

MARCH 16, 1968

DEMOCRATIC MEETING, FRENCH LICK, INDIANA

INTRODUCTION FOR VICE PRESIDENT

APPLAUSE!

Mr. _____, there isn't any doubt after that response that what this is a full-fledged Democratic Conference.

APPLAUSE

I haven't had much luck with the _____ Republicans for 1964.

Sen. Hartke, Sen. Bayh, and Dick Donner, and Mrs. Lore, our good friend Frank McKenny and fellow Democrats, County Officers, those who want to be County Officers, State Committeemen, Members of the staff of your great State Central Committee, and my fellow Americans.

You know what you who present these dinners, I got to thinking that what you ought to do for the V.P. is to make him a third Senator from Indiana so he can (Applause.)

I haven't been around where there is so much hileraty and enthusiasm for a long time. And I want you to know that I really appreciate it, I really do.(Laughter) that this is the way it is every place I go. (More Laughter)

Vice Presidents are suppose to do almost anything that they are asked to do, and tonight I have the rare priviledge of fulfilling the request of your distinguished Chairman, about the basketball games going tonight. It's just a joy holding this office, you'll never know. (Laughter)

Just in the second period _____ is going to have a little trouble finding the basket, looks like these

~~Frank McKenny~~
This is only
Half the
Transcript.

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Republicans are going to have a little trouble finding the basketball. (YEAS)

Like the way everything is happened these days, I'm not sure how long this score will hold, but the last I heard was that George had 8 and Gary Roosevelt had 7.

(MUCH LAUGHTER)

I want you to know that this young group of young people absolutely had to be part at the outcome of this game.

Well, what a wonderful joy it is to be here with you tonight. Mrs. Humphrey and I have been looking forward to coming out to French Lick, Indiana, for a long time. We've wanted to, we've been invited time after time, but this is our first opportunity. And this is our first opportunity together to be with all the leaders of this great Democratic Party.

And I think you know that you have gained a National reputation for outstanding leadership. You have gained a national reputation for building a constructive, progressive, hard-hitting, issue-oriented party. And we owe a great deal, and I know that you would be the first to acknowledge, we own a great deal of this success to none other than your very gifted Chairman, Gordan St. Angelo. (APPLAUSE)

..... neutral or Republicans could have gotten into the audience without us knowing about it, and we do welcome them, because we want people to hear the truth.

I think, though, that I'll just tell you a little story that the President told Mrs. Humphrey and myself the other evening. Sunday night we went over to visit the President and Mrs. Johnson to have some old-fashioned supper. It's gotten around to call it supper now, I'm glad. They called it dinner for a long time and they made the circuit in 25 years and they got back to where it started from.

Well, the President was commenting on some of the enthusiastic speeches that I have made. He said, "You know, Hubert, upon occasion, you get a little out-of-hand." And I guess there is some truth to that. He said, "It's sort of like that fellow that's going to come up there to the Un. of Indiana to try to join that football team, and did such a fine job." And I want to tell you, I don't know if I can ever forgive you Indianans for ganging up on Minnesota the way you did. (LAUGHTER) And this guy was going to one of the schools, the high schools, it may have been one of your schools here in Indiana, I suppose it was Gary Roosevelt, or Short Ridge or one of these other schools, and he was a tremendous player. And he said, "You know, Coach, I'm really a good man. I want to get on the team. All during my high school years I was able to run the whole hundred ~~xxx~~ yards in about 10 & 2/10 seconds. The Coach said, "That's remarkable. 10 & 2/10 seconds for a hundred yards?"

That was + all Coach,

"You know Coach, my average punt in my senior year was 72 yards." And the Coach said, "You're the kind of guy that

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I've been waiting for.

But he said, "That isn't all, listen Coach, I can pass. My average pass, I had a mighty good target record too, was 65 yards."

Coach said, "I've never heard anything like this in all my life. I do agree that you have some good recommendations, these are wonderful assets. Do you have any liabilities?"

The kid looked up at him and said, "Well, Coach, just one. I exaggerate." (LAUGHTER)

Tonight, if I seem to get wound up here a little bit more than you can take care of, it isn't that I exaggerate, *it's just that* I'm ~~just~~ enthusiastic. (APPLAUSE)

These are very interesting days for Democrats and for America. I didn't come out here to re-access my position. I want you to know that. *(laughter)* I'm perfectly willing to re-negotiate my contract on the same conditions, pay working conditions and everything else I've had in the past four years. (APPLAUSE)

All I hope that I can do is, to do it well and to _____ in Washington. I know that one of your Senators is up for re-election. And I haven't the slightest doubt, not the slightest doubt, what his efforts will be put down as a great thing. (APPLAUSE) *get, certain* I don't think I *need* have to tell you, because *and know it to be a fact* you have heard it... Birch Bayh, *is looked upon as* one of the most gifted, talented, and able members of the U.S. Senate.

(APPLAUSE)

I have had the privilege of sharing in the friendship of Senator Bayn and Senator Hart. I was out here earlier with Senator Hart when he was running for office doing what little I might do to be of help to him because of my friendship for him and my faith in him. And there will be another day when we come back here, Birch, and we will be in there working and fighting for you just as I know you are going to work and fight for your colleague, Birch Bayh. (Appaluse).

Now let me be serious with you with this message. Very serious. Let's make a genuine all-out effort in this State-wide ca paign. I want to use as my theme tonight those great words of Adlai Stevenson. Adlai was my friend. I loved him and I miss him. He used to say that he wanted to talk sense to the American people. My fellow Democrats, that is what I want to do with you tonight -- talk sense. Good, common sense. I remind you first of all that you are the members of the majority party. You are a part, the governing part, of this nation and this picture (?). You have an extra responsibility. You are not even permitted that luxury of demagoguery of accepting the statement that the minority party feels that it can ? in or have a ? for us. Because whatever we say and whatever we do and however we act as individuals in our respective rolls as Party leaders or government officials, have something to do with the ultimate decision of our nation. So we must be responsible. And if there is one single

word that I would like to emphasize tonight to you it is the necessity of responsibility. It is true that America is the last ^{best hope for world?}. And it is true that the whole world has its eyes upon us. It is true ~~was~~ that what we do or do not do affects the lives of millions beyond our borders. Surely, what we do today in government -- Federal, state or local, affects the lives of all of our people. So we must be responsible. And the one thing that ~~is~~ Lyndon Johnson, when he was Majority Leader of the Senate, taught me -- and I think it took a little doing -- was to be a responsible and to act responsible. To put my country above my party. Because, after all, there isn't a party that's worth all of our leadership above this great country of ours. And I unless it has the respect of its citizens and of the people of this world. (APPLAUSE).

So I want tonight to put into perspective, as I think it needs to be done, just where we've been -- not much time on where we've been -- where we are sometimes -- and where we are going.

Let me put it upon a question. Is the American dream -- the dream of full opportunity -- lost in the deep grip immorality. Are we a society that is dripping liquid without purpose? Moving away from our higher instincts. And I believe there are men of little faith. Because I say to these questions, the answer is no. We still have our ideals. We still have our direction. We still know the purpose of America.

Oh, I know this is a time of change. Time of fermenting. Young people, above all. of this generation, adn of every generation. God's commitment ~~xxxxxxx~~ faith in mankind. The birth of every child is nothing more or less than a reaffirmation of divine providence in its faith in the futre. This is a kind of growth, and a time of transition in America. And it is a time that demands much of us. A time of , and a time of courage. But it is above all a time when this nation has never before is on the verge of finally achieving the potential. Almost 200 years ago we dedicated ourselves to a new proposition. A whole new concept of life. That every child, and every born should have the right at birth to free and equal pursuit of life, livery and happiness. This was new value (?) and it is still the continuing revolution of our times. We dedicated ourselves to the principles that man should not be divided. King and serf, slave and master, rich and destitute. We all share in and this mass area of economy. Human revolution. Change in the midst of order, and order in the midst of change. To achieve what has never been before achieved in the whole world. Through blood and heartbreak, through failure and human faultfinding, America has always kept its eyes steadily on that goal of a democracy.

And today as we enter into that final third of this the 20th Century, we have every right path, , just what ought to be done to finally build democracy .

Well, sir, where do we fail. There's furmoil in America.

Occasionally there is something that ^{some} people call disorder.

No, America is not sick. Not a bit. Not at all.

You couldn't say that America is sick tonight ~~as~~ as you heard these young people sing. And believe me they represent ~~xxxx~~ part of the youth. This is America that you heard here tonight. (APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE).

(ROCKETS ARE FLAING OFF AT THIS POINT THE APPLAUSE IS DEAFENING.)

Yes, there is turmoil in America. There is turmoil because there is progress. There is turmoil because we are engaged in the greatest effort our nation has ever known. An effort to break through old barriers. Yes, ~~xxxxxxx~~ hateful barriers of hate, prejudice, injustice . You know it and I know it, these old barriers which have been a ~~on~~ on our national conscience, are problems we have inherited for many generations are not to subject to instant solution. But the important thing is that we recognize the problem and we have come to grips with them and we are starting to find the solutions and we have.

Ladies and gentlemen, this Administration that I represent here tonight, this Administration of President Johnson and his partner Humbert Humphrey, we have dared to break through these old barriers. (APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE_

You talk about the wealth of America and poverty. We want to talk about the justice of America and compassion. We are not content to just point to the richness of our people. We also point to the poverty of our people. Of those who have been left out. We call upon Americans to do something about it. To minister rather than to be ministered unto; to stir rather than to be stirred. * We as Americans today take children by the hand in our ghetto streets, helping them. Helping those who never knew help. and we are going them help, and education and hope. We are moving ahead. We are reaching out to that bitter, frustrated, disadvantaged young man or young woman who never had a job. Never even had a decent home or what you call a family. And we are helping them to get an education, get skills so that they can get jobs.

Today ~~IN (EXHIBIT)~~ I was with 1,000 leaders in Washington, D.C. talking about jobs. Motivation of private enterprise sector of America working with Henry Ford, lx Coca-Cola Company, the National Alliance of Businessmen in a tremendous program to open the gates of opportunity to these people -- not just these people -- to everybody.

We are pledged in th s country today, under this Administration, to ~~REVE~~ root out the dirt and the ugliness, the congestion and the fear that feels American cities and replacing them with clean sunlight and a new spirit of freedom and community.

And when we hear people say -- What have we done? As if nothing had been done. I would like to remind them of what is underway because I am afraid we have been failing in our communications.

~~xxxxx We march under a new banner xxxxx~~

We marched uher a new banner yesterday. Not new programs, but new banners. And they are not banners of wealth or comfort or luxury but for those who have already established themselves to this light. Our new banner is to proclaim a new refuge for the forgotten, for the needy, for the skeptic, for the critic The rural poor, the urban poor, the broken-hearted, the unskilled, the uneducated, metally retarded and we have to do better. ~~And~~

And they owe it all to you for you made it possible. You elected this Administration. You elected this President and this Congress. You elected this Senate and your Governor. And your liberal measures paid for it and you are a Democrat.

Let's look at these new banners. ~~Take~~ Take the Job Corps --- test it out, -- jobs, skills. ~~x~~

You are satisfied with things as they are . . . did you ever ~~ty~~ think that things stand still. Oh, you folk of little faith.

. . . .

They always like words of poetry.

But what did you lose?

He said that we must be activists. That all our efforts must be ones of action -- not just meditation. That we must have faith. That we must erase (?) ourselves. And as Franklin Roosevelt told us over 23 years ago -- to ~~walk for~~ walk forthright, to take a stand.

By any measure what we are doing is unprecedented. And I repudiate anyone to say we have not done well. (APPLAUSE)

We have done more than our opposition has ever dreamed and more than our cynics ever hoped. (APPLAUSE).

I served fifteen years in the Congress of the United States and every program that I talked about had to wait to be passed until Lyndon Johnson became President of the United States.

~~The~~ American ~~is~~ had a rebirth of its democracy. Birth with ~~Lyndon~~ Johnson and ~~and~~ Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson and then with Lyndon Johnson following ~~it~~ through. Three years alone --

Listen to this and remember this because you are going to be out visiting with your fellow citizens -- Three years alone we have increased by 3 times our national investment. Health and education. We have done more in the last three years than in the preceding 100. More grants, more aid and what is it all about? Just money? not a bit. It is saving lives. It is investment of human resources.

NOTES

✓ Ch. Lind. St. Angelo
✓ Sen Hartke
✓ Sen Bayh
✓ Frank McHenry
✓ Dick Stoner - Nat Com
✓ Mrs Washery - Nat Com
 Women

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

DEMOCRATIC MEETING

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↳ Are we a society drifting, without purpose, and moving away from our higher instincts?

∟ I say no. !

I say this is a time of change . . . a time of ferment . . .

a time of growth and transition in America.

∟ It is a time demanding much of us. - *A time of Testing.*

∟ But it is above all a time when this nation, as never before, is on the verge of finally achieving democracy's full potential.

∟ Almost two hundred years ago we dedicated ourselves to a new proposition -- that every ~~single~~ ^{person} should have the right, at birth, to free and equal pursuit of life, liberty and happiness!

∟ We dedicated ourselves to the principle that men should not be divided king and servant . . . slave and master . . . rich and destitute.

∟ We launched a peaceful, human revolution to achieve what had never before in the world been achieved.

De Tocqueville

"The sufferings that are endured
patiently as being inevitable
become intolerable the moment
that it appears that there
might be an escape.
Reform then only serves to
reveal more clearly what
still remains oppressive
and now all the more unbearable,
the suffering it is true has
been reduced, but one's
sensitivity has become more
acute"

↳ Through blood and heartbreak, through failures and false starts, America has always kept its eye steadily on that goal.

↳ And today, as we enter the final third of this 20th Century, we have every right to ask: Where do we stand? Just what must be done to finally build democracy's house?

↳ Where do we stand?

↳ There is turmoil in America. But there is turmoil because there is progress. (De Tocqueville)

↳ There is turmoil because we are engaged in the greatest effort our nation has ever known -- to break through the old barriers of hate, injustice and inequity which have been a blight on our national conscience.

Problems of many generations are not subject to instant solution.

↳ We are taking small children by the hand in our ghetto streets. ↳ We are giving them health and education and hope.

But we are on our way - moving ahead.

frustrated, bitter.

↳ We are reaching out to the ~~hard~~ young men without skills or jobs. And we are helping them get those skills so they can get those jobs.

↳ We are pledged to rooting out the dirt, the ugliness, the congestion and the fear which fill America's cities and replacing them with clear sunlight and a new spirit of *freedom* and community.

↳ And the banners under which we march are not those of wealth . . . comfort . . . or luxury for those who already have their established place in life.

Our banners -- new banners -- *Proclaim Hope and offer a New Day.*

Job Corps

Head Start

Upward Bound

VISTA

Work Study

Teacher Corps

Adlai Stevenson said this:

"Our objectives are not for the timid,
They are not for those who look backward,
who are satisfied with things as they are,
who think that this great nation can ever
sleep or ever stand still."

War on Poverty

Jobs

Schools

Decent housing

And yes, Freedom Now! (ADlai)

By any measure, what we are doing is unprecedented in human society. (~~ADlai~~)

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↳ Yet we must do more. We cannot wait.

↳ No single American -- living with anything less than equal chance in this great society -- should be made to stand waiting for that chance while we possess the means to help him.

✓ Jobs, Training, Educ - Housing
✓ Partnership - Govt + Business } every one has chance.

Thomas Wolfe Quote

"To every man regardless of his birth, his shining golden opportunity - to every man the right to live, to work, to be himself and to become whatever thing his manhood and his vision can combine to make him - This is the promise of America."

Every Man His Chance!

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Yet none of this commitment . . . none of this progress can ultimately mean a thing unless this nation can remain free and safe in a peaceful world.

~~Peace in our cities and peace in the world - these are our goals~~

And that is why -- while we make this commitment at home -- we must also make our commitment to peace and safety in this world.

Since World War II -- since the advent of terrible nuclear weapons -- we have known that this strong nation had to play a strong and active and responsible role or lose the peace by default.

In these postwar years, we have -- in Berlin, in Greece and Turkey, in Iran, in Korea, in the Straits of Formosa, in Lebanon and the Congo, in Laos, in Cuba, in the Dominican Republic, in the Mediterranean and Cyprus -- stood up and faced the challenges we had to face.

We have done so because we have known that the risk would be far greater if they were not faced.

At the same time we have, block by block, tried to build a world environment in which peace might grow.

We have waged war on hunger.

We have launched an Alliance for Progress.

We have joined with others in taking down barriers to world trade and economic growth.

We have dedicated ourselves to stopping the nuclear arms race.

We have put our commitment behind the United Nations.

We have sent our young people overseas, in uniform and in shirt sleeve, to help those who needed our help.

Oftentimes that work has been thankless. It has been frustrating. It has been costly.

↳ It has been all of these things in Vietnam.

Yet, in Vietnam as in other places, the President of the United States has done what he thought was right to protect the peace. — ~~as President Lyndon~~

~~has~~

He has done it because he believed -- as other Presidents before him believed . . . as the leaders of Asia certainly believe -- that the success of aggression in Vietnam would lead to wider and far more dangerous aggression throughout all of Southeast Asia. (X) See quotes

At the same time he has held to a difficult middle course -- a course avoiding both appeasement and the risk of World War III.

L It has been no pleasure ride. | *Debate, discussion, dissent - + Decision!*

Now there are those who say: "We must have peace in Vietnam."

I agree with that. President Johnson agrees. But I ask in reply:

What price are you willing to pay? What will you give for peace? For make no mistake about it, our objective in Vietnam is this:

PHONY
THAT A "PEACE" CAN BE THE
PRELUDE TO DISASTER —
~~THAT A FAILURE~~

SURELY WE HAVE LEARNED THAT
TO ACCEPT AGGRESSION, TO
BOW TO THE WILL OF THE BRUTE,
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GOING GETS ROUGH — IS THE
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Armageddon - By the installment plan -

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WE MUST ~~RESIST~~ ENDURE
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THE CRY FOR PEACE IS HEARD
THROUGHOUT THIS LAND —

~~WE ALL WANT PEACE~~ — EVERY
AMERICAN WANTS PEACE AND AN END
TO THE KILLING and SORROW.

BUT WHAT KIND OF PEACE
ARE WE TO HAVE?

A PEACE LIKE THAT OF NEVILLE
CHAMBERLAIN, WHO WENT BEFORE HIS
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THE WILL AND PURPOSE OF
AMERICA, BUT THE WEAKNESS OF
OUR RESOLVE AND THE EMPTINESS
OF OUR COMMITMENTS?

YES, WE WANT PEACE, WE WANT
IT DESPERATELY — and we shall pursue it —

BUT IF WE HAVE NOT LEARNED
^{ELSE}
ANYTHING IN THE PAST THIRTY
YEARS, SURELY WE HAVE LEARNED

↳ Not the promise of peace as an election year gimmick.

↳ But real peace for our children and ourselves.

Peace that will last. - ↳ We haven't tried!

A candidate of the other party says he has a plan for peace in Vietnam. But he can't unveil it until next year.

What kind of cynical partisanship is this?

↳ Others feel that more could somehow be done to bring peace today. Yet I must admit that their concern has yet to be matched by their specifics.

At this very moment, and over the past number of days, an intensive review has been undertaken within our government to find some better or more effective way to peace.

I think most Americans know that there can be no true and lasting peace in Vietnam, or Southeast Asia, until militant and powerful Communist forces are convinced that aggression will not pay -- and that they must turn to honest negotiation.

Are there any easy ways out -- at home, or in this dangerous world?

There are no easy ways.

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

That is how it is.

We Americans must ask ourselves: Are we willing to accept that?

Are we willing to make the sacrifices we will have to make?

Do we have the courage to face up to our own prejudices and shortcomings and imperfections in America?

Do we have the courage to match our noble words with often painful deeds in distant places?

Our answer can and must be yes.

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Twenty years ago I stood in Convention Hall in Philadelphia and said the time had come in America ^{to walk} ~~for the~~ in the bright sunlight of human rights! full realization of human rights.

A good number of our fellow Democratic Party members walked out.

Z That same year others left our party because they placed more faith than we in the intentions of totalitarian forces in this world. ^{So called good} They ~~doubted~~ distrusted our President and opposed his policy. !

L Others didn't like President Truman's "style" or the way he talked or the patterns on his shirts. !

L But those of us who had hope and faith and a willingness to see it through stood by our President. ! *Like Frank McKeeney*

L We fought and we won. !

Gouverneur Brannegan has
authorized me to
announce that he will
head the Ticket

Bill
Murray

↳ In 1968, too, I stand by my President. And we shall
fight and win! ~~and-~~

President Johnson has done more, in the past four
years, for the full realization of democracy in America than
any American President in this century.

That is his record. That is the record on which he
should be judged.

I am proud to be a part of that record.

I am proud to say that he has brought to reality causes
we have fought for all our lives.

And if we, as Democrats and Americans, will stand
with him we will make it through these difficult times.

America has not lost its way.

America is on its way.

And that is why our President and our party need
your support now, and every day until November.

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~~Has our nation lost its way will to work for democracy at home and for a just peace around the world?~~

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~~Work~~

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Now there are those who say: "We must have peace in Vietnam."

I agree with that. ~~No one more agrees with that than President Johnson~~ ^{agrees.} But I ask in reply:

What price ~~words~~ are you willing to pay? What will you give for peace? For make no mistake about it, our objective in Vietnam is this:

Not peace for an election year.

But peace for our children.
Peace that will last.

A candidate of the other party says he has a plan for peace. But he feels that he can't unveil it until next year.

Others feel that more ^{could} ~~can~~ somehow be done to bring peace today. Yet I ~~must~~ ^{has} admit that their concerns ~~are~~ yet to be matched by their specifics.

At this very moment, and over the past number of days, an intensive review has been undertaken to find within our government some better or more effective way to peace.

There may be some change of tactic or direction which can help us more quickly reach that goal. *But I think most Americans know in their hearts that there can be no true and lasting peace in Vietnam, or Southeast Asia, until militant and powerful Communist forces are convinced that aggression will not*

pay and that they must turn to honest negotiation.

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Are there any easy ways out -- at home, or in this dangerous world?

There are no easy ways. John Kennedy said ^{it:} "Peace and freedom do not come cheap, and we are destined -- all of us today -- to live out ~~most~~ most if not all of our lives in uncertainty and challenge and peril."

That is how it is.

We ~~are~~ Americans must ask ourselves: Are we willing to accept that? Are we willing to make the sacrifices we will have to make? Do we have the courage to face up to our own prejudices and shortcomings and imperfections in America? Do we have the courage to match our noble words with ^{often painful} ~~peaceful~~ deeds in distant places?

If we cannot answer yes to these questions, then those who cry:

"immorality" ^{drift} ~~weakness~~ . . . uncertainty" will be right.

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Twenty years ago ~~stood~~ ^{stood} in Convention Hall in Philadelphia and said the time had come in America for the full realization of human rights.

A good number of our ^{fellow} Democratic Party members ~~walked~~ ^{walked} ~~out~~.

That same year others left our party because they ^{placed more faith than we} ~~believed we~~

~~misunderstood~~ ⁱⁿ the ~~true~~ intentions of totalitarian forces in this world.

Others didn't like President Truman's "style" or the width of his tie.

But those of us who had hope and faith and a willingness to see it through stood by our President. We fought and we won.

In 1968, too, I ~~am~~ ^{stand by} ~~my~~ president. And we shall fight and win.

President Johnson has done more, in the past four years, for the full realization of democracy in America ~~and peace in the world~~ than any American ~~president~~ in this century.

That is his record. ~~That is the record on which he stands~~. That is the record on which he should be judged.

I am proud to be a part of that record.

~~That is his record.~~
I am proud to say that he has brought to reality ~~what I love~~ ^{we} ~~we~~ ^{we} will stand with him ~~we~~ will

~~See us through these times.~~ ^{difficult} ~~We will see that America's hopes and aspirations are realized.~~ ^{make it} ~~America has not lost its way,~~ ~~America is on its way,~~ ~~and~~

~~it will remain so as long as we stand up and fight for the man and policies~~

~~we believe in.~~ ^{we believe in.} ~~But there is nothing sure about the future.~~

And that is why our President and our party need your support now, and every day until November.

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~~He has had to make some unpopular decisions.~~

~~It hasn't left much time for~~

~~He has had to move some of our fellow Americans~~

~~out of comfortable~~

~~You don't~~



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