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REMARKS

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It's always a pleasure to be with my friends of  
the 4-H.

✓ You are the best of our younger generation. Those  
of you here today have already been recognized for  
your service and good citizenship.

✓ Literally, in your heads, hearts, hands and  
health, America's future lies.

Because this is true, I want to talk with you today  
about the serious business of our country and the  
world you will face in the years ahead.

Your conference theme is "Young America and World Affairs." It is the right one for today.

↳ Many times, I know, people have told you about those good old days. But today I think you should know: There never were any days quite so good as the ones you are living now. - *not any quite so challenging*

These are the best. I have lived 54 years of those good old days and I would not trade a single one of them for today. ↳ Good old days get better the further you are from them.!

Today we are just on the threshold of man's progress. We are just at the pioneering, primitive stages. You have quite a time ahead in your lifetimes.

Getting time!  
Space -

Remember this: some 95 per cent of all scientists who ever lived are alive today. And science and technology are moving us incredibly forward in outer space . . . in medicine . . . in material progress.

But there is another change taking place too.

People are on the move.

The whole great movement of civil rights is nothing more or less than the movement toward recognition of the dignity of man. *and*

We believe in the dignity of man. *- this is our faith*

We are taught that man was created in the image of his maker.

We believe that no man should be governed without his consent.

That is the whole foundation of our democracy.

↳ For democracy is more than a written Constitution.  
It is more than votes. Democracy is an understanding  
of the importance of each individual human being.

↳ The totalitarian believes that the individual must  
serve the state.

↳ The free man believes that political, economic and  
social institutions are designed to serve man.

↳ Today, because of our belief, we are in America  
trying to open the gates of opportunity to all our citizens.

↳ This August President Lyndon Johnson signed into  
law the historic Voting Rights Bill. That Voting Rights  
Bill ensures political participation and opportunity for  
millions of Americans. When President Johnson signed  
that bill he made Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation  
Proclamation -- which was a hope and promise -- a reality  
and fact.

And America is going to be all the better, all the richer, all the stronger, all the more decent because at long last people -- because they are people, because they are citizens, not because they are short or fat or tall, or thin, not because they are white or black or yellow or red, or whatever color they may be, but because they are citizens of the United States -- people are going to have a chance to participate in the responsibilities, duties and privileges of democratic government *and a free society.*

Recently we signed into law a massive program of development of our cities. Most Americans today live in cities. Many of you will live in cities. We must make our American cities places where people want to live.

Man was not intended to be imprisoned in concrete, brick, asphalt, mortar and carbon monoxide.

↳ He was intended to have open spaces and to have clean air, and to have fresh water, and to have green grass, and shrubs and trees as well as housing.

Rural  
life  
Rural

There is no such thing as equal opportunity for a young man or a young woman, for a family, if they are imprisoned in the ghettos and the slums of urban America.

↳ We are working, too, to bring parity of opportunity to parts of rural America by-passed by opportunity.

↳ We have to do something about these things and we are going to. And I ask you to help. We invest 30 billion dollars to put a man on the moon. We can afford to invest some money to help put a man on his feet right here on earth.

man  
earth

Yes the physical ugliness of our landscape, of the places some Americans live -- and sometimes the ugliness of our own attitudes -- all compel us to do something about these things.

Do you know what one of the greatest foreign policy acts of this government has been? I would say our most significant foreign policy act in the last 50 years was the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

That law was designed primarily for our needs at home. But I would remind you that two-thirds of the world in which we live is not Caucasian or white.

I would remind you that two-thirds of this world is illiterate, hungry, sick and poverty stricken. And the Civil Rights Act bore witness to the fact that this America -- this rich and powerful and essentially white America -- pays more than lip-service to justice and human dignity.

Yes, what we do at home has a great deal to do with what will happen abroad. *Precept + Example*

And that is something to think about in the world you will live in.

We will carry great burdens in the world for at least the next 50 years. And we must build a strong and free America able to carry them.

I hear people every day say we ought to get out of Africa, to get out of Asia, Latin America -- that we have no business there, that it's a waste of money.

And that's exactly what the ~~totalitarians~~ *Communists* want us to say.

You cannot overcome centuries of injustice, abuse, poverty, illiteracy and hunger, in five, ten or twenty years. It cannot be done.

We must stick with it.

*and,* We have the means to do it.

↳ We can stay with this job and still live a better life than anybody else in the world. We can have everything that we need for ourselves and still share more with others.

↳ The only time this country ever got into serious trouble was when we tried to keep everything for ourselves and share with no one.

↳ That was when I was about your age -- during the ~~late~~ 1920's *and Early 1930's*

↳ We closed our immigration. We said: "We just don't want any more of those foreigners."

↳ We closed our trade. We said: "We don't want to do business with people abroad."

↳ We thought we were safe behind two oceans. We ignored Hitler, Tojo, Mussolini.

↳ We closed our minds and hearts. And then we found ourselves closing our banks and businesses too.

↳ We found ourselves in worldwide depression. We found ourselves in a world where hate was having a field day. *- We have learned our lessons!*

↳ That is why we are trying to build the great resources of this country to meet long, hard tasks in the world -- building enlightenment and better health, better communities, opening up opportunity.

For ~~us~~ *only* with all our wealth and power -- ~~we~~ can we meet the dangerous years ahead . . . we can extend hope and a better life to millions of men and women who have known nothing but desperation and despair.

And finally, we may -- if we never cease trying -- achieve peace.

# Peace we build - Stone by Stone Block by Block

We build peace with foreign aid. We build

peace with Food for Peace. We build peace with the

Peace Corps . . . with technical assistance . . . with the U. N.

with the Alliance for Progress in Latin America. with Educ -

< You of 4-H are building peace with your  
International Farm Youth Exchange -- an exchange  
which has touched 70 countries over the past 16  
years.

< You are building peace with your 4-H Peace  
Corps. You are building peace by what you do  
here at home.

< Today some 75 nations in the world have adopted  
the 4-H idea.

This is building for  
peace.

↳ We build peace whenever we help anybody,  
at home or in the world, toward a better and freer  
life.

↳ We build peace at the conference table . . .  
with trade . . . with assistance against military  
attack *and aggression*

↳ We build peace in the United Nations.  
And we must finally win the peace.

Men cannot live through nuclear holocaust. The same man who has developed instruments of total destruction -- and we now have them I can assure you -- is the same man who can develop the instruments to build a better world.

Standing over this world, like a cloud, is the nuclear power that mankind has created. We have released the atom's tremendous force of destruction. And yet scientists tell us that that same force can do more good for mankind than any force that man has ever released before.

Here, then, is my message for today to you young people who have the future in your hands:

Be men and women of compassion . . . of courage - 7

*vision of goals*  
of perseverance.

↳ Devote yourselves to the search for justice . . .  
and for peace.

I have faith in your generation.

Your generation is not complacent. It does not  
turn inward to seek its own security.

↳ Your generation is filled with a spirit that says:  
Change what is wrong . . . give of yourself . . . be  
involved . . . be committed . . . do not be satisfied  
with mediocrity . . . take part in life.

↳ And it is this spirit our nation will need for  
survival, and for leadership, in a time when man  
possesses more power, more knowledge, more potential  
for destructiveness or for human fulfillment than in  
all time before us.

Most of you were not yet born when this nuclear age began. You, in your lifetimes, have it within you *power* to make this age mankind's final chapter, or to make it the preface to a new era of human expression and happiness.

I believe our future is in good hands. It is in your hands. Make the most of it.

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