

PLATFORM AND PRINCIPLES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

ADOPTED IN CONVENTION IN THE CITY OF JACKSON JUNE 30, 1960

We acknowledge with humility the divine power of Almighty God and implore His guidance during these critical days that He may point out to us, and to the people of the world, the pathway to everlasting World Peace and domestic tranquility, and preservation of our cherished American Way of Life and the Fundamental principles of government which have given to the people of this country unbounded liberty and freedom enjoyed by no other people on earth.

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 reaffirm our devotion to the cherished traditions of Mississippi and our beloved Southland, and pledge anew our allegiance to the true principles of the historic Democratic Party of Mississippi, sacredly nurtured and defended by our forefathers and handed down to us from generation to generation, the party to which we have been devotedly faithful, to which we have given our full support for more than eighty years, and by which we have stood firmly in the dark hours of adversity and defeat when it had been deserted for a pitiful mess of political pottage.

We renew our pledge of fidelity to the faith of our fathers embedded in the ever-living and fundamental principles of the Bill of Rights in the Constitution of the United States where is guaranteed the inalienable right of individual liberty and freedom to every citizen, and the inalienable right of local self-government and the free exercise of its reserved powers to each sovereign 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, and upon county and municipal government by the State.

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RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PLATFORM AND PRINCIPLES OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED ON THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1960:

Be it resolved by the Democratic Party of the State of Mississippi, acting under authority of law and this Constitution of June 30, 1960, does hereby adopt and reaffirm as its platform and party principles those fundamental principles of constitutional government as advocated by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Grover Cleveland, and Woodrow Wilson.

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 departments of government as set forth in the federal and state constitutions, namely, legislative, judicial and executive, and oppose the encroachment upon or usurpation of the functions of one by either of the others, and we expressly condemn the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Brown school case rendered

May 17, 1954, and subsequent decisions of that court, and inferior federal courts, striking down state constitutions and laws providing for the conduct and operation of public schools and public education within the states, as gross abuse of its judicial authority, flagrant usurpation of legislative function and an unwarranted invasion of rights of the sovereign states in direct conflict with the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States virtually repealing that article by judicial construction.

We believe in free enterprise, private initiative and private ownership of property.

We are opposed to any legislation, federal or state, setting up what is known as a Fair Employment Practice Committee, commonly known as "F.E.P.C."

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

We favor fair and just labor laws, whereby the rights of the public, the employee and employer, are adequately and equally protected.

We are opposed to Communism, Socialism, Fascism, and all other forms of Totalitarianism.

We are opposed to any legislation on the part of Congress which attempts to usurp the right of the states to regulate and govern their internal affairs.

We favor laws, federal and state, declaring the Communist Party to be inimical to the public welfare and to the government of the United States, and prohibiting its existence or operation in the United States, and making it unlawful for any person to be a member thereof or in any manner affiliated therewith.

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 Constitution of the United States. 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 opposed to any legislation, movement or policy which would do violence to or destroy them.

We believe in an honest, sound, economic, and efficient government, and are opposed to corruption, dishonesty, inefficiency and extravagance in government.

We believe in supporting the nominees of the Democratic Party of the State of Mississippi for the offices for which they are nominated, and, as members of such party, pledge ourselves to vote for and support them in the general elections.

We favor just and adequate laws to protect the general public from abuses by majority or minority groups.

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, the so-called World Government, World Court or any other proposal of the United Nations, which will nullify, amend, or restrict the United States Constitution or Laws of the United States, or any of the fifty states. We call upon the United States Senators from Mississippi to vigorously oppose any such proposal.

We favor the amendment of the Constitution of the United States to limit the treaty making of the President and the Senate so that no treaty will affect change or modify the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, or the Constitution of any of the fifty states, or apply to or affect the internal affairs of the United States or any state. We urge the Mississippi Legislature and Mississippi's delegation in the National Congress to sponsor such amendment.

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 are 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 Legislature of the State of Mississippi at its regular session of 1956.

We believe in the statements and principles of the Southern Manifesto adopted by southern members of the House Of Representatives and Senate in the Congress of the United States in March 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 of both races that such separation be observed.

We favor adequate and appropriate arming of the United States to meet all emergencies or armed conflicts with which this nation may be confronted.

Under God, The Author of Liberty, we stand for individual freedom and personal dignity of the American citizen.

We hold as a prerequisite to voting in the Mississippi Democratic Primaries, or otherwise participating in the affairs of the Mississippi State Democratic Party, that the voter shall subscribe to the principles and platform of the party, and shall thereby repudiate his affiliation with any other party whatsoever, and affirm his allegiance to the Democratic Party of the State of Mississippi and to its principles and platform.

He should be one who recognizes the dignity of man, and believes the home and family are the fountain from which flows the patriotism of God-fearing men and women who have faith in the Almighty as the Creator of all mankind, and who hold that freedom and the right to live in a free society is as precious as life itself.

He should recognize and maintain that the welfare and happiness of - mankind can be preserved only by a representative form of government, deriving its power from the consent of the people as provided for in our Constitution, and that Socialism, Communism and all the "isms" directed toward totalitarianism have no place in our government and should not be tolerated.

He should declare unequivocally against the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the Federal government usurping the powers reserved to the states; he should demand that the judiciary of our government be restored to its high and lofty station, and he should make certain that it shall consist only of the men of the highest integrity and legal ability without regard to their political affiliations, in whom the people may place their confidence, trust and respect.

He should devote his energy, power and influence to halt waste and extravagance in the government, balance the budget, eliminate all unnecessary expenditures, and rid the government of all the unnecessary agencies, bureaus, departments, bureaucrats, and employees.

He should stand for a strong foreign policy dedicated to bringing early and permanent peace to this country and the balance of the freedom-loving nations of the world who will fully cooperate to that end and make their full contribution in men, money, munitions and all-out effort necessary to assure such peace, and should serve notice that the United States will no longer bear alone the burdens which others should share, and it will not tolerate continued abuses, insults and threats from irresponsible heads of other governments bent on destroying this government.

Adopted in Convention in the City Of Jackson, August 16, 1960 (After the 1960 National Convention in Los Angeles)

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Democratic Party of Mississippi in Convention assembled in the City of Jackson on this 16th day of August, 1960, 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 the preservation of our traditional Southern American way of life, do hereby declare and affirm:

- 1) That we reject and oppose the platform of both National Parties and their candidates.
- 2) That we reaffirm and readopt the Platform and principles of the Democratic Party of Mississippi adopted in Convention Assembled in the City of Jackson, Mississippi on the 30th day of June, 1960.
- 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.
- 4) That the essential conditions of America's swift development and unusual progress have been freedom -- freedom to make social choices, freedom to promote our economy, freedom to elect our leaders. Freedom made America great, and that freedom get its initial thrust and energy from the flexible and unregulated interplay of personal vitalities. Efforts to suppress this proper function inevitably produce the moral tensions, disorders, and confusions that we are experiencing in mounting crescendo today; that it is the hope of this Convention that these beliefs in independence will never die in our strong land, for if they do perish we are convinced that our vigor will depart and that we, as a nation of liberty and freedom, will perish with it. We intend to stand firmly for these beliefs and fight for their preservation.