty &  
 pursuit of  
 happiness*

~~EQUALITY IS THE GREATEST OF ALL DOCTRINES~~  
~~BUT IT IS THE MOST DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND.~~ ✓ CECIL  
~~NEWMAN~~ HAS HELPED MINNEAPOLIS AND MINNESOTA UNDER-  
STAND THE MEANING OF EQUAL RIGHTS, ~~OF~~ EQUAL  
OPPORTUNITY, OF EQUAL JUSTICE.

↳ AS EDITOR AND PUBLISHER OF THE MINNEAPOLIS  
SPOKESMAN AND THE ST. PAUL RECORDER SINCE 1934,  
CECIL NEWMAN HAS REMINDED THIS COMMUNITY THAT WE

ARE ALL ONE, <sup>human family</sup> AND THAT IN ORDER TO SURVIVE WE MUST <sup>have respect</sup>

<sup>for and</sup> TRUST ONE ANOTHER.

CECIL HAS BEEN A CONSTANT REMINDER OF  
THE MEANING OF EQUALITY <sup>as defined and described by</sup> ~~IN THE TERMS OF~~ WILLIAM

SAROYAN:

"BE THE INFERIOR OF NO MAN, NOR OF ANY MAN BE THE SUPERIOR. REMEMBER THAT EVERY MAN IS A VARIATION OF YOURSELF, NO MAN'S GUILT IS NOT YOURS, NOR IS ANY MAN'S INNOCENCE A THING APART."

*yes* CECIL NEWMAN IS A BUILDER OF UNDERSTANDING IN OUR COMMUNITY.

FOR FIVE DECADES HE HAS WRITTEN OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, HUMAN DIGNITY, AND MUTUAL RESPECT.

*L* AND HE HAS HELPED US ALL TO UNDERSTAND IN OUR HEARTS AND SPIRITS WHAT IS MEANT BY EQUAL RIGHTS AND EQUAL JUSTICE.

CECIL HAS BUILT UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
BLACKS AND WHITES IN MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL AND  
OUR STATE BY ALWAYS SPEAKING FIRMLY AND RESPONSIBLY  
THROUGH FIVE VERY DRAMATIC DECADES OF THE HUMAN  
RIGHTS STRUGGLE.

CECIL HAS NOT ONLY WRITTEN ABOUT HUMAN  
RIGHTS BUT HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE FORCE IN THE STRUGGLE  
FOR HUMAN DIGNITY.

HE HAS OPENLY ATTACKED THE UNJUST AND THE  
POWERFUL THROUGH HIS PAPERS, IN THE COURTS, THROUGH  
BOYCOTTS, THROUGH POLITICAL ACTION AND HE HAS WON.

*His*  
~~CECIL NEWMAN'S~~ ROLE HAS NOT ONLY BEEN

ONE OF EDITOR AND NEWSPAPERMAN BUT ONE OF  
EDUCATOR AND POLITICAL ACTIVIST

*and,* HE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN QUIET AND  
UNDRAMATIC WAYS, ~~FROM HIS EARLY DAYS IN~~  
~~MINNEAPOLIS,~~ BUT CECIL IS NOT ONE TO BOAST  
OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

AS IS SAID IN THE MIDRASH (GENESIS  
RABBAH 16:3)

THEY SAY TO FRUIT BEARING TREES, "WHY  
DO YOU NOT MAKE ANY NOISE?" AND THE  
TREES REPLY, "OUR FRUITS ARE SUFFICIENT  
ADVERTISEMENT."

*But* WE NEED TO MAKE SOME NOISE FOR CECIL TONIGHT.

ALL OF US IN MINNEAPOLIS AND MINNESOTA KNOW

CECIL'S FINE VIRTUES AND HIS GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AND TONIGHT WE HONOR HIM. — *We celebrate  
~~his~~ his courage, his decency, and  
his good deeds + good life.*



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