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## **Humphrey Tours Capital Alleys**

Vice President Humphrey, who without any fanfare has been doing a lot to head off big-city riots, had his office telephone Rufus (Catfish) Mayfield in Washington the other day saying that the vice president wanted to come and see him.

“You say the vice president wants to come and see me?” asked the astonished Mayfield.

He didn’t believe it. Mayfield is the head of an organization of Negro youths called “Pride, Inc.,” which has done a valiant job of cleaning up Washington, D.C., slums, killing rats, removing rubbish and showing pride in the Negro community.

Vice President Humphrey arrived. Catfish Mayfield still didn’t believe it. The exchange went about like this: “Are you really the vice president?” Catfish asked. “What you want to do down here?”

“I don’t want to sing,” replied Humphrey. “I want to see what you’re doing.”

Humphrey then went on a personally conducted tour with Catfish Mayfield as his guide, through the back alleys of Washington where young Negroes have killed 10,000 rats in a couple of weeks.

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