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DEMOCRATIC DINNER
RUTLAND, VERMONT
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It's good to be back in the Democratic state of Vermont.

I'll always remember the wonderful people who stood in a cold rain here in Rutland during the campaign last year -- almost exactly a year ago -- and waited so patiently under such adverse conditions for my arrival.

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Bargain

I'm sure you remember the bargain we made that day. I said I would guarantee that we'd carry Minnesota and you indicated you would carry Vermont. I remember telling you of the great challenge then to put Vermont for the first time in the Democratic column in a Presidential election.

Well, as it turned out, the national ticket got a bigger percentage of the vote here in Vermont than out in Minnesota.

This big margin showed how well you had laid
the groundwork for these Democratic gains. The old
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The people of this state not only returned Governor

Hoff to office with a smashing two-to-one margin last
fall, but also gave him Jack Daley as lieutenant governor.

They also gave these men support for their legislative
program — electing 33 additional Democratic members
to the Vermont House and four more to the Senate.

Tonight, I want to express to you my appreciation for your help and support last fall in electing these outstanding Democrats. I also want you to know that the President and I are truly grateful for your superlative performance in the national campaign.

Now, while you still feel the satisfaction of this accomplishment, you have an opportunity to rise to a new challenge. You have the chance to make more important political changes next month in the special election for the legislature.

You have the chance to give Vermont a Democratic legislature.

Governor Hoff needs a Democratic legislature to help him carry out his commitments to the future -- commitments to equal opportunity, to education, to regional planningbeautification....mental health.... to economic development.

Governor Hoff seeks for Vermont what President

Johnson seeks for all America: a fuller, more prosperous,

happier life for each citizen, for each community.

In nine short months an American Congress has made into law the hopes and ideas of 40 years. And we have only begun.

What have we done in these nine months?

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The Bill says Immigration, but it means "You shall be judged by your skill and talent, not by your last name or national origin."

The Bill says Education, but it means "You shall receive the tools with which to make the most of your future."

forgotten by your children."

The Bill says Poverty, but it means "You shall have hope where there has been no hope, you shall have a chance to break the cycle of ignorance and unemployment... to be a full and productive member of our society."

The Bill says Medicare, but it means "You shall have adequate care in your older years, you are not

but it means - less Pain, less The Bill says Housing and Urban Development, but it means "You can live in something more than concrete and carbon monoxide, you can walk the streets in safety and health." / The full Soup " come The Bill says Arts and Humanities, but it means "You can find more in life than material satisfaction, you can touch new fountains of creativity and expression." We are creating in America not a welfare state, but a state of opportunity -- a society in which each child will have an equal chance to make something better for himself, for his children after him, and for all mankind. roperity 56 months unemplay Down - 770 to Kropiter Du \$ 173 Billion more indon " 1961 CANP = 675

We hear many voices these days saying that America is overextended in the world ... that other people's problems need not be our problems...and that we ought to close up shop overseas and enjoy things here in the good old U.S.A.

My friends, when that time comes, this country is doomed. Who in the world will work for democracy if we do not?

Who in the world can set the example, offer the

Who in the world can set the example, offer the needed hand, if we do not?

Our choice is clear. We must resist aggression.

We must help those in the world who need our help.

We must pursue peace to the ends of the earth or face

the end of the earth.

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In this nuclear age, there is no place to hide.

We realize today how small and vulnerable our world really is. We know that we must do in our time whatever we can to preserve life and to make it full and free and happy and useful. We know that what happens anywhere in the world also touches us.

the challenges of the times -- and is meeting them. We a President who has brought this nation to recognition of the realities of 1965:

The recognition that a second car and power mowers and dry martinis are not enough.

The recognition that we can right old wrongs and create in America full and equal opportunity.

The recognition that we can offer each person and each community the chance to be better tomorrow than today.

The recognition that we Americans can, with our wealth and power, lead all mankind toward more than the day-to-day search for food, clothing and shelter.

President Johnson has made his commitment to that future. I join him in that commitment. We ask your help.

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