

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

FUNDRAISER FOR SENATOR JOHN TUNNEY

Beverly Hills, California

March 11, 1977

It is, indeed, a pleasure for me to be here tonight on behalf of my friend, John Tunney. This is a most impressive gathering, and I am honored to join my very dear colleagues and friends, Ted Kennedy and Alan Cranston.

And I would be remiss if I did not pay tribute to Warren Beatty, who is serving as Master of Ceremonies. In looking at the price of admission to this event, I only hope that those who have gathered here do not feel they've been held up by "Bonnie and Clyde."

It is really a delight for me to be back out here in California, the land of Ronald Reagan. You know, Ronald is still trying to take the power away from the federal government and give it back to the states -- all 13 of them.

Speaking of Ronald Reagan ... it can now be told the his ill-fated campaign against President Ford didn't fizzle because of his actual fear of flying. As you know, he utilized the more outdated modes of campaign travel -- the car and the train. It's just that he didn't trust the left-wing of the more modern mode of transportation -- the airplane.

I must point out the only reason we are here tonight is because John Tunney failed to get a landmark piece of legislation enacted. That bill could have solved the very problem with which he is now confronted.

Known as S. 3707, this measure would have given the average American an incentive to increase his savings through a very complicated form of tax credits. Yet, this bill never saw the light of day. It is because John never got this legal incentive to increase his savings account, that we are gathered here tonight in an effort to retire his campaign debts.

John Tunney has been too much a man of the people. He opposed big business and he opposed monopolies.

It is often said that a Democrat is known by the company he keeps, and not by the companies which keep him.

He was the major force in the enactment of two vital laws: The Anti-trust Procedures Penalties Act and the Noise Control Act.

The Anti-trust law contributed to his demise because it is apparent the California voters last year were concerned over another form of monopoly -- that of the Democratic Party.

In the case of the Noise Control Act, it is apparent that this had little effect on the political environment in California. It did not deter the opposition from producing endless, full-volume commercials that the "Tam O'Shanter" should be the new California hat style.

John Tunney is also known for reaching out for that seemingly unreachable goal. He is not a man who is easily deterred by the facts of political life.

When he ran for the Senate in 1970, his political instincts told him that in California politics hardly anybody except a pre-established national celebrity wins statewide nomination, unless he has already held statewide office.

But John won not only his party's nomination, but also the Senate seat from the incumbent, George Murphy, who supposedly had these assets going for him.

I hope the day is not far off when John will again ignore his political instincts, unfurl the Democratic Party banner, and return to public service.

There is a new spirit in Washington -- a new spirit across our country -- that John Tunney helped to create. It is a spirit that says there are vitally important things that need to be done on behalf of our people, and toward making this a better world -- and those actions need to be taken now!

John, you always have been where the action is. So watch out for this hand of mine that is patting you on the shoulder. Because it's also about to give you a shove, accompanied by a rather well-known Viking war cry: "Get back to Work!"

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*Alan
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TO THIS EVENT, *I thought it must* ~~ONLY HOPE THAT THOSE WHO HAVE~~
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 HERE IN CALIFORNIA, THE LAND OF RONALD REAGAN.

*Reagan wanted to give power back to the
 states - all 13 of them*

YOU KNOW, RONALD IS STILL TRYING TO TAKE THE POWER AWAY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND GIVE IT BACK TO THE STATES -- ALL 13 OF THEM.

SPEAKING OF RONALD REAGAN ... IT CAN NOW BE TOLD THE HIS ILL-FATED CAMPAIGN AGAINST PRESIDENT FORD DIDN'T FIZZLE BECAUSE OF HIS ACTUAL FEAR OF FLYING. AS YOU KNOW, HE UTILIZED THE MORE OUTDATED MODES OF CAMPAIGN TRAVEL -- THE CAR AND THE TRAIN. IT'S JUST THAT HE DIDN'T TRUST THE LEFT-WING OF THE MORE MODERN MODE OF TRANSPORTATION -- THE AIRPLANE.

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