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Hubert H. Humphrey
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HUMPHREY SAYS DEFEAT FACES
DEMOCRATS IF THEY BECOME
"ANTI-GOVERNMENT ZEALOTS"
OR "PROPHETS OF GLOOM, DOOM!"

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ARLINGTON, VA., Mar. 21--Senator Hubert H. Humphrey warned Saturday night that Democrats will not return to the White House next year "as anti-government zealots or as prophets of gloom and doom.

"Victory will only be ours if we offer sensible alternatives to a morally bankrupt Republican Administration," he said. "We will not win because we are against the government we hope to run, but because we are for government which cares about people.

"We will win because we dare to pioneer. We will win because we are willing to face the challenges and devise creative and workable solutions."

Speaking to the Young Democrats of Virginia at the Hospitality House in Crystal City, the Minnesota Senator urged Democratic leaders not to make the federal government "the whipping boy for dissatisfaction and despair."

Despite a decline in public confidence in government institutions, Humphrey said, "the American people will not tolerate timid national leadership."

Humphrey maintained that if Democrats are going to ask to govern, they "had better believe in government.

"We cannot allow this national debate simply to be a negative, thoughtless indictment of government in general. Instead we must pursue the difficult issues which confront our free society in the 20th century."

Stressing the crucial role of the federal government in administering national policies and responsibilities, the Senator emphasized that "only a strong central government has the power and the

(more)

capability to tax huge national and international corporations.

"It is a fact that broad authority is required to clean up a river which runs the length of the country from Minnesota to the Mississippi Delta.

□ "No governor, no state legislature -- no matter how knowledgeable -- can plan an economic recovery or provide a national food policy or a system of national health care.

"Only the federal government, with its constitutional responsibility to protect the rights of individuals, has the authority and the ability to make civil rights a reality for every man, woman and child in every state and every township in this great land."

Humphrey responding to criticisms of the size of the federal bureaucracy, pointed to the fact that -- when postal carriers and blue collar workers are removed from the count -- General Motors and the Ford Motor Company alone employ more workers than the federal government at all levels.

"These figures give us some perspective on how big the federal government really is -- just over one million people to enforce the law and regulate all the big corporations, big organizations and special interests for the other 214 million," he said.

"The real issue, however, is not the size of government, or even whether we have a strong central government, but whom the government will serve.

"Will it continue to serve only the big corporations and special interests? Will it continue a policy of benign neglect toward the jobless and the poor?

"Will it be a government of retreat and retrenchment, or will we offer a government of compassion, concern and efficiency?

"In short, the so-called 'Big Government' argument is not the issue. The real issue is GOOD government, QUALITY government.

"What the American people want from the Democratic Party in 1976 -- and what they deserve -- is a reaffirmation of the possible efficiency of a strong central government. This is the foundation of our democracy -- a democracy that was founded to be responsive to the needs of people."

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Young Dem
MEET DR

not
feel like a Rep
veteran

REMARKS BY

SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

CONVENTION OF

YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF VIRGINIA

Arlington Y.D.'s

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

MARCH 20, 1976

- ✓ Congressman Joe Fisher | admiral Zumwalt
- ✓ Henry Howell
- ✓ Ch. Joe Fitzpatrick
- ~~Jim Almond - Pres Y.D.S of Virginia~~
- ④ Amy Levine
- Sharon Davis - Y.D. Nat Committee woman
- Ed Mabry " " " "
- President Brinsfield

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE BACK AMONG MY OLD -- AND
YOUNG -- DEMOCRATIC FRIENDS IN VIRGINIA.

I GENERALLY DON'T MAKE MUCH DISTINCTION BETWEEN
YOUNG DEMOCRATS AND MIDDLE-AGED ONES AND OLD, ~~OLD~~

DEMOCRATS. I'M A FELLOW WHO DOESN'T PAY MUCH ATTENTION

TO AGE ~~AT ALL~~ WHEN I'M AROUND DEMOCRATS. BUT LOOKING

AT THE REPUBLICAN HORIZON, I AM REMINDED OF WHAT MY GOOD

FRIEND ADLAI STEVENSON USED TO SAY:

"THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS THE PARTY WHICH MAKES
EVEN ITS YOUNG MEN SEEM OLD. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS
THE PARTY WHICH MAKES EVEN ITS OLD MEN SEEM YOUNG."

THE MESSAGE I BRING TO YOU TONIGHT IS THE MESSAGE
FOR ALL DEMOCRATS IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR. IN 1976,

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WILL FACE ITS ULTIMATE BATTLE.

h WE WILL ~~ATTEMPT TO~~ RECAPTURE THE WHITE HOUSE FOR THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE.

h WE CAN, AND I BELIEVE WE WILL, RESTORE THE WHITE
HOUSE AS A SYMBOL OF DYNAMIC, COMPASSIONATE AND COMPETENT
LEADERSHIP FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

h I WANT TO TALK TO YOU TONIGHT ABOUT THE THINGS WE
AS DEMOCRATS MUST DO IN 1976 TO PROVE WE DESERVE TO
TAKE THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT. BECAUSE AS MUCH AS WE

~~X~~ MIGHT LIKE IT, WE WILL NOT REGAIN LEADERSHIP BY DEFAULT,

h THIS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS. IT IS NO SECRET THAT
MANY AMERICANS HAVE BECOME DISILLUSIONED WITH THEIR
GOVERNMENT.

L ON ^{am} ~~THE~~ 200TH ANNIVERSARY, ~~OF OUR BIRTH AS A NATION,~~

WE ARE SUFFERING A CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE THAT WILL NOT BE

CAMOUFLAGED BY THE GLITTER AND SPECTACLE OF ALL THE

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WE CAN MUSTER.

L AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF FREEDOM ON THIS
CONTINENT, OUR PEOPLE ARE DOUBTING THE GOVERNMENT THAT
HAS SUSTAINED THAT FREEDOM.

L THE PRESS TELLS US THAT AMERICANS HAVE TURNED OFF
AND TUNED OUT.

L MANY OF OUR PEOPLE, FRUSTRATED AND DISENCHANTED,

LOOK ^{at} WASHINGTON AS THE REPOSITORY OF EVIL. AND THERE ARE

THOSE ^{seeking high office} ~~AMONG US~~ WHO ARE FEEDING THAT MOOD AND CAPITALIZING ON

IT.

Anti Govt - Translate it
into anti GOP

The Nixon-Ford Govt
has created the very
mess, it now condemns

THEY ARE TELLING THE PEOPLE THAT GOVERNMENT -- AND THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN PARTICULAR -- HAS GROWN TOO LARGE,
TOO CUMBERSOME, TOO INEFFICIENT -- THAT GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME
INTOLERABLE. (*well, the Rep Govt stands guilty
and it didn't just arrive this week*)

← I WANT TO DISCUSS THIS ANTI-GOVERNMENT MOOD WITH YOU
TONIGHT. WE DEMOCRATS HAVE THE ~~OPPORTUNITY~~ OPPORTUNITY TO
REASSESS AND TO EXAMINE JUST WHAT KIND OF GOVERNMENT WE
PLAN TO OFFER OUR PEOPLE FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS AND FOR
THE NEXT 100 YEARS. But.

← WE AS DEMOCRATS CANNOT AFFORD TO OUT-REPUBLICAN
THE REPUBLICANS. THIS IS A DANGEROUS COURSE -- DANGEROUS
NOT BECAUSE IT IS POLITICS AS USUAL, WHICH IT IS.

← IT IS DANGEROUS BECAUSE WITHOUT SERIOUS DISCUSSION
OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED, WITHOUT DIRECTION AND SUBSTANCE, WE →

WILL HAVE TALKED OURSELVES INTO A CORNER.

↳ IF WE ARE GOING TO ASK TO GOVERN, WE HAD BETTER BELIEVE

IN GOVERNMENT — *but Government that works —
government Responsive to the People.*

WE CANNOT ALLOW THIS NATIONAL DEBATE SIMPLY TO BE

A NEGATIVE, GENERALIZED INDICTMENT OF GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL.

↳ INSTEAD, WE MUST PURSUE THE DIFFICULT ISSUES WHICH CONFRONT

A FREE SOCIETY IN THE 20TH CENTURY.

↳ TO DO THIS, WE MUST UNDERSTAND THE FACTS. !

↳ IT IS A FACT THAT WE HAVE A POPULATION OF 215 MILLION

PEOPLE, ALL OF WHOM REQUIRE A JOB, A HOME, AN EDUCATION,

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION, HEALTH CARE, AND *food, some*

SORT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITY.

*It is a fact, we live in a dangerous
and unpredictable world which requires
a government that is capable of*

protecting our interests and assuring
our security

-- IT IS A FACT THAT ONLY A STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
HAS THE POWER AND THE CAPABILITY TO TAX HUGE NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

↳ -- IT IS A FACT THAT BROAD AUTHORITY IS REQUIRED TO
CLEAN UP A RIVER WHICH RUNS THE LENGTH OF THE COUNTRY FROM
MINNESOTA TO THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA. THE RESPONSIBILITY
FOR MAINTAINING INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS, RAILROAD BEDS -- FOR
ATTACKING AIR POLLUTION AND FOR MAINTAINING HEALTH AND
FOOD SANITATION STANDARDS -- ALL OF THESE PROBLEMS
REQUIRE THE EFFORTS OF A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WITH AUTHORITY
TO DEVISE NATIONAL SOLUTIONS.

↳ -- NO GOVERNOR ALONE, NO STATE LEGISLATURE --
NO MATTER HOW KNOWLEDGEABLE -- CAN PLAN AN ECONOMIC

states - Twice as many -

↳ I FIND IT INTERESTING THAT GENERAL MOTORS ALONE EMPLOYED
AN AVERAGE OF 734,000 EMPLOYEES IN 1975 ↳ THE TWO LARGEST
CORPORATE EMPLOYERS, GM AND FORD MOTOR COMPANY,
TOGETHER EMPLOYED AN AVERAGE OF 1,198,731 PEOPLE -- MORE
THAN THE ENTIRE FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY.

↳ JUST FOR THE RECORD, THE TOP 15 LARGEST U. S. CORPORATE
EMPLOYERS HAD A TOTAL EMPLOYMENT LAST YEAR OF 3,944,011.

↳ NOW, DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME. ↳ I'M NOT COMPLAINING
THAT THESE PEOPLE HAVE JOBS. ↳ THEY'RE THE LUCKY ONES ↳ MORE
THAN SEVEN MILLION OTHERS DON'T. (unemployed)

↳ MY POINT IS THAT THESE FIGURES GIVE US SOME PERSPECTIVE
ON HOW BIG THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REALLY IS -- JUST OVER

ONE MILLION PEOPLE TO ENFORCE THE LAW AND REGULATE ALL

Run our Hospitals, Anger, VA, Weather
State. Assets → NASA. AFE

THE BIG CORPORATIONS, BIG ORGANIZATIONS, AND SPECIAL
INTERESTS FOR THE OTHER 214 MILLION.

↳ WE HAVE TO EXAMINE THESE FACTS IN ORDER TO BRING
REALITY INTO THE CURRENT DEBATE.

↳ GOVERNMENT -- BIG OR SMALL -- IS NOT THE ISSUE. ↳ THE
ISSUE IS GOVERNMENT THAT WORKS. *that cares - that serves.*

↳ WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT FROM THE DEMOCRATIC
PARTY IN 1976 -- AND WHAT THEY DESERVE -- IS A REAFFIRMATION
OF THE ~~POSSIBLE~~ EFFICIENCY OF A STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

↳ THIS IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR DEMOCRACY -- A DEMOCRACY THAT WAS
FOUNDED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE.

↳ THE ISSUE IS NOT WHETHER WE ARE TO HAVE A STRONG
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, BUT WHOM THAT GOVERNMENT WILL SERVE.
and who runs it.

L WILL IT CONTINUE TO SERVE JUST BIG CORPORATIONS, the financial
and SPECIAL INTERESTS?

WILL IT CONTINUE A POLICY OF BENIGN NEGLECT OF THE
JOBLESS AND THE POOR? - neglect of our cities?

L WILL IT BE A GOVERNMENT OF RETREAT AND RETRENCHMENT,
OR WILL WE OFFER A GOVERNMENT OF COMPASSION, CONCERN AND, YES,
EFFICIENCY?

(People Want Hope!)

L OUR PEOPLE DO NOT BUY THE SHODDY THEORY THAT "LESS IS MORE."

L THEY WILL NOT TOLERATE TIMID NATIONAL LEADERSHIP.

L THEY KNOW THAT "LESS GOVERNMENT" IS JUST A CODE PHRASE

FOR THE NEW BRAND OF DISCRIMINATION -- NEGLECT OF THE CITIES;

-- FEEBLE AND INEFFECTIVE SOCIAL PROGRAMS;

-- ACCEPTANCE OF AN UNHEALTHY ECONOMY THAT TAKES ITS

WORST TOLL ON THE POOR, THE ELDERLY, THE HANDICAPPED, AND →

Less Health
Less Educ
Less Environ
Protect
Less and

CHILDREN.

↳ IN SHORT, THE SO-CALLED "BIG GOVERNMENT" ARGUMENT IS NOT THE ISSUE. ↳ THE REAL ISSUE IS "GOOD GOVERNMENT", "QUALITY GOVERNMENT".

↳ WE ^{can + must} ~~can~~ OFFER THE AMERICAN PEOPLE A NEW DAY THAT RECALLS THE VISION OF FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, HARRY TRUMAN, JOHN KENNEDY AND LYNDON JOHNSON.

↳ THESE MEN DID NOT DISPARAGE WHAT CAN BE DONE IN WASHINGTON -- AND IN STATE CAPITALS AND COUNTY SEATS. ↳ INSTEAD, THEY JUDGED THEMSELVES AND THE GOVERNMENT THEY LED BY WHAT THEY DID FOR PEOPLE.

↳ THEY COULD HAVE RUN AGAINST WASHINGTON. ↳ THEY COULD HAVE MADE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THE WHIPPING BOY FOR DISSATISFACTION AND DESPAIR.

Yes, Against Republicans who
talk of Balanced Budget

- ↳ Deploy deficits
- cry out against public debt
- worship the work Ethic (unemp)
- pledge Prosperity (Ransom)
- ~~Prize~~ Prize State + Local
Govt - cut Revenues
B27 Bill
- ↳ Talk Good Govt -
mismanagement, +
Corruption

THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY.

BUT THEY DECIDED TO RUN AGAINST REPUBLICANS -- AGAINST

THE ECONOMIC ROYALISTS AND AGAINST SPECIAL PRIVILEGE AND

EXPLOITATION.

THEY FOUGHT FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH, JOBS, EDUCATION,

HEALTH CARE, THE ELDERLY, *The Workers & Farmers -* THE HANDICAPPED AND MINORITIES.

WE HAVE WON AS DEMOCRATS DEDICATED TO GREATER

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

WE WILL RETURN TO THE WHITE HOUSE NEXT YEAR.

BUT WE WILL NOT DO IT AS ANTI-GOVERNMENT ZEALOTS OR AS

PROPHETS OF DOOM AND GLOOM.

VICTORY WILL BE OURS IF WE OFFER SENSIBLE ALTERNATIVES

TO A MORALLY BANKRUPT REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION.

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WE WILL WIN NOT BECAUSE WE ARE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

WE HOPE TO RUN, BUT BECAUSE WE ARE FOR GOVERNMENT WHICH

CARES ABOUT PEOPLE.

WE MUST BE TRUE TO THE TRADITIONS THAT HAVE MADE

US GREAT AS A PEOPLE.

Party and as a people.
We need to Reaffirm - yes

LET US REDISCOVER THE CREATIVITY AND COMPASSION OF

FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT;

-- THE TOUGH, UNCOMPROMISING AND COURAGEOUS DEMEANOR OF

HARRY TRUMAN;

The spirit and enthusiasm of John Kennedy

-- THE STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION OF LYNDON JOHNSON;

and
AND LET US ONCE AGAIN REAFFIRM THE VISION AND

THE DREAM OF JOHN KENNEDY, WHO CHALLENGED US ALWAYS TO

BE BETTER THAN WE ARE.

↳ THIS, MY FELLOW DEMOCRATS, IS OUR HERITAGE. ↳ LET
US NOT FORSAKE IT. ↳ LET US VOW TODAY -- AND ALWAYS -- TO
CARRY ON IN THE SPIRIT WHICH GUIDED THESE GREAT DEMOCRATS.

↳ WE CAN BRING ABOUT A NEW DAY IN AMERICA. ↳ WE CAN
GIVE OUR PEOPLE HOPE ↳ AND WE CAN GIVE THEM SOLID PROGRESS.

↳ WE WILL WIN BECAUSE WE CARE!

↳ WE WILL WIN BECAUSE WE DARE TO PIONEER!

↳ WE WILL WIN BECAUSE WE ARE WILLING TO FACE THE CHALLENGES
AND DEVISE CREATIVE AND WORKABLE SOLUTIONS.

↳ IN CLOSING, I LEAVE YOU WITH THIS THOUGHT -- IN
THE WORDS OF VICTOR HUGO:

↳ "THE FUTURE HAS SEVERAL NAMES. ↳ FOR THE WEAK IT IS
THE IMPOSSIBLE | FOR THE FAINT-HEARTED IT IS THE UNKNOWN.

FOR THE THOUGHTFUL AND VALIANT, IT IS IDEAL. THE

CHALLENGE IS URGENT. THE TASK IS LARGE. THE TIME IS NOW."

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