

The Democratic Party, more than any other group of Americans in the history of our country, has evidenced a profound belief in, and a sincere, practical and vigorous approach to, the principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence, in the Bill of Rights and in the Constitution of the United States. These documents contain explicitly and implicitly the basic principles of American human behavior -- the relationship of citizen to citizen, of man to man -- "Liberty and Justice for all".

Explicit and implicit, too, in the strivings and achievements of the Democratic Party, as in the works and words of our founding fathers, is this same abiding and incontrovertible recognition of its responsibility for the welfare and dignity of all the people.

And, inherent in the works and ideals of the Democratic Party is the same moving concept of, and devotion to "Liberty and Justice for all" -- not a special liberty and justice for only a privileged few, but a broad liberty and justice for all citizens of our country, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin or station in life.

While, as a nation of individuals, we grow in numbers and in material strength, we must also grow equally in social consciousness. As the complexities of living together with each other and with the world increase, we are faced with challenges which cannot be met unless we, as staunch Americans, enter the fray with clean hands and a clean conscience.



For the welfare of all the people, the Democratic Party avows:

- A. That as Americans we must live up to our professed ideals and that, though we may have differences as to methods of realizing these, there must never be disagreement as to our imperishable objectives.
- B. That we must eliminate as a political football issues re minorities.
- C. That our position of world leadership demands that our practices here at home square with our professions.
- D. That though our aims and indefatigable effort shall at all times be directed towards accomplishment of the ideal, we must be realistic and resourceful in our

march towards the attainment of our goal. We must avoid broad claims and promises which we know in our own hearts are not presently possible of accomplishment and which, if prematurely pressed to the fore, may actually result in victimizing minorities and impeding and even defeating our aims.

- E. That contrary to general belief no section of our country has an irrevocable pattern of, or a corner on, discrimination and segregation. There are in certain areas problems not yet wholly understood either by the locale or by those in other parts of the country. There are, however, in such areas many fair-minded citizens fully conversant with the issues who as good Americans are constructively working towards solving them.



The Democratic Party commits itself to insure:

- A. The gainful employment and upgrading of every citizen to the full measure of his or her capability regardless of race, creed, color or national origin.
- B. That wherever federal funds are used and in all areas under control of the federal government, discrimination and segregation in employment and in opportunity for advancement shall be eliminated.
- C. The extension into all states of the Union of anti-discrimination commissions devoted to carrying out at state levels the inalienable rights of all citizens.
- D. That it will establish a cabinet post devoted to the preservation of the rights of the individual and of his dignity and welfare. Such provision will be further evidence to the world of our country's concern with the rights of all its individual citizens.