Humphrey Deserves Your Vote

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey is the only candidate for President this year who can be expected to squarely face up to the challenges we face as a nation.

He has demonstrated knowledge and vision in the fields of foreign affairs, education, welfare, civil rights, labor and economics.

Mr. Humphrey has had the courage to talk frankly to the American people about their problems and to pledge progress along the lines called for in our Constitution and democratic principles.

Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon has failed to speak with conviction on the great issues of peace, civil rights or in the area of economics.

Nixon's record includes votes against Truman's National Health Insurance Plan, against the minimum wage bill and against the National Housing Act.

Nixon in 1950 voted against Social Security improvement and against fair employment practices. The same year he voted against aid to medical schools and against cutting oil depletion allowances.

He cast the tie-breaking vote against aid to education in the Senate. And in the Kennedy - Johnson years he opposed the Peace Corps, the food stamp program and the Youth Opportunity Program.

He suggested using nuclear weapons in Vietnam as vice president.

The great domestic crisis is in the area of race relations.

Nixon and third party candidate George Wallace have left the impression they believe force and repression is a major part of solution.

Indeed, they have mentioned justice and fair play but they have soft-pedaled this view in their bids for the racist and backlash vote.

The choice of vice presidential candidates is evidence that Nixon places far more emphasis on repression than on justice—thus his choice of Gov. Spiro T. Agnew.

Only Humphrey's running mate, Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, has made direct, strong and repeated appeals for justice and fair play.

Only Humphrey-Muskie have come into the inner-city areas to ask for colored votes and to promise to do all possible to move the country ahead in the area of race relations.

Sen. Strom Thurmond told the world last week that Nixon and Wallace have similar misgivings about the use of federal funds to bring about school desegregation in the South.

The clock cannot be turned back.

Colored Americans will never accept slavery or second place citizenship again. They insist on equal opportunity now.

The next President must be a man who understands this, accepts it and is willing to stand up and take a public position without hiding behind cliches and slogans.

Only Hubert H. Humphrey has done this.

Mr. Humphrey deserves your trust, support and vote.

Official Lawlessness Disorder

"There have been lawlessness and disorder rampant across the South since 1954 regarding the just requirement that racial discrimination in education be ended."

The tough significant words came from the Southern Regional Council's third report in four years on desegregation of public schools in the South since the Supreme Court's 1954 ruling knocking out segregation.

It is a pessimistic report.

It says the federal, state and local government officials have miserably failed to enforce the law of the land.

There are many areas where this is true, not just on the subject of schools.

The "law and order" politicians don't include this type lawlessness and disorder in their appeals to the backlash vote.

Many of them are guilty of failing to carry out the law. They are guilty of undermining the Constitution of the United States, the influence of the courts and the progress of the nation.

They are no better than the protesters they don't seem to be able to stomach, the ones they claim the United States is sick and tired of.

A closer examination might show that what the nation really is sick and tired of, and threatened by, are officials who don't enforce the laws with justice for all races, colors, religions, sexes and ages.

Fighting In The Ranks

Racial discrimination in the military service of the United States cannot be denied by the big brass and cannot be understood by colored people.

As 20-year Army veteran Major Lavell Merrit put it in charging the service is a "citadel of racism," colored GI's find "in the foxholes and the bunkers there is not discrimination but the minute they step out — there it is."

News stories across the country just reminded us that in the Vietnam war colored troops have been pushed into the front lines so that they have a much higher death rate there than whites.

When there is dangerous and dirty work to be done they can get that extra special treatment colored people are denied elsewhere.

New evidence of how the troops feel about this situation came to light recently when the Pentagon became concerned about the drastic fall-off in colored re-enlistments.

Last week Americans learned that racial clashes still are taking place among our servicemen in Vietnam. Some of the reasons are that colored GI's say they get unfair treatment in front line assignments and in promotions.

The death rates and the figures on ranks held bear this out.

And the GI returning from Vietnam can tell — and does tell — about the large number of colored GI's in stockades for protesting against unfair front line assignments.

The President and the Secretary of Defense have the authority to order and enforce the ending of discrimination in the military services.

When a nation asks men to die to bring about or maintain freedom, it asks the maximum sacrifice.

It should make the maximum sacrifice to see they are equally treated in the military ranks in which they serve.

The President and Defense Secretary should make this matter one of the utmost importance. A divided military is no guarantee of protection to the people of this nation.

Wallace—Anti-Labor

Union leaders battling to cut down on the number of workers threatening to vote for segregationist George Wallace, have all the best of the facts on their side.

The bread and butter facts, along with the "law and order" facts, are against Wallace.

Wallace as govenor of Alabama had one of the highest unemployment rates in the country.

Incomes were over $17 below the national average.

Crime in Alabama ranked far above the average.

Wallace himself is a symbol of the high level lawbreaker and expert on civil obedience (choosing the laws that suit him).

Earl Godwin, Charles H. Allen Jr., H. L. Hunt and Edward Ball, men whose companies or statements reflect anti-unionism, are key Wallace backers.

And while union members go out and play footsie with segregationist Wallace, the Business-industry Political Action Committee is spending 600,000 to help elect selected conservative congressmen.

BIPAC chairman Joseph B. Lanterman said that 10 senators supported in 1966 voted "conservative 82 per cent of the time" and 71 House members BIPAC backed voted 91.6 percent "in favor of the conservative viewpoint."

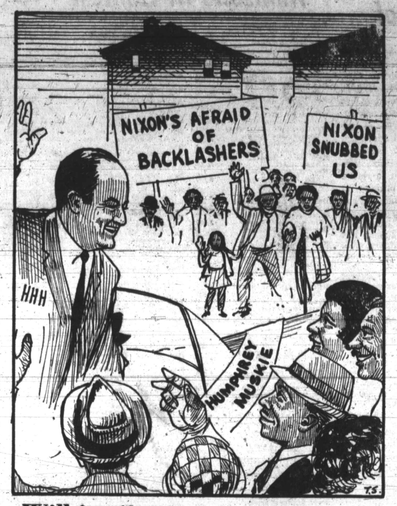
So it's clear.

The anti-union, conservative elements are out to take over.

And when they do, union members who wasted votes on Wallace are going to find out what "the good old days" can be like after 1968.

It'll be too late to cry about it then.

'We're Not Afraid To Come Seek Your Vote And Pledge Fair Play'



Wilkins Speaks • *By Roy Wilkins*

Blatant Type Of Goofing Off

Some white people are at it again — moralizing and philosophizing on their action as McCarthyites (or members of other factions) in sitting out the voting for president Nov. 5. They are going into wordy detail, to explain why they cannot "betray their integrity" by voting for anyone now that their man, McCarthy, is not a nominee.

ROY WILKINS

Most colored citizens living intensely even dangerously, on a week to week basis, disdain the stand of the white purists. The going off of white people on tangents far removed from the daily black realities is realities is something non - whites have tolerated without warmth.

Apparently Senator McCarthy has concluded that while he cannot vote for Wallace and will not vote for Nixon, he cannot support Humphrey because such an action would betray his stand on the war. His intellectual supporters who can endure whatever outcome appears are hard upon his heels.

One campus intellectual, in a letter to the New York Times, pleads that a purely political view of the voting process, "precludes pratical consideration of an elective situation in which the alternatives that each candidate presents so conflict with the integrity of the individual's moral judgments as to render dishonest his own participation in the voting procedure."

That long sentence simply means to colored Americans: "Sit this one out, endure the consequences and try again with a society reorganized to fit our brand of integrity."

Dead-end frenzy

This is one of the stimuli for the deadend black frenzy, including black political blocs. This school constitutes, as all polls show, a vocal minority of less than 3 per cent. In 1968 moved mostly by suspicion of the maneuvers of white allies, some of them (for their own purposes) have joined disgruntled, hairsplitting white liberals in the "don't-vote-for-president" campaign.

Thus, the threatened white withdrawal is not only aiding the black extremists, but is selling out the colored majority to the Wallace doctrine of regression and repression.

Like other Americans, the non-white had to stay alive in 1932. He jumped from the Republican frying pan into what had been represented to him since 1865 as the Democratic fire. He could not afford to write letters to the newspapers analyzing the lapse of integrity involved in his abandonment of the party of Abraham Lincoln.

Expedient? Of course it was expedient. But before the idealists in the aloof McCarthy and other camps spin out their tenuous, self-righteous indictment of expediency, let them don a black skin and try pure idealism.

'Dishonest' ballot

When the going gets heavy in the black-white conflict, the white integrity groups can always melt back into white intellectual and economic circles. The members will continue to beat their breasts on, say, the subject of an "immoral" war, but will refuse to cast an "expedient" vote that could ease the lot of their black fellow citizens.

The non-white is under numbing pressure seven days a week. A build-up in the Wallace percentage of the total vote will add to his burden.

But despite this, the white intellectuals and liberals assert they cannot cast, as they put it, a "dishonest" ballot Nov. 5. If non-whites are thrown for a loss that is just too bad. If charting for the future is done with an eye to the Wallace percentage in 1968, that, too, will be another blow on a black back, not on an ivory tower one.

On the day of the emergence of the purists from their contemplation, colored Americans, will remember that Great White Abstinence of November, 1968. They may then seek other allies who recognize the polling booth as a decision place, as important in its way as the personal prayer rug.

To Be Equal • *By Whitney M. Young Jr.*

Your Vote Could Prevent Nightmare For All America

This election is one of the most important in our history, but the issues have been lost behind a fog of meaningless slogans like law and order, designed to appeal to the backlash vote. The real issue in this election is the commitment to social reform and the effort to bring equality to black Americans.

WHITNEY YOUNG

Don't let all the charges and countercharges candidates hurl at each other confuse you. Look at the records of the candidates and at their past and present commitment to the cause of equal rights — and then cast your ballot for the man who will work hardest to make black people first-class citizens in the land that has oppressed them for 350 years.

America's list of unfinished business is long. We need massive housing for low and moderate income families; more jobs; a real war on poverty; better schools, an economic security program to replace the welfare system; and strict enforcement of civil rights laws.

Voting is power

The man who is President for the next four years has to work for these measures, and he also has to heal the deep and bitter divisions that are creating, as the Kerner Commission reported, "two societies, one black, one white — separate and unequal."

Those who say they aren't voting this year are making a great mistake. They are looking for perfection in a world where it doesn't exist. It might be pleasant to think of someone we like better than the people who are running this year, but daydreaming doesn't change society.

We have to choose among the men who are candidates, and this year that choice may decide whether American democracy will at last work for everybody, or whether it will collapse under the strains of racism.

Those who say they aren't voting usually have the luxury of making such a choice. They don't live in slums, their kids aren't ruined by inadequate schools, and they have jobs. But for millions of others, that choice doesn't exist.

The seven million registered black voters also have to inform themselves about other races besides the Presidency. Local officials, not the President, will decide whether their streets will be paved, their schools improved, and countless other issues.

The ghetto has traditionally been short changed on these, and the only way to get equal treatment is through the ballot box.

That's why I can't understand why some black power advocates have come out against voting this year. Ballot power is black power. The power of the vote, wisely cast, is more powerful than shouting slogans.

A big vote in the ghetto could provide the margin of victory in many elections, and that means the ghetto has a bill to present the victor in the form of support for what the ghetto wants.

Nightmare coming?

With greater voting participation, black people have gotten more official positions too. Nearly 7000 non-whites now hold elective offices, and this year 350 are running — a third of them in the South.

But Black people shouldn't vote on racial lines alone. Often a dedicated white official is more concerned than some black politicians. The real test should be whether the candidate will work as selflshly for the interests of the neglected black community as Southerners in Congress work to hang on to the last vestiges of segregation.

The stakes are high this year. The Wallace candidacy is bringing the hate vote to the polls, and the John Birch Society and other extremists are really active this year. Unless black voters and the great majority of decent, concerned white voters show the same zeal, the next four years could become a nightmare for us all.

Strength For These Days From The Bible

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)

Thoughts Of The Founder

If we had not the qualities that go toward making men within us, how could we have survived under the rigid persecution? We simply could not have done it, and that is all there is to that.

John H. Murphy Sr.
March 30, 1958

AFRO READERS SAY

I wholly disapprove of what you say but will defend to the death your right to say it — Voltaire on Helvetius

Emulate Olympians' Salute

On Oct. 19, 1968, two of our young were given unjust treatment at the Olympics, it is because of this treatment that I am writing you.

These are our youth, and we could be very proud of them. They are not dope addicts, pimps, liars, thieves, or een men. They are proof to the world that black people are just as capable of clean and decent living as any others.

These boys, John Carlos, and Tommie Smith, have brought honor to this country, and in return they are being dishonored by this country because they raised their hands with black gloves on them in thankfulness to God, acknowledging the power God has given the black people to rise up out of the muck and mire, with which we have been oppressed by some of the leaders of this country.

These boys have done nothing wrong. Because they raised their hands when the National Anthem was played, it was called disrespect to the flag.

Our boys are also students, but because they are black, they are treated like criminals. This is the thanks they get for working their hearts out for four years, to win these medals for this country.

Do you know why this was done? They are unhappy about the black youth winning these medals, so they have decided to take some of the glory away.

These people speak of sportsmanship, they do not know the meaning of the word. They are proving to the world just how low they will stoop, to destroy the confidence children may earn for themselves.

To prove our backing, let each and every one who feels this way wear a black glove on one hand in sympathy with our youth for one month.

And from now on, whenever the National Anthem is played let every black man, woman, and child raise his right hand to God, thanking Him for giving us the power to come out of the muck and mire.

OLIVE K. JORDAN

Pritchard's Mexico Jaundiced

BALTIMORE — I have been following your series on Mexico by Pritchard with great interest. I was a student in Mexico for over two years (about the same time as Mr. Pritchard) and my fondness for the Mexican people requires me to speak out.

Mexico is a great country with traditions that stretch back a thousand years before the settling of the American colonies.

Our history begins with the defeat of the Indians who were here before us.

Since Mexico's conquerors (the Spanish legions under Cortez) were not able to fight a war of extinction, the Indians and the Spaniards developed a mutually dependent society which provided the basis for a racial "melting pot" which has never occurred in the U.S.

The Mexican people come in all possible shades and if prejudice existed it would divide brother against brother and mother against sons. Can you picture fraternal twins — one light, the other dark — who grow up refusing to have anything to do with each other?

No, among the Mexican people racial prejudice does not exist.

Now the question of a black U.S. citizen. This is a horse of a different color altogether (excuse the pun). Do not blame the Mexicans for their dependency and fear of the U.S. One who has never traveled in Mexico cannot imagine the power the U.S. exerts on her underdeveloped Southern neighbor.

Starvation is not rare in Mexico. And when one takes food and/or economic help from a powerful country like ours, you don't get away without any strings attached. The Mexicans who were involved had no real choice.

So let me make it clear. Pritchard's trouble was the result of his being an American in disfavor (to say the least) with his government — not because he was a black man in Mexico. Let's not forget who the real enemy of the black man is; we don't have to look as far South as Mexico, do we?

BEAUFORD BLEVANS

Aloha Africa

Sefadu, Sierra Leone — A Peace Corpsman has just returned from leave in Baltimore, bringing an AFRO with him. I have often remembered, during the past year, how much I enjoyed the paper. Now I realize how much I've been "out of it."

Although I'm across an ocean, I feel obligated to keep in touch with political, social and educational activities in my home town.

I am also certain my students would be overjoyed to read the AFRO. Africans are very inquisitive about America, particularly black America, and the paper will help communicate the feelings of the black community at home.

Please send subscription information quickly.

PHILIP F. HOWARD
Peace Corps Volunteer
Koidu Secondary School

WITCH IN TOWN

There lives a witch buffoon man,
That takes every no for can;
His mommy is a blank,
His daddy a haint;
With bab on blood in his vein.

JOSEPH H. YOUNG
Philadelphia

Promises, Promises

One of the favorite devices some Republicans use in discrediting Democrats is to say that the latter have a record of making promises that cannot be kept.

They go further to say that residents of the ghetto, reasonably content with their lot and willing to attain a better life gradually, have become unruly because of unkept promises.

In the summer of 1968 we Americans live in the lush season of promises —promises to restore law and order, promises to restore tranquility in the cities, promises to end the war in Vietnam, promises to balance the budget, promises to accomplish massive improvement of housing conditions.

And many promises being made are designed more to please the particular listener than to ventilate problems and to elucidate methods of solving them.

It is indisputable that people take politicians' promises seriously, and when they are not acted upon, the consequences can be tragic.

Politicians ought to be mindful of two wise sayings on the subject:

"An acre of performance is worth the whole world of promise."

"He who is the most slow in making a promise is the most faithful in the performance of it."

The Weather

Oct. 30 31 — rain with wind
Nov. 1, 2, 3 — changeable
Nov. 4, 5 — fair, frosty

OCTOBER 1968

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Full Moon	Nov. 4	11:25 p.m.
Last Quarter	Nov. 13	3:54 a.m.
New Moon	Nov. 20	3:02 a.m.
First Quarter	Nov. 26	6:31 p.m.

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Thurs., Oct. 31	6:27 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 1	6:28 a.m.	4:58 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 2	6:30 a.m.	4:57 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 3	6:31 a.m.	4:56 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 4	6:32 a.m.	4:55 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 5	6:34 a.m.	4:54 p.m.

Holidays and Holydays
Nov. 1—All Saints Day

Afro Credo

I measure a newspaper not in buildings, equipment and employees — those are trimmings.

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, in God and in the present generation. It must always ask itself —

Whether it has kept faith with the common people;

Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums, to provide jobs for everybody;

Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustice, race prejudice and the cowardice of compromise.

The AFRO - AMERICAN must become a bi-weekly, then a tri-weekly, and eventually, when advertising warrants, a daily.

It has always had a loyal constituency who believe it honest, decent and progressive. It is that kind of newspaper now and I hope it never changes.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR.
December 28, 1930

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A Message from . . .

Senator Ted Kennedy

"Dan Brewster and I entered the United States Senate at the same time in 1963. Since that time we have worked together on many matters which are important to Maryland and to our nation.

"Dan Brewster is concerned about the problems in our cities. He's concerned about crime and violence. He wants full employment. He wants decent housing and more educational opportunities for every American. He demands equal job opportunities.

"Dan Brewster speaks his mind. And he speaks out with honesty and candor. Dan Brewster is a man you can trust. Dan Brewster cares what happens to you, and to all people.

"Dan Brewster is an outstanding U.S. Senator. I know you will keep him in the U.S. Senate so he can continue to work for you, for Maryland and for a better life for every American."

RE-ELECT Daniel B. BREWSTER

YOUR U.S. SENATOR FOR MARYLAND

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