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I come as a Spokesman for the Kennedy-Johnson Administration | Program
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Friends and fellow Democrats....there's nothing I

like better than being with you in New York tonight.

These days in Washington, I'm continually torn between

duty and desire - and it's a rare night when desire wins.

Truman
HST - Grating to Dems
Give the Republicans

As you know, we're in the middle of a frustrating,

aggravating filibuster - a filibuster that is preventing

the Senate from working its will on the most significant

legislation confronting Congress in decades.

Refuse
from
filibuster

Jim Proud to be a Democrat

I don't have to tell you about the need for civil
rights legislation, nor do I have to explain the bill
to you.

N.Y. Democrats - Congressman

Unity - (Great Resources here) - not unanimity

~~But I can tell you that~~ Regardless of how confusing day-to-day developments in the Senate may seem, I can assure you of one thing - WE ARE GOING TO PASS ^{an effective, meaningful} CIVIL

RIGHTS BILL.

Yes, We are going to pass a fair and effective civil rights bill if it means we have to keep the Senate in session

all year. President Johnson has made that pledge to the American people. And as his floor manager in the Senate, I will do everything in my power to see that that pledge is carried out.

We are going to pass a civil rights bill because it is morally right, politically right - and internationally, it's imperative.

will
Pass

This bill is a bi-partisan bill - worked out under the able leadership of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy and responsible Democratic and Republican leaders in the Congress...men such as Speaker McCormack and Manny Celler and Minority Leader Charlie Halleck and Bill McCulloch of Ohio.

But that is not what I want to talk to you about tonight.

I want to talk to you about what we have to do after this civil rights bill becomes law.

after
Civil
Rts

I am concerned about the future. This civil rights program is just a beginning - the beginning of a program that will bring a new dimension of freedom and economic progress to our country.

But this will not come unless we start planning now
to implement the civil rights law and start to create
a climate of tolerance, reason and justice.

First, I would like to emphasize something that should
be apparent to everyone. Civil Rights is a national issue -
it is not confined only to the South.

*It is a moral issue
not Partisan*

When President Johnson spoke in Atlanta last week
he was not speaking only to a Southern audience. His
words were heard throughout the land and his warning was
directed to the North as well as the South.

Atlanta LBJ ~~88~~

L "Heed not," the President said, "those who come
waving the tattered and discredited banners of the past -
who seek to stir up old hostilities and kindle old hatreds -
who preach battle between neighbors and bitterness between
states. That is the way back to the anguish from which
we came."

This is a warning that all Americans should keep
in mind.

L ~~We Democrats should keep it in mind~~ when we read
the gloomy reports of the political pundits about the
so-called "white backlash" and other dire results if
we persist in fighting for a good civil rights bill.

J.G. J.F.K.

It is certainly clear that many peddlers of panic have been roaming the country. By voice and by pen they seek to exploit the inner fears of decent Americans.

There is not a section of the bill they have not lied about or distorted.

These peddlers of fear are clever, calculating demagogues. They know that the average voter doesn't take the time to learn all the details of the civil rights bill so these demagogues prey on this lack of information.

They prey on it by sticking their grimy fingers into the very heart of our fellow Americans. They tell lies to frighten them about what will happen to their children in school, what will happen to their homes, what will happen to their families.

Bryl

I am confident that the majority of Americans will not be deceived for too long.

But this is where we, as responsible party leaders, must take an active role. We must make certain that the truth is known. We must not permit ignorance to grow.

We must expose the ~~demagogues~~ ^{those} who try to exploit ignorance and fear. And we must have the political courage to stand for what is morally right even if we know it is not universally popular.

(Pause)

As political leaders we carry a heavy responsibility. We must help create a national climate that will respond to President Johnson's call for an end to hatred and rancor and the beginning of a new tolerance of difference whether that difference be political, religious or racial.

This is a responsibility none of us can avoid -
either as citizens or as political leaders. It is the
kind of responsibility President Kennedy spoke about
in his memorable Inaugural Address when he said "I
do not shrink from this responsibility - I welcome it."

JFK
Responsibility

Since 1961 when the beloved John F. Kennedy took
office our country has made unprecedented strides on
the road to a Better America. We will continue that progress
under Lyndon B. Johnson.

But as responsible men and women we know that our
goal of a Better America is not one that will be reached
overnight. It will require work. It will require
persistence. It will require patience. It will require
action.

The goal we are seeking for all Americans was stated best by the late Pope John XXIII in his great encyclical, Pacem in Terris.

↳ Pope John emphasized that "racial discrimination can in no way be justified" and he added:

↳ "For, if a man becomes conscious of his rights, he
must ~~and~~ become equally aware of his duties. Thus he who
possesses certain rights has likewise the duty to claim
those rights as marks of his dignity, while all others
have the obligation to acknowledge those rights and
respect them."

There - in the word dignity - we have the sense
of what we seek for all Americans. The preservation and
elevation of human dignity is the base for every other
individual and social value. Every human being deserves
to be treated with dignity, for every individual is a
person of infinite worth.

It is our task as citizens to translate these ideals
into living, day-to-day terms that will add meaning and
reality to our lives.

as Democrats

And it is our task as public servants to marshal
the resources of this great nation to work for the
dignity of all citizens.

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*A Better Deal for America
A Better Deal for the World -
Peace - Justice*



*Day Hammer
Eleanor Roos
Pope John
John Kennedy*



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