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Democrats increased their majority in the House of Representatives from 243 to 269 seats out of 435, that 19 of 33 Democrats running for the Senate were elected, and that Democrats increased by seven their control of governorships was a clear demonstration of widespread voter discontent with Reaganomics. The fact that blue collar workers and union members also returned solidly to the Democratic fold by a vote of some two to one is an indication that it is possible to reconstruct the same coalition for social justice which set the direction for national policy throughout the 1960s.

That the Democrats did not score an even larger electoral victory is in large measure due to the fact that the

Democratic Party failed to articulate a comprehensive, unified economic strategy aimed at putting our nation back on the road to recovery. An important battle will be waged within the Democratic Party in 1983 and 1984 over just what such a Democratic program will be. A critical force within that battle will be the coalition of organized labor, blacks, and other minorities.

If blacks and the unions are successful in playing a key role in developing a socially just program for tackling the problems of economic growth, reindustrialization, and modernization, the 1982 elections will have been a harbinger of a new decade of social responsibility. If this coalition fails, the working people of our country will continue to suffer from the misguided policies of economic conservatism.

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Advisors, who admitted in his confirmation hearings that Reaganomics has "been decisively proved wrong." It never could have worked. Huge tax cuts for the affluent combined with runaway military spending and deep cuts in social programs were a prescription for disaster. Reaganomics was supposed to encourage investment and create jobs, but capital spending declined and unemployment rose. Instead of stimulating business, it just wiped out thousands of job-creating small businesses.

So fair-minded people of all political persuasions are concluding that the experiment failed and staying the course for much longer can only inflict still more damage.

Finally, inequality is growing in this nation that has always valued equal opportunity and a fair share for all. That is

a direct result of the tax cuts and spending cuts that are an essential part of Reaganomics.

A recent study by the National Journal says that the bottom fifth of American families averaged about \$3,800 in cash income in 1981. In 1983, they'll have about \$60 less, dropping their share of national income down to only 4.2 percent.

The top fifth of American families averages about \$37,000 in income. In 1983, they'll gain over \$2,000 to account for 43.3 percent of the nation's income.

Instead of all groups sharing in a rise in the nation's wealth or all losing equitably in a Depression, we have the classic situation of the rich getting richer and the poor, poorer.

Now that the din of the electioneering has died down, we need a national effort to come up with a game plan that gets us out of this Depression and into a full-employment economy that invests in the vast human potential of all of its citizens.

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black folks wearing a necktie.

As an elective official, I have developed certain rules about the new people I meet. First, I think of them as being the police and next the C.I.A. If they pass the latter, we can talk.

Now a word about Lovell Gaines. Gaines may not be able to speak the King's English, but as to his honesty and reasoning ability, I will stand up against any person in this community or outside of it. Where Gaines' failures may be, is in the area of Parliamentary law — in short, in the conducting of meetings. But this is not a failure peculiar to Gaines alone. It is peculiar to those who now want Gaines out of office.

The NAACP has survived many attacks such as we have seen this past week and will survive many more in the future. There is an order to the way things happened under the auspices of the NAACP. It operates by a rule of law. Perversiveness will not become the rule. It has not in the past and it will not now. The NAACP will survive.

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Blacks are lighter smokers than whites. Eighty-two percent of black smokers go through a pack or less a day, compared to 66% of whites. Thirty-four percent of white smokers though, consume more than one pack of cigarettes per day, compared to 18% of all black smokers.

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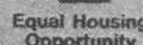


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