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the talent required is not necessarily the same.

"Has he ever met a payroll?" is not the first question to be asked in selecting a candidate. It is far more important to ask "Has the prospective candidate ever demonstrated any ability to cope with political issues and understand social forces any capabilities working in civic groups, any popular appeal?"

I agree with Senator Brooke that staying true to ideals and choosing people for candidates who understand and can articulate the complex issues is much more important than choosing the person who "Deserves" a chance because he happens to have certain "right" people behind him. The candidate should carry his party—not the party carry the candidate.

"Inclusiveness" is the answer. In the Democratic Party, the party of the common man, this input should include every element from the Wallaceites to the liberal blacks. Today's world of instant communication requires uniting the voices of all. Those who are predicting the disarray of the Democratic Party and are skeptical about the input of its wide spectrum should remember that it is not as far ideologically no communication-wise from the black ghetto to the followers of Governor Wallace (all part of America) than from the conservative Nixon administration to Red China. Nixon went to Peking, and I'm sure our Democratic Party will maintain its natural input of all factions in this communication-conscience nation. All channels need to be kept open, because it is the right of all to speak and to be heard.

It takes more than just money and promises to stay in office, as has been proved in the cases of various one term officials. Elected officials must stick with the issues and not sell out their constituents by letting their own self-interests take over. As in the case of the recent election of the county commissioners, we have seen that at times nobody can elect a Democrat better than a Republican in office.

The actions of an elected official go farther than his own future. His behavior in office reflects on the person who is going to run for the office after him and determines

who will be elected the next time. A strong and courageous official who has put principles and morals ahead of his own interests paves the way for his successor by each moral victory he has won. This is true among black officials who are proving their ability at decision-making. Here we see, not people doing for blacks, but blacks themselves contributing and helping all, both black and white. This concept of all included in the power structure and helping each other is the ideal to which both political parties should aspire.

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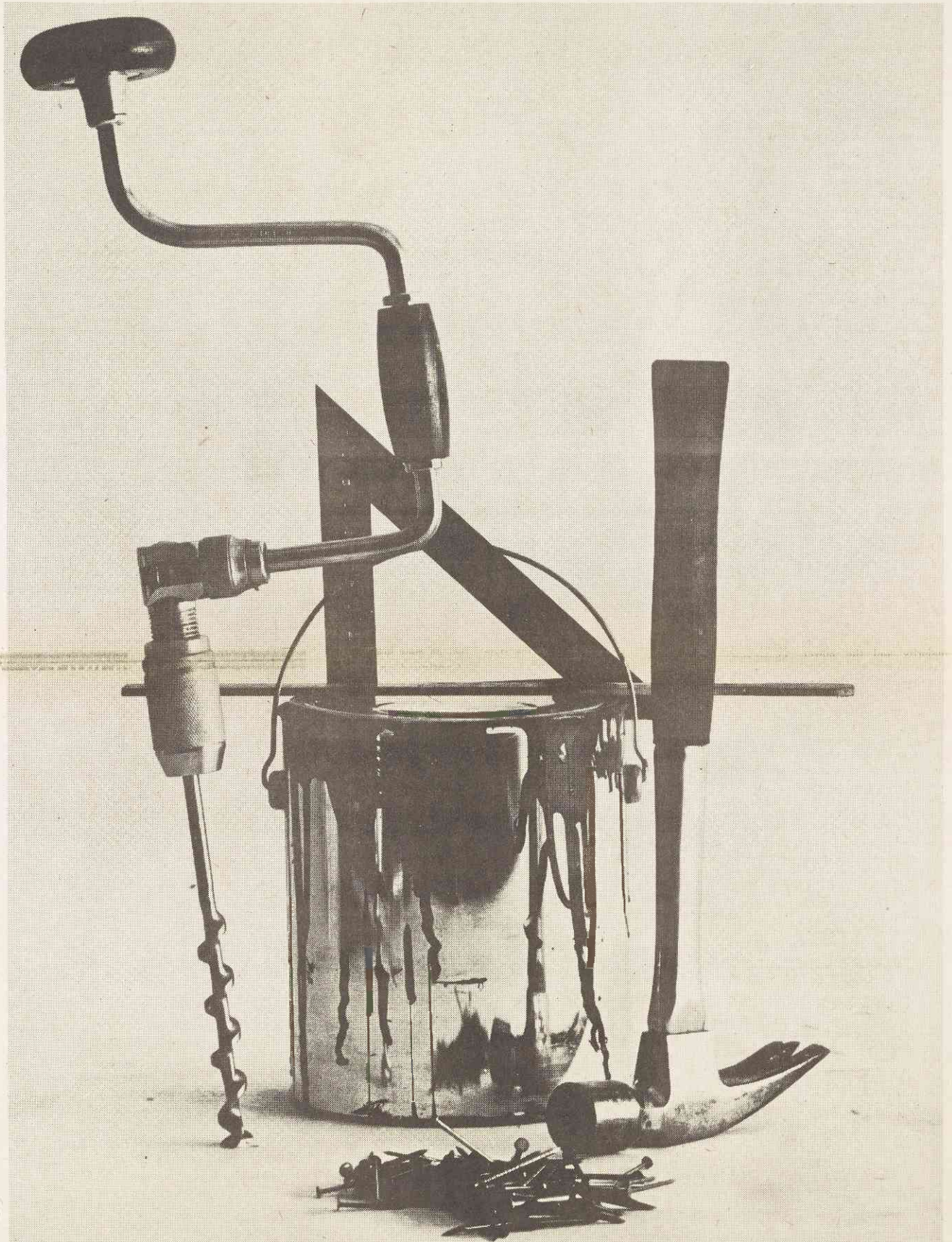
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