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L "As I begin this Wisconsin campaign, I am gratified to be introduced by Mayor Zeidler, whose proud record of civic achievement is well known throughout this state.

L "As a former mayor of another midwestern city -- Minneapolis -- I know how hard Mayor Zeidler's job is, and how well he's done it. (Introduce Muriel)

L "The midwest, ~~of which you and I are parts~~, has undergone a great political transformation in the past few years. (Midwest Progress!)

L "At the end of World War II, there was not a single Democratic Senator from either of our states.

L "Today, three of the four Senators are Democrats - Eugene McCarthy, William Proxmire and myself -- and I want to say I was proud to come into Wisconsin and play at least a small role in helping to elect your fine junior senator, Bill Proxmire.

L "Just a few years ago, the governorships of both our states were held by Republicans. Today, we in Minnesota have our Orville Freeman, and you in Wisconsin are fortunate to have a fine Democratic Governor, Gaylord Nelson, whom I am proud to call my friend.

(Nelson - Record - Anti Salestax
Orville Nash - Karl R. Freeman)

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"And you also have Phillio Nash, a staunch fighter for human dignity and equal opportunity -- and we have our Karl Rolvaag.

"Now this political transformation did not happen by accident. It happened by hard work. We have worked together I know, because ever since I entered public life, I have been working hard, both in my own state of Minnesota and here in Wisconsin, to advance the cause of the Democratic Party.

"But no amount of hard work will help a party that is identified with the wrong causes.

"And so there is a deeper reason for this political transformation in the midwest; it is the Democratic Party's dedication to programs that are in the people's interest. And it is also, my friends, because the Democrats have been dedicated to telling people the truth.

"And that is why I am in this campaign. That is why I am talking to you tonight.

"If the Democratic Party is to achieve nationally what it has accomplished in your state and mine, it must be dedicated to the public interest and dedicated to the truth.

"And I intend to do what I can to see that it is.

"I want to tell you some of the things we stand for and that we believe the Democratic Party must stand for if it is to win the next November.

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~~Let me first deal with some of the major problems here at home.~~

~~It is one of the first domestic tasks of a Democratic President must~~
be to restore America to her full economic growth -- ~~to make her reach her full~~
unlock our economic strength -

"For seven years now, we have been limping along at ~~half~~ pace. Deliberate tight
Hi-interest then talk
money policies have taken the ~~momentum out of the economy~~ and helped
bring about two serious recessions. *- costly*

^ "America cannot stand to move ahead at half pace. I have been to Soviet Russia
and ~~can~~ tell you that they are moving ahead full speed -- and they are catching up to
us rapidly. *This has been costly in Unemployment.*

"But even if the Soviets didn't exist, we couldn't afford the stunted growth we've
Depressed areas -
known for seven years. And we couldn't and can't afford the chronic unemployment and
Depressed farm prices -
lingering numbers of low-income families that persist in this era of supposed
prosperity.

drive
"We must put Democratic ~~measures~~ back into the economy. *One of the ways we*
should raise the minimum wage to \$1.25 ~~and I shall work to do that~~
Build more homes - Help
in this session of Congress! *our Aged - Build Schools.*

"We must restore a fair fiscal program. The biggest step in this direction
Develop our Nat Resources,
is to restore our economy to its full vigor -- for since the Republicans took office,
Develop industry in Depressed

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we have lost the almost unbelievable total of \$65 billion in federal, state and local

We can pay for these things
tax revenues that would have been available to help strengthen our defenses and our
with a bigger and better economy
basic social structure if our economy had grown as it could have and should have.

and we should close

But there is another step toward a fair fiscal program and that is the closing

tax loopholes through which literally billions of dollars *of money* are draining -- to a

90%
favored few. -

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"Second, the next President must make it unmistakably clear that he will not

tolerate second class citizenship anywhere in the United States.

Civil Rights
L "He must make it clear that he ~~not only believes in~~ believes in

the decisions of the United States Supreme Court on school integration.

L "He must make it clear that no citizen of these United States will be denied the

~~privilege~~ privilege of voting, by reason of his race, religion or color.

~~"I do not like to see Federal intervention where it can be avoided. But neither~~

~~do I like to see Federal rights abridged and denied to citizens for want of Federal~~

~~intervention.~~ Therefore I favor a law creating Federal registrars of voters where

voting rights are ~~systematically~~ being denied any group of citizens. And if Congress

doesn't pass such a law this year, then I believe the Democratic Platform must speak

out clearly in favor of such a law.

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Labor

"Third, the next President of the United States must help make clear to the

American people what is right with the American labor movement. He must tell them

that the abusers of labor's power are the unusual, the exception. He must tell them

what labor itself has done ^{to remove} ~~to remove~~ the wrongdoers in its midst. And he must see

to it that honest labor's right to organize and be heard in this country is not

abridged.

- Tell the whole story!

Labor Much of the Eisenhower-Nixon-Landrum-Griffin labor bill that was passed by Congress

~~violates~~ violates those principles, and it ought to be changed -- if not by this Congress,

then by the next Congress--at the urging of the next President.

Farm "And the next President must reverse the declining lot of the American farmer.

"It can safely be said that never has a farm program cost so much and achieved so little as the Republican farm policies of the last seven years. While the taxpayers have spent billions more on the farm program, the farmers' income has declined by billions.

"The Republican Administration seems to regard the farmer as expendable. After all, they say, he has only so many votes.

"Well, that's not for me. I know that depressions are farm-led and farm-fed. I know that when the farmer suffers, the rest of the country suffers too.

L My record on behalf of a sound farm economy is well-known -- and it's consistent.

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"I have never wavered one inch on the issue of fair price supports for farmers -- of parity for agriculture. I have never wavered one inch in my support of farm cooperatives, and the REA program, and in support of sound resource development.

"I repeat, my record is consistent. ~~You don't have to wonder~~ ^{not} if I am a sometime friend of the farmer.

"These are some of the things the next President must do on the home front.

"But his most important task is to save civilization from nuclear destruction -- in short, to achieve an enduring peace.

"The first, and most crucial step toward such a peace is disarmament -- safe, effective disarmament -- by all nations.

But, "What we have seen in the last seven years is unilateral disarmament. One nation -- the United States -- has deliberately stripped itself of army divisions, navy fleets, air force wings *in the name of a fixed budget.*

"One country -- America -- has deliberately short-changed its scientists and short-cut its research on rockets and missiles.

"The sad result of this is that at the very moment America sits down with Mr. Khrushchev at the summit meetings, we are not supreme, we are second best -- in a variety of fields.

"I have talked with Mr. Khrushchev. You have seen him. We both know that he is

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ruthless, tough, strong and patient. We both know that he respects strength, not weakness.

And so the next President, if he is to look Mr. Khrushchev in the eye, if he is to stand his ground on Berlin, if he is to negotiate ^(and we must) ~~safe~~ ^{safe} disarmament, he must see it that

America regains her position of military supremacy.

Bargain from strength

~~"I have been privileged to be chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Disarmament."~~

I believe that a safe, effective disarmament can be achieved. But only if we persist, only if we do not lose patience, only if we negotiate from a position of strength.

"But peace means more than a temporary relaxation of diplomatic tensions. To be enduring, peace must have roots. And it cannot sink its roots in a world that knows poverty, hunger, disease and illiteracy. So long as those enemies of freedom and dignity persist, human tensions will persist, and there will be no true peace.

And so we must have international Works of Peace: Food for Peace, Medicine for Peace; Education for Peace.

"Let me sum up why I am in this campaign -- why I seek your support for the highest office within the gift of the people.

"America has shown that she can rise to great heights -- but only when she is summoned to the heights.

She will not be summoned by men who know the cost of everything, but the value of nothing.

✓ "She will not be summoned by men who see the obstacles but are blind to the
opportunities."

✓ "I believe that America can do anything she needs to do and wills to do.

"Let us set our minds and our hearts tonight on achieving full prosperity ^{These goals for America} ~~and~~ full
justice at home, and enduring peace in the world."

I introduce
Phileo Nash

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