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= my chairman -

Fellow Democrats
Fellow Americans

I REALIZE THAT I AM ~~HERE~~ DEALING WITH A CHARGED ISSUE,

WITH AN ISSUE WHICH HAS BEEN CONFUSED BY EMOTIONALISM ON ALL SIDES.

I REALIZE THAT THERE ARE THOSE HERE - FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES OF

MINE, MANY OF THEM - WHO FEEL AS DEEPLY AS I DO ABOUT THIS ISSUE

AND WHO ARE YET IN COMPLETE DISAGREEMENT WITH ME. MY RESPECT AND

ADMIRATION FOR THESE MEN AND THEIR VIEWS WAS GREAT WHEN I CAME

HERE. IT IS NOW FAR GREATER BECAUSE OF THE SINCERITY, THE

COURTESY AND THE FORTHRIGHTNESS WITH WHICH THEY HAVE ARGUED IN OUR

DISCUSSIONS. BECAUSE OF THIS VERY RESPECT - BECAUSE OF MY PROFOUND

BELIEF THAT WE HAVE A CHALLENGING TASK TO DO HERE - BECAUSE GOOD

CONSCIENCE DEMANDS IT - ~~THAT~~ I FEEL I MUST RISE AT THIS TIME TO

Support

PRESENT THIS REPORT.

- a report that
spells out our democracy
a report that the people
will understand + enthusiastically
acclaim -

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LET ME SAY AT THE OUTSET THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS MADE WITH

NO SINGLE REGION, NO SINGLE CLASS, NO SINGLE RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS

GROUP IN MIND. ALL REGIONS AND ALL STATES HAVE SHARED IN THE

PRECIOUS HERITAGE OF AMERICAN FREEDOM. ALL STATES AND ALL REGIONS

HAVE SEEN AT LEAST SOME INTRUSIONS OF THAT FREEDOM. —

all people, all groups have been the victims of discrimination

THE MASTERLY STATEMENT OF OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER, THE DISTINGUISHED

UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM KENTUCKY, ALBEN BARKLEY, MADE THAT POINT

WITH GREAT FORCE. SPEAKING OF THE FOUNDER OF OUR PARTY, THOMAS

JEFFERSON, HE SAID:

"HE DID NOT PROCLAIM THAT ALL WHITE, OR BLACK, OR RED, OR YELLOW MEN ARE EQUAL; THAT ALL CHRISTIAN OR JEWISH MEN ARE EQUAL; THAT ALL PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC MEN ARE EQUAL; THAT ALL RICH OR POOR MEN ARE EQUAL; THAT ALL GOOD OR BAD MEN ARE EQUAL. WHAT HE DECLARED WAS THAT ALL MEN ARE EQUAL; AND THE EQUALITY WHICH HE PROCLAIMED WAS EQUALITY IN THE RIGHT TO ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF FREE GOVERNMENT IN WHICH THEY MAY PARTICIPATE, AND TO WHICH THEY HAVE GIVEN THEIR CONSENT."

(3) But more important
as Americans -

WE ARE HERE AS DEMOCRATS, AND I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT

Countries

AS MEN CONCERNED WITH OUR ~~Party's~~ FUTURE, WE MUST SPECIFY IN OUR

PLATFORM THE ~~the~~ GUARANTEES WHICH I HAVE MENTIONED. ~~at~~ ^{yes,} THIS

IS FAR MORE THAN A PARTY MATTER. EVERY CITIZEN HAS A STAKE IN

THE EMERGENCE OF THE UNITED STATES AS THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD.

THAT WORLD IS BEING CHALLENGED BY THE WORLD OF SLAVERY. FOR US

TO PLAY OUR PART EFFECTIVELY, WE MUST BE IN A MORALLY SOUND

morally sound

POSITION. WE CANNOT USE A DOUBLE STANDARD FOR MEASURING OUR OWN AND

OTHER PEOPLE'S POLICIES. OUR DEMANDS FOR DEMOCRATIC PRACTICES IN

OTHER LANDS WILL BE NO MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THE GUARANTEE OF THOSE

PRACTICES IS IN OUR OWN COUNTRY!

WE ARE ~~at~~ GOD-FEARING MEN AND WOMEN. ~~OUR~~

We place our

FAITH IN THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN UNDER THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE CAN BE ANY COMPROMISE ON THE

guarantee of Civil Rights

WHICH I HAVE MENTIONED. ~~IN~~ ~~FOR~~

In spite of my desire for

UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT ON THE PLATFORM, THERE ARE SOME MATTERS WHICH

I THINK MUST BE STATED WITHOUT QUALIFICATION.

There can be

no hedging - no watering down -

(a wonderful platform)

There are those who say to you -
~~that~~ we are rushing this issue
of Civil Rights - I say, we are
172 years late -

There are those who say - this
issue of Civil Rights is an infringement
on States Rights -

The Time has arrived for the
Democratic Party to get out of the
shadow of States Rights and walk
forthrightly into the bright sunshine
of Human Rights -

People - Human being, this is
the issue of the 20th Century
People - all kinds & sorts of
people - look to America
for leadership - for help
for guidance

~~the party with the...~~

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Mr Chairman,
~~presently~~

I call upon this
convention to
~~do so~~
to adapt this report.

A MINORITY REPORT TO THIS CONVENTION ON THE PLATFORM PLANK
PERTAINING TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION OF OUR PLATFORM

The Democratic Party is responsible for the great civil rights gains made in recent years in eliminating unfair and illegal discrimination based on race, creed or color.

The Democratic Party commits itself to continuing its effort to eradicate all racial, religious and economic discrimination.

We again state our belief that racial and religious minorities must have the right to live, the right to work, the right to vote, the full and equal protection of the laws, on a basis of equality with all citizens as guaranteed by the Constitution.

We highly commend President Harry Truman for his courageous stand on the issue of civil rights.

We call upon the congress to support our President in guaranteeing these basic and fundamental American principles -- the right of full and equal political participation; the right to equal opportunity of employment; the right of security of person, and the right of equal treatment in the service and defense of our nation.

on page 12, strike out paragraph 4
and in lieu thereof substitute the following

MY FRIENDS, MY FELLOW DEMOCRATS -- I ASK YOU FOR A
 CALM CONSIDERATION OF OUR HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY. LET US FORGET
 THE EVIL PASSIONS, THE BLINDNESSES OF THE PAST. IN THESE
 TIMES OF WORLD ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SPIRITUAL -- ABOVE
ALL, SPIRITUAL CRISIS, WE CANNOT, WE MUST NOT TURN FROM THE
 PATH SO PLAINLY BEFORE US. THAT PATH HAS ALREADY LEAD US
 THROUGH MANY VALLEYS OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH. NOW IS THE
 TIME TO RECALL THOSE WHO WERE LEFT ON THAT PATH OF AMERICAN
 FREEDOM. -----

NOT ONLY THE MEN OF IWO JIMA AND THE BATTLE OF THE
 BULGE -- BUT THE MEN OF BELLEAU WOOD AND THE ARGONNE. NOT
 ONLY THE MEN OF THE SIEGE OF OKINAWA, BUT THE MEN OF SHILOH
 AND ~~THE~~ GETTYSBURG. NOT ONLY THE MEN OF PEARL HARBOR, BUT ~~THE~~
 MEN OF CONCORD AND SARATOGA.

FOR ALL OF US HERE, FOR THE MILLIONS WHO HAVE SENT
 US, FOR THE WHOLE TWO BILLION MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN FAMILY --
 OUR LAND IS NOW, MORE THAN EVER, THE LAST BEST HOPE ON EARTH.
 I KNOW THA WE CAN -- I KNOW THAT WE SHALL -- BEGIN HERE THE
 FULLER AND RICHER REALIZATION OF THAT HOPE -- THAT PROMISE OF
 A LAND WHERE ALL MEN ARE FREE AND EQUAL, AND EACH MAN USES HIS
 FREEDOM AND EQUALITY WISELY AND WELL.

[Handwritten scribbles and signatures]
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 Jack King
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