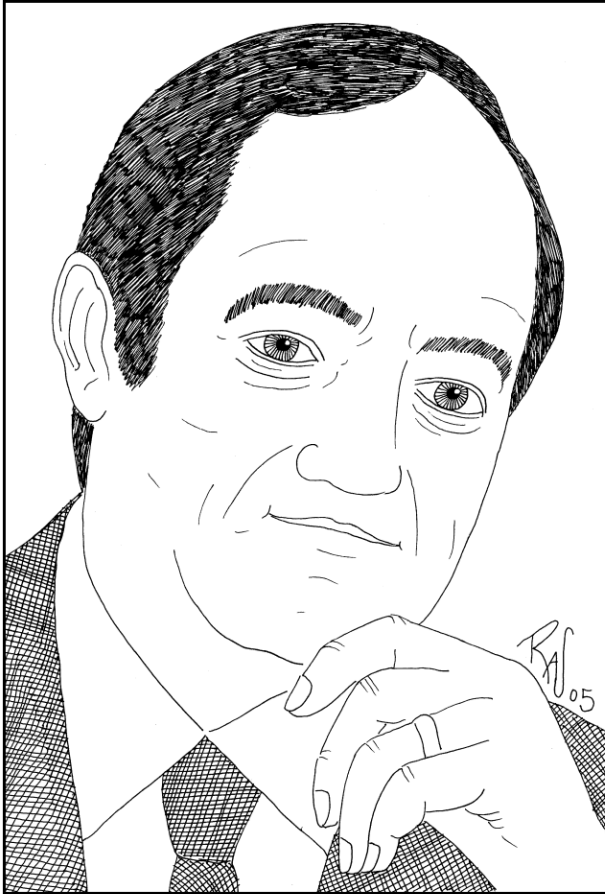


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Hubert H. Humphrey (1911-1978)

Hubert Horatio Humphrey, Jr. was the 38th Vice President of the United States. With a political career that spanned nearly 35 years, Hubert Humphrey greatly influenced liberal American politics. He began his political career in 1945 as Mayor of Minneapolis, fighting against discrimination and working for reform. Under his leadership, Minneapolis was the first American city to pass fair employment laws. In 1948 he gained national attention with a powerful speech at the Democratic National Convention that called for a strong stand for civil rights. That November he was elected to represent Minnesota in the US Senate. He easily won re-election in 1954 and in 1960 and served until he was chosen as Lyndon Johnson's running mate in the 1964 Presidential election.

After two terms as Vice President, Hubert Humphrey was chosen as the Democratic candidate for the 1968 Presidential election. He lost to Richard Nixon by only 1% of the popular vote! Humphrey was re-elected to the Senate in 1970 and 1976, serving until he died from cancer. During his career he was dubbed, "The Happy Warrior" because of his upbeat attitude as he forcefully advocated for legislation for liberal causes like civil rights, voting rights, fair employment, arms limitations, organized labor, and the Peace Corps. He was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 1979 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1980.



"...there can be no compromise on the right of personal security; there can be no compromise on securing of human rights."

Hubert Humphrey was born on May 27, 1911 in Wallace, South Dakota

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