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National Association of Counties

Washington, D. C.

June 27, 1972

- Bill Connor (President) Delaware
↓ was at his party in Milwaukee
- Gladys Agellman - Pres. Elect
- Bill Barrett (1st V.P. Elect) Georgia
- Stan. Smett
- ✓ Lesson Chickah Scie - former President
(Milwaukee Party)
(married a nun girl)
- Ed Monroe (Seattle - King County)
- ✓ Harold Larson - Pres. Minn Assoc Counties
Monticello (Chippewa)
- Bill Kone-arste - Belle Plaine
(former head) (Scott County)
- ✓ Bernie Wilkenbrand - Gen. Secretary
N.A.C.O.

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(1) Government -Crises of confidence(a) Ability to perform(g) Does it since needs(c) Does it care?(2) Popul Growth -

70% - 2%

80% - 2% - 1980

Increase costs -(3) Urban - Rural Balance(a) Freedom of Residence!
where + how to Live?(B) Basic Services -Educ., Health, Transp.Commune, Water, SewerHousing

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* Shady Spellman. 1st V.P. - Will Be President
 * Bill Connor (Delaware) at his party in
Hel Barrett. 1st V.P. - elect (Georgia)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

- Harold Larson - Pres. many county officials
Chippewa County (Minnesota)

I. CENTRAL CHALLENGE OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Bill Konianski - Belle Plaine (Scott County) Just a Pres
 - TO MEET THE FUNDAMENTAL NEEDS OF OUR

✓ 71 yrd
Anderson
Duluth
Ralph
Keyes

PEOPLE. TO MEET THOSE NEEDS--NOT JUST THE MORE
 COMMONLY LISTED ONES OF HOUSING, JOBS, AND
 HEALTH--BUT ALSO THE LESS COMMONLY LISTED ONES
 OF:

min Duluth

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A) FREEDOM OF RESIDENCE--TO EXPAND THE
 RANGE OF CHOICE AS TO WHERE PEOPLE WANT
 TO LIVE--URBAN, SUBURBAN, OR RURAL

B) BASIC SERVICES--MINIMAL SERVICES
 THROUGHOUT OUR LAND--SERVICES IN EDUCATION,
 SEWAGE DISPOSAL, WATER SUPPLY, HOUSING
 SUPPLY.

C) HOW TO ORGANIZE GOVERNMENT--TO BE THE
 PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE, AND DELIVER SERVICES SO
 THAT OUR PEOPLE FEEL THEY ARE GETTING THEIR
 TAX DOLLAR'S WORTH.

THE PROBLEM IS NOT SO MUCH IDENTIFYING WHAT TO DO.

What to Do?

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How Best to do it!

THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM IS DECIDING HOW BEST TO DO IT,
AND THEN MAKING THE COMMITMENT TO DO IT.

WHAT DOES THAT TAKE?

Planning Commitment
and State Local Resources

I. PLANNING -- AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT,
SO THAT THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL
AND POLITICAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS AND PLANS
WILL BE DEVELOPED--PLANS THAT AFFECT NOT ONLY
THE IMMEDIATE BUT ALSO THE FUTURE GROWTH OF
THE NATION.

(X)

A) NATIONAL GROWTH POLICY AND
DEVELOPMENT ACT.

- OFFICE OF BALANCED GROWTH--TO

DEVELOP THE POLICIES AND COORDINATE PROGRAMS
LEADING TO UNDERSTANDING AND HUMANIZING GROWTH.

- JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON

NATIONAL GROWTH--TO CONSIDER GROWTH POLICIES
IN THE CONGRESS.

- MULTI-STATE REGIONAL POLICY AND
DEVELOPMENT MECHANISMS.

B) STRIVE FOR AN URBAN-RURAL BALANCE;

RURAL, SUBURBAN AND URBAN AMERICA ARE INTERLINKED--
CANNOT HAVE BALANCED GROWTH AND CANNOT SOLVE THE

Mutual Growth
Urban-Rural
Balance.

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PROBLEMS OF ONE WITHOUT LOOKING AT THE PROBLEMS OF THE OTHER.

2. NEW FINANCING MECHANISMS

Revenue Sharing

A) REVENUE SHARING, PASSED THE HOUSE, NOW BEFORE THE SENATE. WILL TESTIFY BEFORE IT ON THURSDAY.

- REVENUE SHARING WILL HELP PAY THE OPERATING COST IN BASIC SERVICE AREAS,

- IT IS NOT THE COMPLETE ANSWER, EXPECT SOME AMENDMENTS ON THE FLOOR SUCH AS BROADENING THE CATEGORIES FOR WHICH THE MONEY COULD BE USED,

Several years for Planning & Grants

B) MULTI-YEAR PLANNING AND PROGRAM GRANTS-- FUNDED ON A THREE YEAR BASIS TO ALLOW MORE LONG TERM PLANNING AND FISCAL BUDGETING,

Not Domestic Bank

C) NATIONAL DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT BANK AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS - Rural Bank!

- TO PROVIDE THE LONG TERM LOANS AT LOW RATES OF INTEREST TO BUILD NEEDED PUBLIC FACILITIES,

- THINGS TO BE DONE IN OUR URBAN, SUBURBAN, AND RURAL AREAS. OUR COUNTIES NEED HELP--IN SCHOOLS, HOSPITAL, AND PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION.

Long term Loans
Low Interest

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TODAY THE FINANCING MECHANISMS OF THE COUNTIES ARE OBSOLETE.

- BOND ISSUES ARE BEING DEFEATED BECAUSE PEOPLE FELT TAXED TOO MUCH.

- PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS ARE BEING MADE ON PROPERTY THAT IS TOO OFTEN DECLINING IN VALUE--OR AT LEAST NOT APPRECIATING AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.

- TAXES ON HOME OWNERS ARE FORCING LOW INCOME PEOPLES AND THOSE ON FIXED INCOMES TO SELL HOMES OR AT LEAST GIVE UP ON THE AMERICAN DREAM OF EVER OWNING A HOME.

D) WE NEED TO

1) ESTABLISH AN EDUCATION TRUST FUND TO BEGIN ONE-THIRD FINANCING OF EDUCATION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

2) CLOSE THE TAX LOOPHOLES AND RETURN FUNDS TO THE LOCAL LEVELS TO HELP RELIEVE PROPERTY TAXES.

3. ORGANIZING FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT

A) A NATIONAL BUDGET--THAT IS OPEN, A BUDGET OPEN TO COUNTY OFFICIALS SO THAT THEY CAN GET INPUT IN TO THE BUDGET PROCESS BEFORE DECISIONS ARE MADE.

✓ Bond issues Defeated.

✓ Property Tax counter-productive

✓ Taken Homes forcing People to sell Homes

- Educ Trust Fund
- Federalize Welfare
- Close tax loopholes

National Budget

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BUDGET OFFICIALS SHOULD GO INTO THE FIELD, TALK WITH THE COUNTY OFFICIALS.

WE NEED AN OPEN DOOR TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

B) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS--TO ATTACK ON A MUCH LARGER SCALE, SPANNING JURISDICTIONS-- PROBLEMS SUCH AS AIR POLLUTION, SEWAGE, TREATMENT, DRUG CONTROL.

EXAMPLE OF ONE POSSIBLE APPROACH--RIVER BASINS WASTE TREATMENT AUTHORITY--TO LOOK AND PLAN FOR CONTROLLING POLLUTION AND SEWAGE PROBLEMS OF WHOLE RIVERS, LAKES, COAST LINES,
II. THESE SHOULD BE OUR GOALS--AS YOU CONCLUDE YOUR MEETING AND RETURN TO YOUR HOMES. THEY ARE GOALS FOR WASHINGTON AND YOUR LOCAL AREAS:

-A GOVERNMENT THAT IS OPEN -- FULLY EXPLAINED DECISION-MAKING

-A GOVERNMENT THAT RECOGNIZES THE NEIGHBORHOOD-- THE STREET WHERE PEOPLE LIVE AS IMPORTANT AND CRUCIAL TO PEOPLE'S LIVES.

-A GOVERNMENT THAT DOES NOT TRY TO RUN EVERYTHING FROM WASHINGTON.

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Heart

A GOVERNMENT WITH HEART--THAT FEELS THE
PULSE OF THE PEOPLE THAT IS AN ADVOCATE AND
SERVANT OF THE PEOPLE RATHER THAN THEIR
MASTER.



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