

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

JEFFERSON-JACKSON DAY DINNER

Minneapolis, Minnesota

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I am happy to be here with you tonight.

There are few places I would rather be than with the people who sustain this Party -- its program, its candidates, and its elected officials.

I take great strength from meeting with you. It is, as always, a privilege to address you.

My thoughts are never far from the DFL and its people.

And let me say at the outset, on behalf of each of us seated before you this evening, "Thank you, for making it possible for us to work on behalf of the progressive interests of this state and nation."

No man or woman can long stand alone in politics. One is only as strong as those who will work with him. And that is true when we campaign, when we legislate, and when we administer.

When we construct, when we build, when we launch new programs, we do it together. This Party is the fusion of two progressive and colorful political parties -- the Democratic and the Farmer-Labor. We share the proud heritage of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson, and that of John A. Johnson and Floyd B. Olson.

Working together, united by common interests under the same banner, a unique kind of citizen-based party politics has been built here in Minnesota, and today it serves as an example to the nation.

It's a kind of politics that understands straight talk, that places performance ahead of promise, that prefers character to charisma, and that develops constructive programs out of intense debates.

I am proud of this Party because of what it means to the people of Minnesota and what it has done for the people of Minnesota.

They know what electing a DFL governor and a DFL legislature meant for the people of this state.

To those in the dawn of life, DFL government brought better schools and child care and medical treatment programs.

To those in the shadows of life -- the mentally ill, the handicapped, the economically disadvantaged -- a DFL government meant new opportunities and training.

And to those in the twilight of life, DFL government meant unparalleled programs of assistance, to help them sustain a sense of dignity and self-sufficiency.

The fact that DFL'ers were put in the position of being able to govern after 100 years of Republican rule placed an

immense burden to perform on that first DFL legislature two years ago. The result was the passage of landmark legislation unsurpassed in the history of this state.

There is no brighter star on the political horizon than our own Governor. He is a principled, tough political leader in the DFL's best tradition. And, he is held in the highest regard throughout this country. The leadership he has given the DFL Party here in Minnesota, the reforms and brilliant administration he has brought to state government, and the kind of practical, compassionate politics he stands for are qualities that would serve this nation well.

In that same DFL tradition, we have a talented, courageous Attorney General in Warren Spannaus; a hard working Lt. Governor in Rudy Perpich. And in the Congress, Don Fraser, Joe Karth, Bob Bergland, Jim Oberstar, and Rick Nolan compose a House delegation as diverse in interest, brilliant in their work, and strong in character as anyone could find in the nation.

The strength of this Party runs deep. In our three newly elected state officers, we have the kind of people that can lead this Party for years to come. Young people and women have a greater role to play. Joan Growe, Jim Lord, and Bob Mattson carry with them the future hopes of the DFL, in much the same way as did a young man who ran a mimeograph machine in my first Senate campaign many years ago, and now stands beside me in the Senate of the United States as my "senior" colleague.

As Peter Rodino led the Judiciary Committee through the grueling, potentially explosive days of its investigation with calm and reasoned judgment, so Fritz Mondale has guided the Senate in efforts to restore a constitutional presidency and reform the practices of the Senate itself.

There is no one who better represents this Party's sense of fairness, its compassion, and the kind of practical and principled politics we've come to know here in Minnesota.

It is my honor and distinct pleasure to introduce the United States Senator from Minnesota, Walter F. Mondale.

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I TAKE GREAT STRENGTH FROM MEETING WITH YOU. IT IS, AS ALWAYS, A PRIVILEGE TO ADDRESS YOU.

MY THOUGHTS ARE NEVER FAR FROM THE DFL AND ITS PEOPLE.

AND LET ME SAY AT THE OUTSET, ON BEHALF OF EACH OF US SEATED BEFORE YOU THIS EVENING, "THANK YOU, FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO WORK ON BEHALF OF THE PROGRESSIVE INTERESTS OF THIS STATE AND NATION."

NO MAN OR WOMAN CAN LONG STAND ALONE IN POLITICS. ONE IS ONLY AS STRONG AS THOSE WHO WILL WORK WITH HIM. AND THAT IS TRUE WHEN WE CAMPAIGN, WHEN WE LEGISLATE, AND WHEN WE ADMINISTER.

WHEN WE CONSTRUCT, WHEN WE BUILD, WHEN WE LAUNCH NEW PROGRAMS, WE DO IT TOGETHER. THIS PARTY IS THE FUSION OF TWO PROGRESSIVE AND COLORFUL POLITICAL PARTIES -- THE DEMOCRATIC AND THE FARMER-LABOR. WE SHARE THE PROUD HERITAGE OF THOMAS JEFFERSON AND ANDREW JACKSON, AND THAT OF JOHN A. JOHNSON AND FLOYD B. OLSON.

WORKING TOGETHER, UNITED BY COMMON INTERESTS UNDER THE SAME BANNER, A UNIQUE KIND OF CITIZEN-BASED PARTY POLITICS HAS BEEN BUILT HERE IN MINNESOTA, AND TODAY IT SERVES AS AN EXAMPLE TO THE NATION.

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YEARS AGO. THE RESULT WAS THE PASSAGE OF LANDMARK LEGISLATION
UNSURPASSED IN THE HISTORY OF THIS STATE.

THERE IS NO BRIGHTER STAR ON THE POLITICAL HORIZON THAN OUR OWN GOVERNOR. HE IS A PRINCIPLED, TOUGH POLITICAL LEADER IN THE DFL'S BEST TRADITION. AND, HE IS HELD IN THE HIGHEST REGARD THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY. THE LEADERSHIP HE HAS GIVEN THE DFL PARTY HERE IN MINNESOTA, THE REFORMS AND BRILLIANT ADMINISTRATION HE HAS BROUGHT TO STATE GOVERNMENT, AND THE KIND OF PRACTICAL, COMPASSIONATE POLITICS HE STANDS FOR ARE QUALITIES THAT WOULD SERVE THIS NATION WELL.

IN THAT SAME DFL TRADITION, WE HAVE A TALENTED, COURAGEOUS ATTORNEY GENERAL IN WARREN SPANNAUS; A HARD WORKING LT. GOVERNOR IN RUDY PERPICH. AND IN THE CONGRESS, DON FRASER, JOE KARTH, BOB BERGLAND, JIM OBERSTAR, AND RICK NOLAN COMPOSE A HOUSE DELEGATION AS DIVERSE IN INTEREST, BRILLIANT IN THEIR WORK, AND STRONG IN CHARACTER AS ANYONE COULD FIND IN THE NATION.

THE STRENGTH OF THIS PARTY RUNS DEEP. IN OUR THREE NEWLY ELECTED STATE OFFICERS, WE HAVE THE KIND OF PEOPLE THAT CAN LEAD THIS PARTY FOR YEARS TO COME. YOUNG PEOPLE AND WOMEN HAVE A GREATER ROLE TO PLAY. JOAN GROWE, JIM LORD, AND BOB MATTSON CARRY WITH THEM THE FUTURE HOPES OF THE DFL, IN MUCH THE SAME WAY AS DID A YOUNG MAN WHO RAN A MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE IN MY FIRST SENATE CAMPAIGN MANY YEARS AGO, AND NOW STANDS BESIDE ME IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES AS MY "SENIOR" COLLEAGUE.

AS PETER RODINO LED THE ^{HOUSE} JUDICIARY COMMITTEE THROUGH THE GRUELING, POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE DAYS OF ITS INVESTIGATION WITH CALM AND REASONED JUDGMENT, SO FRITZ MONDALE HAS GUIDED THE SENATE IN EFFORTS TO RESTORE A CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENCY AND REFORM THE PRACTICES OF THE SENATE ITSELF.

THERE IS NO ONE WHO BETTER REPRESENTS THIS PARTY'S SENSE
OF FAIRNESS, ITS COMPASSION, AND THE KIND OF PRACTICAL AND
PRINCIPLED POLITICS WE'VE COME TO KNOW HERE IN MINNESOTA.

IT IS MY HONOR AND DISTINCT PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE
UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM MINNESOTA, WALTER F. MONDALE.

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