

MINNESOTA RADIO TAPE OF MARCH 12, 1964

FOR BROADCAST WEEK OF MARCH 16, 1964

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This past week the Senate has begun to take up the problem of Civil Rights. A good bill has been passed by the House of Representatives and has come to the Senate. I have the responsibility of being the floor manager for the Democratic party for that bill. I consider it the most important legislative assignment I have had in my fifteen years in the Senate. My sentiments on the subject are well known. I believe that the United States is already long overdue in closing the citizenship gap which exists in our great country. It is time that every American citizen, regardless of race, creed, color, or previous condition of servitude be equal under the law.

Needless to say, there are those who would solve our problems differently, and they will seek continued delay in passing this legislation, or they will try to water it down to something less than the full equality that the legislation before us provides. That is why we can look forward to some weeks of debate before this issue is settled at last in the law. In implementing ~~it~~ ^{units} ~~of course~~, in education, in employment, in full development of opportunity we have other ^{important} tasks. These cannot be taken up without the base in law however, so the law must come first.

I am for full and complete debate - for thorough, searching debate. No legitimate objection should go unanswered or unexamined. I do believe that adequate, germane debate can be accomplished in a matter of a few weeks, and that after that, we ought to vote.

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It is a human issue, it is moral, and it is national.

It is in those terms that I shall devote my energies to the full, without compromise.

Therefore, although Spring is in the air here, and the tug of a Minnesota vacation is unusually strong I'll just have to dream about those lakes and woods until a job gets done here.

The folks in Sebeka, Minnesota however, recently sent me a tempting brochure on the Crow Wing Canoe Trail that has been developed along the Crow Wing River. I understand that this is a local development. Washington did not have anything to do with it, and I did not have anything to do with it. I would just like to enjoy it.

Beginning at Blueberry Lake, there are eight camp sites along the Crow River, ending up at McGivern Park. There are no dams or portages. One can start at any point, or end at any point on the trail. It has been made easy, safe, comfortable, so that even small children can be taken along. Up to 800 acres of public camping ground have been provided, with toilet facilities, telephone points, and supply centers. There are fish of every variety, sandy beaches for swimming, and a rich variety of wildlife. The total trail takes one through 75 miles of beautiful and accessible wilderness along the scenic Crow River.

While one is having the usual kind of fun and pleasure that a family will long remember, one can also enjoy picking up a lot of Minnesota and Indian history.

The Crow Wing river gets its name from the Chippewa Indians ~~who called it Kag-i-weg-won which should be translated "Parents Wing"~~. The Sioux as well as the Chippewa roamed here centuries before the white man discovered America. Lovely lookout spots may be found along the trail as well as old Indian burying mounds. Later came the trading posts, and still later the loggers who started the great Minnesota lumbering industry.

It is not that I am so much of a press-agent, as news of this kind makes me homesick. This particular trail is but one of the recreational facilities in the West Central Minnesota Resource Conservation Development Project. Many local communities and private clubs and businesses have joined in sponsoring its development. They are all to be richly commended for thier enterprise in adding another item in the many wonderful things there are to do in Minnesota, not only for our own citizens, but for people from all of the rest of the United States.

And believe me, as soon as I can, I am going to take some advantage of it, too.

Thank you.

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