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The first sixteen months of the Kennedy Administration have been an amazing record of accomplishment---and there is much more to come.

This nation has been pulled out of the doldrums. American leadership has been re-established, American confidence has been restored, and we are on the move again.

President Kennedy, working with the Democratic leadership in the Congress, has set ten positive, concrete goals, with strict deadlines and specific organization--and in a little over a year, major progress toward these goals has been accomplished:

The attack on unemployment -- We are the party of full employment, and we are moving to clean up the pockets of unemployment that mar our economy. Through the Area Redevelopment Act we are this summer creating new jobs, in cooperation with private industry. We have expanded and increased the activities of the Small Business Administration. We are shortly going to pass a special Public Works program for distressed areas. We are going to act shortly on my Youth Conservation Corps bill to provide useful jobs for boys and young men in the high-unemployment categories. Through tax incentives we are seeking to encourage private industry to expand and provide new jobs in America--instead of overseas.

Strengthening of our defenses -- We have moved boldly toward restoring our leadership in nuclear delivery systems. We have strengthened our

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conventional forces. We are devising effective ways of dealing with Communist secret aggression -- so-called unconventional warfare. We have served notice on the Communist leadership that we will not submit to either atomic blackmail or to the threat of any kind of armed aggression.

Halting the Arms Race -- At the same time we have redoubled our efforts to find a safeguarded agreement with the Communist world to control and reduce armaments. We have created the world's first Disarmament Agency. We have put our best brains to work to attempt to create new mechanisms for preventing accidental war. While we have resumed nuclear testing, we have at the same time tremendously increased our efforts to bring the Soviet Union to accept a system of inspection and controls that would halt the nuclear arms race.

Reassertion of world leadership -- We are investing great energy, food and fiber, and capital to establishing economic and politically stable societies in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The Alliance for Progress, the Peace Corps, the expanded and dynamic use of Food for Peace: These are landmarks of the first sixteen months of this Democratic Administration. We are consulting with our great Allies, but we are making foreign policy decisions on the basis of what is ⁱⁿ our own paramount interests. We are requiring that Europe--which we put on its feet--now pull its full load in our common defense, in the maintenance of monetary stability, and in the development of the backward areas of the world. We have thrown our great prestige and weight into a strengthening of the United Nations.

General economic improvement --We are providing for the President the tools to negotiate historic trade agreements with Europe and Japan which can permit our goods to flow more freely into the massive new markets of those areas. Through increased credit facilities for exporters and through tax advantages for improving and modernizing production equipment, we are making our industries more competitive throughout the world.

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Greater opportunity for the young -- We are striving to improve the quality of our higher education. We are making broader opportunities available for college education for qualified young people -- no matter what their economic status may be.

Greater security for the aged and underprivileged -- We have liberalized many of the provisions of social security for the elderly, the blind, widows and disabled, for dependent children. We have raised the minimum wage and expanded coverage to 3.6 million additional workers. We are stepping up slum clearance, nursing home and hospital construction, homes for the elderly. Through Medicare we will remove the fear of the catastrophic costs of illness for the over 65 age group, by providing for hospitalization and nursing home care pre-paid under Social Security.

Constructive management of our great agricultural abundance -- We are taking firm steps to bring agricultural production into balance with demand, and strengthening farm income at the same time. We are stressing the constructive use of our food and fiber abroad--Food for Peace--and expanding commercial sales of our efficiently-produced milk, wheat, beans and other commodities.

Conservation and expansion of natural resources -- We are undertaking an historic program of water pollution control -- led by Congressman John A. Blatnik. We are establishing a new Bureau of Outdoor Recreation to upgrade our outdoor recreational opportunities. We are going to resume the great program of conserving our great outdoor heritage and making it available for every American.

Strengthening human rights -- This Administration has moved effectively and swiftly to provide broader employment opportunities for minority groups--to remove artificial barriers to advancement. There has been specific encouragement and leadership toward the elimination of segregation in housing, in education, and in all walks of life.

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The decisions at this Convention, and the decisions of the elections in November will determine whether we are going to speed up or slow down our progress toward these great goals of the Kennedy Administration and the Democratic Congress.

To achieve these goals fully we must have more liberal Democratic-Farmer Labor Congressmen going to Washington from Minnesota this year.

And if Minnesota is to participate fully in the great new programs for economic and social improvement, we must have in St. Paul a Governor and an Administration and a Legislature which will provide the leadership and the ability to cooperate in the major Federal-state programs that are now underway, and that are yet to come.

This needed leadership and ability--so obviously lacking in the present incumbent Governor -- will be provided in full measure by the nominee of this Convention -- the dedicated, progressive man whom we have chosen to lead our ticket in November--Karl Rolvaag.

To the election of Karl Rolvaag in November, and to the strengthening of the DFL delegation in the Minnesota legislature and in the Congress of the United States, I dedicate my full energies and abilities, my heart and my hand.



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