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"Importance of the
Ballot Box"

U.K.
Prime Minister - Harold Wilson

Lunches no eat - Tracy Hardin only
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① Hust Society - turning down lunch at
VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY White House, +
speaking to ASNE
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS

① Three Journalists
covering my campaigns
now my turn

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- 3 yr TURN of your turn!

Twenty years ago this week Franklin Roosevelt

sat at his desk at Warm Springs, Georgia, to write

his address for Jefferson Day, 1945. He wrote

that address but never delivered it.

What Franklin Roosevelt wrote was this:

"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow
will be our doubts of today."

"Let us move forward with strong and active
faith."

One 100 yrs ago
hundred years ago this week, our nation

lost another of its great Presidents: Abraham Lincoln.

Ladies tomorrow embassies

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As Franklin Roosevelt expressed his hope for

America, so did Abraham Lincoln:

" In giving freedom to the slave, we assure
freedom to the free -- honorable alike in what we
give and what we preserve. We shall nobly save or
meanly lose the last, best hope of earth. Other
means may succeed; this could not fail. The way
is plain, peaceful, generous, just -- a way which,
if followed, the world will forever applaud, and
God must forever bless."

Both Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt
led this nation in perilous times. The times called
for such men -- and they were there when we needed
them.

But at the same time, both Lincoln and Roosevelt
shaped their times. They creatively and courageously
took initiative in our society for the things which
needed to be done.

Both Lincoln and Roosevelt devoted their efforts to unifying and perfecting a nation of division and imperfection.

Today, we know history and hopefully have learned its lessons. We are determined as well to make history through our creative actions.

Today, our democratic society faces great challenges. We are being challenged both at home and abroad by great political, economic, and social forces.

The question is —

Will we be able to meet these challenges:

Can democratic government provide for the general welfare?

Is freedom incompatible with responsibility?

Is democracy as a system able to provide rapid and just progress for the hungry and disaffected on our planet?

h Must the fulfillment of the individual be
subordinate to the welfare of the whole?

I say We will meet these challenges if we preserve,
direct, and utilize all this country's vast human
resources. We will meet these challenges if we

realize the full potentialities of this country and
each of its citizens. *and this is our objective!*

h This 89th Congress, acting out the will of
the American people, is providing to the world our
answers to these challenges.

h This Congress is building a solid, lasting
base for American health and growth.

h Health and growth built on a strong and
flourishing economy.

h Health and growth which can give us the means
to provide a social system with justice at its heart.

L Health and growth to provide sustained
American leadership in the world. ~~th~~

L It is inevitable that this 89th Congress
should be compared to an earlier Congress: the
73rd Congress. - The 100 Days of FDR

L The 73rd Congress found this nation in an
unhappy and dangerous state.

L It found a nation divided: haves and have-nots,
farmers and city people, North and South, white and
Negro, native-born and foreign-born, business and
labor.

L There was division. And there were millions
of forgotten men.-

L In action, born of necessity the 73rd Congress
Passed laws to meet crisis.

↳ In a famous "hundred days" in 1933, the 73rd Congress passed the Emergency Banking Act -- the Tennessee Valley Authority Act -- the National Employment System Act -- the Gold Clause repeal and other important bills.

↳ The 73rd Congress worked night and day to meet and overcome threatening disaster. That Congress produced a magnificent and historic legislative record. th

↳ Today this nation is no longer under threat of deep depression, of revolution, of near-fatal division. ↳ There is no great domestic economic crisis goadng us into action. ↳ There are no breadlines.

↳ But there is determination in the White House and in Congress that the battle begun in a divided nation in the 1930s shall now be carried forward in unity against the old enemies in the 1960's

President Johnson told this Congress, on the first day of its session, that:

"Our nation was created to help strike away the chains of ignorance and misery and tyranny wherever they keep man less than God means him to be !"

This 89th Congress, ~~under President Johnson's leadership~~, is hammering away at those chains where they still exist in our society.

We are striking blows for freedom and for opportunity. ~~We are following in the tradition of Lincoln and Roosevelt.~~

Freedom
+
opportunity

~~We are not going to say~~ We will work until every citizen of America has equal opportunity to make a better life for himself and his children. Only when this "equality of opportunity" is achieved can we truly find the freedom we seek.

I predict,

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This Congress will do more for the lasting
long-term ^{progress} ~~health~~ of this nation than any Congress
since the 73rd.

⌞ Already this Congress has passed the
Appalachia bill -- the Gold Cover Act -- the Tobacco
Bill -- a Presidential succession bill -- the Water
Resources Planning Act, ^{*the Manpower Training Act*} ~~now in conference~~ -- and an
historic Elementary and Secondary Education Act. ⌞ The
Elementary and Secondary Education Act is in itself
an accomplishment which might satisfy an ordinary
Congress. It is a great basic investment in our future.

⌞ But the 89th Congress will not halt in its
satisfaction.

⌞ I predict today that the 89th Congress will
go on in this session to pass:

⌞ The Higher Education bill;
⌞ Medicare and the Health Facilities and
Health Research bills;

The Voting Rights bill;

The Urban Affairs and Housing bill and
legislation creating a new federal department of
Urban Affairs and Housing;

The Immigration bill;

The Excise Tax cut;

The Beautification of Highways bill;

The Air Pollution and Water Pollution bills;

Outdoor recreation legislation;

~~The Manpower Retraining bill;~~

The Firearms bill;

The Omnibus Farm bill;

The Foreign Aid bill;

And a number of other ^{measures} ~~items~~ which will

complement those I have named.

h We will pass these bills not only because there
is a large Democratic majority in the Congress.

by
There have been majorities before which produced far less.

We will pass these bills because of ~~two~~ factors:

First, the vigorous leadership of Lyndon Johnson.

Second, the unprecedented peacetime unity ~~and~~ of our nation which now exists.

There is another word for this unity. It is consensus.

Consensus is voluntary agreement based on constructive dialogue, mutual respect, and understanding.

In consensus, we Americans are breaking through.

United we stand. And united we gain.

We gain together as a great national consensus says all Americans shall have equal voting rights.

And that consensus today is truly national, not regional.

↳ We gain as our nation agrees that all
Americans shall have an education which can give them
the opportunity to lift themselves. — *help themselves*

↳ We gain in agreement that all Americans
shall have adequate medical care *the benefits of modern medical science, health arts*
& our elderly - med + hosp care
That we should make our cities better places in
which to live and work in safety and health;

↳ That we should preserve this nation's beauty,
history and natural resources;

↳ That we should give the aging hope for life and
work;

↳ That we should open our doors again to immigrants
who can enrich and lend new vitality to our national
life;

↳ That we should help our urban and rural Americans
alike adjust to technological revolution and social
change:

That we should not drop the torch of international leadership.

That we should make whatever investment is necessary to realize our American dream.

and, That investment will be great. But it will be less than the cost of illiteracy -- of school dropouts -- of poverty -- of discrimination -- of disillusion and bitterness -- of isolation in the world. Far less.

For example: We spend 450 dollars per year per child in our public schools, but we spend 1800 dollars a year to keep a delinquent in a detention home, 2500 dollars a year for a family on relief and 3500 dollars a year for an inmate in a state prison.

We must make the investment necessary so that all in our society may be productive. Poor and uneducated people are poor consumers. They are a drain

on our economy. They are wasted resources.

Franklin Roosevelt wrote twenty years ago
that the only limit to our realization of tomorrow
will be our doubts of today.

This 89th Congress is resolving those doubts.
It is proving that free and democratic government
is responsible, is compassionate, is able to provide
opportunity for talented and unfortunate alike, is
able to sustain its commitment to the world.

With continuing support of the American people,
the Congress and this Administration will continue
now and in the years to come to make the basic
investments necessary to answer "yes" to our future.

We will continue to forge a strong economy,
unmarked by recessions. We will continue to search
for and develop tools to overcome the so-called
"business cycle".

We will continue to explore outer space
and inner mind in development of knowledge for use
by all the world.

And we will continue to defend and preserve
the precious peace with strength and perseverance.

We will maintain our strong and active faith
in the ability of free men -- developed to their
fullest -- to build a better life for themselves and
for others.

On this anniversary week of the loss of two
great American Presidents, I pledge to you that we
will not forget the heritage of leadership and
responsibility they gave us.

Now, before closing, I would like to direct
a few personal words to you about America and its role
in the world.

✓ We Americans have stood for a long time
for the belief that the world need not destroy
itself by war, and that we Americans can help
others, too, find a better society.

✓ We hear many voices these days saying that
America is overextended in the world ... that
other people's problems needn't be our problems
... that we ought to close up shop overseas and
enjoy our fruits here in the Good Old U.S.A.

My friends, when that time comes, this nation
is doomed. Who in the world will work for democracy
if we do not? Who in the world can preserve the
peace if we do not? Who in the world can set the
example, can offer the needed hand, if we do not?

We live in a time when everything is complex,
when there are no more rapid or easy answers. We
live in a time when we must exert our patience as
never before.

Have we the patience, for instance, to work and bleed five thousand miles from home for months and years ahead -- without any guarantee of final success? I can tell you that the forces of totalitarianism have that patience.

This is what the Great Society is all about. It is the recognition that vacations abroad, fur coats, and electric toothbrushes are not enough. It is the recognition that we stand for something not seen before in the world.

We stand for the dignity and fulfillment of individual man and woman.

We stand for the chance for each man to make something better of himself.

We stand for free speech and government of the people.

We stand for peace without conquest.

We stand for the belief that others, too, in less fortunate places should have opportunity for the blessings of abundance and should be free of tyranny. We stand for the pledges made by men and women who left the old ways and fought a living out of the soil of a new continent.

As President Johnson expressed it in his historic speech at Johns Hopkins University:

"We will not be defeated.

"We will not grow tired.

"We will not withdraw."

As Abraham Lincoln said, one hundred years ago:

"With firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in..."

We must stand at home and abroad for the
pledges made and efforts expended by Americans
who came before. We must love freedom and justice
enough to practice it. America is still the last,
best hope of earth.

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