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CENTRAL COMMITTEE VALENTINE DANCE

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY - MARYLAND

FEBRUARY 14, 1968

Ⓣ Volunteer Party

It is always good to be back in Montgomery County,
the place which was home to Muriel and me and to ~~our~~ our
children for eighteen years -- a long time in the life of
any family.

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This is where our children grew up and where they
attended school. This is where we developed some
wonderful friendships with our neighbors on Coquelin
Terrace -- friendships we shall always cherish.

Politics
Fun!
+ purpose

↳ Being voters in Minnesota, we never became directly involved in that great enterprise which occupies so many of our friends in Montgomery County: Democratic precinct politics.

For a long time I thought I lived in Chevy Chase -- until I found that to be really "in" I had to say I lived in "seven-sixteen." '7-16'

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↳ That active involvement in precinct politics has made the Montgomery County Democratic Party truly unique.

This is the county where the Democratic Party is in continuous session -- where registration drives take place twice a year without urging and cajoling from on high.

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↳ This is the county which ranks first in the Dollars for Democrats Drive...where the precinct workers knock on doors for contributions year after year...where the residents are willing to contribute to the party,

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election year or not...where there is grassroots party
strength.

↳ Montgomery County, as has often been pointed out,
is one of the most prosperous counties in the nation.

↳ We don't need my friend Dick Scammon to tell us
that prosperous counties are not always Democratic
counties.

↳ The fact that you have been able to overcome your
statistical handicaps -- to stay respectable politically
despite your general respectability -- demonstrates a
deep devotion to traditional Democratic causes ... education ...
health... civil rights... ^{and} a full measure of opportunity for
every American.

James

↳ Those are some of the causes ^{my friend} Evron Kirkpatrick,
who is here tonight, named when he urged me to get
active in ^{Minnesota} politics years ago.

I know that he and the rest of you must share my sense of pride in the dramatic progress we Democrats have made ~~on them~~ during the last few years.

If there are victories behind us, however, there are also some urgent challenges ahead of us -- as a party and as a nation.

Do we mean to press on with our quest for full and equal opportunity, for clean and safe cities, for *modern* prosperous rural communities in America? -- Or is this society ready for The Pause so ~~eagerly~~ *piously* promoted year after year by our opponents?

Are we ready to meet our obligations abroad in this hungry, striving dangerous world? -- Or do we mean to withdraw, and let the fate of this planet be decided in a nuclear age without ^{*affecting*} U.S. participation?

J.F.K.

John F. Kennedy once said, "Peace and freedom do not come cheap, and we are destined -- all of us here today -- to live out most, if not all of our lives, in uncertainty and challenge and peril."

To survive and progress in that kind of a world requires courageous, determined leadership -- leadership able to keep bright the vision of a world where there is peace, where there is freedom from want, from hunger, from fear and ignorance.

We Democrats have provided that kind of leadership over the years in the White House, in the Congress, in our own communities.

Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and John F. Kennedy provided it.

President Lyndon B. Johnson is providing it today.

I predict that the American people are going to express their full confidence in his leadership at the polls next November -- and that America will get on with the unfinished business of security and development at home ...and security and development abroad.

— further
are the building blocks of
Peace + freedom.

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Indian Spring Country Club
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MR. HUMPHREY: Thank you, Chairman Dick Shifter,
3 thank you for calling this meeting to order, interrupting the
4 fun, for which you'll never be forgiven.

5 Senator Dan Brewster, and Senator Joe Tydings, my very
6 two good friends of the Senate, I'd like to give all of their
7 constituents a report, as President of the Senate. Both of
8 these men are doing extraordinarily well; they not only get
9 A for effort, but A for performance.

10 (General applause.)

11 I always like to hear the name of Louis Goldstein, and
12 when I heard Louis mentioned here tonight, I felt very, very
13 much at home, and I've had the privilege of being a sort of
14 seat-mate here this evening at the table here with your wonder-
15 ful state Senator, Peggy Schweinhaut, that has been sitting
16 over here with us.

17 (General applause.)

18 And I want to extend my greetings to a gentleman, I trust
19 he's with us tonight, Senator Blair Lee and Mrs. Lee, and to --

20 (General applause.)

21 -- and to Senator Jim Clark and Mrs. Clark. I know they're
22 with us this evening. And the members of your House of Dele-
23 gates that are present with us. I was very privileged to meet
24 some of your Members here, and the dean of the delegation,
25 and I know that the members of the County Council have had to

1 go and tend to official business, for which we wish to commend
2 them, and they had to leave here this evening.

3 Can I just take one moment to express our thanks to
4 the manager of the Indian Spring Country Club, to Mr. Helbruner,
5 for his fine cooperation, and I want to thank him also for
6 another matter that is of some significance to me. This club,
7 where we now meet, the Indian Spring Country Club, is a club
8 for all Americans, not just some Americans.

9 (General applause.)

10 And I'm very, very proud to be included in that select member-
11 ship of what I consider the best elite in the country, a
12 citizenship of the United States of America, no matter who
13 you are.

14 (General applause.)

15 Now, I frightened you and almost frightened myself when
16 I came up here. I picked up a pack of papers from the table,
17 and I said "Well now, do you suppose he's going to do what he
18 generally does?" I was talking to myself at that particular
19 moment, and then I received a very firm, stern and knowing
20 look from Muriel, and I'm happy to tell you that she has con-
21 quered the weakness and limitation with which I've been plagued
22 so many, many times, of getting up on a platform like this and
23 keeping you far too long. I do want to recognize that this
24 is a party for fun; this is a Valentine's party, and I'm glad
25 to see all you husbands behaving as well as you are tonight,

1 and showing the kind of attention which we hope that you'll
2 show 365 days a year, as I always do in my home.

3 I jotted down very quickly when I --- Dick Shifter told
4 me that he was going to call on me, that admonition I receive
5 from President Johnson every time for an occasion like this.
6 He always -- I don't know why it is; it must be because he
7 knows me so well, but he says "Hubert, there are a few places
8 that you're not supposed to speak." Now, that doesn't mean
9 that he doesn't speak there, but he says I'm not supposed to
10 speak there. He said "At barbecues, at rodeos, cocktail par-
11 ties;" some of my best speeches have been, may I say, at those
12 occasions, "and at dances." Tonight I want to say that I'm
13 a free man; I'm taking no Presidential dictation.

14 (General laughter; applause.)

15 I'm glad you applauded that; you may not when I'm
16 through.

17 We're here on a very happy occasion, as you are. I be-
18 lieve candor on a moment like this is very helpful for all of
19 us. First, I want to tell you why we were a bit tardy. I've
20 just plain been having the flu for a couple of days, but my
21 father used to tell me "Stay out of bed; most people die
22 there." And I've always tried to keep that in mind. I haven't
23 been doing much sleeping or much relief for the pain and the
24 aches. But about 6:00 o'clock this evening, I told Mr.
25 McNamara, of my office, I said "Will you please inform Mr.

1 Dick Shifter that I don't know if I'm going to make it." But
2 I said, "I just have to make it; it's out in my old neighbor-
3 hood, and out with my friends, and I've just got to get
4 there, but please tell him that I doubt that I can stay very
5 long. I'll just come out and just sort of look, you know,
6 just look in and then have to leave." That's -- I always
7 feel badly around 6:00 o'clock, either in the morning or in
8 the evening; it doesn't make any difference. And a few min-
9 utes later, my secretary came in and said "If you'd go over
10 to the Senate baths and take care of yourself, instead of
11 sitting around here signing this mail, and doing all these
12 things and griping about it, you might be able to go to that
13 party tonight." So I did. And I went on over, and they re-
14 habilitated me in one easy lesson.

15 (General applause.)

16 So I want to apologize to the plowman and the fishermen
17 and the Suburban Women's Club, and the National Democratic
18 Women's Club, and all those receptions that we missed; I want
19 to apologize for our tardiness in coming here, but the simple
20 truth was that I thought that if I waited a little while, and
21 sort of got in shape, I'd come and maybe enjoy it, and frankly,
22 I've had a ball already and I plan on enjoying much more of it.

23 (General applause.)

24 I never realized it was quite so far, however, from
25 Harbor Square, Southwest, to Indian Spring Country Club. I

1 did think that the Secret Service would be able to violate
2 a few of the ordinances, but I guess they remembered what
3 happened to Eisenhower one time when he was speeding through
4 Montgomery County. We were coming out here at about fourteen
5 miles an hour, stopping not only at the red lights, but to
6 prove that this is a party of prudence and frugality and
7 judgement, we even stopped at the amber lights. That isn't
8 the way it's always been, however, having lived in Montgomery
9 County, and occasionally been accused of going a little too
10 fast here and there. Muriel and I are back home with friends;
11 we've seen many tonight. We've lived -- we lived longer in
12 this county, in one home, than any place, at least in my life
13 and I believe -- no, Muriel lived in her home of birth a little
14 longer than that. But I had never stayed put eighteen years
15 any one place, and we moved into Copeland Terrace in December,
16 1948, and we left Copeland Terrace in October, 1966. We
17 really have never left it. Copeland Terrace, Chevy Chase. We
18 really have never left it, because how can you leave -- how
19 can you leave the memories and the friends of so many years?
20 How can you leave even the fingerprints and the handprints of
21 your children that are there on the steps out there of our
22 porch that we added on our house. That was a sort -- we
23 bought a sort of a plot of land and a small house, and then
24 we started adding on to it, you know; a little bit here and
25 a little bit there. How can you leave a community where you

1 knew the neighbors up and down the circle? Many was the
2 night that I'd come home very late, and take a long walk just
3 to get a little exercise and a little fresh air, and believe
4 it or not, I met some of my friends. I won't say who they
5 were, because it was too late for any of us to be out, but
6 I was glad to know that I had such energetic, broad-minded,
7 socializing friends as we did have.

8 Well, it was a wonderful experience for us, and we met
9 some dear and wonderful people. Our children attended these
10 schools; at one time we belonged to three PTA's in Montgomery
11 County, all at once. And you don't forget those experiences
12 either.

13 (General laughter.)

14 So we have friends and we have neighbors that we love
15 and we cherish, and many of them are here tonight. But I
16 must confess to you that our voting residence, and indeed,
17 our true home, was and is and will continue to be, in
18 Minnesota. Therefore we -- thank you; I know there's some
19 Minnesotans here; don't hesitate.

20 (Applause.)

21 In fact, I just met the son of a State Central Committeeman
22 of ours out in Minnesota, and I said "Look, I grew up with
23 your father, Emil Presterman, one of the real, good progres-
24 sives out in our state." Well, we never did become directly
25 involved in Montgomery County politics; that is, on a voting

1 basis, even though I want to tell you that I was tempted at
2 times to vote both places. But we didn't think it would be
3 exactly proper to become fully involved in Democratic precinct
4 politics, and when you speak of Montgomery County, and
5 Democratic politics, you speak of the very heart of politics,
6 precinct politics.

7 For a long time I used to think that I lived in Chevy
8 Chase, until one day Dick Shifter said to me "You're really
9 not on the in, Humphrey, if you just say 'Chevy Chase.' What
10 you've got to say is that you live in 716." And I know that
11 that's where I lived, but I never was able to exercise all the
12 rights and the prerogatives and all thereunto, as they say
13 when they give you all those honorary degrees, Doctor
14 Kirkpatrick.

15 Now, the active involvement in precinct politics has made
16 Montgomery County's Democratic Party truly unique. I guess
17 one of the reasons that we enjoyed our political friends out
18 here, and we have opened up our home on occasion for political
19 caucus; I remember one evening we opened up our home for a
20 yard party, so to speak, for our Democratic workers. One of
21 the reasons we enjoyed it so much is that this party and this
22 county is just exactly like the kind of party we built out in
23 Minnesota. Issue-oriented, forward-looking, well organized,
24 precinct organization, with people that care, that have con-
25 cern, that are willing to get in and do something about the

1 public issues of the day. That's the kind of politics that
2 we have; that's the kind of politics that Orville Freeman,
3 Secretary of Agriculture, knows. That's the kind of politics
4 that Don Frazier, and Eugene McCarthy, and Joe Kerr, and Hubert
5 Humphrey, and Walter Mondale and others, knew and understand,
6 in Minnesota, and that's the kind of politics that makes this
7 party and this county unique on the Eastern Seaboard, and I
8 want to say right from this platform that if Democratic Party
9 politics is going to be the kind of politics that the American
10 people will endorse, it needs to be an issue-oriented politics
11 such as you have right here in Montgomery County.

12 (General applause.)

13 I like the fact that you don't wait for a registration
14 drive, you know, about every four years. And your party is
15 in a kind of continuous session; registration takes place at
16 least twice a year, without too much urging or cajoling,
17 and I like to know that this county has been first in the
18 ranks of Dollars for Democrats. And by the way that's a good
19 way to get acquainted with an awful lot of nice people. Just
20 go on out, door to door; it'll do you a lot of good. You'll
21 meet some fine people, some of they may even invite you in
22 for a cup of coffee or something else, and you'll get a chance
23 to talk to some good folks. Dollars for Democrats, and if
24 somebody wants to go to \$10.00, don't stop them. It's good
25 for their soul and good for our treasury.

1 I know that in this county there are people that are
2 willing to work, election year or not. This is a grass-roots
3 party, and it's testified to tonight. I've traveled a lot in
4 this country; I've been in forty-nine of the fifty states.
5 I've been in over six hundred of the cities of the United
6 States since I've been Vice President. I think I've seen
7 about as many Democratic organization people as you can find,
8 and I can tell you that there are very few that exceed the
9 kind -- or that surpass the kind of enthusiasm and dedication
10 that Dick Shifter and his Committee, you folks out here, re-
11 present. This is the way you win elections. You know, I
12 know that Montgomery County, without even Dick Scanlon telling
13 me, is one of the most prosperous counties in the United
14 States. I read all about that; I used to wait for it to splash
15 over on me, and I'm happy to tell you it didn't do too badly.
16 I'm not complaining; I want you to know I like my work, the
17 working conditions are fine. I'm available for renewal of
18 contract; don't worry about that at all.

19 (General applause.)

20 I thought Montgomery County'd like to hear that. But
21 you've been able to overcome some of these statistical handi-
22 caps that are -- economists and others bring to our attention.
23 You've been able to stay respectable politically, despite
24 your general respectability, and that's some accomplishment!
25 You've been able to stay in that category of the affluent

1 American, and still have a degree of social consciousness and
2 political intelligence that gives you Democratic majorities.
3 You've demonstrated the thing that I think is important: a
4 concern, as I said earlier, over issues, a deep devotion to
5 traditional Democratic causes. And let me tell you, there
6 are some traditional Democratic causes, and this isn't a one-
7 issue party, even though some people would like to make it so.
8 You've demonstrated your interest in education, your interest
9 in health, your interest in civil rights, your interest in
10 community development, your interest in a full measure of
11 economic and social opportunity for every American, and that's
12 what this Democratic Party is all about.

13 This Party is about making every American a participant,
14 a full participant in the American life, and in the American
15 experiment. That's why we're here. And I want to commend
16 you, because so many people, once they have it made, once they
17 seem to feel that somehow or another, things are good for them,
18 and they have tenure, and they have security and they have
19 in-grade promotions, etcetera, etcetera, I'll be darned if they
20 don't start turning Republican.

21 (General laughter.)

22 I used to say back home that we had what we called physi-
23 ological politics; empty stomach, full head; full stomach,
24 empty head. But in Montgomery County, you've got a reasnably
25 full stomach and my, what a full heart and a full head, and

1 it's all Democratic. That's why I like it.

2 (General applause.)

3 Now, some of these causes that I mentioned, such as
4 education, and opportunity, and civil rights, and health and
5 community development, and housing and urban -- the improvement
6 of our cities, these are the things that Everett Kirkpatrick,
7 and I'm happy to mention him here, because here he sits, over
8 here tonight, and if there's any -- if any people -- if there
9 are people in America, and I know there are a lot of them, that
10 wish that this fellow Humphrey had never happened, they
11 shouldn't hate me. They should hate Kirkpatrick; he was my
12 professor at the University of Minnesota; he used to get me
13 back in his office and say "Now, you quit pulling all this
14 graduate school stuff and get into politics." It's his
15 fault. Absolutely.

16 (General applause.)

17 In fact, Orville Freeman and Hubert Humphrey used to spend a
18 great deal of time over at Kirk's home, and up at his office,
19 talking about how we would remake the world. Now, we haven't
20 quite finished it yet, but we've been working on it. I don't
21 want to take blame for some of the problems that we have at
22 the present time.

23 Well, I know that my friend, Doctor Kirkpatrick, and I'm
24 happy that he's here tonight; he honors me by his presence --
25 I know that he and the rest of you share my sense of pride in

1 the dramatic progress that we Democrats have made during these
2 last years, these last few years; indeed, for a long time in
3 this century. Now, we've had many victories behind us, but
4 I learned a long time ago that doesn't stand you good enough
5 in the days ahead. What we need to talk about are the urgent
6 challenges that face us, and I've said from a hundred and one
7 platforms, the difference between the two political parties is
8 essentially one of emphasis, attitude and approach. The
9 Republicans talk about the problems and the difficulties; we
10 talk about the challenges and the opportunities, and it is a
11 great deal of difference. We know there are problems; we know
12 there are difficulties. Who doesn't? You don't need to have
13 a specialist outline for you today the problems that confront
14 us. You can ask any man that stands on any street corner.
15 I'll never forget that famous dissertation, sociological study
16 of Gunnar Myrdahl, when he said, speaking about the race
17 problem in America; he said "If you want to find out what's
18 wrong with America, you do not have to be a social science
19 research scholar. Just go and ask anybody that you meet on
20 the street, and they'll tell you. Everybody know's what's
21 wrong. The question is what to do about it." And we've
22 searched pragmatically, not for doctrine or dogma, but prag-
23 matically for the answers; as Franklin Roosevelt once said,
24 "We will try, and if we fail, we'll try something else, and
25 try and try again." And that's what we've tried to do. And I

1 would say that a curse of any political party in a democracy
2 is to be either dogmatic or doctrinaire. We're not always
3 successful; we don't always have the answers. And you can't
4 always wait for all the evidence to come in. You have to try;
5 you have to put a great deal of faith in people, and above all
6 you have to have faith in your own capacity to at least make
7 some change for the good.

8 I think there are some fundamental issues that stand be-
9 fore us, and I'll state them very promptly and quickly. Do
10 we mean to press on with our quest for full and equal oppor-
11 tunity and all that that means? For clean and safe cities?
12 To really come to grips with the problem of urbanization in
13 this country, which today is like a festering sore, with very
14 little antiseptic. Do we mean to try to develop freedom of
15 choice in this country, where people can live so they can
16 take a choice between a modern city and a modern rural America?
17 Or do we mean to stand still, gripe and complain, at best when
18 we seem to be somewhat forward-looking, say "Pause." The only
19 pause that refreshes that I know of is in a bottle, and it's
20 effervescent. There is no pause in politics, in political
21 economy, that refreshes. You have to move ahead.

22 And there's another issue, and this is right at the core
23 of democratic life. Are we ready to meet our obligations
24 abroad? Not just our social obligations, not just being
25 willing to be nice to people, but are we willing to meet our

1 obligations to the hungry, to the sick, to the striving, to
2 the frightened, to the weak? And my fellow Americans, I am
3 concerned about this. I hope that American liberalism never
4 becomes the birth -- the rebirth, so to speak, of American
5 isolationism. And I can remember --

6 (General applause.)

7 -- I can remember growing up in a society of the Farm Labor
8 Party, and the Populists and the Progressives, and I can re-
9 member the Burton K. Wheelers, and I can remember even the
10 Charles Lindberghs; I can remember the Lundines and the
11 Shipsteads, and I can remember also the Bob LaFollettes. Good
12 men; Populists, Liberals, Progressives, but with no understand-
13 ing or comprehension whatsoever of America's role in the world
14 of the 20th Century.

15 The modern-day American liberal, progressive, moderate or
16 call him what you will, must recognize that what happens in
17 the Middle East, may be more critical to the well-being of
18 your family than what happens in our own Middle West; that
19 what happens in Southeast Asia may be much more vital to the
20 future of your life than what happens in Northeast America.
21 This is a small planet, and the thing that amazes me is that
22 the scientific and intellectual community itself seems to
23 sense it the least. We are a small family on a small globe,
24 closely related; no way, no place to hide, and you can't stop
25 the world and get off, and I must say for those that believe

1 in law and order, for those that believe in human liberty,
2 for those that believe in constitutional government, for those
3 that believe in social progress through peaceful revolution,
4 that any form of violence, on the streets, or in the rice
5 paddies, violence by armies or guerillas or saboteurs, or
6 even militants, that violence abrogates every hope of sensible
7 constructive social progress. If you want a world of peace,
8 and of order. And this is why we take our stand. Not easy;
9 it's never been easy, and it never will be. May I say, as
10 one who was once a local government official, it is not easy
11 to face the mobs; it is not easy to face the criminal element.
12 It is not easy to enforce the law. It is not easy to stand
13 up against organized crime. But if you're worth your salt,
14 you'll do it.

15 (General applause.)

16 And it is not easy to stand up against organized international
17 criminal behavior; it is not easy -- it is not easy to stand
18 up against forces that have developed new techniques of de-
19 struction. I'm not sure that we have all the answers, by a
20 long shot. But one thing I do know, and I conclude on this
21 note; that if we here in America, with our wealth and our
22 know-how, cannot win the war on poverty in this country, with
23 a people of common heritage, speaking a common language, in
24 one country, these United States of America, if we with what
25 we have, can't do what we say we want for this world, what

1 makes you think you can win the war on poverty anywhere else
2 in the world? What makes you think that you can win it in
3 India, or Africa, or Asia, or Latin America, if we can't do
4 it here? I happen to think that a foreign policy is often-
5 times but the projection of a domestic policy. That's why
6 what we do at home in fulfillment of equal opportunity really
7 tells more about what we're going to do abroad than anything
8 else that we do.

9 (General applause.)

10 And, my fellow Americans, if this nation with its power,
11 its wealth, its know-how, its resources, is unwilling to help
12 the weak to stand up against the brute, willing to take its
13 stand for self-determination, for sovereignty of nations, who
14 do you think will? Or don't you think we should?

15 I must say, ladies and gentlemen, I am disturbed, not
16 about a particular issue, not about a particular country, but
17 by what I consider to be a rising -- a rising tide of with-
18 drawal. Not merely with geographical withdrawal, but withdrawal
19 from responsibility. America's too good to have an interna-
20 tional lost weekend. This country means too much to the
21 world to merely take on the title of leader, without its re-
22 sponsibilities. You can't be a leader anymore, and you never
23 could, unless you wanted to take on all the burdens, all the
24 duties, all the responsibilities, all the -- all the difficul-
25 ties that come with that unique place in history. Sometimes

1 I wonder today if we understand that leadership poses upon us
2 the highest calling. Now, we can give it up; we can resort to
3 Fortress America, for the next decade. I'm sure that we
4 would still survive as a nation, and maybe longer. But if
5 you want to speak of immorality, what could be more immoral
6 than the most blessed nation on the face of this earth, squan-
7 dering its wealth and its power upon itself? What could be
8 worse, what could be more immoral, more ugly, than a nation
9 with what we've been blessed with, to use it only for our-
10 selves?

11 This is why I believe that John Kennedy, when he said
12 that peace and freedom do not come cheap, and we are destined,
13 all of us here today, to live out most if not all of our
14 lives in uncertainty and challenge and peril, was telling the
15 American people once again one of the plain truths, that it's
16 going to be tough, it's going to be difficult. There are no
17 easy days ahead. But he also has told us, as Lyndon Johnson
18 has told us, that this nation is capable of doing anything
19 that it wants to do. It isn't, as the President said in his
20 State of the Union Message, that we're without the capacity
21 to do it; it isn't that we're without the resources to do it.
22 It isn't that we do not have the know-how to do what needs to
23 be done. The only question is: do we have the will? And the
24 purpose? And the difference between a great country and an
25 ordinary country is not its wealth, not its size, not its

1 power, but as Huxley once said, "What will you do with these
2 things?" What will we do with these things? And that's what
3 we're talking about, and that's what we're going to be talk-
4 ing about in the months ahead.

5 Ladies and gentlemen, I am very proud to say, very happy
6 to say, that I have a unique opportunity as an individual in
7 this country to serve at a time, as citizen and as public
8 official, in a nation that has done more for more people,
9 unselfishly, generously, bravely, than any nation in the
10 history of the world, and I'm very proud to stand alongside
11 of a man who has given to this nation leadership that has
12 made great breakthroughs in areas of human endeavor, in educa-
13 tion, in health, in the improvement of our environment, in
14 civil liberties, in civil rights, that no President ever
15 even dreamed possible, no President ever even dreamed possible.

16 (General applause.)

17 And I'm very proud to be a member of a political party that
18 has provided the kind of leadership that requires courageous
19 determined leadership, able to keep a bright -- to keep bright
20 the vision of a world where there is hope for peace, where
21 there is freedom from want, freedom from hunger, and freedom
22 from fear, and freedom from ignorance. I know these are
23 goals, but they are our prayers and our goals, and we Democrats
24 have provided just that kind of leadership over the years in
25 the White House, and in the Congress, and in many of our

1 communities. I had the good fortune of coming into my
2 maturity as a young man when there was a great President that
3 took this country by the hand, literally, and by the heart,
4 and said "All we have to fear is fear itself." Franklin
5 Roosevelt.

6 (General applase.)

7 And I don't mind saying that I had the privilege of
8 coming to the Congress of the United States when the most
9 courageous President in my memory served, one who was condemned,
10 villified, criticized, and they tried to humiliate him and to
11 debase him, but he has come through like a shining light, and
12 he stands today as one of the all-time greats, even as he
13 lives, and even as he is with us. Believe me, what a privilege
14 it was to campaign in the year 1948 with a man they said
15 couldn't win, and who won a great victory, Harry Truman.

16 (General applause.)

17 And I had the chance, as few others will ever have, of
18 being the Majority Whip in the United States Senate, from the
19 day, January, 1961, until November, 1963, and indeed into
20 1964; I worked with, gave unqualified loyalty to, and had deep
21 affection for, and maintain an ever-abiding admiration and
22 affection for, a President that literally stirred the heart
23 of this nation and the spirit of this nation, and that was
24 John Kennedy.

25 (General applause.)

1 And I now stand alongside of a man that he selected, that
2 President Kennedy selected; I think his greatest decision,
3 by the way. The man that he selected because he thought that
4 he had what it took, and what was required in case anything
5 went wrong. I stand alongside of a man who knows how to be
6 President, who has gone through the most difficult days, who
7 has presented to this government of ours and to our people the
8 most far-reaching programs, and with the cooperating of that
9 Congress, has put those programs into action, and they're
10 yours. You ought to be proud of them; don't downgrade them,
11 they're your children. Love them and make them a part of your
12 life. I want to say that a great President, a great President
13 does not have to be loved, even though it is wonderful to be
14 loved; he does not have to be popular, even though it is satis-
15 fying to have popularity. But a great President needs but
16 one kind of reaction from his people: respect. Respect.

17 (General applause.)

18 And it is my considered judgement that when the American
19 people are called upon to make that fateful decision as to the
20 kind of leadership they want for their country for the next
21 four years, they're going to take a look, not at image, not at
22 advertising, not at the synthetics, not at the makeup, but
23 they're going to take a look at the substance. They're going
24 to take a look at the character; they're going to take a look
25 at the strength of the man. They're going to take a look at

1 his experience. They're going to take a look at the man, not
2 the facsimile of the man, and when they do, I expect to see
3 Lyndon Baines Johnson President of the United States in 1969.

4 Thank you very much.

5 (General applause.)

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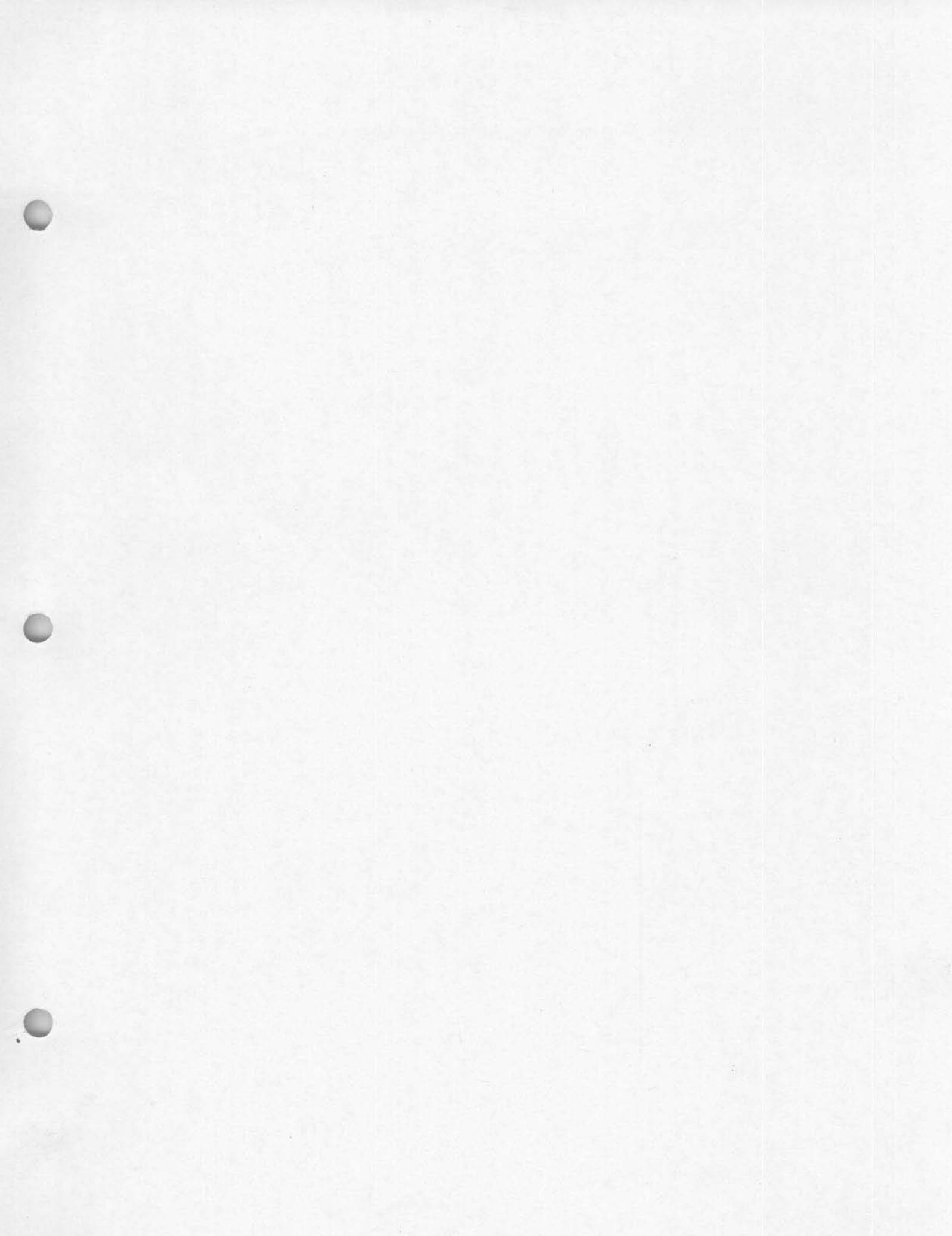
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