

SUGGESTED NOTES  
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DFL STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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The struggle of the past year was one which could have been destructive and which, instead, has strengthened our Party and given us renewed purpose, enthusiasm, and a tremendous infusion of young people who have come into the Party.

I have been hearing about these young people from both sides. Some of them I have met. All of them I hope to meet and visit with in the coming weeks and months. They must be encouraged to stay with us. Some of them have tasted political defeat for the first time. To them I say: Meet someone who has also been through that mill. To those who have won for the first time, remember that generosity in victory is the watchword.

Above all, to all the young people who have come into the DFL Party, there is a place for you. There is a role for you in this liberal movement of Minnesota. And Minnesota will continue, with your help, to be one of the great wellsprings of the Democratic Party's national strength.

Yes, we must continue liberal Democratic administration in the State House.

Yes, we must continue to send liberal, intelligent, and effective representation from Minnesota to the Congress.

But let us not forget, too, that the liberal movement, the DFL Party, must be effective in the legislative races.

I need not remind my generation that a difficult Party split in 1938 cost us over forty legislators. A Unified DFL Party this year can gain us at least one house and give to Governor Rolvaag for the first time some power to implement his liberal programs.

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⌞ Above all, this Party must be creative. It must be young in ideas. It must be forever seeking out the new issues in the changing patterns of Minnesota and the nation. I urge a reconcentration in this Party on issues, on policies, on programs. We have an excellent platform on which there is already great Party unity and which is the platform on which all of our DFL nominees run. But let us move forward to implement that platform, to give our Governor and our legislators the benefit of the best minds we have in the Party. Let us step forward and volunteer. Let us, each of us, turn his and her mind to the task of solving the problems of tomorrow.

⌞ I am proud of this Party. I have never sought to run this Party. When people in Washington ask me, "Why don't you step in and settle the disputes in your Party?", I say to them: No one runs the DFL Party. There are no bosses. There are

chosen leaders. That is the way I want our Party to  
continue to grow -- with strong grassroots democracy, with  
a wise choice of candidates, with a wise fashioning of  
platforms, with effectiveness in campaigning.

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was not discussion and debate and in which dissent was not

fully tolerated within our Party. But now we have had a great period of discussion, debate, and dissent. It is now the time for decision, for action. It is now the time to win and to carry forward practical, hard, tough political action to the victory in November.

- Your Party
- Your Governor



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