



National Citizens Political Action Comm

July 27, 1945

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Needless to say I am deeply interested in the possibilities of NCPAC, and in the program of work which I feel would not achieve its maximum influence if I became its chairman. I would bring additional difficulties and no great strength. As you went out the other night, I told you the things which I felt needed to be considered.

I think that if I speak for you and I am available for consultation unofficially at any time, when any of your workers feel I can be of use, I will be doing you more service than if I actually undertake to give you part of my time as your chairman. I have decided that if I became chairman instead of being helpful with the Democratic Party, it would alienate the Democratic Party and I think it is important to keep the Democratic Party close to both the CIO-PAC and the NC-PAC.

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Very sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Baldwin:

There is one point which I forgot to bring up on Tuesday night and that is the question of finances,

I can not participate in any money raising and think I would be more of a drawback than a help in that direction.

I would therefore, like to know how you plan to raise your budget, how you have done so in the past, and just what your plans are for financing the work which is planned.

Very sincerely yours,

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**Join With Us - ours is  
the real struggle to continue and  
preserve democracy in America**

—Franklin Delano Roosevelt

**T**HE National Citizens Political Action Committee seeks the fulfillment of the goals of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Attainment of these goals, already reaffirmed by President Truman, is the duty of every American.

The National Citizens Political Action Committee has adopted a non-partisan program of political action to afford a broad base upon which citizens from every walk of life may work in unison with the forces of organized labor, farm, business

and professional groups. We feel that participation in the progressive movement initiated during the 1944 campaign must be continued.

Members of Congress who subscribe to these ideals and endeavors for world peace and full employment will receive our complete support.

These are our objectives:

1. Complete and final victory.
2. A just and durable peace.
3. Attainment of President Roosevelt's Economic Bill of Rights.
4. Elimination of racial discrimination.
5. Attainment of full voting rights.

*Complete and final victory* -- We have won in Europe. There remains the task of policing the defeated Reich, bringing the war criminals to a just and swift punishment, and the economic reconstruction of Europe on the basis of democratic governments.

We will win in the Pacific. But it will require relentless, costly pursuit and total defeat of the Japanese warlords - Fascist counterparts of the Nazis. Redoubled effort will enable us to shorten this war. To this end we must continue all-out production. To this end we must participate in every war activity in support of our armed forces.

But we cannot completely win the war until the criminals responsible for fascism are brought to trial and punished for their crimes against humanity. We insist that no person responsible for these outrages remain unpunished.

*A just and durable peace* -- The sacrifices of war dedicate us to work for a just and durable peace in an economy of world abundance. Such a peace can be lasting only through international cooperation and uncompromising opposition to fascism everywhere. The roots of fascism must be eradicated before we can hope to enjoy permanent peace.

*Attainment of President Roosevelt's Economic Bill of Rights* -- President Roosevelt left us a great legacy. An Economic Bill of Rights. We call upon the Congress

to recognize this document as a basic need of the American people and to enact appropriate legislation to translate the following rights into realities.

"The right to a useful and remunerative job in the industries, or shops or farms or mines of the Nation ;

The right to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation ;

The right of every farmer to raise and sell his products at a return which will give him and his family a decent living ;

The right of every businessman large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and domination by monopolies at home or abroad ;

The right of every family to a decent home ;

The right to adequate medical care, and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health ;

The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident and unemployment ;

The right to a good education."

*Elimination of racial discrimination* -- The American people are called upon to demonstrate moral leadership in the world struggle for democracy. Such leadership must dedicate itself to the complete elimination of discrimination against all racial and minority groups and every other attempt to restrict the opportunity of any citizen. We have witnessed the holocaust which Hitler's racial and religious persecution fomented. We cannot afford to have one standard for one group of our citizens, and another for other groups. Therefore, we oppose every economic, civil, and political discrimination against any segment of the American people.

*Attainment of full voting rights* -- We can only attain full voting rights by removing all barriers to voting based on race, color or economic class.

We must work toward maximum participation in all elections with the objec-

tive of 75 million voters in 1948. With this as our goal, the National Citizens Political Action Committee supports:

1. Elimination of the Poll Tax.
2. Clarification and enforcement of registration and other laws governing voting rights.
3. Implementation of the Supreme Court Decision outlawing the "white primary."

We believe that the people of this country, with full knowledge of the issues, will guarantee the growth of our democracy. Removal of existing barriers to full and free exercise of the right to vote will not in itself bring about maximum participation of all citizens in political affairs. Maximum participation -- a strong working democracy -- can be achieved only if every one of us understands the issues. If every one of us participates to the fullest extent in the political life of our country at every political level -- local, state and national.

The National Citizens Political Action Committee believes that it is incumbent upon each of us to exercise our democratic heritage; for only through using it can we maintain and extend it.

"But when the ballots are cast, your responsibilities do not cease. The public servants you elect cannot fulfill their trust unless you, the people, watch and advise them, raise your voices in protest when you believe your public servants to be wrong, back them up when you believe them to be right.

But not for one single moment can you now or later forget the all-important goals for which we are aiming, to win the war and unite our fighting men with their families at the earliest moment, to see that all have honorable jobs and to create a world peace organization which will prevent this disaster or one like it from ever coming upon us again."

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*Statement issued by the NATIONAL CITIZENS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE on May 23, 1945. Honorary Chairman, SIDNEY HILLMAN; Chairman of the Executive Council, ELMER A. BENSON; Vice Chairmen, C. B. BALDWIN, VERDA WHITE BARNES, MRS. MARSHALL FIELD, ROBERT W. KENNY, FRANK KINGDON, FREDA KIRCHWEY, MICHAEL M. NISSELSON, DOROTHY PARKER, JAMES G. PAYTON, GIFFORD PINCHOT, R. J. THOMAS, CHANGING H. TOMAS, J. RAYMOND WALSH, MRS. EDWARD M. H. WARBURG, ORSON WELLES, A. F. WHITNEY, BISHOP E. E. WRIGHT, JR.; General Counsel, JOHN ART; Treasurer, JEROME UDELL; Comptroller, JAMES H. MCGILL; Secretary, CLARK FOREMAN.*