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DURING THE NATIONAL Governors' Conference in Minneapolis this year, I was asked on a national television program to select the most important challenge facing Nevada in the years ahead. I replied, "Financing for education," and it was an answer that could well be applied to many states.

In Nevada, we are allocating 70 percent of our budget for education, one of the highest percentages in the country, and necessary improvements will require even more financial support in the future. Yet, the many other pressing demands of our society for a share of the tax dollar indicate we may be approaching the limit in providing state funds for education.

One answer, I feel, is an unfettered rebate of federal tax money to the states.

This is why I support a plan to rebate directly to the states from one to five percent of income tax revenues for the purpose of education. This could mean a grant to Nevada of nearly \$14 million annually, without any federal control except the stipulation that it must be spent on education.

Legislation to accomplish this purpose will be further considered by the congress next year. It was introduced this fall by Rep. Bill Brock of Tennessee, who worked with governors in Nevada and other states over the past two years in perfecting an equitable formula of distribution. The plan would rebate a percentage of federal income tax revenues annually to the states, ranging from one percent the first year to five percent the fifth and succeeding years.

Nevada's share of this rebate would range from \$3 million the first year to nearly \$14 million for the fifth and later years.

The money is allocated on a formula based half on the number of enrolled students and half on the effort each state is making in the field of education. Those states doing the least would be provided with an incentive to work harder, while those now making a significant effort would be rewarded. The formula ranks Nevada among the top eight states in providing outstanding education, so it is particularly advantageous to us.

This plan will give the states finances to meet their growing responsibilities in the manner they deem best. By reserving to the states the final determination of how they will spend this money, we will take a significant step toward restoring a proper balance in our federal system between all levels of government. I feel this approach eliminates the possibility of unnecessary federal interference in an area that properly belongs to our local authorities.

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cians, new implements and fantastic machines eliminated the need for the manual labor once performed by the masses of unskilled and uneducated workers.

Automation has created a great stagnant labor pool in which millions of our unfortunate citizens flounder helplessly, grasping for some ray of hope. It is the mandate of the more fortunate Americans to cast out to our drowning fellow citizens the life line of employability. We can not remain indifferent to the millions now struggling in a sea of despair, for should they drown, they will pull down with them the American abundance that most of us presently enjoy.

WE IN NEVADA boast of our position of high economy, but if we look around us we can find many Nevadans who live in squalor--we can find many who live at the expense of the more prosperous. Nevada can not be proud of its prosperity until every Nevadan is afforded the opportunity to share in this prosperity--until every Nevadan can dignify himself by contributing to this prosperity--until no Nevadan is forced to live at the expense of others. When this comes into reality, then and only then can Nevada announce its prosperity with a clean conscience.

We must now ask ourselves, "Has our economic growth burdened our society with an expanding class of citizens destined to forever remain on the dole?" The answer shall always be "Yes" unless we take immediate, but sure-footed, steps to devise a program which will

Ready to Roll



SIT-DOWN PARADERS--Shank's mare was out for these feminine participants in recent Shriners parade here, who preferred to ride in their gayly decorated auto entry. From left: Mmes. Alexandra Johnson, Lutricia Woods, Beatrice Harris and Perry Rose.

permanently remove, and forever prevent, unemployability of every able-bodied Nevadan.

We do not have the complete formula to eradicate this social dilemma. We know that a new approach to the education of our disadvantaged citizens is a prime ingredient that goes into the recipe of solution, but we are also aware of the fact that something is lacking in a complete formula for success.

There can be no argument that Nevada has the potential brain power required to complete the formula. However, the power of men's minds can not by itself solve the problem satisfactorily. The mysterious missing link lies hidden in the darkness of men's hearts. We have found solution to the "impossible" when we have put our full potential of both heart and mind into the search.

WE HAVE SOLVED the problem of many ailments of man which were once believed to be incurable.

We have solved the problem of distances between places through our ingenuity of creating supersonic conveyances.

We have climbed the highest peaks and we have also probed the deepest recesses of the ocean floor.

We have solved much of the mystery of space. We have solved the secrets of immeasurable force once hidden in the bowels of the atom.

We are getting very close to solving the mystery of Cancer.

The void in the formula to solution of man's inhumanity to man lies hidden in the hearts of men. As smart as we humans have become, we remain either ignorant or indifferent to the fact that man must live in a gregarious society for survival. We have not yet learned the lesson of the futility of war. There are no victors in war--there are only losers. Frequently the "conqueror" loses more than the "vanquished."

I speak here today for the dignity of man as well as for the destiny of our democratic way of life. The problems of the Negro, as well as the problems of every disadvantaged minority, are the problems of the world. The solutions to these problems rest within the consciences of men.

We here in the greatest nation of history have made hypocrisy of the foundations upon which our national prosperity and affluent society have been built. America has made hypocrisy of the doctrines of democracy, as well as of the religious rituals which were designed to teach us that we must do unto the other, as we would have the other do unto us.

HAD AMERICA LIVED by the Golden Rule, there would be no problem of racism. Had we followed the wisdom of our founding fathers we would have no problem of Civil Rights in our nation today. It is not too late to correct our mistakes but time could be running out on us. We must put our hearts, as well as our minds, to the task now. We must go about it with impeccable sincerity, and we must pursue the problem with indefatigable determination. The destiny of democracy may be decided by how well we do the job. We must win this domestic struggle to prevent the possibility of another conflict of nations which would irreparably damage all nations of the world.

Our state must do its part to create an America which demonstrates practices of democracy that unalterably match the principles

of democracy. The future of the democratic ideology rests in the hands of the people of this country. Each political subdivision of the nation has an important responsibility in making democracy work in every community--in every state. Let us do our job better than all the rest--let us adopt a slogan that "Nevada leads the Way for the U.S.A."

America must abide by democracy's concepts. There is just as big a job to be done here as there is to be done in Selma, or in Bougainville.

America must show the world that we believe in what we preach. Otherwise, we weaken the position of our way of life and by so doing, give aid as well as comfort to our ideological enemy, communism.

The issue of Civil Rights is not a Negro problem; it is not a minority group problem; it is not a white problem, nor is it merely a state or national problem. It is a problem that involves the future of all mankind around the world. We are brought face to face with an issue that could ignite the fuse that would throw the entire world into a horrible holocaust. I do not make this statement in the guise of a panic monger. I make it sincerely as a philosophical realist.

I AM CERTAIN that no one today is so indifferent to world affairs that he does not realize that the communist powers have designs of controlling the world. There are only two significant roadblocks to the aims of the Ruthless Reds. One is the productive potential, the wealth and military might, of the U.S.A. The other is the disagreement which presently exists between the two major communist powers, Russia and Red China.

Let us put our imaginations to work for a moment so that we can all see how our domestic problems of racism and of rights are involved in the possibility of World War III:

First, let us imagine that Moscow and Peking resolve their differences. Next, let us imagine that America continues to show the blackmarks of racism on its international countenance to the non-Caucasian, non-aligned nations of Asia and of Africa. Next, let us imagine that the non-white people of these newly emerged nations on those two continents find democracy, as practiced in the leading democracy, so distasteful that these non-aligned countries align themselves with the communists as the lesser of two evils.

Now let us add up the consequences: A unified Russia-China with designs of World Conquest, already possessing the industrial and military know-how, bolstered by more than a billion new allies, with access to lands with inexhaustible resources of the raw materials needed for all-out warfare.

The summation spells disaster for the democratic ideology. The results add up to a Red Tidal Wave big enough, rich enough, and powerful enough to sweep all opposition from the face of the earth. Our own nation would be the first to feel its onslaught.

WE MUST LOOK at this possibility with realism, and we must leave no stone unturned in our plans to remove this possibility. Our first step must be to clean our own house of every vestige of discrimination that is directed against people whose skins are something other than white.

We are not merely dealing with the salvage of the dignity and the rights of the Negroes and other dark skinned Americans. We are dealing with the future of all men, of all creeds and colors, around the world.

Let Nevada lead the way for the U.S.A. Let us here in Nevada harness our total potential to eradicate the scars of racism which darken America's image abroad. Let us show the world that we can make democracy work. Let us show the world that the abundance which we spawn is shared by all citizens, black as well as white. Let us show the world that democracy is the Utopian form of government that places the dignity and the welfare of the individual, regardless of creed or color, above all considerations except the security of the state which is the collective power of the people and the power that guarantees these things.

Let each of us here become a dedicated crusader to guarantee opportunity, and a sense of dignity, to every citizen. Let each of us enlist just one more defender of democracy each day for 30 days. If we do these things, we will have done our part to assure a free people of a bright future. We will have played a great part in the endowment of the world with eternal peace.

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