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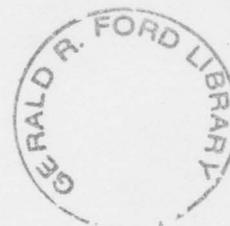
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CIVIL RIGHTS SINCE THE SIXTIES
OHIO BLACK POLITICAL ASSEMBLY
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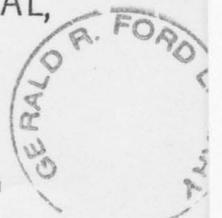
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I STRONGLY AGREE WITH LOS ANGELES CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE, NORMAN HODGES, WHO STATED RECENTLY:

"THE AMERICAN TWO-PARTY SYSTEM EXISTS ALMOST EVERY PLACE IN THE NATION EXCEPT THE BLACK COMMUNITY. IN BLACK COMMUNITIES ACROSS OUR NATION ONLY ONE OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES IS WORKING FOR US, AND A ONE-PARTY SYSTEM CAN'T DO AN EFFECTIVE JOB. "

"HEAVEN FORBID, WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR SOCIAL UNREST DISPLAYED IN THE STREETS TO MOTIVATE THE EXISTING DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE PROBLEMS OF SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, UNEMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF THE HARLEMS AND WATTS COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. "



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NOW TO THE BUSINESS OF A THIRD PARTY. THIS, RECALL, WAS A PART OF THE PHILOSOPHY THAT EMERGED FROM THE GARY MEETING IN 1972. I PROTESTED THEN AND I DISAGREE TODAY WITH THE CONCEPT OF A THIRD PARTY. THE FACT IS WE DO NOT YET PARTICIPATE IN THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES. A THIRD PARTY FORCE, IN MY VIEW, WOULD ONLY FURTHER DILUTE THE STRENGTH OF OUR VOTE. IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT GIVING 30 PERCENT OF OUR VOTE TO EACH OF THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES AND KEEPING IN RESERVE UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE OF AN ELECTION THAT 40 PERCENT BALANCE OF POWER I WOULD SAY -- DEFINITELY YES.

AND FINALLY, I WOULD URGE UNITY OF PURPOSE, UNITY OF GOALS, NOT UNIFORMITY. BUT WE MUST LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER FOR COMMON GOALS.

THE FRANCHISE HAS BEEN WON. NOW WE MUST USE IT. AN ESTIMATED 145 MILLION PERSONS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN



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WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT FREEDOM IS NOT FREE. WE MUST MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITY AT THE BALLOT BOX; WE MUST MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITY IN SUPPORTING EACH OTHER. THE CHALLENGE IS OURS.

SO, IF WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY IN A SINGLE DECADE -- AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE -- WE MUST ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE OUR CONSTITUTIONAL CONCEPT OF EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL. FOR IT IS ONLY THROUGH CONTINUED DEDICATION THAT WE WILL FINALLY REACH THE DAY THAT MEN LIKE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ENVISIONED FOR US ALL IN HIS HISTORIC DREAM OF A DECADE AGO.

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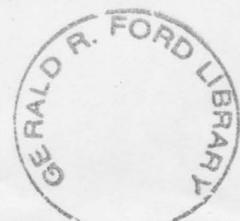
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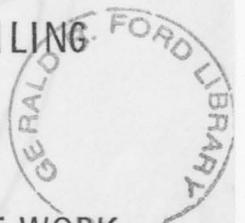
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POSITION PAPER

INFLATION AND THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM FOR BLACK AMERICANS

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I strongly agree with Los Angeles Congressional Candidate, Norman Hodges, who stated recently:

"The American two-party system exists almost every place in the nation except the Black community. In Black communities across our nation only one of the political parties is working for us, and a one-party system can't do an effective job.

"Heaven forbid, we have to wait for social unrest displayed in the streets to motivate the existing Democratic leadership to come to grips with the problems of social, educational, unemployment and economic needs of the ~~Black~~ *Harlems and Watts* communities across the country.

~~I seek the office of the United States Representative from the 31st Congressional District to bring, in a functional way, the benefits of the two-party system and its inherent competition into an area where schools lack the funds to provide a meaningful education to the young, where communities have pockets of unemployment of 31%, where one-third of the houses are boarded up (in the Compton area) and those that are occupied are secured with bars to keep out vandals and~~



~~burglars who unconsciously prey the streets with dope, unprepared educationally and thus, unacceptable for skilled employment!~~

All these factors contribute heavily to the increasing inflation. The continuously disregarded costly studies promoted by the federal government and the consequent ineffective programs of the expanding bureaucracies only add fuel to the flames of the ever-growing inflation.

The impact of inflation on the country at large has been articulated by many significant organizations and individuals. But the impact of inflation on the Black community, its welfare recipients, its under-employed, its aged and unemployed, is becoming quietly catastrophic.

As I address this issue, it would seem to be self-serving and smack of political selfishness, to state that political competition is needed to bring efficient social programs that have failed dramatically to bring minority Americans into the ~~mainstream~~ mainstream of the American economy. I state that without reservation, that one of the best ways to arrest spiralling inflation is to bring the inherent ^{into high density minority populated areas.} competition of the two-party system and all of its nuances./

"If you show me an area in America where there is better than 75% Democratic registration, I will show you a major metropolitan area that is minority. If you show me an area where death by violent crimes is four times greater than the national average and Black males are dying faster by bullets than cancer, where pockets of unemployment will average 31%, six times higher than the national average, I will show you an area with a high Democratic registration. If you will show

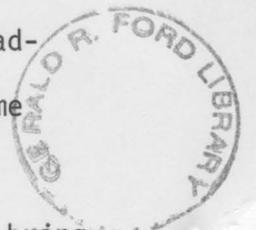


me an area where businesses have been abandoned, vandalism and property damage are higher than in any other parts of the community; if you will show me where homes have been boarded up because residents are in flight to find other liveable surroundings leaving the federal government holding the note on houses that are unfit to live in, I will show you an area where insurance premiums will be almost three times higher because the area has been deemed a high risk area and 42% of this community will be in ill-health, poorly housed, poorly educated, and unequipped to obtain employment where professional or trade skills are needed.

" The absence of functional politics and inflation are two sides of the same coin. It is precisely all of the above conditions which contribute to inflation and are multiplied by the number of major metropolitan areas. *Without proper use of the ballot, we are a voiceless people.*" #

Normal competition that could be used to reduce the inflationary spiral does not exist to the same degree in the Black community as it does in an affluent white community. So, the problem remains longer and continues to have an adverse impact long after it is reduced in other areas of the country. Unless we in the Republican Party increase the spirit of free enterprise and competition in the Black community and among the poor in general there is no hope, for the disadvantaged, too, must have access to improved quality of life the same as all other Americans.

Electing a Black Republican Congressman committed to bringing the two-party system to all Americans will be a first step in that direction; however, it won't solve all the problems of inflation. But it will provide the kind of impact to bring a balance of thinking into the



delivery of goods and services to all Americans.

The problems of inflation are not singular in effect, but are the result of a complex series of events. It is necessary that a completely integrated and total systems management program be implemented to seriously be effective in the elimination of inflation. For example, the creation of a new cabinet position - Secretary of Domestic Economics - which would focus on rapidly growing domestic issues and prepare the policies necessary to solve them in a reasonable length of time. These policies can not be dictates of government, but rather in concert with the self-restraint of business, labor, consumers, and the softening of their collective demands for more.

Our country has gone through three presidential assassinations, impeachment hearings, and a presidential resignation. And we haven't missed a step as a nation. Our political system is still well and functioning. No military organization has had to take over the government to transfer its power, It's a great system. We must apply the best of that system to make a better life for all Americans. Our nation can set a ten year objective to place a man on the moon, utilizing the greatest array of technology the world has ever witnessed. And, yet, we can't seem to find enough financial resources to aid a Black Republican congressional candidate who is attempting to bring the vitality of the two-party system to minority Americans. I suggest that the Republican Party must change its priorities to what is important to the growth and stability of our nation. What we do in these times of crisis must not be what's good for minority or majority, Republican or Democrat, but for the good of our nation as a whole.



IN OTHER WORDS, NO ONE POLITICAL PARTY HAS EVER DELIVERED ALL OF ITS PROMISES, AND NO ONE POLITICAL PARTY WILL DELIVER ALL OF OUR NEEDS IN THE FUTURE UNTIL WE INCREASE THE SOPHISTICATED USE OF OUR BALLOT-- JUST AS OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS HAVE DONE SO EFFECTIVELY.

NOW TO THE BUSINESS OF A THIRD PARTY. THIS, RECALL, WAS A PART OF THE PHILOSOPHY THAT EMERGED FROM THE GARY MEETING IN 1972. I PROTESTED THEN AND I DISAGREE TODAY WITH THE CONCEPT OF A THIRD PARTY. THE FACT IS WE DO NOT YET PARTICIPATE IN THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES. A THIRD PARTY FORCE, IN MY VIEW, WOULD ONLY FURTHER DILUTE THE STRENGTH OF OUR VOTE. IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT GIVING 30 PERCENT OF OUR VOTE TO EACH OF THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES AND KEEPING IN RESERVE UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE OF AN ELECTION THAT 40 PERCENT BALANCE OF POWER I WOULD SAY--DEFINATELY YES.

AND FINALLY I WOULD URGE UNITY OF PURPOSE, UNITY OF GOALS, NOT UNIFORMITY. BUT WE MUST LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER FOR COMMON GOALS.

THE FRANCHISE HAS BEEN WON. NOW WE MUST USE IT. AN ESTIMATED 145 MILLION PERSONS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS. IF PAST PATTERNS HOLD, FEWER BLACKS PERCENTAGE-WISE ~~WILL~~ AS COMPARED WITH OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS, WILL EVEN BOTHER TO VOTE.

WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT FREEDOM IS NOT FREE. WE MUST MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITY AT THE BALLOT BOX, WE MUST MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITY IN SUPPORTING EACH OTHER. THE CHALLENGE IS OURS.

SO, IF WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY IN A SINGLE DECADE -- AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE -- WE MUST ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE OUR CONSTITUTIONAL CONCEPT OF EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL. FOR IT IS ONLY THROUGH CONTINUED DEDICATION THAT WE WILL FINALLY REACH THE DAY THAT MEN LIKE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ENVISIONED FOR US ALL IN HIS HISTORIC DREAM OF A DECADE AGO.

THANK YOU.

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