
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE MASS MEETING SESSION OF THE ALABAMA
DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE, INCORPORATED, 3 P. M., SUNDAY, APRIL 12,
1964, AT THE INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION BUILDING
AUDITORIUM
MOBILE, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, in the city of Mobile, Alabama, Sunday, April 12, 1964, members of the Alabama Democratic Conference, Incorporated, met in deliberative session and were afforded all of the conveniences necessary to the success of their work, and

WHEREAS, hospitality of a nature seldom equalled and almost never surpassed was likewise afforded,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alabama Democratic Conference, Incorporated, through its representatives assembled, give a vote of thanks to the citizens of Mobile in general and to the International Longshoremen's Association and the Mobile Democratic Conference in particular.

WHEREAS, political extremists in general, and Governor Wallace in particular, have set upon a highly organized and well-financed campaign throughout the nation to confuse and mislead the American people as to the true issues involved in our fight for first class citizenship, and

WHEREAS, these political extremists peddle on one level, hate and scurrilous race propaganda, and at another level, they represent themselves as merely interested in constitutional government and "states' rights,"

BE IT RESOLVED that this conference reaffirms its dedication to the democratic principles of liberty and equality and the achievement of these goals now;

BE IT RESOLVED that we call upon the rest of the nation to make it crystal clear to the national leadership of the Democratic Party that if the Democratic Party wavers in its dedication to its civil rights commitment that Negro citizens in the South, as well as in the North, East, and West, will fail to support the party;

BE IT RESOLVED that this conference pledges its resources and facilities to a campaign to tell the "full story" to correct the half-truths of Governor Wallace in those remaining primaries where the Governor will campaign; and that this conference immediately organize a "Truth Squad" composed of residents of the State of Alabama and qualified constitutional law experts, to follow Governor Wallace into each hamlet and village to explain what Governor Wallace really means by "states rights," in education, in public employment, in public facilities, in the exercise of the franchise, and in the administration of civic justice, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this truth campaign be supplemented by a letter-writing campaign by the residents of Alabama to residents and public officials in other parts of the nation, conveying what the Governor really stands for, soliciting their aid in our fight for first class citizenship, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this conference commit itself to placing before the National Democratic Party in convention, if necessary, the opportunity to deal effectively with those individuals masquerading under the banner of the Democratic Party, but, who are at the same time destroying the national unity of our party, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Democratic Party take the initiative to deal with this cancerous growth from within which was reflected in the Wisconsin Primary, recognizing the same as being of benefit to the Republican Party, and destructive of the effectiveness of the Democratic National Party,

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of the population in the State of Alabama and other southern states is disenfranchised and is thereby unable to express itself politically, as well as through the public media, and,

WHEREAS, some elements of the population purport to represent the total South while merely representing their own interest in racial bigotry, intolerance, and exploitation of the area,

BE IT RESOLVED that this conference renew its efforts to increase the number of qualified voters and to encourage the more effective use of the ballot in order to eliminate from public office those who do not truly represent the emerging New South.

WHEREAS, the growth and development of political extremists has reached alarming proportions in numbers, techniques, and dissemination of hate thereby challenging the very moral fibers of unity and brotherhood upon which the Christian ethics and democracy depend, and

WHEREAS, through devious devices, public resources of the State of Alabama have been diverted to the support of these political extremists,

BE IT RESOLVED, that this conference seeks immediately to prevent public funds from being diverted to these campaigns of hate and further, to have a review of federal financial contributions to all states so diverting public funds.

WHEREAS, all Alabama delegates for the Democratic National Convention are pledged to Governor George Wallace,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alabama Democratic Conference go on record as withholding support from all such delegates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alabama Democratic Conference go on record to send observers to the Democratic National Convention to oppose the candidacy and racial philosophy of Governor Wallace, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the observers of the Alabama Democratic Conference, Incorporated, communicate the feeling of this body to all other official delegations whenever and wherever the opportunity presents itself,

WHEREAS, the most precious possession a political party can have under our system of government is its congressional committee chairmanships, and

WHEREAS, by tradition, these chairmanships have been passed out on the basis of congressional seniority, and

WHEREAS, following this tradition has resulted in congressmen chairing committees who have not been loyal to the ideals of our party,

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Democratic Party recognizes that a continuation of this practice places in jeopardy the future success of our party in many communities of this land, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the national party take steps to correct this prevailing situation.