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POLITICAL MOBILIZATION RALLY

The Honorable Stanley Scott

Special Assistant to the President, The Whitehouse

Washington, D.C.



Rev. Henry R. Delaney, Minister

# IDEALS OF DEMOCRACY

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Before we can relate the principle of argumentation to the philosophical tenets of our social order, we must state what we believe to be the relevant ideal of our democracy.

One is that individuals will participate in making decisions. Another is the faith that man, if sufficiently well informed and in communication with his fellows can solve social problems. A third ideal is that the dialogue will not cease. Another ideal is that we can have majority rule coupled with a respect for minority views even though some argue the two are mutually exclusive.

When people govern themselves it is they alone who must judge falsehood or folly. The privilege of free speech rests upon the assumption that there is no proposition so uniformly believed that it is beyond challenge or debate.

Rev. Henry R. Delaney

*Rev. Montgomery*

## PROGRAMME

Rev. Henry R. Delaney

Presiding

Prelude

Mr. Neil Etheridge

Opening Hymn

Pass Me Not

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Invocation

Rev. James Montgomery

Special Music

West Senior Band

Mr. Phillip Reynolds, Dir.

Statement of Greetings

Special Music

Lane College Band

Prof. Kenneth Sampson, Dir.

Introduction of Speaker

Mr. Ed Edditt

Memphis, Tennessee

✓ Solo

Mrs. Carolyn Garrett

Speaker

The Honorable Stanley Scott  
Special Asst. to the Pres.

Selection

Mother Liberty Senior Choir

Presentation of Dr. Wesley McClure

Statements

Dr. Wesley McClure

Offering

Remarks

Doxology

Benediction

Thanks to ED REDDICK FOR  
(1) That Introduction.....

.... and a special thanks  
to Rev. Delaney and this  
congregation for having invited  
us to the Jackson Community.  
JOKE - AFRICA — — —

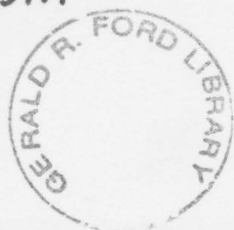
\* There are many reasons  
why I am proud & happy  
to be with you this  
afternoon.... I look in  
the audience and see  
faces I have not seen  
in 10-20 years --- 30  
miles down the H'way  
some 42 years ago is  
where it all started  
for me.



(2) IN a very real sense,  
I'm home <sup>HERE</sup> with you today  
..... Among the people  
who helped me to build  
the foundation -- the vehicle --

----- It gets a little shaky  
at times -----  
to devote my life to  
a movement Bigger than  
an individual --- the movement  
for HUMAN Dignity for  
All People.

I've returned to what  
my friend -- Alex Haley --  
the author of the Malcolm  
X Autobiography calls --  
Roots.



(3) .... You know.. in my  
Job as Special Assistant  
to the President... Because  
of the hectic pace of  
events --- there is all so  
often too little time to  
reflect --- to look back --  
to reminisce... to regurgitate.

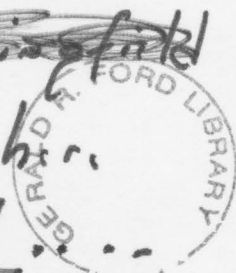
But I had that pleasure  
as we departed in Memphis  
and drove from there to  
Bolivar. I drove ~~down~~  
~~Bush Street~~ into Bolivar,  
turned the vehicle to a  
large house where I used to  
cut the grass for this white  
family. I always pictured  
this house --- when I used



(4) to recall -- As being  
the largest I had  
ever seen --- because it  
took so long to mow  
that lawn.

I turned the car  
down the highway,  
Moved into a side street  
+ pointed to the  
house where I was  
born --- Just across  
th. Street -- ~~Springfield~~  
<sup>The</sup> Baptist Church where

I was Baptized ...  
the segregated school  
had been torn down ---  
No longer there.





(5) --- All my roots --- A  
Son returned home. You  
know --- there have been  
times as I travelled to  
some distant part of  
the World --- Europe ---  
Africa --- the Far East ---  
My mind has <sup>often</sup> wandered  
back to the Volunteer  
State --- the Bolivian ---  
those roots ---

— — — — —  
You know --- we didn't  
have much money --- But  
we had something more  
powerful than all the  
Gold in the world ---

WE HAD Love



(4)....And I think we  
had something else....  
we had the faith of  
a people --- a marching  
Blacc Race who knew &  
know --- Given the opportunity  
to exercise OUR God-Given  
Rights --- We would &  
Could "HELP OUR-  
Selves" --- which continues  
to be the motto of  
Rev. Leon Sullivan's  
OIC's -- Rev. Delaney's  
Opportunities Industrialization  
Centers ---



(7).... Rev. Delany... I'm happy to say that one of my more pleasant Responsibilities has been to work with OIC and Dr. Sullivan.

----- Early on Vice Presidential trip to Philadelphia --- work of OIC's --- Meeting with President -- Self-help.

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Work of Special Assistant

- Minority Business Enterprise
- Predominately Black Colleges
- National Bar Assoc.
- Communicating thought - vision
- Minority Bankers
- More minorities in post 9 months than in past 10 yrs. - Staff make up -



(8) A brief look at the move  
toward Civil + Human  
Rights today...

A lot of things have, in  
fact, changed ~~some~~ during  
the past decade.



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I AM FREQUENTLY ASKED AROUND THE COUNTRY, "IS THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT DEAD?" MY CONSISTENT AND PERSISTENT ANSWER IS A LOUD NO. THE EMPHASIS OF CAREFUL PLANNING IN AND EXECUTION OF ECONOMIC PROGRAMS IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY. THE ERA OF CONFRONTATION IN THE 60'S HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH A FAR LESS DRAMATIC, BUT I BELIEVE, A MORE DIFFICULT BUT PRODUCTIVE IMMEDIATE AND LONG RANGE PROGRAM.

MINORITIES HAVE CONCENTRATED ON THE POLITICAL APPROACH. GREATER EMPHASIS ON REGISTRATION PROGRAMS, DEFINING POLITICAL ISSUES AND APPROACHING THE VOTING BOOTH IN LARGER NUMBER.

THE SIXTIES CONSTITUTED AN EXAMINATION OF THE WRONGS:  
THE SEVENTIES AN APPLICATION OF THE REMEDIES. DEALING WITH THESE QUESTIONS REQUIRES SCALPEL AND SUTURES, NOT THE BOILING CAULDRON OF A FEW YEARS AGO.

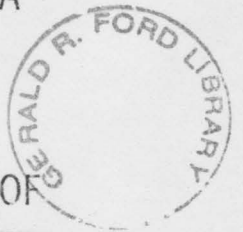
THIS IS THE WORK THAT IS NOW UNDERWAY. IT IS THE WORK THAT LOGICALLY FOLLOWS THE SYMBOLIC AND LEGISLATIVE



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Ag. 2.2

GAINS MADE BEFORE. IT IS THE PAYOFF ON THOSE GAINS. WHILE I THINK WE MUST AGREE THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, I WOULD ADD THAT THERE CAN NEVER BE ENOUGH PROGRESS UNTIL ALL AMERICANS ARE ASSURED OF PARITY ACROSS THE BOARD.

SOMETIMES IT'S EVEN HARD FOR STUDENTS OF RACE RELATIONS TO UNDERSTAND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT BECAUSE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT NEW TACTICS IN THE 70'S TO RESOLVE ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS CREATED BY PROGRESS MADE DURING THE PAST DECADE. MOST OF THE SYMBOLIC, EARLY GAINS STEMMING FROM CIVIL CONFRONTATION ARE BEHIND US. WHAT REMAINS IS THE LESS SPECTACULAR TASK OF RESOLVING THE MORE COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT ISSUES AHEAD IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS WELL AS MINORITY RIGHTS. IT IS, *IN MY VIEW*, INDEED A SIGN OF *M*ATURITY THAT IN TEN YEARS CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT HAS BECOME A PART OF THE *B*ASIC FABRIC OF AMERICAN LIFE.

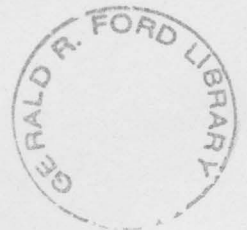


*\$ 400-million in Enforcement this fiscal year*



IN THE 60'S WE WERE ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS OF FREEING OURSELVES FROM THE MENTAL CHAINS OF SLAVERY AND SECOND-CLASS CITIZENSHIP. THROUGH BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS, WE PRESSED OUR BILL OF PARTICULARS BEFORE THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WITH SIT-INS, JAIL-INS, AND COUNTLESS OTHER FORMS OF MASS PROTEST.

NOW THE TACTICS HAVE CHANGED. MOST OF THE LAWS ARE NOW ON THE BOOKS. WE HAVE PUBLIC ACCOMODATIONS AND VOTING RIGHTS LAWS. WE REALIZED IN THE 60'S THAT IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO HAVE ACCESS. WE ARE NOW ENGAGED IN LESS DRAMATIC INVOLVEMENT. WE WANT TO OWN SOME OF THOSE LUNCH COUNTERS, HOTELS AND GAIN SOME OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR CONTRACTS. WE ARE FINALLY TALKING ABOUT BECOMING PRODUCERS AS OPPOSED TO AGE-OLD CONSUMERS IN THIS GREAT CAPITALISTIC DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, WE ARE



FINALLY TALKING ABOUT GAINING A REAL PIECE OF THE AMERICAN PIE. NOW THAT WE HAVE MADE IT INSIDE THE FACILITY, WE NOW WANT A PIECE OF THE ACTION....AND RIGHTLY SO-- THIS IS WHAT THE AMERICAN SYSTEM IS ALL ABOUT.

*Black officials - mayors - u.s. Reps.* Elected THE MOMENTUM OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IS CONTINUING, EXPANDING, AND ACHIEVING GREATER CONCRETE SUCCESSES IN BOTH OLD AND NEW AREAS OF ENDEAVOR.

SO WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE TO MAKE EQUALITY A REALITY FOR ALL AMERICANS? FIRST, I THINK, WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE CERTAIN TRUTHS.

THE BLACK VOTE TODAY IS THE LEAST EFFECTIVE VOTE IN AMERICA. WE HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL ARENA--THROUGH BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS--~~OF~~ THE SIXTIES, BUT WE HAVE NOT LEARNED TO PARTICIPATE TOO WISELY.

~~APRIL - 1975~~  
HERE'S THE SITUATION TODAY--IN ~~SEPTEMBER OF 1974~~ A





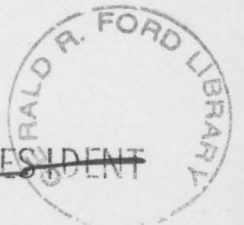
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CANDIDATE CAN ANNOUNCE FOR OFFICE AND BEFORE HE MAKES  
HIS FIRST CAMPAIGN SPEECH--IF HE HAPPENS TO BE A DEMOCRAT--  
HE KNOWS THAT HE HAS FROM 70 TO 80 PERCENT OF THE BLACK VOTE  
IN HIS HIP POCKET. HOW CAN AN INDIVIDUAL OR A GROUP OF  
PEOPLE GAIN COMMITMENTS FROM POLITICIANS <sup>WHO</sup> KNOW THAT THEY  
HAVE THAT INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP'S VOTES AT THE OUTSET?

WE, AS A RACIAL MINORITY, HAVE GOT TO STOP ALLOWING  
OURSELVES TO BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED ~~BY THE DEMOCRATS~~,  
AND THOSE OF US WHO COUNT OURSELVES REPUBLICANS ~~MUST~~  
FIGHT TO MAKE THE GOP LIVE UP TO ITS PROMISE OF BEING THE  
"PARTY OF THE OPEN DOOR." *- Pres. Ford -- Mary Louise Smith*

AN INDICATION OF HOW STRONGLY I FEEL ABOUT THE TWO-PARTY  
SYSTEM IS SIMPLY THIS: IF 70 TO 80 PERCENT OF BLACK AMERICANS  
WERE VOTING THE REPUBLICAN LINE TODAY, I WOULD SWITCH TO  
THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

~~LET ME SAY SOMETHING TO YOU ABOUT A SURE BET. PRESIDENT  
FORD INTENDS TO SEEK THE NOMINATION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AS  
ITS CANDIDATE IN 1976. HE INTENDS TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT AND~~



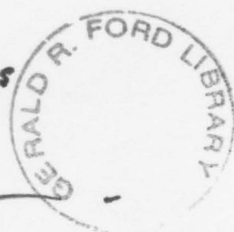
(14) What I am talking  
about is a new edge of  
sophistication... New tactics  
for new and subtle challenges.

Because, you see, while Jim  
Crow is DEAD, unfortunately,  
He left a lot of legacies.  
... & they are MORE subtle  
than the Old man.

Opportunity Requires

Responsibility

Not talking about  
an empty clenched fist &  
empty hand.



(15) For the Goal WE SEEK  
--- A Better America through  
Better Citizenship participation---  
will demand MORE of us  
than ever before.

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It will demand Hard  
work, High Purpose, &  
Unshakable faith that  
we will attain a goal  
that is in the best interest  
of this land of ours.

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To this goal let  
us pledge ourselves this  
afternoon.

Thank You

