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Mr. Chairman, honored guests, members of the committee, friends
My status with the Republican Party as I face it today, reminds me of the story of the boy and his puppies. It goes like this...

A minister drove down one of the busy streets in a small city one day and saw a lad standing on the corner holding a basket filled with small pups. He drove up to the curb and asked the lad if the puppies were for sale. He replied very readily, "They are, sir."

"What kind of puppies are they?" the minister asked. The boy thinking that he would appeal to the man's fancy in the belief that he was talking to a minister, said, "Methodist puppies." This did please his fancy and he bought two puppies. The boy said, "Pick your choice." This he did and drove away with the beautiful puppies.

About three or four days later, this same minister decided to try the lad again, so he drove by and found him still doing business. He inquired, "Young man, are these pups for sale?"

"Yes, sir," said the lad, "they are."

"What kind of pups are they?" the minister asked. The boy remembering just a few days ago he had just answered such a question and to make sure that he would make a sale, he said, "Baptist puppies." The minister said, "I was by here the other day and you sold me two pups—with the understanding that they were Methodist, but today they have changed to Baptist, how did this happen?"

The boy studied for a few minutes and finally came out with this thought, when you were here the other day, the puppies were very young, so young that their eyes were still closed, but now they have opened their eyes, and just as soon as this happened, they had a remorse of conscience and immediately changed from Methodist to Baptist.

When I think of the number of years (more than thirty) that I have spent as an ardent supporter of the Democratic Party, I find that my eyes were closed during this entire period, but today, I should like to say to you and to the world that having noted the progress under the present administration, not only are my eyes opened and I have accepted the change, but I have seen the Glory of the coming of the Lord.

Today as you and I view this desperate struggle between two sections of America, we almost lose heart. Everything about the conflict re-echoes the past. One of the most painful reactions we are noting in the South today is the behavior of people in positions of leadership.

It is painful to see how men who consider themselves men of good-will are letting themselves be forced step by step into assuming stubborn positions, which no doubt they wanted to take and which are plainly untenable (certain practices in the southland today, such as boycotts, scare-waves, name-calling, etc.)

We have to face up at a time like this to the evils of our day. There abounds frustration, fear, unrest, and tension on every hand. It is very necessary to have a leader in times like these whose mind is clear and void of prejudice, one who can easily consider values found in individuals, people or nations; groups or clans. The time has come when the American citizen must be able to scrutinize every expression and evaluate every decision. There was a time when the American citizenry was swept from its feet by loud promises and fluent oratory. But the last two decades have convinced the American public that it must weigh and measure men, policies and issues in relation to their value to the program as we face it today.

When we consider the Eisenhower Administration and place against it a yardstick of its actual value, worth and accomplishment; we make decisions not on what it has done for any particular people, but what it has meant to the peoples of the world. In the languages of one outstanding statesman, "America or the United States must consider its peculiar place and standing in world affairs, and if we are to hold our own as a world-leading nation, we must be able to cope with every issue that affects people, irrespective of their social level of living, without regard for their race, creed, color, or previous servitude."

DWIGHT EISENHOWER

I find a positive correlation between the sixteen letters of Mr. Eisenhower's name and the sixteenth letter of our alphabet, "P". Yes, "P" begins the word "President," but the following six P's will tell you Why I Am For Eisenhower.

Preparedness — Mr. Eisenhower is prepared in his heart, for I believe him to be a Christian. He is an educator, military commander and a kingly person who can "Walk with kings," but never lose the common touch.

Purpose — In a forthright way the president's purpose surely has seemed to me to be a living-out his oath of office.

Policy and program — It has been the policy of this administration to keep its eye fixed upon the progress of each vital factor that has served to keep a friendly relationship between the United States and the other peoples of the world. To that end, it has offered a program to utilize for peaceful means outstanding modern discoveries in science. It has also been the policy of this administration to keep informed and alert of enemies both at home and abroad.

This administration has sought to purge itself of all subversive movements in both high and low places. It has sought to keep the doors open for the proper exchange of its resources, and it has advocated a policy that has stimulated world trade without endangering the United States.

Principle — I am for President Eisenhower because his general principle has been to place emphasis upon efficiency rather than upon partisanship. Just one look at the type of leadership that has been appointed to various branches of service, irrespective of their party affiliation, will reveal the principle.

People — I am for Mr. Eisenhower because of his genuine interest in people, both at home and abroad. I like the way that he administers to their needs. This statement that he made at Baylor University a few days ago is indicative of his actions:

"There are millions of people who still seek a reward that is beyond money or place or power; still dream of the day that they will walk fearlessly in the fulness of human freedom."

Yes, I am for Eisenhower because of his preparedness purpose, policy, program, principle, and his interest in people.

Everytime I read the 10th chapter of Luke, relating the story of the good Samaritan, I am reminded of the effort as rendered by our President, which is in keeping with that "certain man who went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves and robbers and was beaten, robbed and stripped of his garments and left to die. A certain priest came along, saw him and gave no aid, but passed on to the other side. Then a Levite passed, representing those who are supposed to have compassion, but passed on the other side also.

Finally, a Samaritan came along and poured oil on his wounds, placed him on his beast and carried him into the village, gave the keeper two pence and said, "Take care of this man. If this is not enough, when I return, I will pay you."

Isn't it strange that the priest, a man whose life was dedicated to help, to lift, to pursue the road of human rights, and the Levite who represented the generation of people whose lives were dedicated to the cause of justice, would pass on the other side, and the Samaritan, a man of no high repute, at the bottom of society stopped and had compassion on him and cared for him?

As we look back across the years, we see people of all kith and kind, seized by robbers, stripped of their right to live as other men, stripped of their citizenship, stripped of their educational opportunities, stripped of a decent place to live, stripped of the privilege to ride as first class citizens on public conveyance—left to die.

Across the long procession of the bloody years, the Democrats came along and passed on the other side. And on goes the march—one generation after another passed on the other side, until one day a political group represented through the efforts of Dwight D. Eisenhower came along and had compassion and courage in their hearts and picked them up and began to pour oil of justice in their wounds, and began to ask for freedom for all, regardless of race, creed or color.

It is this kind of freedom that has given to the idea that all men are created equal and should be given the opportunity to live as first-class citizens.

Let us work together, not for selfish interests as relates to racial groups, but together as American citizens for a common cause and a common country. And may I admonish you as did the apostle Paul in his letters to the churches at Galatia to "standfast, therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. And let us not be weary in well doing for in due season, we shall reap if we faint not.

News From Around Nebraska

At a meeting of stockholders of the Atkinson Co-operative Creamery Association held last week in Atkinson, the stockholders voted to keep the business going. The management had previously stated that the business was losing money and that it should be closed out. But the stockholders didn't feel that way about it and they voted 49 to 20 to keep the business running—with a new set of managers. The Atkinson Graphic, which reported the meeting in its last week's issue emphasized that the association is not broke and that whatever business doldrums it might be in at the moment could be remedied by better management. Apparently there has been some dissent within the ranks.

Pierce, Nebraska has been widening some streets in much the same manner that Elair has been doing. The Pierce Leader last week showed before and after pictures of a street. One spot which had been used for parallel parking had been widened to accommodate diagonal parking and 10 cars were parked where five had been before. The Leader pointed out the street as a sample of what could be done about the parking situation with a little planning.

A farmer near Loup City has demonstrated what can be done with a little imagination and ingenuity. He was a hill farmer and he has several earth dams on his farm to catch run-off water which had been washing his fields. As the shortage of moisture became more acute, he considered the water behind the dams, rigged up a pump on his tractor and bought some irrigation pipe. Now, revealed the Sherman County News last week, he has had water to irrigate 70 acres of corn with results which promise to pay good dividends this fall.

His project is a parallel to the big reservoirs held in the mountains, although on a vastly smaller scale.

At Bassett, one of the rural extension clubs has purchased a waste paper can for use on the city streets to help keep that community clean. The club is to have its name printed on the container so that local residents may be reminded of the work done by the club, stated the Rock County Leader last week.

Near Aurora, Nebraska last week a Hamilton County road maintainer slashed into a main line of the Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Company ripping open the pipe and generally disrupting service. The line, carrying 250 to 300 pounds pressure let go such a blast of gas that it stalled the maintainer right over the pipe. The escaping gas made such a noise that it could be heard in Aurora several miles away and men working on the line had to place cotton in their ears to get close enough to make repairs. It took five hours to put a "saddle" on the line to close the break and during the time the line was open the company estimated they lost enough gas to take care of all of Aurora for the entire coming winter.

The town of Crete has found itself in need of a lot of street repairs and not too much money to do it. Moreover, the citizens don't appear to be too anxious to help, according to news released in the Crete News.

Needed street improvements and repairs will cost an estimated \$80,000 and a recent suggestion that the residents on streets to be repaired should pay one-half the cost has not met with much response. A suggestion that the city buy an asphalt machine and make the repairs themselves resulted in the decision that there was not enough money to buy the machine and also material for the repairs.

So, it appears, Crete will continue to have chuckholes this winter.

Meanwhile, Crete is also discussing the possible annexation of a newly-developed area near Doane College. The annexation talk has been brought about by application of the area for a new sewer. Again, the same problem; where will the money come from for manholes and other portions of the city's costs?

The Omaha Horseless Carriage club put on a program at Missouri Valley last Sunday. The club, specializing in old time automobiles presented a number of trophies and prizes in various contests. Funds raised went to help the new Missouri Valley Community hospital.

Next Sunday, September 2nd, an auto Demolition Show will be held in the wildest hills near McGrew, Nebraska. The show, advertised in the Chadron Record, claimed that cars would be driven at full throttle over high cliffs, allowing them to hurtle to their "death" in the deep valleys between the hills. Some of the cliffs are 300 feet high, it is claimed. A dynamite exhibition is also part of the show.

That's something new in the way of "thrill" exhibitions.

Central City has OK'd a plan of improvement for the city water distribution system which will cost about \$35,000. The Central City Republican-Nonpareil revealed last week that the only improvements made to the water system in the past twelve years is a 700 foot addition to the lines. Included in the improvement program is a newer, larger reservoir, plus new pipelines.

Only 24 rural schools are operating in Polk County this year, the Osceola Record revealed last week. There were once 70 individual districts. The reduction in rural schools has been brought about by consolidations which have been worked out rapidly in recent years.

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Southerners Ask Strong Rights Plank

Five hundred and fifty citizens from all of the 13 Southern states signed a petition to the Platform Committees of the Democratic and Republican parties urging a firm stand in support of civil rights.

The petition, stating that "the federal government has a clear duty of guarantee to all Southerners the rights and privileges of full citizenship," was presented to the Platform Committee of the Democratic Party in Chicago August 9th, by Dr. James A. Dombrowski, Executive Director of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.

The same petition will be presented to the Platform Committee of the Republican Party.

The petition said: "disturbing events have occurred recently in the South which put in peril the basic freedoms of great numbers of the region's people. Southern legislatures and state courts have harassed and proscribed eminently respectable organizations. Prospective voters have been denied the right to register or have been stricken from the rolls, without just reason."

The statement said further "a Catholic Archbishop has been defamed and threatened, and numerous clergy of other faiths driven from their parishes. Untold others — teachers, journalists, lawyers, merchants — can no longer earn their livelihoods in their native land. And some have even lost their lives."

"These deeds of terror and intimidation are the work of official and unofficial groups who boast openly of their determination to thwart the highest tribunal in the country — the U. S. Supreme Court. In the name of States Rights they deny the basic rights of citizens. They say they intend to nullify the decisions which have outlawed racial segregation in the public schools."

"But whatever the validity of the doctrine of States Rights, it cannot be made an excuse for insurrection. It cannot be interposed against rights guaranteed to all American citizens by the constitution of the United States."

"The federal government has a clear duty to guarantee to all Southerners the rights and privileges of full citizenship in a free and democratic society. This requires a free ballot, a free church, and a citizenry free to organize and to speak out without fear of reprisal."

The petition urged the committee to pledge the party to a five-point program to:

1. Ensure the enforcement of the decrees of the federal courts issued for the protection of American citizens.
2. Enact legislation implementing the Supreme Court decision on integration in the public schools. Pledge federal assistance — financial, technical and moral to local officials in the task of bringing their active systems into compliance.
3. Take steps to ensure every qualified citizen the right to vote

and to participate in all civic endeavors without threat or hindrance.

4. Revise procedures whereby citizens whose rights have been abused can seek redress.

5. Support revision of the Senate rule on cloture, "restoring majority rule, and removing the chief road block to civil rights legislation."

Beauties To Parade Sgt.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Approximately 25 girls from over the country will vie for six trophies August 22 when the annual phies and \$4,000 in scholarships Talent and Beauty Pageant of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine gets underway at National Guard Armory.

10,000 delegates from North and South America are scheduled to visit the capital city during the Shrine Convention August 19-24.

Convention headquarters will be located at the Dunbar Hotel and business sessions of the Nobles will be held in the Presidential Room of the Hotel Statler. The Daughters of Isis will hold their meetings in the Congressional Room.

The Talent and Beauty Pageant, under direction of Junior Dean, Imperial Promotional Director of New York, is expected to be one of the most popular features of the five-day meeting.

First place winner will be awarded a \$1500 scholarship, with second place winner receiving a \$1000 scholarship.

Six beautiful trophies, donated by The Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, Georgia, for the second year, will also go to contest winners.

Contest proceeds will be turned over to the Shriners' cancer and tuberculosis research fund, \$60,000 of which has been ordered deposited in 12 Negro banks over the country. Industrial Bank of Washington was designated one of the depositories.

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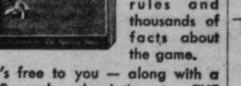
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