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## MUSKIE STRESSES DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

Senator Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine) told a Westbrook, Maine audience tonight that "the task of the Democratic Party...is to help America regain its bearings."

"We must continue to make our views known in a rational way, to speak out about the need to revise our priorities, to approach problems in a sound and direct and thorough manner," the Senator said in remarks prepared for the Distinguished Democrats Award Dinner in Westbrook.

"I believe the people of Maine are prepared to respond to the truth, to the forthright approach, to the example of decent and concerned leadership which this Democratic Party is well-equipped to offer.

"We must work to heal the divisions between the young and the not so young in our State. We must harness the special genius of Maine by balancing essential economic development with the preservation of a healthy and wholesome environment. And we must give voice to the Maine idea -- of people with a sense of independence as well as a sense of community, working together, preserving the best of what we are, and reaching for the best that we might be."

"And the best way for Democrats in Maine to worry about November," Senator Muskie concluded, "is to worry about what is right."

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