

REMARKS OF  
HONORABLE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
LEADERSHIP DINNER  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 3, 1969

- Chr. Amos Henry
- Claude Ramsey Charles Young  
of Meridian
- Robert Woodson
- Pat Darien & Mr Paul David  
Malpas
- Charles Ellis - & Mrs Pro. Y. D. S.  
of Memphis
- Mrs Mrs Hodder Carter III
- Bishop Joseph Brunini
- Rev James Washington

Pat Serien  
 Chuck Evers  
 Aaron Henry

I COME TO JACKSON TONIGHT TO  
 BE WITH FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS AND  
 TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS LAST  
NOVEMBER *and for your past work in building*  
ONE OF THE MOST HEARTENING *a Truly Democratic Party*  
 RESULTS OF THAT ELECTION WAS THE VOTE  
 YOU HELPED ME ACHIEVE IN MISSISSIPPI!  
 WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY IN DEMONSTRATING  
POWER AT THE BALLOT BOX.

WE FOUGHT FOR REFORM AT THE  
1964 DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION TO ENSURE  
 FAIR DELEGATE SELECTION TO NATIONAL  
CONVENTIONS.

IN 1965 THE HISTORIC VOTING  
RIGHTS ACT EFFECTIVELY OPENED THE CLOSED

It's good to come to a meeting of Democrats where  
 they practice what they speak - Real Democracy  
 a genuinely integrated Pol. Party!!

2.

DOORS TO VOTER REGISTRATION AND  
VOTER PARTICIPATION.

AND IN 1968, THE DEMOCRA-  
TIC CONVENTION SEATED A DELEGATION  
FROM THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI WHICH REPRE-  
SENTED THOSE WHO SOUGHT BROAD  
REPRESENTATION FROM ALL SEGMENTS  
OF THE PEOPLE.

THAT CONVENTION ALSO ORDERED  
A COMPLETE REVIEW OF CONVENTION  
AND PARTY ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES.  
THROUGH THE COMMISSION ON PARTY  
STRUCTURE AND DELEGATE SELECTION

-/ Presentation of Charles Evers, Nat. Dem. Committee  
May 22  
4 allent proposals - 3. May 22 of Fayette, Miss  
000766

CHAired BY SENATOR GEORGE MC GOVERN  
AND THE COMMISSION ON RULES

CHAired BY CONGRESSMAN JIM O'HARA.

↳ WE ARE GOING TO ASSURE THAT THE  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS OPEN TO ALL  
WHO WANT TO PARTICIPATE AND TAKE  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR BUILDING PARTY  
ORGANIZATION AND ELECTING CANDIDATES.

↳ TONIGHT, I NOT ONLY COME  
TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME ACHIEVE  
THE GREATEST VOTE EVER CAST FOR A  
DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE  
IN A MISSISSIPPI ELECTION, BUT I  
WANT ESPECIALLY TO TALK ABOUT THE  
FUTURE...

4.

-- THE FUTURE OF OUR DEMOCRATIC  
PARTY IN THE SOUTH AND IN THE  
NORTH,

-- THE FUTURE FOR PROTECTING  
AND BUILDING UNDER THE VOTING  
RIGHTS ACT,

-- AND THE FUTURE OF YOUR PARTY  
WORK HERE IN MISSISSIPPI.

↳ FIRST, LET ME REMIND YOU  
THAT THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965  
EXPIRES IN 1970, ↳ THE DEMOCRATIC  
LEADERSHIP IN THE CONGRESS HAS  
JOINED IN BILLS TO EXTEND THE PRO-

5.

VISIONS OF THAT ACT, WITHOUT  
AMENDMENT, FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS.

TO DATE, THE NIXON AD-  
MINISTRATION HAS NOT INDICATED  
WHETHER OR NOT IT SUPPORTS A  
SIMPLE EXTENSION OF THIS ACT. (THERE  
ARE RUMBLINGS THAT THE ATTORNEY  
GENERAL MAY PROPOSE SOME WEAKEN-  
ING OF THE MECHANISMS THAT MAKE  
THE ACT WORK AND ELIMINATE PROVI-  
SIONS FOR FEDERAL REGISTRATION  
OFFICIALS.

WE CANNOT AFFORD TO SOFTEN

6.

THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT. <sup>and</sup> IT SHOULD  
BE RENEWED THIS YEAR.

↳ THIS LAW WAS ENACTED UNDER  
BI-PARTISAN SPONSORSHIP. ↳ HUNDREDS  
OF THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS VOTED IN  
THE LAST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION  
AND LOCAL ELECTIONS ONLY BECAUSE  
THERE WAS A VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF  
1965.

↳ SO I SAY TO YOU TONIGHT, <sup>Unless we act,</sup>  
WE COULD LOSE MUCH OF THE GAINS WE  
HAVE MADE. ↳ IT IS IMPERATIVE THERE  
BE REPUBLICAN AS WELL AS DEMOCRATIC  
SUPPORT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THIS  
ACT. ↳ THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD

7.

NOT WAIVER *and I don't intend to let them study, delay & forget*

#2 ~~⊗~~ A SECOND PRIORITY WE NEED TO LOOK ~~VERY CRITICALLY~~ AT, IS THE ENTIRE CONCEPT OF REQUIRING THE VOTER TO TAKE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER IN ORDER TO CAST A VOTE.

↳ THEIR SHOULD BE A UNIFORM, PUBLICALLY FINANCED SYSTEM FOR REGISTERING ALL QUALIFIED VOTERS.

↳ IT MIGHT BE DONE BY GRANTS TO THE STATES, OR AS A CENSUS. But, THERE SHOULD BE A UNIFORM VOTER RE-

*Registration*



8.

REGISTRATION SYSTEM WHERE THE  
REGISTRATION LIST OF ALL VOTERS  
ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IS KEPT AS  
A PUBLIC FUNCTION BY THE GOVERN-  
MENT. (~~Like to Rolls~~)

↳ SUCH A SYSTEM IS USED  
IN EVERY OTHER DEMOCRACY  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. (TODAY,  
WITH COMPUTER RECORD-KEEPING  
IN USE ACROSS THE NATION FOR  
TAX PURPOSES -- WHY NOT PUT A  
SYSTEM FOR VOTER REGISTRATION  
ON COMPUTERS?

Use  
Register  
for  
Tax  
Purposes

9.

↳ IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 1968 ABOUT ONE-FOURTH OF ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS WERE NOT REGISTERED.

↳ SOME HAD MOVED. ↳ SOME HAD TO WORK WHEN REGISTRATION OFFICES WERE OPENED. ↳ SOME ARE NEVER INTERESTED IN ELECTIONS UNTIL AFTER REGISTRATION BOOKS ARE CLOSED.

↳ IN MANY INSTANCES, AS YOU KNOW ALL TOO WELL, <sup>the black</sup> THE POOR, AND THOSE LIVING IN RURAL AREAS OFTEN FIND THE OBSTACLES JUST INSURMOUNTABLE.

10.

↳ TODAY, TIME, MONEY AND ENERGY ARE INVESTED BY POLITICAL PARTIES AND OTHERS IN REGISTRATION DRIVES. ↳ WHAT COULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE THAN TO SAY -- EVERY AMERICAN WHO MEETS MINIMUM VOTING REQUIREMENTS OF AGE, RESIDENCY AND CITIZENSHIP WILL BE ENROLLED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO AUTOMATICALLY PROTECT HIS RIGHT TO VOTE.

Money  
needed  
for the  
Campaign

↳ IN 1968, THERE WERE 29 MILLION VOTERS WHO WERE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE FOR PRESIDENT BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT OR DID NOT REGISTER.

11.

*yet,*  
 LESS THAN ONE-HALF MILLION  
 VOTERS DECIDED <sup>Popular Vote in</sup> THE ELECTION OF

1968. - *And less than 200,000 Decided the electoral College.*

LESS THAN 120,000 THE PRE-  
SIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 1960.

FOR WHATEVER REASON, 29  
 MILLION DISENFRANCHISED AMERICANS  
SHOULD NOT AND NEED NOT BE TOLERATED  
IN 1972 BECAUSE OF OUTDATED CON-  
CEPTS OF REGISTRATION.

*Durist Election  
 7 President.*

NOW A FEW WORDS ON OUR  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY -- APPLICABLE BOTH  
 HERE IN JACKSON AND AT HOME IN  
MINNEAPOLIS.

*DIRECT  
 ELECT  
 18-1972  
 OLD  
 VOTE*

12.

WE ARE WITNESSING A GROW-  
 ING CONSERVATIVE AND REACTIONARY  
 POLITICAL FORCE. VIOLENCE, TRANS-  
 MITTED BY TV FROM ONE STREET  
CORNER TO ALL THE NATION, CAUSES  
FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY. IT IS NOT  
JUST ONE CITY, OR ONE STATE, IT  
IS DRAMATIZED IN EVERY HOME.

Los  
 Angeles -  
 Berkeley.

WE ARE A PARTY COMMITTED  
 TO OPPOSE THE REPRESSION THAT Reactionary  
and extremist PARTY FORCES WOULD IMPOSE ON THE  
NATION. WE ARE A PARTY COMMITTED  
 TO JUSTICE AND LAW AND ORDER FOR  
ALL CITIZENS. CIVIL ORDER - CIVIL JUSTICE

13.

BUT OUR PROGRAM, OUR  
 CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND OUR  
 PLATFORM ARE COMMITTED TO MUCH  
 MORE. - GOOD for America

WE SUPPORT MASSIVE PRO-  
 GRAMS TO ALLEVIATE HUNGER AND  
 BRING NUTRITIONAL FOOD TO EVERY *needy*  
*man, woman + child.*

WE ARE COMMITTED TO URBAN  
REHABILITATION OF HOMES, NEIGHBOR-  
 HOODS AND PEOPLE. *We are determined*  
*to clean out the slums, and provide decent & safe*  
*neighborhoods.*

WE BELIEVE IN BREAKING  
 DOWN RACIAL BARRIERS IN JOBS WHETHER  
 THEY ARE FEDERAL JOBS, FUNDED BY

14.

was on Poverty  
Consumer Protection  
Health + Medical  
Care

GOVERNMENT MONEY, OR IN PRIVATE  
BUSINESS. — Job Training too. — Econ Develop!

WE ARE COMMITTED TO SUP-  
PORT A PEACEFUL POLITICAL SOLU-  
TION IN VIETNAM, AND TO MAKE THE  
DIFFICULT FIGHT TO REDIRECT THE  
NATION'S RESOURCES TO BUILDING AT  
HOME. We are committed to Arms control —

WE BELIEVE IN TAX REFORMS,  
IMPROVED SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, medicare  
and MEDICAID FOR THE POOR, THE OLD  
AND THE YOUNG.

THESE ARE NOT THE GOALS OF  
A PARTY HEADED BY GEORGE WALLACE.

We are committed to the expansion of  
Education — in quantity & quality —  
for every person seeking educational  
opportunities.

15.

*and* THOSE WHO HAVE STUDIED  
THE VOTING RECORD KNOW THESE ARE  
NOT THE GOALS OF THE REPUBLICAN  
PARTY. (Nixon - LOWER OUR VOICES - What?)

↳ BUT TO MAKE THESE GOALS  
A REALITY WE HAVE A HEAVY TASK  
AHEAD. ↳ WE MUST APPROACH THE 1970  
CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS SUPPORTING  
MEN WHO CAN BUILD ON THESE GOALS

IN CONGRESS. ↳ A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY  
IN EITHER HOUSE WOULD EFFECTIVELY  
BLOCK ANY HOPE FOR PROGRESS.

↳ IN OUR PARTY ORGANIZATIONS  
WE MUST BUILD LEADERSHIP FULLY COM-

*Delay 7  
th 1950's*

*Delay 7  
th 1950's  
Crazy in  
1960's*



16.

*Join together  
Win!!*

MITTED TO THE WIDEST POSSIBLE  
COALITION OF DEMOCRATS WILLING  
TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO THESE GOALS.

↳ FOR ALL TOO MANY YEARS,  
IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, OUR  
PARTY LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN CLOSED  
TO ~~THOSE~~ <sup>many</sup> WHO WANTED TO PARTICIPATE.

↳ WE ARE NOW MOVING TO OPEN THE PARTY  
TO ALL WHO WILL WORK WITH US. ↳ NOT  
JUST HERE IN MISSISSIPPI, BUT IN  
EVERY STATE.

↳ FROM THE PRECINCTS TO THE  
STATE CONVENTIONS, EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS  
ARE NOW REQUIRED TO INSURE INCLUSION

17.

OF ALL WHO STAND FOR THE GOALS  
OF OUR PARTY.

↳ IT MEANS<sup>a</sup> WILLINGNESS TO  
SHARE LEADERSHIP AT ALL LEVELS  
AND ACTIVELY SEEK A BROAD REPRESENTATIVE PARTY.

↳ WE HAVE FOUGHT HARD BATTLES  
TO BREAK THE "ALL WHITE" LABEL ON  
OUR PARTY IN THE SOUTH. ↳ WE MUST  
BE CERTAIN THAT THE NEWLY EMERGING  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY WE SUPPORT DOES  
NOT BY CHOICE, ACCIDENT OR DESIGN  
BECOME, AN "ALL BLACK" PARTY.

↳ NOTHING WOULD PLEASE THE  
REPUBLICANS -- OR THE WALLACEITES

not all  
white  
not all  
"Black"

18.

MORE. THE LEADERSHIP YOU HAVE  
SHOWN IS HARD EVIDENCE YOU UNDER-  
STAND THIS CAUTION.

↳ MAYOR CHARLES EVERS HAS  
BEEN QUOTED WIDELY ACROSS THE  
NATION WHEN HE SAID.... "DON'T VOTE  
FOR A BLACK MAN, OR A WHITE MAN.  
JUST A GOOD MAN."

↳ WE ARE BUILDING NOT A BLACK  
POLITICAL PARTY, NOT A WHITE PARTY,  
BUT HOPEFULLY A "GOOD PARTY" FOR  
ALL THE PEOPLE. ↳ YOU HAVE ONE OF  
THE MOST DIFFICULT LEADERSHIP TASKS  
I KNOW.

↳ WE, OUTSIDE YOUR STATE HAVE

19.

A SPECIAL OBLIGATION TO HELP,  
UNDERSTAND AND ASSIST. THAT IS  
WHAT I CAME LAST YEAR TO DO --  
THAT IS WHAT I HOPE TO CONTINUE  
TO DO.

THAT IS I FIRMLY BELIEVE IN WHAT  
YOU ARE UNDERTAKING AND IN OUR  
ULTIMATE SUCCESS... A GREAT MANY  
OTHERS IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
AND A GREAT MANY AMERICANS ALSO  
HAVE THAT FAITH.

THANK YOU.



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