

Denton Praises Labor's Role in Battle for Equality

(Following is a speech by Clark County Commissioner Ralph Denton, a candidate for Nevada's lone seat in the United States House of Representatives, at the Nevada State AFL-CIO Convention in Las Vegas earlier this month.)

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I am here today to tell you what I believe. Every office seeker owes it to the voters to make his stand clear. I welcome the chance and am pleased to have this particular audience for the purpose. I am going to appeal to voters who accept the fact that they live in a modern world. I have nothing to offer the voter who believes in political and economic isolation, who believes that the government of the United States is a monstrous conspiracy to destroy the liberties of its people.

Voters who unhappily believe these things have a place to go; they have candidates to support; they and you will hear preachments from such candidates, and you may expect to hear, from now until November, their campaign conducted on a high-pitched scream.

You will be asked to entrust your government to people who proclaim their intention to undo the work of 30 years in bringing increasing freedom, victory over tyranny abroad, and unparalleled prosperity at home.

It seems to me that political oratory during this campaign is taking on a more frantic tone than ever before. We are surrounded by a loud, strident goggle of calamity howlers. Our good sense and good will are daily assaulted by a buzzing swarm of glassy-eyed doom-sounders who tell us our world is going to hell, but who urge us to hand over its direction to them.

We are told that we have sold out our power and our prestige to the enemy, that our own leadership has conspired in the sell-out, that your wife, who is a school teacher, that you who are members of labor unions, that I, who am a small-town lawyer with respect for the Supreme Court of the United States, are contributing to the downfall of the Republic.

My appeal, as I have said, is to voters who believe that we live in a modern world. It is for this reason that I am happy to be addressing the State AFL-CIO Convention. American labor, as one of the vital segments of American economic and political life, has contributed a full measure to the progress and abundance that all of us have come to associate with American life.

Labor has fought and triumphed in one major battle after another in the long march to equality and social justice for all.

LABOR NEEDS NO REMINDER that we all grow old, that we need protection against the exigencies of age, of sickness, of incapacity, that in simple human decency we can not leave the responsibility to others.

You have fought long and hard for gains that have brought benefits far beyond the limits of your organizations. You have won a place as a vital enterprise and a potent force in the affairs of our country. Most of you can remember that it was not always easy. All of you know that it is not easy now.

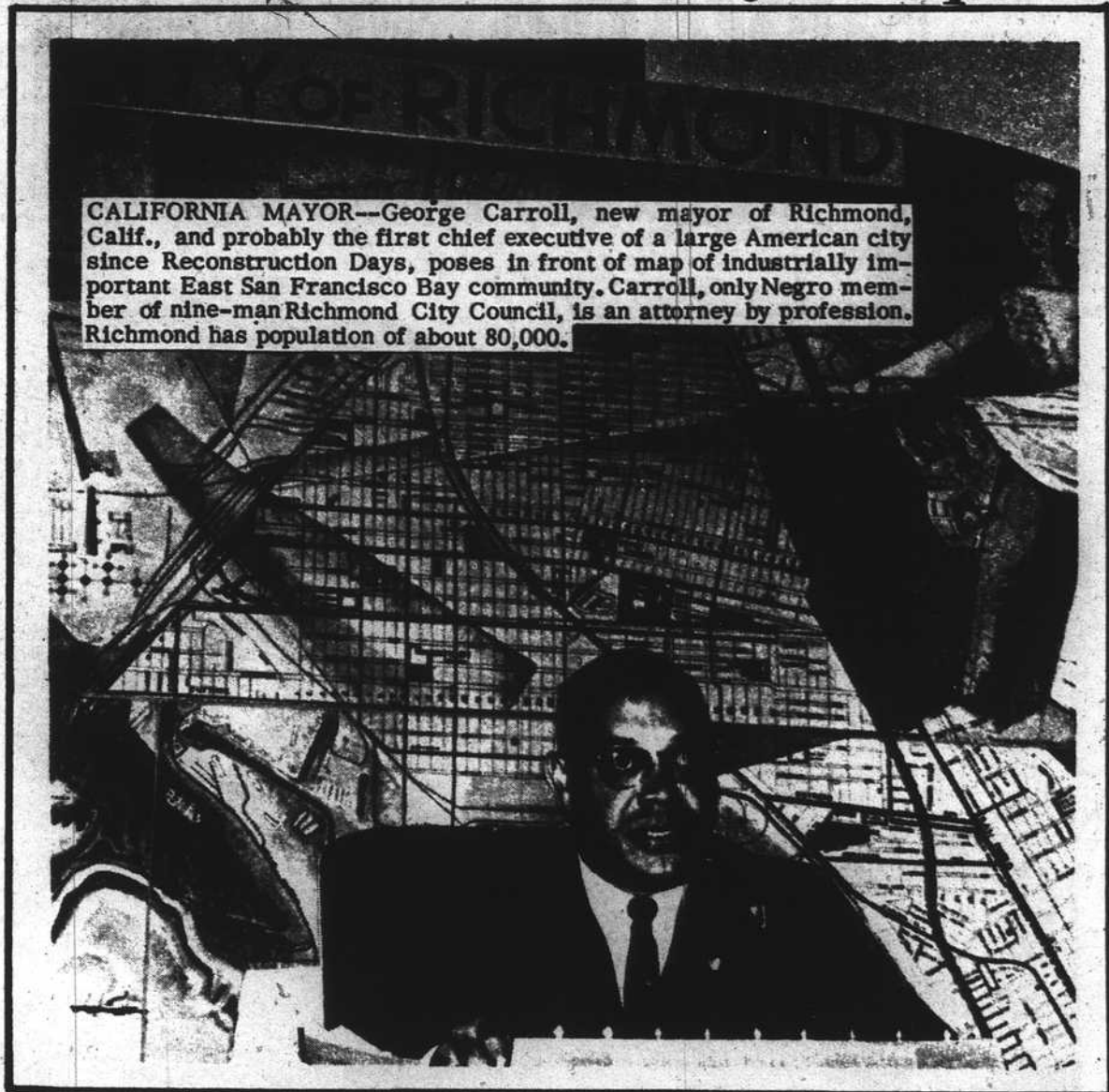
Reasonable men do not flatly repudiate the past or recklessly predict the future. Reasonable men do not invariably vote "no" or vote "yes." It is a fact of modern life that we are citizens of a complex and changing world. Beware of simple slogans and simple solutions. They are unreasonable. Do you really believe that we can solve our problems of foreign affairs with a few hydrogen bombs? Do you really believe that all virtue, all Americanism, all wisdom, and the voice of God reside exclusively in that periphery of American life, the extreme right wing, as expounded by my opponent?

Of course you don't. You believe that reasonable men can differ and still be reasonable, and though differing have due regard for the patriotism and integrity of those with whom they differ.

Are your lives and problems beautifully simple? Don't you worry just a little about your jobs, about your bills, your taxes, your children and your schools, your aging relatives, your own prospects for decent and full lives in a moving and growing society?

It would be nice if we could solve our problems with one bill, one tax plan, with one race, one religion, one strong man who can tell us what to do, what to think, what to feel.

I will ask my opponent and his supporters



CALIFORNIA MAYOR--George Carroll, new mayor of Richmond, Calif., and probably the first chief executive of a large American city since Reconstruction Days, poses in front of map of industrially important East San Francisco Bay community. Carroll, only Negro member of nine-man Richmond City Council, is an attorney by profession. Richmond has population of about 80,000.

to review their history. Extremism brings tyranny; immoderation brings injustice.

Everybody is in a minority of some kind. If you belong to a church, no matter what church, you are in a minority. If you belong to a labor organization you are in a minority. If your ancestor was an Irish peasant, an Italian farmer, a shepherd from the Pyrenees, a slave

on a plantation, an English dissenter, an anti-imperial German, a peddler from Poland--you are in a minority. What is our great land but a collection of minorities?

And what is our Constitution but a noble document which concerns itself above all things with the people who can freely accept and be

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SEVEN DANGER SIGNALS

- 1 Unusual bleeding or discharge
- 2 A lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere
- 3 A sore that does not heal
- 4 Change in bowel or bladder habits
- 5 Hoarseness or cough
- 6 Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing
- 7 Change in a wart or mole

See your doctor immediately if any of Cancer's Seven Danger Signals lasts more than two weeks.

See your doctor every year for a health checkup.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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Ralph Mosa is experienced in the business of Clark County. For two years he has served as Chairman of the Clark County Planning Commission, earning the respect of county officials for his fair dealing and understanding of county problems.