

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
MACHINISTS NON-PARTISAN POLITICAL LEAGUE

DUPONT PLAZA HOTEL  
Washington, D.C.  
January 21, 1977

First, I want to thank you and congratulate each one of you for making yesterday possible. Your "get-out-the-vote" drive unquestionably was the decisive factor in the election of President Carter as the 39th President of the United States.

From time to time people ask why we spend the time, energy and money it takes to carry out a major get-out-the-vote drive. The November results in this tight and hard-fought election provide a clear and lasting answer to that question. I hope this experience will reinforce your commitment to the vital work of the Machinists Political League.

Let me take just one example. In the State of Ohio, where you made such a tremendous and effective effort, President Carter carried the state by roughly 8,000 votes. You know what the result would have been without your help and hard work. The story is the same in state after state.

The American people owe you their gratitude.

The Democratic Party owes you its thanks.

The President of the United States owes you his continued friendship and support.

And, don't you let any of us forget it.

Today, I want to remind you of what your victory should produce; what I believe the legislative agenda of our new Administration and new Congress should be.

First, it should mean a new era of competent and compassionate government. There can and must be a restoration of majority government in the interest of the majority of Americans.

It should mean an end to the destructive and sometimes bitter disputes between the White House and Congress that produced a tragic stalemate in Washington for most of the last eight years.

Second, it should mean more jobs for those who have suffered the tragedy and indignity of unemployment for too long. It should mean restoring our economy to a path of healthy economic growth and an end to the economic roller coaster that we have been riding for several years.

President Carter has put together an economic plan that will move us in the right direction. I would prefer a somewhat more aggressive program, but I am convinced that if more of a push is needed this Administration will propose it. Economics is not an exact science. No one can be sure of the one best way to proceed. But, as long as the goals and objectives are right, the programs will follow.

Third, it should mean a more humane concern for the problems of our people -- national health insurance to take health care off the auction block and to provide it at reasonable prices to those who need it. It should demonstrate renewed concern for the social and economic needs of our senior citizens and our young people.

Fourth, it should mean a new commitment to revitalize our depressed urban areas and to make our neighborhoods better places to live and raise our families -- clean and safe with decent housing for all our families.

Fifth, it should mean the restoration of American moral leadership around the world. Only a nation with a strong moral commitment to its own citizens can provide a moral tone to the conduct of international affairs.

Finally, it should mean a new spirit for America -- a new spirit imbued with faith and hope in a brighter future for all our people. It should mean a renewal of the spirit of greatness that guided our forefathers in their vision of the greatest democracy in history. It should mean a government that is truly, "of, by and for the people," dedicated to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

These should be the fruits of our great victory. These can be the abundant harvest produced by your hard work. But it will only come to be if you continue to work for it. And, if we do, I assure you that America's best days, its greatest days, have only just begun.

# # # # #

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

TO

MACHINISTS NON-PARTISAN POLITICAL LEAGUE

DUPONT PLAZA HOTEL

JANUARY 21, 1977

" Red Smith - Bill Winefinger  
WIN-SPINGER  
Bill Hölyter

FIRST, I WANT TO THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATE EACH ONE OF YOU

FOR MAKING YESTERDAY POSSIBLE. YOUR "GET-OUT-THE-VOTE" DRIVE

UNQUESTIONABLY WAS THE DECISIVE FACTOR IN THE ELECTION OF

PRESIDENT CARTER AS THE 39TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. <sup>+</sup>

*the majority of the 95th Cong. — Keep the pressure on!*  
now get ready for election 1978

FROM TIME TO TIME PEOPLE ASK WHY WE SPEND THE TIME, ENERGY

AND MONEY IT TAKES TO CARRY OUT A MAJOR GET-OUT-THE-VOTE DRIVE.

THE NOVEMBER RESULTS IN THIS TIGHT AND HARD-FOUGHT ELECTION

PROVIDE A CLEAR AND LASTING ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION. I HOPE

THIS EXPERIENCE WILL REINFORCE YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE VITAL WORK

OF THE MACHINISTS POLITICAL LEAGUE.

Keep the pressure on

Abraham Mason-DeFon

L LET ME TAKE JUST ONE EXAMPLE h IN THE STATE OF OHIO, WHERE  
YOU MADE SUCH A TREMENDOUS AND EFFECTIVE EFFORT, PRESIDENT CARTER  
CARRIED THE STATE BY ROUGHLY 8,000 VOTES. YOU KNOW WHAT THE  
RESULT WOULD HAVE BEEN WITHOUT YOUR HELP AND HARD WORK. THE  
STORY IS THE SAME IN STATE AFTER STATE.

L THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OWE YOU THEIR GRATITUDE.

L THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OWES YOU ITS THANKS.

L THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OWES YOU HIS CONTINUED  
FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT.

L AND, DON'T YOU LET ANY OF US FORGET IT.

Today, I WANT TO REMIND YOU OF WHAT YOUR VICTORY SHOULD  
PRODUCE; WHAT I BELIEVE THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA OF OUR NEW

ADMINISTRATION AND NEW CONGRESS SHOULD BE.

(Keep the President  
on! 95th)

↳ FIRST, IT SHOULD MEAN A NEW ERA OF COMPETENT AND COMPASSIONATE  
GOVERNMENT. ↳ THERE CAN AND MUST BE A RESTORATION OF MAJORITY

GOVERNMENT IN THE INTEREST OF THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS.

↳ IT SHOULD MEAN AN END TO THE DESTRUCTIVE AND SOMETIMES  
BITTER DISPUTES BETWEEN THE WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS THAT PRODUCED  
A TRAGIC STALEMATE IN WASHINGTON FOR MOST OF THE LAST EIGHT YEARS.

2  
SECOND, IT SHOULD MEAN MORE JOBS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED  
THE TRAGEDY AND INDIGNITY OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR TOO LONG. IT SHOULD  
MEAN RESTORING OUR ECONOMY TO A PATH OF HEALTHY ECONOMIC GROWTH AND  
AN END TO THE ECONOMIC ROLLER COASTER THAT WE HAVE BEEN RIDING  
FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

PRESIDENT CARTER HAS PUT TOGETHER AN ECONOMIC PLAN THAT WILL  
MOVE US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I WOULD PREFER A SOMEWHAT MORE  
AGGRESSIVE PROGRAM, BUT I AM CONVINCED THAT IF MORE OF A PUSH IS  
NEEDED THIS ADMINISTRATION WILL PROPOSE IT. ECONOMICS IS NOT AN  
EXACT SCIENCE. NO ONE CAN BE SURE OF THE ONE BEST WAY TO  
PROCEED. BUT, AS LONG AS THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ARE RIGHT,  
THE PROGRAMS WILL FOLLOW.

THIRD, IT SHOULD MEAN A MORE HUMANE CONCERN FOR THE PROBLEMS

OF OUR PEOPLE -- NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE TO TAKE HEALTH CARE OFF

THE AUCTION BLOCK AND TO PROVIDE IT AT REASONABLE PRICES TO THOSE

WHO NEED IT. ( IT SHOULD DEMONSTRATE RENEWED CONCERN FOR THE SOCIAL

AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF OUR SENIOR CITIZENS AND OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

FOURTH, IT SHOULD MEAN A NEW COMMITMENT TO REVITALIZE OUR

DEPRESSED URBAN AREAS AND TO MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS BETTER PLACES TO

LIVE AND RAISE OUR FAMILIES -- CLEAN AND SAFE WITH DECENT HOUSING

FOR ALL OUR FAMILIES.

*Having  
neighborhoods.*

5

FIFTH, IT SHOULD MEAN THE RESTORATION OF AMERICAN MORAL LEADERSHIP AROUND THE WORLD. ONLY A NATION WITH A STRONG MORAL COMMITMENT TO ITS OWN CITIZENS CAN PROVIDE A MORAL TONE TO THE CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. (Human Rts)

FINALLY, IT SHOULD MEAN A NEW SPIRIT FOR AMERICA -- A NEW SPIRIT EMBUED WITH FAITH AND HOPE IN A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE. IT SHOULD MEAN A RENEWAL OF THE SPIRIT OF GREATNESS THAT GUIDED OUR FOREFATHERS IN THEIR VISION OF THE GREATEST DEMOCRACY IN HISTORY. IT SHOULD MEAN A GOVERNMENT THAT IS TRULY, "OF, BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE," DEDICATED TO "LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS."

↳ THESE SHOULD BE THE FRUITS OF OUR GREAT VICTORY. THESE CAN

BE THE ABUNDANT HARVEST PRODUCED BY YOUR HARD WORK. BUT IT

WILL ONLY COME TO BE IF YOU CONTINUE TO WORK FOR IT. AND, IF

WE DO, I ASSURE YOU THAT AMERICA'S BEST DAYS, ITS GREATEST DAYS,

HAVE ONLY JUST BEGUN. !!

# # # # #



# Minnesota Historical Society

Copyright in this digital version belongs to the Minnesota Historical Society and its content may not be copied without the copyright holder's express written permission. Users may print, download, link to, or email content, however, for individual use.

To request permission for commercial or educational use, please contact the Minnesota Historical Society.



[www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org)