

THE FIRST CENTURY OF OUR NATION BROUGHT A COMMITMENT
 TO SECURE THE BASIC POLITICAL RIGHTS OF AMERICANS. THE
 SECOND ADDED ECONOMIC RIGHTS AS FUNDAMENTAL TO MAN'S
 FULFILLMENT.

THESE RIGHTS HAVE NOT ^{been} FINALLY ~~NOT~~ SECURED IN AMERICA.
 BUT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF AMERICANS WANT TO MAKE
 THEM REALITIES FOR ALL OUR CITIZENS.

- June 6 - D. Day - 1944
 - June 4 - R. F. K
 - June - 6 Day War
- } Just War

The 1960's - Decade of Dissent, DISORDER, Debate
Discovery + Decision

<p><u>Dissent</u> Educ</p>	<p>War in S.E. Asia <u>Civil Rights</u> Voting Rts - 1 - War on Pollution War on Poverty CIVIL Rts Voting Rts education</p>	<p><u>Discovery</u> Power + wealth no longer enough Racism Poverty Urbanization Pollution Sec Health</p>
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① Decision
MEDICARE

Science
 medicine
 Tobacco

ONE OF THE GREAT TRAGEDIES OF THE VIETNAM WAR IS

indeed,

THAT IT HAS SO DRAINED OUR ENERGIES, OUR RESOURCES AND

OUR ATTENTION THAT IT HAS DIVERTED US FROM THE VISION

TO SEEK THESE RIGHTS AND MAKE THEM REALITIES.

Rt to Peace

SO THE FIRST OF THE NEW RIGHTS IS THE RIGHT TO PEACE.

THE WAR IN VIETNAM VIOLATES THE RIGHT TO PEACE OF ALL AMERICANS,

indeed

~~ALL ASIANS, ALL AFRICANS, ALL EUROPEANS~~ OF ALL MANKIND.

WE MUST WITHDRAW FROM IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE -- THIS YEAR.

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JUST AS IMPORTANT IS THE RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM THE

Threats to Peace

THREATS TO PEACE -- FREE FROM FEAR OF NUCLEAR ANNIHILATION --

FREE FROM THE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC COSTS OF AN EVER

INCREASING ESCALATION OF THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE.

↳ NEXT IS THE RIGHT TO A JOB -- THE RIGHT TO SUITABLE
EMPLOYMENT FOR EVERY AMERICAN.

I AM SORRY TO SAY THERE IS INADEQUATE COMMITMENT
TO THAT BASIC RIGHT BY THIS ADMINISTRATION.

↳ THERE ARE WELL OVER 5 MILLION AMERICANS OUT OF WORK
TODAY. UNEMPLOYMENT STANDS AT 6.2 PER CENT -- AND IT IS
DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGHER AMONG SOME ELEMENTS OF OUR

POPULATION -- YOUTH, MINORITIES, VIETNAM VETERANS. ↳ INFLATION
CONTINUES TO RISE --

Black youth 30%
all youth 23%

↳ WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A HEARTLESS AND MANUFACTURED

RECESSION. ↳ THE PRICE OF COOLING INFLATION HAS BEEN

DECREED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. IT IS ECONOMIC AND PSYCHIC

SUFFERING FOR MILLIONS OF UNEMPLOYED AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Pitifully + Morally

IT IS ECONOMICALLY, ~~AND ETHICALLY~~ INDEFENSIBLE TO

EXPECT THESE WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES -- AN ESTIMATED

15 MILLION OR MORE AMERICANS -- TO BEAR THE WHOLE BURDEN

FOR THE REST OF US,

*Poverty group - Every year since 196 - Decline 7.5%
But 1969-1970 - number of poor increase by 5% per year*
WE MUST FIND WAYS IN WHICH THIS BURDEN IS BORNE BY *1.2 million*

US ALL. WE MUST MAINTAIN THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF

THESE MILLIONS IN THE ECONOMY INSTEAD OF REDUCING THEM

TO BASE SUBSISTENCE, AS THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS DONE IN

ITS MISMANAGEMENT OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY.

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WHAT ARE THE OTHER ELEMENTS OF THIS NEW AMERICAN

BILL OF RIGHTS?

Health

THE RIGHT TO HEALTH.

AMERICA MUST BUILD, AND BUILD SOON, A HEALTH CARE

SYSTEM THAT GUARANTEES US THE RIGHT TO BE HEALTHY; NOT *merely*

THE RIGHT TO BE TREATED WHEN WE BECOME SICK. *L* WE MUST

HAVE EFFECTIVE PREVENTIVE MEDICINE IN THIS COUNTRY. AND

WE MUST HAVE THE DOCTORS, AND NURSES, AND PARAMEDICAL,

TECHNICAL AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL TO MAKE THIS SYSTEM

WORK. *(tool up)*

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THE RIGHT TO SEARCH FOR KNOWLEDGE -- SO THAT NO MAN

MAY REMAIN ANOTHER'S SLAVE THROUGH THE DENIAL OF SKILL

OR EDUCATION.

L THE RIGHT TO A WHOLESOME ENVIRONMENT -- CLEAN AIR,

CLEAN WATER, PURE FOOD, PEACE AND QUIET, AND THE
REFRESHING TOUCH OF UNSPOILED NATURE.

L THE RIGHT TO PUBLIC COMPASSION -- SO THAT MAN MAY

LIVE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT HIS HEALTH, HIS WELL-BEING,

HIS OLD AGE AND LONELINESS ARE THE CONCERN OF HIS SOCIETY.

L THE RIGHT TO JUSTICE -- SO THAT MAN MAY STAND BEFORE

HIS PEERS AND HIS SOCIETY ON A TRULY JUST AND EQUAL

BASIS WITH HIS NEIGHBOR.

L THE RIGHT TO A DECENT HOME -- HOUSING THAT CRADLES

A CHILD'S SOUL -- NOT CRUSHES IT UNDER MASSIVE CONCRETE

AND DESPAIR.

L THE RIGHT TO A SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD -- SO THAT MAN
MAY MOVE ABOUT FREELY WITHOUT FEAR OF LIFE, LIMB OR
PROPERTY.

L THE RIGHT TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY -- SO THAT MAN MAY
LIFT HIMSELF TO THE LIMITS OF HIS ABILITY, NO MATTER
WHAT THE COLOR OF HIS SKIN, THE TENETS OF HIS RELIGION,
OR HIS SO-CALLED SOCIAL STATUS.

L THE RIGHT TO REST AND RECREATION -- SO THAT THE
NECESSITY OF LABOR NOT BE PERMITTED TO CRIPPLE HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT.

L THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY -- SO THAT MAN MAY BE FREE OF
THE HEAVY HAND OF THE WATCHERS AND LISTENERS.

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I SUGGEST TODAY A NEW BILL OF RIGHTS FOR AMERICA --

A BILL OF RIGHTS TO SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN DIGNITY:

-- THE RIGHT TO PEACE;

-- THE RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT;

-- THE RIGHT TO HEALTH;

-- THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION;

-- THE RIGHT TO A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT;

-- THE RIGHT TO PUBLIC COMPASSION;

-- THE RIGHT TO JUSTICE;

-- THE RIGHT TO A DECENT HOME;

-- THE RIGHT TO A SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD;

-- THE RIGHT TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY;

-- THE RIGHT TO RECREATION;

-- THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY.

*The Agenda for
the '70's*

*The Scenario
for the Coming
Drama of
Pol. action:*

*Youth
+
its Responsibility
New voters*

↳ WHAT A TRIBUTE IT WOULD BE TO AMERICANS ALIVE TODAY,
TO AMERICA HERSELF, AND HER FOUNDERS, IF 1976 FINDS A
NATION FULLY COMMITTED TO THIS NEW BILL OF RIGHTS. ↳ WE
HAVE FIVE YEARS IN WHICH TO PRESENT OURSELVES WITH THIS
COMMITMENT ON OUR 200TH BIRTHDAY AS A FREE NATION.

↳ WOULDNT IT BE FAR BETTER TO CREATE RATHER THAN
CHRONICLE HISTORY? ↳ WOULDNT WE RATHER HAVE A HAND IN
SHAPING WHAT WILL COME ABOUT? ^{and} I THINK WE CAN. ↳ I KNOW
WE MUST. ↳ BUT BEFORE MAKING HISTORY, INSTEAD OF ENDURING
IT, WE MUST HAVE THE VISION.



^{must}
 WE HAVE THE VISION TO SEEK THESE RIGHTS AND TO
 MAKE THEM REAL. WE ^{must commit} ~~USE~~ THE RESOURCES TO ATTAIN AND
 GUARANTEE THESE RIGHTS, AND WE ^{must} HAVE THE PERSEVERANCE TO
 CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE TO SAFEGUARD THESE RIGHTS FROM ANY
 AND ALL WHO WOULD WEAKEN OR THREATEN THEM OR US.

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I HAVE FAITH THAT THE YEAR 2000 WILL DAWN ON A
 WORLD NOT TORN BY DISSENSION NOR DEVASTATED BY NUCLEAR
 CONFLAGRATION. IT MUST AND WILL BE A WORLD IN WHICH
 WISDOM, HUMANENESS, DIGNITY, AND PROGRESS FOR MANKIND
 PREVAIL.

Need to Plan, to Commit, to
utilize Resources, to Act!
 Use this Coming Decade for our
Own Development -
Reconciliation - Reconstruction - Reformation

↳ THE GLORY OF PLANET EARTH IS MAN LET THE GROWTH

AND EVOLUTION OF MAN CONTINUE -- AN EVOLUTION OF THE

SPIRIT OF MAN, EVER DEVISING, EVER SEEKING A HIGHER

PERFECTION.

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