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Rep. Powell yells challenge

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New York City Congressman Adam Clayton Powell yelled a challenge at "the establishment" that he claimed "is not running the country, but running it into the ground."

Powell told the audience of about 600 at East Union Thursday that youth stand on the threshold of a new world.

"Many of you have your hand on the door knob into the future our forefathers dreamed of and wrote about but never achieved," he said. "The future belongs to you."

If youth do not take the reins of leadership the United States is destined to be a second rate power in the near future, Powell predicted.

In order to gain leadership roles, youth must understand the logistics of politics, Powell said. "You can only learn this by getting into the smoke-filled rooms and asking questions."

"Americans at the polls have no real choice", he said. "The choice is made in deciding which candidates will run and this is done behind closed doors."

Powell characterized the candidates of the 1968 election as "Tweedle-dee, tweedle-dum and tweedle-dumber."

"There are a lot of good people in this country who are aching for your support," he said. "If they don't get it though they will be captives of the old establishment and unable to do anything."

"The first step in winning in the 1972 election is to get out of Vietnam now, and I mean now," Powell exclaimed. "We need to get the money being spent in Vietnam out of Saigon and into the mainstream of American life." His remarks were met with a burst of applause.

He added that the United States needs to get rid of the idea that it can "Walk around

the world and impose a kind of democracy on a country that we don't even practice in America."

Powell, a congressman for 26 years, called Black Power the most significant catalyst in the ongoing moral and spiritual revolution in the country.

"Black Power has made people think," he explained. "It has made people realize you can't just keep the niggers in a corner."

He said that Black Power does not mean blacks are anti-white. "We are only anti-white to the degree you make us anti-white," he added.

He added that Black Power does not necessarily mean violence. However, Black Power advocates have lost faith in total non-violence, he said.

Black Power means black dignity, Powell continued. "We are proud to be black and different," he said. "We want you to be proud of our pride the way we are proud of your racial pride."

Most young blacks no longer want integration, he said. All they want is opportunity and a fair chance.

"Black Power means that we want to run our own organizations," Powell added. "The day of the NAACP and the



Urban League is dead."

Blacks want to control black organizations, he said. He added that whites were invited to help, "but as troops, not as generals."

Powell said that he was proud of the Black Panthers. "The Panthers stand for freedom," he said "and are as American as the corn that grows here in Nebraska."

"The number one architect of

the genocide being conducted against the Panthers is J. Edgar Hoover," he said.

Powell added that what happens to a Black Panther today can happen to anyone tomorrow.

Powell explained that this is the country where the committee chaired by U.S. Sen. George McGovern found 11.5 million Americans on the verge of starvation. At the same time

the Department of Agriculture through its subsidy program is paying farmers \$1,600,000 a year not to feed them.

Powell said it is past due time for American youth to "stand up and be the kind of Americans our forefathers wanted to be but never were."

"The United States is doomed if you don't stand up for your right and do it soon," he added.

Peterson campaign . . .

Students meet, question

More than 75 students met informally Wednesday evening in the Nebraska Union to hear Wallace Peterson discuss student support for his upcoming senatorial campaign.

A student organization is crucial to winning the Lincoln vote, and it will serve as a nucleus for student organizations throughout Nebraska, said Jerry Loos, the ex-officio head of the group.

Peterson said he was pleased

by the number of students who have offered to help in the campaign. He feels students can do anything to help in the campaign that the older people can do.

Peterson, chairman of the NU Department of Economics, is running for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate. If he wins the May primary, he would undoubtedly oppose incumbent Republican Senator Roman L. Hruska in the November general election.

The candidate made a brief presentation of his views and then answered questions from the students.

"The key issues of this campaign are the survival of this country, the quality of national life and the equity of national life," Peterson said.

Pollution of the environment is a critical problem that can't be solved in a few years, he said. "It will take a lot of money to stem the tide of pollution."

He called for a reduction of the arms race and a cut back in military spending. "If we fail to cut arms spending, we will have few resources left to meet domestic problems."

Peterson feels the United States must deal with the issue of armaments. "Vietnam is

only one aspect of the bigger problem of the militarization of American society."

To solve the problem of the cities, Peterson believes there must be a massive infusion of resources including federal resources into the cities. "The role of the property tax must be questioned in an intensive look at the tax structure," he added.

To fight poverty Peterson wants more medical care for the poor and better housing. "We must also try to find equality of job opportunity," he said. Even though the unemployment rate is down to

ASUN solicits new senators

The ASUN Senate has two vacant seats because of recent resignations.

Applications are being taken for an Arts and Sciences senator and an Agriculture and Home Economics senator, according to ASUN President Bill Chaloupka.

Interested students can obtain more information and application blanks in the ASUN office, third floor, Nebraska Union.

about four per cent, there are still distinct minority groups which make up the bulk of the unemployed, Peterson explained.

Our challenge of all these issues is to deal with the problem of neglect, he stressed.

Zink rally postponed

A peace rally scheduled for Friday afternoon has been postponed indefinitely, according to Steve Tiwald, chairman of the Nebraska Moratorium Committee.

The rally will not be held because there has been a change in the sentencing date of Larry Zink.

Zink burned his draft card in the Nebraska Union a year ago and was to have been sentenced in Federal Court Friday. Due to a conflict in his lawyer's schedule, however, the case has been postponed.

"Since the rally is being held to show support, we want to hold the rally when he's actually being sentenced," Tiwald said. The rally may be rescheduled for Feb. 27.

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