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MHH -  
Scamsters  
saves money  
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My father was one of the few Democrats in  
Huron, South Dakota. My mother was not one of  
the other Democrats.

My father once told me: "Hubert, that  
wonderful lady deserves your love and respect because  
she is my wife and your mother. But, son, you  
should know that she is politically unreliable."

mom

It is a nice feeling to be here today with all  
you politically reliable ladies, and I don't mind saying  
at the outset that I'm going to talk politics --

Talk  
Politics

--the politics of unprecedented progress  
in the United States,

--the politics of a 1964 platform written into  
law,

(X) --the politics of re-electing the President  
and the members of our party who have made  
this possible.

We Democrats made pledges to the American  
people back in 1964.

We pledged prosperity and economic growth.

We pledged better education for their children.

We pledged better health care for their mothers  
and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers.

We pledged a better American environment.

We pledged to work for a more stable world, in  
which the menace of atomic holocaust and the  
insidious threat of nuclear fall-out would be reduced.

We pledged to build resolutely, unflinchingly,  
and responsibly toward international peace and freedom.

I think our record is clear.

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Prosperity and economic growth:

The American housewife can now buy 13 percent  
more food, clothing, medicine, or whatever else  
she needs for her family than she could only three  
years ago.

That figure is more than a statistic. It is a  
measure of human progress -- more fathers able to  
bring home an adequate paycheck, more mothers able  
to give their children a better start in life.

And it means that many of yesterday's  
tax-eaters have become today's taxpayers.

I am proud to say that our prosperity is better distributed than ever before. Back in 1960, when John F. Kennedy was elected after eight years of Republican drift, 22 percent of the American people lived in poverty. Now that figure is down to 15 percent.

↳ That is progress, but even 5 percent would be too many -- and the Democratic party will not be satisfied until poverty in America is something that was, rather than something that is.

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↳ Education:

Under the leadership of President Johnson, we have broken the old bottlenecks in federal aid to elementary and secondary education.

↳ Back in the 1950's, Sputnik moved us to greater effort in American education.

↳ In the 1960's we have been moved by the needs of millions of poor children -- children for whom a

well-equipped classroom and a compassionate teacher  
are the bridge to a brighter future. ○

↳ The future of the ~~innocent~~ children is in the  
hands of this prosperous America. Will we crush them  
down into lives of hopelessness and despair, or will  
we equip them to be confident and productive citizens?

↳ We have given our answer with a Head Start Program  
that has readied 2 million tots for the most hopeful day  
in their lives -- the first day of school.

↳ We have answered with the Elementary and  
Secondary Education Act, with the Neighborhood Youth Corps,  
with the Teacher Corps, with Project Upward Bound  
which has already boosted <sup>over</sup> ~~30~~ <sup>20</sup> 000 deprived youngsters  
into good colleges.

↳ No American child can anticipate a rewarding and  
productive life in our fast-changing society without a  
good education.

and We mean to provide it.

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Health:

We pledged a sweeping health program under Social Security for our older citizens.

Illness means more than a pause in the life of an older person. It can mean painful loneliness, irreversible impoverishment, years of bitter frustration as the only reward for a life of labor.

Today 19 million senior citizens are covered by a Medicare program which existed in our hopes and dreams only three years ago.

There are more services for every age group in new public clinics and mental health centers in almost every American city.

But the good health of our families depends upon more than clinics and health services.

Heart  
Stroke  
Cancer

↳ It depends upon clean water and clean air.

↳ It depends upon improving the diets of families  
who cannot afford adequate food.

↳ It depends on protection for the consumer.

There is not one of those areas in which we have  
not moved America forward.

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Cities - seven out of 10 Americans now live in them.

Most of them are congested, noisy, dirty.

Most have slums and ~~ghettos~~ which are the denial  
~~antithesis~~ of the American dream of freedom -- a  
blight on our otherwise prosperous society.

↳ Most of them have high crime rates. This summer  
many of them had riots.

↳ The problems of our cities are local problems.  
And they are ultimately going to have to be met by the  
people who know those problems best -- the mayors,  
the police chiefs, the business and labor leaders,

Local Problems

the citizens of our cities themselves.

But these problems are, at the same time, a national challenge. And the resources of this nation must be brought to bear if that challenge is to be met.

↳ Local initiative -- federal support. That is the formula we have tried to put into action in our cities.

↳ It is expressed in President Johnson's Safe Streets and Crime Control Bill now before the Congress.

↳ It is expressed in over 20 city bills now before the Congress, awaiting passage and funding -- Model Cities, rent supplements, rat control, firearms control -- all programs to preserve the rule of law...to provide a safe environment...to help people lift themselves to productive self-respect.

↳ The task ahead in our cities will take a long time -- perhaps a generation. We must face this fact.

But this summer has demonstrated that it must be undertaken -- for our nation will be less than what we want it to be as long as poverty, ignorance and discrimination provide fertile ground for rioters and demagogues; and it will remain only one more of history's promising starts as long as affluence and poverty....  
freedom and deprivation live side-by-side.

"Go slow", "take it easy" -- that is a reassuring prescription, but it is a prescription for disaster.

The American people know it, and I do not believe they will accept the leadership of those who preach it or who would hark back to nostalgic 19th century America while the 21st century comes rushing up ahead.

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Finally, peace - so elusive, so necessary, so critically important to us and to our children.

I have heard it said recently that peace is a thing you simply declare by turning you back on aggression... or by placing your faith in the sense of fair play and rationality of an adversary who lives by totalitarian rules.

I have heard it said, too, that peace can be found by threatening or risking atomic warfare "just this once."

↳ But peace will not come by wishfulness. Nor will it come by the threat of World War III.

↳ Peace will come by building, slowly, carefully, an edifice of international understanding --

--understanding that, in this nuclear age, aggression no longer pays;

--understanding that nations everywhere have a right to choose their own destinies freely and independently;

Not Instantly

--understanding that there is more to be gained through peaceful cooperation than through heeding the empty needs of a bellicose ideology;

--understanding that war, terrorism, and subversion need not be the normal condition of mankind.

↳ Real peace will come not dramatically or all at once, but slowly, through careful negotiation and mutual cooperation in the struggle against hunger and disease.

↳ It will be won by people of steadfast resolve who believe that justice is the only basis for a lasting peace.

↳ It will come as the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty did, and as the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty will, because it is something that serves the deepest interest of mankind everywhere.

↳ That is the kind of peace our party and our President

are building toward -- a lasting and stable peace not only for ourselves, but for the generations ahead.

This is not a time in America for nostalgia or wishfulness.

This is a time for builders and that is what we Democrats have always been.

*Builders*

"Let us move forward with a strong and active faith" -- Those were the last words of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

↳ President Harry Truman did move forward -- forward against the odds, forward in the name of equal opportunity for every American, forward with a strong and active faith.

Another great Democrat, John F. Kennedy, found this nation bogged down in its third economic recession in eight years and, worse yet, a recession of spirit, and of heart.

↳ He said: "Let's get this country moving again."

And we did.

↳ Lyndon ~~Baines~~ Johnson, in those tragic days after President Kennedy's death, said: "Let us continue."

And we have.

And next year under the leadership of our President, we shall say to the American people: "Let us get on with the job."

↳ Let us get on with the job begun by Thomas Jefferson -- the job of making life, liberty and pursuit of happiness a living reality for every American,

↳ Let us get on with the job of helping give every American father the skills he needs to protect his family from want and deprivation.

↳ Let us get on with the job of helping provide a decent home, a clean and safe neighborhood to every American citizen, rural or urban, rich or poor.

Finally, let us get on with the job of providing a secure future for your children and mine -- a future where the full promise of this nation may finally be achieved.

I give you the words of the American author Thomas Wolfe:

"To every man his chance,

To everyman, regardless of his birth, his shining golden opportunity.

To everyman the right to live, to work, to be himself.

And to become whatever things his mankind and his vision can combine to make him.

This.....is the promise of America."

This is the promise we mean to fulfill.

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