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Recreation Dept

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AUGUST 1, 1966

We are here this afternoon to dedicate the first of 17  
portable swimming pools to be operated this summer in the  
District of Columbia. These pools will be part of the fine  
program being run this summer by Operation Champ and will  
also be part of the general program run by the Recreation  
Department.

17 Pools  
Jim  
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Champ

I am especially pleased that our Buy-A-Lamp Campaign was  
so successful that we were able to contribute \$10,000 to this  
very worthy cause. of Swimming Pools.

I hope, however, that this is just a temporary dedication.  
This portable swimming pool--as large as it is--can only serve  
a small number of youngsters as compared to the number that  
could swim in a large permanent pool.

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Playground

Today  
Pool  
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Some changes

And so it is our hope that we will soon have the privilege of attending the dedication of new permanent pools in the District of Columbia. — McKinley Pool today

But, in the meantime, we mounted this ~~crash~~ effort so that thousands of youngsters this summer could experience the thrill and excitement of learning to swim and the relief of just cooling off in this hot weather. Fun!

We are, of course, deeply indebted to President Johnson for his timely assistance in working out the details of this program.

His personal interest and his call for action cleared away the red tape and today, a little more than ten days after his expression of interest, young people will be in the swim.

At this point, I also wish to compliment the citizens of Southwest Washington for making arrangements with Capital Park Apartments, River Park, Tiber Island and Chalk House to permit youngsters of the area to use these pools for the balance of the summer.

And I congratulate and thank the owners and occupants of these apartment houses for their public spirited interest in making their private facilities available to the less fortunate residents of their area. This demonstrates what can happen when concerned citizens are determined to meet urgent community needs.

The swimming program is <sup>a key</sup> ~~the last~~ objective in our efforts to provide a model summer recreation and job program for the youngsters in the District of Columbia. While it is always possible to do a better job, I think we can proudly say that no city in America has as comprehensive or as well-rounded a summer program, touching all age groups, as this city.

At this time, I want to thank the many persons whose <sup>\$10,000</sup> generosity made possible the contribution from our Buy-A-Light Campaign. We are planning a ceremony next week, August 10, 8:30 P. M., Rosedale Playground, to celebrate the success of this campaign and everyone is invited to attend.

} over 90,000

What we have achieved this summer shows that it can be done. And with these achievements as a base, we will do even better next year. We are especially proud of the achievements of Operation Champ. I only regret that the Champ program could not have been larger. Next year we intend to see that it is.

Hopefully, our success in Washington will also be useful to other cities in America as they strive to make our summer months a time of opportunity for all our young people.

Now, let's see some swimming.



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