

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PARTY PLATFORMS

EDITOR'S NOTE

The date of November 3, 1964 is one of the most challenging dates in the life of any college student over 21 and anyone of voting age. Election day proves our intelligence and our maturity of mind. It is well that all eligible college students make the necessary arrangements to vote. Students who are non-residents of North Carolina should Make plans to vote by absentee ballot providing that you are registered. However, registration should have been one of our first acts when reaching the age of 21. The information provided on this page should aid you in your political inventory. The platforms have been reprinted from the *National Voter* through the courtesy of the Raleigh League of Women Voters. Please take advantage of your right to vote.

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

National Defense, Foreign Policy

Continue supremacy of Strategic Nuclear Forces; strengthen forces to discourage limited wars, to fight subversion; maintain programs on weapons research and development; and on cost reduction. Control of use of nuclear weapons must remain solely with President of United States. Continue efforts to halt and reverse arms race. Pledge unflinching devotion to our commitments to freedom from Berlin to South Vietnam. Oppose aggression and use or threat of force against any nation. Encourage by peaceful means growing independence of Communist captive peoples. Move to carry out Resolution of OAS to further isolate Castroism and speed restoration of freedom and responsibility in Cuba. NATO: Strengthen ties, increase cooperation. United Nations: Work to strengthen U.N. and its agencies as instrument for peace, for preventing or resolving international disputes, for building free nations through economic, technical, and cultural development. Oppose admission of Red China. Foreign Aid: Help raise living standards and create conditions for freedom and independence in Asia, Africa, Latin America. Give increased priority to private enterprise and development loans. Expand Peace Corps, Food for Peace Program. Trade: Expand international economic ties; eliminate unjustifiable tariff and nontariff barriers.

Fiscal Policy, Related Social Issues

Continue flexible innovative fiscal, monetary, and debt management policies, recognizing importance of low interest rates. Seek further tax reduction, remove inequities in tax laws; review excise taxes, repeal obsolete laws. Consider development of policies to provide hard-pressed state and local governments with revenue sources to help them meet their responsibilities. Continue frugal government, getting dollar's value for dollar spent. Balanced budget in balanced economy is goal. Education: Demands on inadequate sources of state and local revenues place serious limitation on education; seek remedies by exploring new methods of financing, including channeling of federal revenues to all levels of education and, to extent permitted by Constitution, to all schools, without interfering with local control and direction. Expand programs of public scholarships, guaranteed loans, work-study grants. Develop potential of Armed Forces for training young men. Employment: Give priority to goal of full employment — a job and fair wage to every man and woman willing and able to work. Extend coverage of Fair Labor Standards Act to all workers in industries affecting interstate commerce, increase minimum wage level and extend coverage to lowest paid workers; increase overtime payment requirements; basically revise unemployment insurance program; give legal protection to agricultural and migratory workers. Expand training and retraining manpower programs. Stimulate and protect small business. Vigorously enforce antitrust laws. Repeal Section 14 (b) of Taft-Hartley Act to remove inequitable restrictions on right to organize, strike, picket peaceably. Social Security: Adjust benefits levels to insure that contributions to system share in standard-of-living increase; include hospital care

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

Federal Spending, Taxes, Regulation

Reduce present level of federal spending by not less than \$5 billion; end chronic deficit financing; reaffirm belief in balanced budget. Reduce individual and corporate taxes as fiscal discipline is restored; repeal excise taxes on jewelry, cosmetics, handbags, etc.; give tax benefits for college expenses. Eliminate excessive bureaucracy; end power-grabbing regulatory actions such as those by Federal Trade Commission and Food and Drug Administration. Make drastic reductions in paper work and overlapping regulations. Reduce government competition with private business, consistent with recommendations of second Hoover Commission.

State and Local Government

Encourage state and local governments to streamline and modernize; place maximum reliance on them to meet nation's needs; support constitutional amendment enabling bicameral legislature states to apportion one house on basis other than population; support state-local programs for needs of poor, oppose direct federal handouts; stress private capital in urban development and housing projects.

Civil Rights and Other Issues

Fully implement and faithfully execute 1964 Civil Rights Act and other civil rights laws; improve statutes to meet changing needs; take administrative or legislative action as required to end denial of right to vote; oppose discrimination based on race, creed, national origin, sex; oppose inverse discrimination (shifting jobs or abandoning neighborhood schools for reasons of race). Social Security: Allow higher earnings by retired workers without loss of benefits. Health: Give tax credits and other aid to needy senior citizens to help meet costs of medical-hospital insurance; fully cover needy elderly persons' medical-hospital costs by general revenues through broader implementation of state-federal plans. Employment: Enlarge job opportunities for rural and urban citizens, emphasizing training programs, offer incentives to employers to hire teen-agers, including temporary exemptions under minimum wage law; support cooperation between government (federal and state) and industry on programs for mentally and physically handicapped, chronically unemployed, poverty-stricken. Labor: Reorganize National Labor Relations Board to assure impartial protection of rights of public, employers, employees. Agriculture: Oppose further federal controls on farmers; make commodity programs for commercial agriculture truly voluntary with price supports free of political manipulation; repeal wheat certificate program; continue support of farm-owner-and-operated cooperatives, including rural electric and telephone facilities. Natural Resources: Support maximum use of public lands; comprehensive water resource planning and development, including projects for growing cities; research in desalinization; multipurpose reclamation projects; sustained-yield forest management; development of atomic power, increased research on and export of coal. Immigration: Support legislation for reuniting families; continue Fair Share Refugee Program.

Prayer: Support constitutional amendment to permit religious exercises in public schools.

Foreign Policy and Security

Seek victory for freedom. Take cold war offensive on all fronts; reject idea that Communism has abandoned its goal of world domination; work for eventual liberation of Communist-held nations. Strengthen NATO, SEATO, CENTO, and western hemisphere alliances. Regard NATO as keystone of foreign policy. Move decisively to assure victory in South Vietnam. Accept no plan for Germany without assurance of free election on reunification; demand removal of Berlin Wall before resuming negotiations on Germany with Soviet Union; Communist aggressive action will mean re-evaluation of trade or diplomatic relations. Press our OAS partners to join us in restoring free independent government in Cuba, stopping Soviet subversion, forcing withdrawal of foreign military presence in Latin America, preventing future intrusions. Recognize Cuban government in exile. Maintain superior and flexible military capability; develop new weapons systems. Fully implement test-ban treaty safe-guards; test in permissible areas; maintain facilities to test elsewhere in case of violations; fully develop ability to detect Communist violations. Return Joint Chiefs to lawful status as President's principal military advisers.

United Nations

Support, revitalize. Work to change voting methods in General Assembly and Specialized Agencies to reflect population disparities among member states as well as differing abilities and willingness to meet Charter obligations; insist that GA deny votes to members refusing to meet properly levied assessments; urge calling convention to amend U.N. Charter. Oppose admission of Red China.

Balance of Payments, Trade, Aid

To solve U. S. balance-of-payment difficulties; expand exports; maintain competitiveness of American products in domestic and foreign markets; stimulate foreign tourism in United States; reduce overseas U. S. forces as manpower can be replaced by increased power; strengthen international monetary system without sacrifice of our freedom of policy making. Make determined drive through tough realistic negotiations to remove discriminatory and restrictive trade practices of foreign nations; put greater emphasis on sales of surplus farm commodities to friendly countries through long-term credits repayable in dollars under Food for Peace Program; establish safeguards against injury to U. S. industry by surges of imports such as beef and other meat products, textiles, oil, glass, coal, lumber, steel; require that labels on imported items clearly disclose foreign origin. Trade with Communists only to diminish their power. Recast aid program to see that all serve cause of freedom and none bolster anti-American regimes. Increase use of private capital in partnership with foreign nationals but assert that U. S. nationals' property must not be expropriated by a foreign government without prompt adequate compensation. Assist young and underdeveloped nations conditional on self-help and progress toward free institutions, without sacrificing trust of old friends.

for older Americans in Social Security program, insure adequate assistance to elderly suffering from mental illness and retardation. Expand health research, health facilities. War on Poverty: Carry forward as total war against causes of human need. Move forward with programs to restore areas, such as Appalachia, bypassed in nation's progress. Help physically handicapped and mentally disadvantaged develop to full limit of capabilities. Encourage private retirement and welfare programs for older Americans, offering opportunities like those for young provided in Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. Expand housing programs for elderly.

Civil Rights, Immigration

1964 Civil Rights Act deserves and requires full observance by every American and fair, effective enforcement if there is any default. Reaffirm belief that lawless disregard for rights of others is wrong — whether used to deny equal rights or to obtain equal rights. Cannot and will not tolerate lawlessness; seek to eliminate its economic and social causes. Revise immigration laws to permit families to be reunited, welcome persecuted and oppressed, eliminate discriminatory provisions based on national origin.

Farms, Cities, District of Columbia

Strengthen farm income structure and reach parity of income in every aspect of agriculture; develop new domestic and foreign agricultural markets; expand Food Stamp, school lunch, and other surplus food programs; speed research into new industrial uses of farm products, study new low-cost methods and techniques of food distribution; support rural telephone program and Rural Electrification Administration. Set housing goal of decent home for every family. Assist broad community and regional development, urban renewal, mass transit, open space, other programs for metropolitan areas; support Department of Urban Affairs. Support District of Columbia home rule and nonvoting delegate in House pending adoption of constitutional amendment to give D. C. voting representation in Congress.

Natural Resources

Quicken pace of comprehensive river basin development through multipurpose projects including flood control, irrigation and reclamation, power generation, navigation, municipal water supply, fishing and wildlife enhancement, recreation. Continue support of balanced land and forest development; continue attack on air and water pollution; intensify desalinization program; increase efficient use of electrical power through regional inter-ties and high voltage transmission; promote strong domestic minerals, metals, petroleum, and fuels industries; preserve TVA.

Extremism

Expose, wherever it exists, the advocacy of hatred which creates the clear and present danger of violence. Condemn extremism, whether from the Right or Left, including the extreme tactics of such organizations as the Communist Party, the Ku Klux Klan and the John Birch Society.