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✓ I come as a Spokesman for the Kennedy-Johnson Administration / Program  
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Friends and fellow Democrats....there's nothing I

like better than being with you in New York tonight.

These days in Washington, I'm continually torn between

duty and desire - and it's a rare night when desire wins.

Truman  
HST - Grating to Dems  
Give the Republicans  
I know, we're in the middle of a frustrating,  
aggravating filibuster - a filibuster that is preventing

the Senate from working its will on the most significant

legislation confronting Congress in decades.

I'm Proud to be a Democrat

I don't have to tell you about the need for civil  
rights legislation, nor do I have to explain the bill  
to you.

N.Y. Democrats - Congressman

Unity - (Great Resources here) - not unanimity

Refuge  
from  
filibuster

~~But I can tell you that~~ *R* regardless of how confusing  
day-to-day developments in the Senate may seem, I can

assure you of one thing - WE ARE GOING TO PASS *an effective, meaningful* CIVIL

RIGHTS BILL.

*yes* We are going to pass a fair and effective civil rights  
bill if it means we have to keep the Senate in session

all year. President Johnson has made that pledge to the

American people. And as his floor manager in the Senate,

I will do everything in my power to see that that pledge

is carried out.

*L* We are going to pass a civil rights bill because  
it is morally right, politically right - and internationally,  
it's imperative.

*will  
Pass*

This bill is a bi-partisan bill - worked out under the able leadership of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy and responsible Democratic and Republican leaders in the Congress...men such as Speaker McCormack and Manny Celler and Minority Leader Charlie Halleck and Bill McCulloch of Ohio.

But that is not what I want to talk to you about tonight.

I want to talk to you about what we have to do after this civil rights bill becomes law.

after  
Civil  
Rts

I am concerned about the future. This civil rights program is just a beginning - the beginning of a program that will bring a new dimension of freedom and economic progress to our country.

But this will not come unless we start planning now  
to implement the civil rights law and start to create  
a climate of tolerance, reason and justice.

First, I would like to emphasize something that should  
be apparent to everyone. Civil Rights is a national issue -  
it is not confined only to the South.

*Has a moral issue  
not Partisan*

When President Johnson spoke in Atlanta last week  
he was not speaking only to a Southern audience. His  
words were heard throughout the land and his warning was  
directed to the North as well as the South.

Atlanta LBJ - 88

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L "Heed not," the President said, "those who come  
waving the tattered and discredited banners of the past -  
who seek to stir up old hostilities and kindle old hatreds -  
who preach battle between neighbors and bitterness between  
states. That is the way back to the anguish from which  
we came."

This is a warning that all Americans should keep  
in mind.

L ~~We Democrats should keep it in mind~~ when we read  
the gloomy reports of the political pundits about the  
so-called "white backlash" and other dire results if  
we persist in fighting for a good civil rights bill.

J.G. SEK.

It is certainly clear that many peddlers of panic have been roaming the country. By voice and by pen they seek to exploit the inner fears of decent Americans.

There is not a section of the bill they have not lied about or distorted.

These peddlers of fear are clever, calculating demagogues. They know that the average voter doesn't take the time to learn all the details of the civil rights bill so these demagogues prey on this lack of information.

They prey on it by sticking their grimy fingers into the very heart of our fellow Americans. They tell lies to frighten them about what will happen to their children in school, what will happen to their homes, what will happen to their families.

*Bryl*  
I am confident that the majority of Americans will  
not be deceived for too long.

But this is where we, as responsible party leaders,  
must take an active role. We must make certain that the  
truth is known. We must not permit ignorance to grow.

We must expose the ~~demagogues~~ <sup>those</sup> who try to exploit ignorance  
and fear. And we must have the political courage to stand  
for what is morally right even if we know it is not  
universally popular. (Pause)

As political leaders we carry a heavy responsibility.  
We must help create a national climate that will respond  
to President Johnson's call for an end to hatred and  
rancor and the beginning of a new tolerance of difference  
whether that difference be political, religious or racial.

This is a responsibility none of us can avoid -  
either as citizens or as political leaders. It is the  
kind of responsibility President Kennedy spoke about  
in his memorable Inaugural Address when he said "I  
do not shrink from this responsibility - I welcome it."

JFK  
Responsibility

Since 1961 when the beloved John F. Kennedy took  
office our country has made unprecedented strides on  
the road to a Better America. We will continue that progress  
under Lyndon B. Johnson.

But as responsible men and women we know that our  
goal of a Better America is not one that will be reached  
overnight. It will require work. It will require  
persistence. It will require patience. It will require  
action.



The goal we are seeking for all Americans was stated best by the late Pope John XXIII in his great encyclical, Pacem in Terris.

✓ Pope John emphasized that "racial discrimination can in no way be justified" and he added:

✓ "For, if a man becomes conscious of his rights, he ~~must~~ <sup>must</sup> become equally aware of his duties. Thus he who possesses certain rights has likewise the duty to claim those rights as marks of his dignity, while all others have the obligation to acknowledge those rights and respect them."

There - in the word dignity - we have the sense  
of what we Seek for all Americans. The preservation and  
elevation of human dignity is the base for every other  
individual and social value. Every human being deserves  
to be treated with dignity, for every individual is a  
person of infinite worth.

It is our task as citizens to translate these ideals  
into living, day-to-day terms that will add meaning and  
reality to our lives.

And it is our task as public servants to marshal  
the resources of this great nation to work for the  
dignity of all citizens. and

*as Democrats*

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A Better Deal for America  
A Better Deal for the World -  
Peace - Justice

Day Hammer  
Eleanor Roos  
Pope John  
John Kennedy



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