

REMARKS OF
 HONORABLE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
 LEADERSHIP DINNER
 DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE
 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 3, 1969

- ✓ Chr. Aaron Henry
- ✓ Claude Ramsey Charles Young
of Meridian
- ✓ Robert Woodson
- ✓ Pat Darrin + Mr Paul David
Malpas
Pres. Y.D.S.
of Memphis
- ✓ Charles Evers + Mrs
- ✓ Mrs Mrs Hodding Carter III
- Bishop Joseph Brunini
- Rev James Washington

Pat Serien
 Chuck Evers
 Aaron Henry

I COME TO JACKSON TONIGHT TO
 BE WITH FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS AND
 TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS LAST
NOVEMBER *and for your past work in building*
a truly Democratic
 ONE OF THE MOST HEARTENING *Party*
 RESULTS OF THAT ELECTION WAS THE VOTE
 YOU HELPED ME ACHIEVE IN MISSISSIPPI.
 WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY IN DEMONSTRATING
POWER AT THE BALLOT BOX.

WE FOUGHT FOR REFORM AT THE
1964 DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION TO ENSURE
 FAIR DELEGATE SELECTION TO NATIONAL
CONVENTIONS.

IN 1965 THE HISTORIC VOTING
RIGHTS ACT EFFECTIVELY OPENED THE CLOSED

It's good to come to a meeting of Democrats where
 they practice what they speak - Real Democracy
 a genuinely integrated Pol. Party!!

2.

DOORS TO VOTER REGISTRATION AND
VOTER PARTICIPATION.

↳ AND IN 1968, THE DEMOCRA-
TIC CONVENTION SEATED A DELEGATION
FROM THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI WHICH REPRE-
SENTED THOSE WHO SOUGHT BROAD
REPRESENTATION FROM ALL SEGMENTS
OF THE PEOPLE.

↳ THAT CONVENTION ALSO ORDERED
A COMPLETE REVIEW OF CONVENTION
AND PARTY ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES.

↳ THROUGH THE COMMISSION ON PARTY
STRUCTURE AND DELEGATE SELECTION

-/ Presentation of Charles Evers, Nat. Dem. Committee
May 22
4 excellent proposals - 3. Mayor of Fayette, Miss
000766

CHAired BY SENATOR GEORGE MC GOVERN
AND THE COMMISSION ON RULES

CHAired BY CONGRESSMAN JIM O'HARA.

↳ WE ARE GOING TO ASSURE THAT THE
DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS OPEN TO ALL
WHO WANT TO PARTICIPATE AND TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY FOR BUILDING PARTY
ORGANIZATION AND ELECTING CANDIDATES.

↳ TONIGHT, I NOT ONLY COME
TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME ACHIEVE
THE GREATEST VOTE EVER CAST FOR A
DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
IN A MISSISSIPPI ELECTION, BUT I
WANT ESPECIALLY TO TALK ABOUT THE
FUTURE...

4.

-- THE FUTURE OF OUR DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN THE SOUTH AND IN THE NORTH,

-- THE FUTURE FOR PROTECTING AND BUILDING UNDER THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT,

-- AND THE FUTURE OF YOUR PARTY WORK HERE IN MISSISSIPPI.

↳ FIRST, LET ME REMIND YOU THAT THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965 EXPIRES IN 1970, ↳ THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP IN THE CONGRESS HAS JOINED IN BILLS TO EXTEND THE PRO-

5.

VISIONS OF THAT ACT, WITHOUT
AMENDMENT, FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS.

TO DATE, THE NIXON AD-
MINISTRATION HAS NOT INDICATED
WHETHER OR NOT IT SUPPORTS A
SIMPLE EXTENSION OF THIS ACT. (THERE
ARE RUMBLINGS THAT THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL MAY PROPOSE SOME WEAKEN-
ING OF THE MECHANISMS THAT MAKE
THE ACT WORK AND ELIMINATE PROVI-
SIONS FOR FEDERAL REGISTRATION
OFFICIALS.

WE CANNOT AFFORD TO SOFTEN

6.

THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT. ^{and} IT SHOULD
BE RENEWED THIS YEAR.

↳ THIS LAW WAS ENACTED UNDER
BI-PARTISAN SPONSORSHIP. ↳ HUNDREDS
 OF THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS VOTED IN
 THE LAST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
 AND LOCAL ELECTIONS ONLY BECAUSE
 THERE WAS A VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF
1965.

↳ SO I SAY TO YOU TONIGHT, *Unless we act,*
 WE COULD LOSE MUCH OF THE GAINS WE
HAVE MADE. ↳ IT IS IMPERATIVE THERE
 BE REPUBLICAN AS WELL AS DEMOCRATIC
 SUPPORT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THIS
ACT. ↳ THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD

7.

NOT WAIVER *and I dont intend to let them study, delay & forget*

#2

A SECOND PRIORITY WE NEED TO LOOK ~~VERY CRITICALLY~~ AT, IS THE ENTIRE CONCEPT OF REQUIRING THE VOTER TO TAKE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER IN ORDER TO CAST A VOTE.

↳ THEIR SHOULD BE A UNIFORM, PUBLICALLY FINANCED SYSTEM FOR REGISTERING ALL QUALIFIED VOTERS.

↳ IT MIGHT BE DONE BY GRANTS TO THE STATES, OR AS A CENSUS. *But,* THERE SHOULD BE A UNIFORM VOTER RE-

Registration

8.

REGISTRATION SYSTEM WHERE THE
 REGISTRATION LIST OF ALL VOTERS
 ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IS KEPT AS
 A PUBLIC FUNCTION BY THE GOVERN-
MENT. (~~Auto Rolls~~)

↳ SUCH A SYSTEM IS USED
 IN EVERY OTHER DEMOCRACY
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. (TODAY,
 WITH COMPUTER RECORD-KEEPING
IN USE ACROSS THE NATION FOR
TAX PURPOSES -- WHY NOT PUT A
SYSTEM FOR VOTER REGISTRATION
ON COMPUTERS?

Use
 Register
 for
 Tax
 Purpose

9.

↳ IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 1968 ABOUT ONE-FOURTH OF ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS WERE NOT REGISTERED.

↳ SOME HAD MOVED. ↳ SOME HAD TO WORK WHEN REGISTRATION OFFICES WERE OPENED. ↳ SOME ARE NEVER INTERESTED IN ELECTIONS UNTIL AFTER REGISTRATION BOOKS ARE CLOSED.

↳ IN MANY INSTANCES, AS YOU KNOW ALL TOO WELL, THE POOR, ^{the Black} AND THOSE LIVING IN RURAL AREAS OFTEN FIND THE OBSTACLES JUST INSUR-
MOUNTABLE.

10.

TODAY, TIME, MONEY AND
ENERGY ARE INVESTED BY POLITICAL
 PARTIES AND OTHERS IN REGISTRA-
 TION DRIVES. WHAT COULD BE MORE
 APPROPRIATE THAN TO SAY -- EVERY
 AMERICAN WHO MEETS MINIMUM VOTING
REQUIREMENTS OF AGE, RESIDENCY
AND CITIZENSHIP WILL BE ENROLLED
BY THE GOVERNMENT TO AUTOMATICALLY
PROTECT HIS RIGHT TO VOTE.

Money
 needed
 for the
 Campaign

IN 1968, THERE WERE 29
 MILLION VOTERS WHO WERE NOT ELIGIBLE
 TO VOTE FOR PRESIDENT BECAUSE THEY
COULD NOT OR DID NOT REGISTER.

II.

yet,
LESS THAN ONE-HALF MILLION
VOTERS DECIDED ^{Popular vote in} THE ELECTION OF

1968. - *and less than 200,000 Decided the electoral College.*

↳ LESS THAN 120,000 THE PRE-
SIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 1960.

↳ FOR WHATEVER REASON, 29
MILLION DISENFRANCHISED AMERICANS
SHOULD NOT AND NEED NOT BE TOLERATED
IN 1972 BECAUSE OF OUTDATED CON-
CEPTS OF REGISTRATION.

*Direct Election
of President.*

↳ NOW A FEW WORDS ON OUR
DEMOCRATIC PARTY -- APPLICABLE BOTH
HERE IN JACKSON AND AT HOME IN
MINNEAPOLIS.

*DIRECT
ELECTION
180/1972
OLD
vote*

WE ARE WITNESSING A GROW-
 ING CONSERVATIVE AND REACTIONARY
 POLITICAL FORCE. VIOLENCE, TRANS-
 MITTED BY TV FROM ONE STREET
 CORNER TO ALL THE NATION, CAUSES
 FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY. IT IS NOT
 JUST ONE CITY, OR ONE STATE, IT
 IS DRAMATIZED IN EVERY HOME.

Los
 Angeles -
 Berkeley.

and extremist

WE ARE A PARTY COMMITTED
 TO OPPOSE THE REPRESSION THAT Reactionary
 PARTY FORCES WOULD IMPOSE ON THE
 NATION. WE ARE A PARTY COMMITTED
 TO JUSTICE AND LAW AND ORDER FOR
 ALL CITIZENS. CIVIL ORDER - CIVIL JUSTICE

13.

↳ BUT OUR PROGRAM, OUR CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND OUR PLATFORM ARE COMMITTED TO MUCH MORE. - GOOD for America

Food

↳ WE SUPPORT MASSIVE PROGRAMS TO ALLEVIATE HUNGER AND BRING NUTRITIONAL FOOD TO EVERY *needy man, woman + child.*

Cities

↳ WE ARE COMMITTED TO URBAN REHABILITATION OF HOMES, NEIGHBORHOODS AND PEOPLE. *We are determined to clean out the slums, and provide decent & safe neighborhoods*

Jobs

↳ WE BELIEVE IN BREAKING DOWN RACIAL BARRIERS IN JOBS WHETHER THEY ARE FEDERAL JOBS, FUNDED BY

was on Poverty
Consumer Protection
Health + Medical
Care

14.

GOVERNMENT MONEY, OR IN PRIVATE
BUSINESS. - Job Training too. - Econ
Develop!

WE ARE COMMITTED TO SUP-
PORT A PEACEFUL POLITICAL SOLU-
TION IN VIETNAM, AND TO MAKE THE
DIFFICULT FIGHT TO REDIRECT THE
NATION'S RESOURCES TO BUILDING AT
HOME. *We are committed to Arms control -*

WE BELIEVE IN TAX REFORMS,
IMPROVED SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, *medicare*
and MEDICAID FOR THE POOR, THE OLD
AND THE YOUNG.

THESE ARE NOT THE GOALS OF
A PARTY HEADED BY GEORGE WALLACE.

Public
We are committed to the expansion of
Education - in quantity & quality -
for every person seeking educational
opportunities.

and THOSE WHO HAVE STUDIED
 THE VOTING RECORD KNOW THESE ARE
 NOT THE GOALS OF THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY. (Nixon - LOWER OUR VOICES - What?)

↳ BUT TO MAKE THESE GOALS
 A REALITY WE HAVE A HEAVY TASK
 AHEAD. ↳ WE MUST APPROACH THE 1970
CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS SUPPORTING
MEN WHO CAN BUILD ON THESE GOALS

IN CONGRESS. ↳ A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY
 IN EITHER HOUSE WOULD EFFECTIVELY
BLOCK ANY HOPE FOR PROGRESS.

↳ IN OUR PARTY ORGANIZATIONS
 WE MUST BUILD LEADERSHIP FULLY COM-

*Delay of
 the 1950's*

*Delay of
 the 1950's
 pretty in
 1960's*

16.

*Join together
Win!!*

MITTED TO THE WIDEST POSSIBLE
COALITION OF DEMOCRATS WILLING
 TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO THESE GOALS.

↳ FOR ALL TOO MANY YEARS,
 IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, OUR
 PARTY LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN CLOSED
 TO ~~THOSE~~ ^{many} WHO WANTED TO PARTICIPATE.

↳ WE ARE NOW MOVING TO OPEN THE PARTY
TO ALL WHO WILL WORK WITH US. ↳ NOT
JUST HERE IN MISSISSIPPI, BUT IN
EVERY STATE.

↳ FROM THE PRECINCTS TO THE
 STATE CONVENTIONS, EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS
ARE NOW REQUIRED TO INSURE INCLUSION

17.

OF ALL WHO STAND FOR THE GOALS
OF OUR PARTY.

↳ IT MEANS^a WILLINGNESS TO
SHARE LEADERSHIP AT ALL LEVELS
AND ACTIVELY SEEK A BROAD REPRESENTATIVE PARTY.

↳ WE HAVE FOUGHT HARD BATTLES
TO BREAK THE "ALL WHITE" LABEL ON
OUR PARTY IN THE SOUTH. ↳ WE MUST
BE CERTAIN THAT THE NEWLY EMERGING
DEMOCRATIC PARTY WE SUPPORT DOES
NOT BY CHOICE, ACCIDENT OR DESIGN
BECOME, AN "ALL BLACK" PARTY.

↳ NOTHING WOULD PLEASE THE
REPUBLICANS -- OR THE WALLACEITES

not all
white
not all
"Black"

18.

MORE. THE LEADERSHIP YOU HAVE
SHOWN IS HARD EVIDENCE YOU UNDER-
STAND THIS CAUTION.

↳ MAYOR CHARLES EVERS HAS
BEEN QUOTED WIDELY ACROSS THE
NATION WHEN HE SAID... "DON'T VOTE
FOR A BLACK MAN, OR A WHITE MAN.
JUST A GOOD MAN."

↳ WE ARE BUILDING NOT A BLACK
POLITICAL PARTY, NOT A WHITE PARTY,
BUT HOPEFULLY A "GOOD PARTY" FOR
ALL THE PEOPLE. ↳ YOU HAVE ONE OF
THE MOST DIFFICULT LEADERSHIP TASKS
I KNOW.

↳ WE, OUTSIDE YOUR STATE HAVE

19.

A SPECIAL OBLIGATION TO HELP,
UNDERSTAND AND ASSIST. ↳ THAT IS
WHAT I CAME LAST YEAR TO DO --
THAT IS WHAT I HOPE TO CONTINUE
TO DO.

↳ I FIRMLY BELIEVE IN WHAT
YOU ARE UNDERTAKING AND IN OUR
ULTIMATE SUCCESS... A GREAT MANY
OTHERS IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY
AND A GREAT MANY AMERICANS ALSO
HAVE THAT FAITH.

THANK YOU.



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