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Excerpts from:

PLATFORM AND PRINCIPLES of the MISSISSIPPI STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY Adopted in Convention in the city of Jackson, June 30, 1960:

...The Democratic Party of Mississippi stands today where it has always stood with feet firmly planted on the solid foundation of the Constitution of the United States, pure Americanism and the traditional Southern American Way of Life.

...We are opposed to strong centralized government, national or state.

We believe in States' rights and local self-government, and are unalterably opposed to any encroachment upon the rights of the states by the federal government, or any department or agency thereof, and upon county and municipal government by the state, or any department or agency thereof.

We believe in the three separate and distinct branches of government...and we expressly condemn the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Brown school case rendered May 17, 1954.

We are opposed to any legislation, federal or state, setting up what is known as a Fair Employment Practice Commission...

We believe that every person shall have the right to work and no person shall be denied that right because he or she is not a member of a union or other labor organization...

We are opposed to the enactment by the Congress of the United States of the so-called anti-poll tax measure as being in violation of the rights of the states to fix the qualifications of electors and in violation of the provisions of the U.S. Constitution. We favor the poll tax and are opposed to any attempt to abolish it either by federal legislation.

We believe in the time-honored and cherished traditions of the South and oppose any legislation, movement or policy which would do violence to or destroy them...

We oppose the ratification by the United States of the Genocide Convention of the United Nations, the proposed Human Rights Convention and the Civil Rights Convention.

We believe in the segregation of the races and are unalterably opposed to the repeal or modification of the segregation laws of this State, and we condemn integration and the practice of non-segregation. We unalterably oppose any and all efforts to repeal the miscegenation laws.

We believe in the doctrine of interposition as defined in the appropriate resolution adopted by the (Mississippi Legislature, 1956).

We believe in the separation of the races in the universities and colleges, in the public schools, in public transportation, in public parks, in public playgrounds, and in all spheres of activity where experience has shown that it is for the best interest or both races that such separation be observed...

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF MISSISSIPPI...that we, acknowledging with humility the divine power of Almighty God, and standing fearless in our belief in constitutional government, the rights of the states, segregation of the races and preservation of our traditional Southern American Way of life, do hereby affirm and declare:

(1) That we reject and oppose the platforms of both national parties and their candidates...

(3) That we wholeheartedly approve the courageous and forceful minority report as to that portion of the National Democratic Platform entitled "Civil rights" presented on behalf of the sovereign states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.