

The Vice President's Summer Youth Sports and Recreation Program:
Ceremony, Sports Clinic -- Monday, 10 A.M., 2501 Georgia Avenue, N.W.
Banneker Playground, Washington, D.C.

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MR. MAYOR, MR. LeBARON, MY FRIENDS ON THE
ATHLETIC TEAM, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, MY YOUNG
FRIENDS WHO HAVE COME FROM ALL OVER WASHINGTON
TO BE HERE THIS MORNING, WELCOME!

TODAY WE WITNESS THE OPENING SESSION FOR THE
SUMMER YOUTH SPORTS AND RECREATION PROGRAM TEAM.
ED LeBARON HAS FILLED YOU IN ON WHAT THE YOUTH SPORTS
AND RECREATION PROGRAM WILL BE DOING OVER THE NEXT
FEW MONTHS, AND WHERE THIS TEAM NOW BEFORE YOU
WILL BE TRAVELLING. I WILL NOT REPEAT HIS REMARKS.
BUT I WILL SAY THAT I VIEW THE SESSION THIS MORNING NOT
ONLY AS THE KICKOFF TO THE YOUTH SPORTS AND RECREATION
PROGRAM. ~~IT~~ ^{IT} ALSO ~~VIEWED~~ AS SYMBOLIC OF WHAT IS HAPPENING
TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR YOUTH THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE
COUNTRY THIS SUMMER.

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OUR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON, D. C. AND
NATIONALLY IS FAR BETTER THIS YEAR THAN EVER BEFORE.
DURING THE PERIOD FROM SUMMER 1964 TO SUMMER 1967
WE INCREASED THE NATIONWIDE EMPLOYMENT OF 16-21 YEAR
OLD YOUTHS BY 2 MILLION WHILE AT THE SAME TIME REDUCING

THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FROM 14.7% to 12.1%. EARLY INDICATIONS FOR SUMMER 1968 ARE THAT WE ARE DOING EVEN BETTER THIS YEAR.

FOR EXAMPLE, HERE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BUSINESSMEN HAS PROVIDED OVER 4,000 JOB ORDERS FOR DISADVANTAGED YOUTH. THAT COMPARES WITH ABOUT 300 SUCH JOBS LAST YEAR.

NATIONALLY, FEDERAL AGENCIES THIS SUMMER ARE HIRING 70,000 DISADVANTAGED YOUTH COMPARED TO 43,000 LAST YEAR AND A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THAT INCREASE IS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

WHILE FAR TOO MANY SCHOOLS ARE STILL CLOSED DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, OUR INFORMATION INDICATES THAT APPROXIMATELY 20% MORE SCHOOL FACILITIES WILL BE OPEN THIS YEAR THAN IN SUMMER, 1967.

AND YOU ARE SEEING EVIDENCE HERE TODAY OF NEW INNOVATIONS IN RECREATION PROGRAMS -- PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO BROADEN THE HORIZONS OF NEEDY YOUNG PEOPLE.

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BUT DESPITE THE FACT THAT OUR SUMMER YOUTH
PROGRAMS THIS YEAR ARE BETTER PLANNED, BETTER
ORGANIZED, AND ARE REACHING MORE DISADVANTAGED
YOUTH, WE ARE NOT SATISFIED.

MUCH NEEDS TO BE DONE. IF WE ARE TO TELL IT LIKE
IT IS WE CANNOT IGNORE THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
FOR NON-WHITE TEENAGERS IS OVER 20%; THAT MANY OF
OUR SCHOOLS ARE INADEQUATE; THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF
OUR YOUTH WHO LIVE IN INNER CITY AREAS DO NOT RECEIVE
PROPER MEDICAL ATTENTION OR LIVE IN DECENT HOUSING.

^{now} YES, MUCH NEEDS TO BE DONE, AND THE PARTICIPATION
AND SUPPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IS NEEDED. IF PROGRAMS
ARE TO SUCCEED, IT WILL REQUIRE THE INVOLVEMENT OF
THOSE OF YOU HERE TODAY -- FROM THE WASHINGTON
COLISEUM, FROM THE KENILWORTH COMMUNITY CENTER,
AND FROM THE BENNING-STODDARD CENTERS -- FROM ALL
SECTIONS OF THIS CITY. LET US CREATE AN ALLIANCE OF
YOUTH THROUGHOUT THIS LAND TO CONSTRUCTIVELY BUILD
THIS COUNTRY. THERE IS MUCH WORK TO BE DONE, AND THE
TIME TO BEGIN IS NOW.

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ON THIS NOTE, AGAIN, LET ME COMPLIMENT THIS FINE
SUMMER YOUTH SPORTS AND RECREATION PROGRAM THAT
THE YOUNG ATHLETES HERE TODAY AND ED LeBARON AND
JOE SCUDERO HAVE HELPED TO DEVELOP. ALSO LET ME
THANK THE D. C. RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR ITS
EXCELLENT COOPERATION IN TODAY'S PROGRAM. AND,
OF COURSE, LET ME THANK YOU FOR COMING. NOW LET'S
SEE SOME SPORTS ACTION.



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