

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FORUM

Syracuse, New York

October 4, 1975

Good afternoon. It is a great pleasure to welcome each of you to this forum of Democratic presidential contenders.

The forum is sponsored by the New York State Democratic Committee under the outstanding leadership of New York Democratic Chairman Patrick J. Cunningham of New York City. Governor Hugh Carey and Lt. Governor Mary Ann Krupsak also have been instrumental in making this forum possible.

Participants in the forum this afternoon are: Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana, Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, former Senator Fred Harris of Oklahoma and now a resident of Virginia, Senator Henry Jackson of Washington State, former Governor Terry Sanford of North Carolina, Sargent Shriver of Maryland, and Representative Morris Udall of Arizona.

As moderator, I find myself in a role not unlike that of Sonny Jurgensen or Alex Karras. After many years on the playing field, I find the press box has some definite advantages ... identifying the players by their numbers, reading the offensive and defensive plays, and offering occasional commentary.

As Sonny and Alex could tell you, it's a lot better financially, you don't have to attend all the practice sessions, and the fans are much less interested in expressing their emotions, either favorably or unfavorably.

But, of course, if you're up in the press box, you don't get a chance to play in the Super Bowl.

This forum is being carried live on television and radio throughout New York State, as well as to other sections of the country. Hundreds of thousands of people will have the chance this afternoon to meet these seven distinguished Americans competing for the Democratic nomination and hear what they have to say. I am looking forward to a lively and informative exchange of views.

I believe this is the best-attended candidate forum to take place so far. This suggests that New York looms large in the contest for the presidential nomination.

Of course, the Democratic National Convention will be held in New York City next July. And on April 6, New York Democrats will choose at least 75 per cent of their delegates to that convention. This is certain to be one of the most hotly contested and important presidential primaries.

As many of you know, the national Democratic Party requires that each state Democratic Party conduct a vigorous program to involve all interested persons in the selection of national convention delegates and alternates, especially persons who often have found it difficult to have a full-fledged role in the process. This means reaching out to involve younger voters, minorities, women, working men and women, and senior citizens. The forum this afternoon is part of the New York Democratic Party's program of affirmative action to involve as many persons as possible in the Democratic primary next April 6.

Those of you here in Syracuse this afternoon, and those of you watching on television or listening on radio, please be sure you are registered. And be sure you help choose delegates to the Democratic National Convention by voting on primary election day. Don't throw away your chance to help nominate the Democratic candidate. Get involved.

That takes care of the commercials. Now a brief word on the format for this afternoon's forum.

Each contender will make a five-minute opening statement. This should take most of the first hour. For the second hour, the contenders will answer questions from the audience. I will explain the groundrules for the question period after the opening statements are completed.

Now, it is my pleasure to introduce the first contender for his opening five-minute statement

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Tax Reform -
Taxes - 166 - who avoided paying
Billions in Taxes

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Stanley Steingalt
Bo Wagner

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Mayor Alexander
Robert Strauss
Mayor Hanna
Wicks

Pat Cunningham
Gov Hugh Carey
St Gov Mary Ann Krupsky
Fellow Dems

Jim Hanley - 329
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Good to be in Cyprus -

away from Disneyland D.C.

~~where the all American center~~

& upside down -

In order to understand
Remember President
Played Center

Higher prices for oil

lower funds for school lunches -

~~Higher~~ more money for Bombers & Sols

less money for Grants & Grants

more ~~food~~ for Russia

less food stamps for the needy

What should be up is down

" Should be down is up

unemployment up - income down

Inflation up -

Waldorf Played Center

Loans to U.S.S.R. - no help for
T.H.C.

Albany Promise - 2 cases in every garage

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h GOOD AFTERNOON. IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME EACH

OF YOU TO THIS FORUM OF DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS. —

Men of Experience, - Talent, Ability, + Integrity

THE FORUM IS SPONSORED BY THE NEW YORK STATE DEMOCRATIC

COMMITTEE UNDER THE OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP OF NEW YORK DEMOCRATIC

CHAIRMAN PATRICK J. CUNNINGHAM OF NEW YORK CITY, / GOVERNOR HUGH

CAREY AND LT. GOVERNOR MARY ANN ^{Krupsak} KRUPSAK ALSO HAVE BEEN

INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING THIS FORUM POSSIBLE.

h PARTICIPANTS IN THE FORUM THIS AFTERNOON ARE: SENATOR

BIRCH BAYH OF INDIANA, SENATOR LLOYD BENTSEN OF TEXAS, FORMER

SENATOR FRED HARRIS OF OKLAHOMA, AND NOW A RESIDENT OF VIRGINIA,

SENATOR HENRY JACKSON OF WASHINGTON STATE, FORMER GOVERNOR

TERRY SANFORD OF NORTH CAROLINA, SARGENT SHRIVER OF MARYLAND,

AND REPRESENTATIVE MORRIS UDALL OF ARIZONA.

This Administration -

Say no - to Jobs Program

- no to Educ

- no to the Elderly

- no to the Sick

- no to Tax Reform

- no to School Lunches

- no to housing

- no to our cities

- no to our children
& their school lunches

- no to the

- Graduated Income tax

- not Graduated Top Holes

↳ call
Arthur Burns -

3rd Degree Burns

Frank says we must sacrifice
to end inflation - but who
is there?

my role as that of Moderator, introducer,
+ referee.

understanding
my situation

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if you are a football fan you will

I FIND MYSELF IN A ROLE NOT UNLIKE THAT
OF SONNY JURGENSEN OR ALEX KARRAS AFTER MANY YEARS ON THE

of the Redskin Chicago Bears.

PLAYING FIELD, I FIND THE PRESS BOX HAS SOME DEFINITE ADVANTAGES ...

IDENTIFYING THE PLAYERS BY THEIR NUMBERS, READING THE OFFENSIVE

AND DEFENSIVE PLAYS, AND OFFERING OCCASIONAL COMMENTARY.

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AND THE FANS ARE MUCH LESS INTERESTED IN EXPRESSING THEIR

EMOTIONS, EITHER FAVORABLY OR UNFAVORABLY.

BUT, OF COURSE, IF YOU'RE UP IN THE PRESS BOX, YOU DON'T

GET A CHANCE TO PLAY IN THE SUPER BOWL. — But you

can attend!

This forum, along with others, gives our candidates the opportunity to sharpen the issues, to propose solutions, to challenge the administration, and to give us their hopes and dreams for America as we enter our third century of freedom & independence.

The door of Political opportunity is wide open for the Democrats -

The people are tired and weary of 7 years of Republican double talk, double standards, double digit inflation, and double cross - They ~~want~~ are fed up with, phases & freezes, zig & zag, stop & go, veto & NO NO they cry out for direction, action, decency, and Fair Play -

~~They~~ The People are looking us over to see if we care about ~~our~~ their needs - their families - their communities, their jobs, their income, their taxes, their schools, their health care, their homes - and our country.

THIS FORUM IS BEING CARRIED LIVE ON TELEVISION AND RADIO

THROUGHOUT NEW YORK STATE, AS WELL AS TO OTHER SECTIONS OF THE

COUNTRY. HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WILL HAVE THE CHANCE

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TAKE PLACE SO FAR. THIS SUGGESTS THAT NEW YORK, LOOMS LARGE

IN THE CONTEST FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

OF COURSE, THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE

HELD IN NEW YORK CITY NEXT JULY. AND ON APRIL 6, NEW YORK

DEMOCRATS WILL CHOOSE AT LEAST 75 PER CENT OF THEIR DELEGATES

TO THAT CONVENTION. THIS IS CERTAIN TO BE ONE OF THE MOST

HOTLY CONTESTED AND IMPORTANT PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES.

So there
it is -
an
challenge -

The Empire State -

Why Drill for oil when you have
a gusher in the White House?

Dr Ford - Rockefeller
Butz and co - believe
the way to cure the fever of inflation
is to bleed the Patient.

40% Black Teenagers, 25% White Teenagers
+ Indian + Chinese

a nation that fails the young
people of America
is a nation that ~~fails~~
~~itself~~ is doomed to failure

2 Challenges for next President
- Bring Prosperity at Home
- Bring Peace around the World

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY REQUIRES
THAT EACH STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONDUCT A VIGOROUS PROGRAM TO
INVOLVE ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE SELECTION OF NATIONAL
CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES, ESPECIALLY PERSONS WHO
OFTEN HAVE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO HAVE A FULL-FLEDGED ROLE
IN THE PROCESS. THIS MEANS REACHING OUT TO INVOLVE YOUNGER
VOTERS, MINORITIES, WOMEN, WORKING MEN AND WOMEN, AND SENIOR
CITIZENS. THE FORUM THIS AFTERNOON IS PART OF THE NEW YORK
DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S PROGRAM OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO INVOLVE
AS MANY PERSONS AS POSSIBLE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY NEXT

APRIL 6.. This Forum, along with others, affords
our candidates the opportunity to sharpen
the issues and propose solutions to the
perplexing & Critical Problem of today.
More importantly, the candidates
can & should give us their hopes & dreams

Don't get ~~too~~ divided -
We need each other

- Environment + Jobs -
- Compassion + Profit -
- Farmers + Consumers
Unions - Business

Conservative Ideas
Scholars -
Building Trades
Industrial Unions

Central lesson is the Ability
to Change - We can't replay
the 50's + 60's. We
must look to the 80's 90's

x "Get back to basics
take what's good in the Past
+ build on it."

x } "America is great because
america is good"
De Toqueville

for ~~the~~ America as it enters its third
century of independence & freedom -

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OF YOU WATCHING ON TELEVISION OR LISTENING ^{by} RADIO, PLEASE

BE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED, AND BE SURE YOU HELP CHOOSE

DELEGATES TO THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION BY VOTING

ON PRIMARY ELECTION DAY. DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR CHANCE TO

HELP NOMINATE THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE. GET INVOLVED!

^{now} THAT TAKES CARE OF THE COMMERCIALS. ↳ NOW A BRIEF WORD

ON THE FORMAT FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S FORUM.

↳ EACH CONTENDER WILL MAKE A FIVE-MINUTE OPENING STATEMENT.

↳ THIS SHOULD TAKE MOST OF THE FIRST HOUR. ↳ FOR THE SECOND HOUR,

THE CONTENDERS WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE. ↳ I WILL

EXPLAIN THE GROUND RULES FOR THE QUESTION PERIOD AFTER THE

OPENING STATEMENTS ARE COMPLETED.

When you elect a President -
Judges Cts, agencies, Fed Reserve
+ 2/3 vote of Congress

A President can decide
what the debate is about -
Define issues - engage the
controversy

Now, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE FIRST CONTENDER

FOR HIS OPENING FIVE-MINUTE STATEMENT

Sen Buck Bayt
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