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TALKING POINTS

ISANTI COUNTY FAIR

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- I. Key question today is "how to make progress in the U.S.?" We have pressing problems, we must get to work.
- II. Yet, there is some reluctance to move ahead. When we talk about civil rights, people think of the Black Panthers. When we talk about peace and re-ordering priorities, people think about the Weathermen who pillage and burn. When we talk about aid to higher education, people talk about students who invade the Dean's office.
- III. The extremists have become a road-block to progress.
- IV. When I was Mayor of Minneapolis it was criminals who were a road-block to progress. We stood up to the criminals --- and we were able to build a better city. There was job discrimination. We stood up to the discrimination and it stopped.

V. Now, how do we stand up to extremists? Not by repression. We have laws that can take care of law-breakers. They should be administered fairly and firmly. It will be tragic if we tarnish democracy by resorting to un-democratic methods in dealing with anti-democrats.

VI. What we must do to get tough is to unmask the extremists for what they are. We must end the soft-soaping language and fuzzy thought. When extremists are characterized with the apologetic preface, 'they are well-meaning, but . . .' then they are encouraged.

"Militants who burn and shoot have set back the cause of civil rights by a decade --- and that is not 'well-meaning', in my book.

"Radicals who have rampaged on campuses across the nation have spawned an anti-university backlash that can set back the course of higher education by a decade --- and that is not 'well-meaning' in my book.

"Draft - resisters who take the law into their own hands to sack and pillage local draft boards are serving neither the cause of peace, nor the cause of draft reform --- and that is not 'well-meaning' in my book.

"The extremists have contributed to what they claim to abhor --- polarization. They have set black against white, rich against poor, young against old. That is not 'well-meaning' in my book.

"It is about time that we get down to political brass tacks and recognize the radical extremists for what they are: the advance agents of stagnation in America. As long as liberals half-heartedly apologize for the actions of left-wing extremists, this country will stay at dead center, unable to get broad-based political support for a program to get America moving again, unable to build the better America that we know we must build. So long as conservatives apologize for actions of gun-toting, club-swinging vigilantes of the right-wing militants, government by due process of law is in jeopardy. It is high time that the agents of violence, the destroyers and the burners get what they merit from every position on the political spectrum. And that is --- scorn and rejection."

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POLITICIANS WHO BELIEVE IN SOCIAL PROGRESS IN AMERICA MUST STAND UP TO THOSE WHO OBSTRUCT PROGRESS BY SCANDALIZING AND DEGRADING THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.

UNLESS MEN IN POLITICAL LIFE DO STAND UP TO THE RADICAL MILITANTS OF THE LEFT OR THE RIGHT - STAND UP TO THE BURNERS, TO THE DESTROYERS, TO THE AGENTS OF VIOLENCE, THERE IS A DANGER THAT SOCIAL PROGRESS IN AMERICA WILL BE SET BACK FOR A GENERATION AS THE BACKLASH AGAINST DISRUPTION AND DESTRUCTION DEEPENS.

"WHEN I SAY 'STAND UP', I DO NOT MEAN 'REPRESSION.'" WE HAVE LAWS IN THIS STATE AND NATION THAT ARE FULLY CAPABLE OF HANDLING ANY ILLEGAL DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITY. THESE LAWS MUST BE ADMINISTERED FAIRLY, AND FIRMLY, BUT WITH NO PERSECUTION OR REPRESSION OF LEGITIMATE PEACEFUL DISSENT.

"THAT IS THE AMERICAN WAY AND IT WOULD BE TRAGIC IF ANGER AND CONTEMPT FOR AN ANTI-DEMOCRATIC MINORITY COULD EVER LEAD US INTO A NON-DEMOCRATIC RESPONSE.

"WHEN I SAY 'STAND UP' I MEAN AN END TO THE SOFT-SOAPING LANGUAGE AND FUZZY THOUGHT. WHEN EXTREMISTS ARE CHARACTERIZED WITH THE APOLOGETIC PREFACE, 'THEY ARE WELL-MEANING, BUT.....' --- THEN THEY ARE ENCOURAGED.

"MILITANTS WHO BURN AND SHOOT HAVE SET BACK THE CAUSE OF CIVIL RIGHTS BY A DECADE ----- AND THAT IS NOT 'WELL-MEANING', IN MY BOOK.

"RADICALS WHO HAVE RAMPAGED ON CAMPUSES ACROSS THE NATION HAVE SPAWNED AN ANTI-UNIVERSITY BACKLASH THAT CAN SET BACK THE COURSE OF HIGHER EDUCATION BY A DECADE ---- AND THAT IS NOT 'WELL-MEANING' IN MY BOOK.

"DRAFT-RESISTORS WHO TAKE THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS

TO SACK AND PILLAGE LOCAL DRAFT BOARDS ARE SERVING NEITHER THE CAUSE OF PEACE, NOR THE CAUSE OF DRAFT REFORM-----AND THAT IS NOT "WELL MEANING" IN MY BOOK.

"THE EXTREMISTS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO WHAT THEY CLAIM TO ABHOR -----POLARIZATION. THEY HAVE SET BLACK AGAINST WHITE, RICH AGAINST POOR, ^{Young} ~~old~~ AGAINST OLD. THAT IS NOT "WELL MEANING" IN MY BOOK.

"IT IS ABOUT TIME THAT WE GET DOWN TO POLITICAL BRASS TACKS AND RECOGNIZE THE RADICAL EXTREMISTS FOR WHAT THEY ARE: THE ADVANCE AGENTS OF STAGNATION IN AMERICA.

"AS LONG AS LIBERALS ~~HA~~ HEARTEDLY APOLOGIZE FOR THE ACTIONS OF LEFT-WING EXTREMISTS, THIS COUNTRY WILL STAY AT DEAD CENTER, UNABLE TO GET BROAD-BASED POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR A PROGRAM TO GET AMERICA ^{moving again,} ~~THAT WE KNOW WE MUST BUILD~~. *UNABLE TO BUILD THE AMERICA WE MUST BUILD.*

"SO LONG AS CONSERVATIVES APOLOGIZE FOR ACTIONS OF GUN-TOTING, CLUB-SWINGING VIGILANTES OF RIGHT-WING MILITANTS, GOVERNMENT BY DUE PROCESS OF LAW IS IN JEOPARDY.

"IT IS HIGH TIME THAT THE AGENTS OF VIOLENCE, THE DESTROYERS AND THE BURNERS GET WHAT THEY MERIT FROM EVERY POSITION ON THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM. AND THAT IS-----SCORN AND REJECTION."

"WHEN I WAS MAYOR OF MINNEAPOLIS" "THERE WAS A SEVERE CRIME PROBLEM: RACKETEERS AND GANGSTERS. I DEMANDED A FIRM AND TOUGH RESPONSE TO THIS CRIMINALITY AND WE CLEANED UP OUR CITY.

"THERE WAS OPEN JOB DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RACE - ANOTHER FORM OF VIOLENCE - I DEMANDED AN END TO IT AND WE ESTABLISHED A PROGRAM OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES.

"TODAY THERE IS A DIFFERENT ROAD-BLOCK IN THE PATH OF PROGRESS. SELF-APPOINTED, SELF-ANNOINTED, "GRASS-ROOTS LEADERS"

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OF THE LEFT AND THE RIGHT FEEL THAT THEY CAN BE ABOVE THE LAW, OR OUTSIDE THE LAW, OR IN CONTEMPT OF THE LAW IN ORDER TO GET THEIR WAY. THEY ARE WRONG.

"THEY ARE A TINY MINORITY AND WHAT THEY HAVE DONE IS BRING DOWN PUBLIC WRATH ON WORTHY CAUSES WHICH THEY CLAIM TO SUPPORT: SOCIAL JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS, PEACE, POVERTY PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION.

"THESE EXTREMISTS ARE THE WORST ENEMIES OF SOCIAL PROGRESS IN AMERICA. BY ASSOCIATING THOROUGHLY DECENT CAUSES WITH AN INDECENT, ILLEGAL WAY OF OPERATING, THEY HAVE CLEARLY MADE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO RIGHT THE WRONGS AND TO CORRECT THE INJUSTICES.

"ONLY IF POLITICAL, CIVIC AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS LET AMERICANS KNOW THAT THEY CONDEMN VIOLENCE ON BOTH THE RIGHT AND LEFT, CAN WE MOVE AHEAD WITH THE JOBS THAT MUST BE DONE: ENDING THE WAR, DEFENDING AND EXPANDING CIVIL RIGHTS, FIGHTING POVERTY, AIDING OUR CITIES, BUILDING A MORE PROSPEROUS RURAL AMERICA, HELPING OUR NEEDY, PROVIDING BETTER EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE AND PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT."

John Dablow

Wendell Anderson

Warren Spann

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John Wefald

CAMBRIDGE

Isanti County
Western Days

Population

Cambridge

Approximately 3,000

Business and Industry

- most of the people who are not self-employed commute to the Twin Cities area.
- the farming community is not large nor of primary importance. Most of the farming that is done is a sideline affair with the individuals also operating or employed at another business as well.

Growth and Development

- will be getting new Junior College scheduled for completion by 1973.

Junior College -

- Hs School

- Jr-Hs + Elementary

Notes

- Humphrey to be speaker at Old Time Program.
- The Isanti Fair is connected with Western Days in Cambridge and this particular evening fair-goers will receive free box lunches before the evening program.
- After speaking Mr. Humphrey will visit DFL booth and visit with fair-goers, etc.
- Mr. Humphrey will be met by County Attorney John Dabll.

Terry Montgomery

② Jerry Anderson
Hts. School
South Chicago



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