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REMARKS

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It's good to be back home with my friends of labor who have done so much over the years to build a stronger and better America.

We have won some great victories together. But the greatest ones are still ahead.

We have stood together for civil rights.

Our Negro citizens, and citizens of other minorities, have moved a long way toward the equality they deserve as Americans.

But we are still far too late. We have still not fully matched our creed with deed.

Too many Americans still lack:

- the right to vote in all elections;
- the right to go to any school for which they are qualified;
- the right to own any home they can afford;
- the right to get a job on the sole basis of ability to do the work.

There is unfinished work before us, and I say now is the time to get on with it.

We have stood together for medical care.

The first bill I introduced as a Senator in 1949 was for hospital and nursing home care under Social Security, and I was told that to even propose such a thing was to commit political suicide.

Today we have Medicare as the law of the land in no small part because you kept up your fight for it even in the years when there was no hope. Today our federal investments in health are more than double what they were even three years ago.

But the passage of laws alone does not automatically bring better medical care to those who need it.

We still lack enough well-equipped, modern hospital space. We still lack trained administrators. We face a shortage of medical technicians, nurses and doctors.

We cannot be satisfied until every community in America has medical facilities that are available in the best.

We have stood together for education.

Our children today stand a far better chance in life than they did yesterday. In the past three years alone we have

more than doubled our federal investments in education. We have passed new landmark laws.

Now, we must use these new education laws -- the basic building blocks -- to move ahead and make every American school a place where children learn.

The fight we won at the federal level now has to be made at the state and local levels -- as it is being made by Governor King and by labor in New Hampshire.

We have stood together for an economy of growth and of social justice.

Today we are in our 68th straight month of economic growth and expansion. Everyone has gained during this expansion -- business, the farmer, the consumer, and labor. We have baked a bigger pie, and each of us has a bigger piece.

That expansion hasn't happened by accident. It has happened because we turned away from the old orthodox, stale economic theories -- the ones that put a balanced budget ahead of everything else. We've taken modern economic policy out of the dog house and put it in the White House and the Statehouse.

But we have no written guarantee of a golden, never-ending prosperity. We must make the hard decisions and actions that are needed to keep our growth balanced and stable. To borrow a phrase I heard somewhere, we don't need "a depression to make your hair curl". Nor do we want an inflation that could take away what we've gained.

And that is why we've got to exert discipline -- all of us -- in keeping on a steady course.

You know of the actions taken by President Johnson to keep federal expenditures in check . . . to temporarily suspend the tax credit on investment in plant and equipment and accelerated depreciation provisions for commercial and industrial construction. You also know about his actions on behalf of people hurt by the squeeze on credit -- small businessmen, home buyers, states and municipalities, students, and little people generally.

Our President has acted to head off inflation.

He has asked business to restrain its use of credit . . . to keep inventories at reasonable levels . . . to postpone investments where possible . . . to set prices on the basis of real costs . . . and to limit profits.

He has asked banks to handle loans fairly and without excessive profit.

And he has asked labor to avoid wage demands that would raise the average level of costs and prices . . . to permit new people into its trades . . . and to work with business to raise productivity.

None of these things will be easy for any of the people involved. (In fact, I lost my new Vice Presidential house in this bargain.) But I know we can do it if we keep our tempers and our perspective.

We have stood together for the working man's right to organize -- I mean for the repeal of I4-b. That's a fight we haven't won yet. But we are going to win it. You have the President's word for it. You have my word for it.

We have stood together for all the things that could make America live up to its promise -- more equal rights for our people . . . better medical care for our people . . . better education . . . better and more efficient government . . . a growing and just

economy . . . the eradication of poverty . . . decent wages for an honest day's work . . . cleaner air and water . . . modern transportation . . . cities where people can live as neighbors . . . in safety, in harmony, in progress -- and we shall continue to stand together until our country is the happy and healthy and free nation we know it can be.

We have stood together, too, for responsibility in the world around us.

American labor recognized early the threats of fascism and of communism -- both of which would ruthlessly use many people to benefit a chosen few.

You recognized early in the day that no ocean was wide enough to protect us here at home while international bullying gained momentum overseas.

And you recognize today that there is no way to escape the role of world leadership for a nation that is the strongest, the wealthiest, the most powerful country on earth.

And so we stand together once more in resistance to aggression . . . in dedication to social and economic progress around the world . . . in the search for lasting peace.

In these past years, we've moved ahead in America. We've moved ahead to create the kind of society that, in our early days together, seemed only a distant dream.

Yet there is much to be done. If we are to build the strong and free America we seek, we cannot be complacent.

Between now and November 8th, we face challenges in all 50 states. Here in New Hampshire, the people face a clear choice: a choice between vision and progress, on one hand, and nostalgia and negativism, on the other.

I ask your commitment and your work, between now and election day, for Governor John King, for Senator Tom McIntyre, for Congressman Ollie Huot, for Bill Barry, for the Democratic ticket in New Hampshire.

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