


EASTER & RESURRECTION: In this Easter Season, the great message in America can be summed up in 2 words -- "rebirth" --- opportunity."

✓ | -- A "rebirth" for millions of America's poor, for millions of victims of racial discrimination, victims of 2nd class citizenship, of slum housing, despair, destitution.

✓ | -- And "opportunity" -- not only for them, but for those who would serve them and that includes many of you of the Volunteer Generation.



CARD #2

VOLUNTEER GENERATION: -- At no time in history has there been greater opportunity to bear Christian witness.

Your generation can bear witness now -- and in the years immediately ahead -- in positions of responsibility at home and abroad.

-- in VISTA

-- in Neighborhood Youth Centers and other phases of Community Action Programs

-- in the Teacher Corps

-- in the Peace Corps

-- and, yes, on your own campuses and nearby

communities, as agents of understanding, of light, of healing, or reconciliation.

CARD # 3a

THE ECUMENICAL SPIRIT AND DIALOGUE

Two other words symbolize our changing America and changing world -- "ecumenism" and "dialogue." The "walls" are breaking down between major Faiths. We are beginning to communicate not in monologue, but in genuine dialogue.

Youth has the opportunity to lead in the dialogue. Youth tends to be freer from prejudices, from memories of separation which have tended to limit relation within and between the older generation.

You can help lead in dialogue:

- between Faiths and denominations
- between middle-class, affluent America

NOTE #3b

and the 1/5th of the America which is poor.

-- between suburban America and the ghetto inhabitants of the Inner Cities.

Dialogue to what ends?

To the end of de-facto segregation, the tearing down of slums, the elimination of the conditions which breed crime and alienation and frustration.

NOTE # 4a

TRIBUTE TO LUTHERAN SERVICE

Service is no stranger to this audience, to your teachers, your fathers and mothers.

You know of the inspiring work which Lutheran World Relief has been performing in the Developing Countries. I want to pay tribute to Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, President of the Lutheran Church in America and President of Lutheran World Relief.

Just a few days ago, I noted that the Board of the Lutheran World Relief had allocated a new program of aid to 5500 refugees in a place some Americans have hardly heard of -- Zambia, including 40 tons of used clothing.

At no time in American history has voluntary aid rendered help faster, more effectively to more suffering people than at this time.

The "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" are today effectively opposed by the forces of Christian compassion, commitment, concern. And I speak of Christian in the universal sense -- of all those who follow in the Christ-like way -- of healing the sick, clothing the naked, feeding the hungry.

CARD # 5

WESTERN EUROPE -- NEED FOR EXCHANGES

At the end of this week, I'll be leaving on a brief trip to the NATO nations.

Strengthening the Atlantic Alliance is not just a responsibility for a Vice President, or for diplomats and government officials; it is a job for international student-to-student effort.

We must develop institutional means whereby there will be more, not less, fruitful -- open -- contact between the students of America and those of Western Europe and other areas of the world.

The Congress will consider how Government can openly -- frankly -- render assistance to people-to-people ties.

But there will be greater need for private philanthropy and initiative to assist international student and other exchanges.



CARD #6a

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM -- 1967 AND THE DRAFT

From this luncheon I am proceeding to a Press Conference which I will be making **some** of the first announcements of the 1967 Summer Job Program for needy youth.

In 1965 and again in 1966, President Johnson's Youth Opportunity Task Force of which I was Chairman, helped generate a million extra jobs for underprivileged young people.

This year, we expect to surpass that total. In addition, our mandate for youth has broadened to include providing a summer camping experience for many youngsters of the Inner Cities who have never known the chance to camp, as well as other opportunities.

We need ~~the~~ help of advantaged youth to serve the dis-advantaged.

You will recall the title of President Johnson's National Advisory Commission on Selective Service: "In Pursuit of Equity: Who Serves When Not All Serve?" We do seek equity. We do seek opportunities for broader service by many who have not thus far served.

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