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McCarthy: ‘I Intend To Vote’ for HHH

Here is the text of Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy's statement yesterday saying he will vote for Hubert H. Humphrey:

I have been urged by many persons to support the Democratic candidate for the Presidency. I have been urged by many not to support him. I have also been asked by many to suggest to them how they should vote.

Most Americans today, I think, are quite capable of making their own decision about the Presidency. Many, if not most, of my supporters have, I believe, already made this decision. To those, however, who may be waiting for my decision, I wish to announce that on Nov. 5 I intend to vote for Vice President Hubert Humphrey and recommend that those who have waited for this statement of my position do the same.

The position of the Democratic candidate on the principal issues that have been raised in my campaign—namely, the ending of the war in Vietnam, the demilitarization of United States Government policy, and the reform of the draft laws so as to make them responsive to individual conscience, together with the reform of the political process within the Democratic Party—falls far short of what I think it should be. The choice however, is between Vice President Hubert Humphrey and Richard Nixon. My support of Hubert Humphrey is based on two considerations:

The first, that on the basis of what he has stood for in the past and what he has said about domestic problems in this campaign, Hubert Humphrey has shown a better understanding of our domestic needs and a stronger will to act than has been shown by Richard Nixon.

The second, that with Hubert Humphrey as President, the possibility of scal-

ing down the arms race and reducing military tensions in the world would be much greater than it would be with Richard Nixon as President of the United States.

I wish to make it as clear as I can to the young people and to the others who supported me this year after I asked them to test the established political processes of the Democratic Party that I will not make that request of them again unless those processes have clearly been changed. I wish to assure them that I intend to work to that end, and, at the same time, to continue to discuss the substantive issues of American politics.

In order to make it clear that this endorsement is in no way intended to reinstate me in the good graces of the Democratic Party leaders, nor in any way to suggest my having forgotten or condoned the things that happened both before Chicago and at Chicago, I announce at this time that I will not be a candidate of my party for re-election to the Senate from the state of Minnesota in 1970. Nor will I seek the presidential nomination of the Democratic Party in 1972.

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McCarthy Endorses Humphrey

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cryptic replies to their queries about his plans.

The Senator's closest aides also refused to discuss his—or their—future.

It was learned, however, that McCarthy decided about two weeks ago he would have to come out for Humphrey. His decision was forced more by a distaste for Nixon than a desire to see Humphrey President. In order to keep his credibility, particularly with his youthful supporters, McCarthy determined he would link the endorsement with a decision to leave the Senate.

Over the next two years, in addition to his Senate work, McCarthy reportedly plans to continue his efforts to reform the processes within the Democratic Party. His success in this effort is expected to determine whether he moves to a new party or backs a Democrat in 1972.

He said yesterday he would not ask others to work within the Democratic Party again "unless those processes have clearly been changed." Among the "processes" McCarthy is believed to include both the manner in which delegates to party conventions are chosen and the working of the conventions.

During his strolling talk with reporters, McCarthy said he had no plans to take a job as a university president. There had been rumors that he would become the new president of embattled Columbia University.

Humphrey, campaigning in Pittsburgh when McCarthy's endorsement was announced, said, "I'm a happy man this morning in terms of his support ... I say thank you, Gene."

Democratic National Chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien termed McCarthy's statement "a significant contribution to the last week of the campaign" — a not-so-velled dig at the long time it took in coming.

Democratic sources in Minnesota indicated that McCarthy's statement, late and lukewarm as it was, might be enough to solidify Humphrey's slight edge in his home state and might help him in New York. Many of McCarthy's chief Minnesota backers had



Sen. McCarthy announces his endorsement of Humphrey.

come over to the Vice President in the past few days.

McCarthy travels to California today for a Humphrey rally in the Watts section of Los Angeles. He will campaign Friday in Oregon on behalf of Sen. Wayne Morse.

On Monday night in New York, before a Madison Square Garden peace rally of 15,000, McCarthy was greeted

by chants of "72, 72, 72." The Minnesotan, though he ruled out a third-party effort this year, has always left that possibility open for the future. There has been some talk within the McCarthy camp of a national issues convention in the Democratic Party to change its ways or provide the basis for some new party in 1972.