

① = Mr Chairman -
Fellow Democrats
Fellow Americans

I REALIZE THAT I AM ~~HERE~~ DEALING WITH A CHARGED ISSUE, —

WITH AN ISSUE WHICH HAS BEEN CONFUSED BY EMOTIONALISM ON ALL SIDES.

I REALIZE THAT THERE ARE THOSE HERE — FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES OF

MINE, MANY OF THEM — WHO FEEL AS DEEPLY AS I DO ABOUT THIS ISSUE

AND WHO ARE YET IN COMPLETE DISAGREEMENT WITH ME. MY RESPECT AND

ADMIRATION FOR THESE MEN AND THEIR VIEWS WAS GREAT WHEN I CAME

HERE. IT IS NOW FAR GREATER BECAUSE OF THE SINCERITY, THE

COURTESY AND THE FORTHRIGHTNESS WITH WHICH THEY HAVE ARGUED IN OUR

DISCUSSIONS. BECAUSE OF THIS VERY RESPECT — BECAUSE OF MY PROFOUND

BELIEF THAT WE HAVE A CHALLENGING TASK TO DO HERE — BECAUSE GOOD

CONSCIENCE DEMANDS IT — ~~THAT~~ I FEEL I MUST RISE AT THIS TIME TO

Support
PRESENT THIS REPORT. — a report that
spells out our democracy
a report that the people
will understand + enthusiastically
acclaim —

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LET ME SAY AT THE OUTSET THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS MADE WITH
NO SINGLE REGION, NO SINGLE CLASS, NO SINGLE RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS
GROUP IN MIND. ALL REGIONS AND ALL STATES HAVE SHARED IN THE
PRECIOUS HERITAGE OF AMERICAN FREEDOM. ALL STATES AND ALL REGIONS
HAVE SEEN AT LEAST SOME INFRINGEMENTS OF THAT FREEDOM. —

all people, all groups have been the victims of discrimination

THE MASTERLY STATEMENT OF OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER, THE DISTINGUISHED
UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM KENTUCKY, ALBEN BARKLEY, MADE THAT POINT
WITH GREAT FORCE. SPEAKING OF THE FOUNDER OF OUR PARTY, THOMAS
JEFFERSON, HE SAID:

"HE DID NOT PROCLAIM THAT ALL WHITE, OR BLACK, OR
RED, OR YELLOW MEN ARE EQUAL: THAT ALL CHRISTIAN OR
JEWISH MEN ARE EQUAL: THAT ALL PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC
MEN ARE EQUAL: THAT ALL RICH OR POOR MEN ARE EQUAL:
THAT ALL GOOD OR BAD MEN ARE EQUAL. WHAT HE DECLARED
WAS THAT ALL MEN ARE EQUAL; AND THE EQUALITY WHICH
HE PROCLAIMED WAS EQUALITY IN THE RIGHT TO ENJOY THE
BLESSINGS OF FREE GOVERNMENT IN WHICH THEY MAY
PARTICIPATE, AND TO WHICH THEY HAVE GIVEN THEIR CONSENT."

(3) But more important
as Americans -

WE ARE HERE AS DEMOCRATS. AND I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT
Countries
AS MEN CONCERNED WITH OUR ~~PARTY'S~~ FUTURE, WE MUST SPECIFY IN OUR
PLATFORM THE ~~GUARANTEES~~ GUARANTEES WHICH I HAVE MENTIONED. yes, ~~AT~~ THIS
IS FAR MORE THAN A PARTY MATTER. EVERY CITIZEN HAS A STAKE IN
THE EMERGENCE OF THE UNITED STATES AS THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD.

THAT WORLD IS BEING CHALLENGED BY THE WORLD OF SLAVERY. FOR US
TO PLAY OUR PART EFFECTIVELY, WE MUST BE IN A MORALLY SOUND
POSITION. WE CANNOT USE A DOUBLE STANDARD FOR MEASURING OUR OWN AND
OTHER PEOPLE'S POLICIES. OUR DEMANDS FOR DEMOCRATIC PRACTICES IN
OTHER LANDS WILL BE NO MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THE GUARANTEE OF THOSE
PRACTICES IS IN OUR OWN COUNTRY.!

WE ARE ~~AT THE~~ GOD-FEARING MEN AND WOMEN. OUR

we place our ~~FAITH~~ FAITH IN THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN UNDER THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE CAN BE ANY COMPROMISE ON THE
GUARANTEE of Civil Rights WHICH I HAVE MENTIONED. In spite of my desire for
UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT ON THE PLATFORM, THERE ARE SOME MATTERS WHICH

I THINK MUST BE STATED WITHOUT QUALIFICATION.

There can be
no hedging - no watering down -
(a wonderful platform)

(4)

There are those who say to you -
~~that~~ we are rushing this issue
of Civil Rights - I say, we are
172 years late -

There are those who say - this
issue of Civil Rights is an infringement
on States Rights -

The Time has arrived for the
Democratic Party to get out of the
shadow of States Rights and walk
forthrightly into the bright sunshine
of Human Rights -

People - Human being, this is
the issue of the 20th Century
People - all kinds & sorts of
people - look to America
for leadership - for help
for guidance

~~the party with the Negro people.~~

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Mr. Chairman, ~~we call upon this~~
~~convention to~~
to adopt this report.

A MINORITY REPORT TO THIS CONVENTION ON THE PLATFORM PLANK
PERTAINING TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION OF OUR PLATFORM

The Democratic Party is responsible for the great civil rights gains made in recent years in eliminating unfair and illegal discrimination based on race, creed or color.

The Democratic Party commits itself to continuing its effort to eradicate all racial, religious and economic discrimination.

We again state our belief that racial and religious minorities must have the right to live, the right to work, the right to vote, the full and equal protection of the laws, on a basis of equality with all citizens as guaranteed by the Constitution.

We highly commend President Harry Truman for his courageous stand on the issue of civil rights.

We call upon the congress to support our President in guaranteeing these basic and fundamental American principles -- the right of full and equal political participation; the right to equal opportunity of employment; the right of security of person, and the right of equal treatment in the service and defense of our nation.

on page 12, strike out paragraph 4
and in lieu thereof substitute the following

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MY FRIENDS, MY FELLOW DEMOCRATS -- I ASK YOU FOR A
CALM CONSIDERATION OF OUR HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY. LET US FORGET
THE EVIL PASSIONS, THE BLINDNESSES OF THE PAST. IN THESE
TIMES OF WORLD ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SPIRITUAL -- ABOVE
ALL, SPIRITUAL CRISIS, WE CANNOT, WE MUST NOT TURN FROM THE
PATH SO PLAINLY BEFORE US. THAT PATH HAS ALREADY LEAD US
THROUGH MANY VALLEYS OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH. NOW IS THE
TIME TO RECALL THOSE WHO WERE LEFT ON THAT PATH OF AMERICAN
FREEDOM. —

NOT ONLY THE MEN OF IWO JIMA AND THE BATTLE OF THE
BULGE -- BUT THE MEN OF BELLEAU WOOD AND THE ARGONNE. NOT
ONLY THE MEN OF THE SIEGE OF OKINAWA, BUT THE MEN OF SHILOH
AND ~~THE~~ GETTYSBURG. NOT ONLY THE MEN OF PEARL HARBOR, BUT ~~THE~~ *also the*
MEN OF CONCORD AND SARATOGA.

FOR ALL OF US HERE, FOR THE MILLIONS WHO HAVE SENT
US, FOR THE WHOLE TWO BILLION MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN FAMILY --
OUR LAND IS NOW, MORE THAN EVER, THE LAST BEST HOPE ON EARTH.
I KNOW THA WE CAN -- I KNOW THAT WE SHALL -- BEGIN HERE THE
FULLER AND RICHER REALIZATION OF THAT HOPE -- THAT PROMISE OF
A LAND WHERE ALL MEN ARE FREE AND EQUAL, AND EACH MAN USES HIS
FREEDOM AND EQUALITY WISELY AND WELL. *Jack*



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