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Civil Rights

Our earth is the home of revolution.

In almost every corner of every continent men charged with hope contend with ancient ways in pursuit of justice. They reach for the newest of weapons to realize the oldest of dreams: that each may walk in freedom and ~~selfish~~ pride, ~~among his fellow~~, stretching his talents, enjoying the fruits of the earth.

Occasionally our enemies may seize the day of ~~the~~ change. But we are a friend to ~~the~~ ~~spirit~~ of this great revolutionary idea. As well we might be. For it is our idea too.

Our own future is linked to ~~the process of change~~ this process of <sup>swift and abt. President</sup> change in many lands. But <sup>nothing</sup> ~~none~~ <sup>touches</sup> us more profoundly, <sup>nothing</sup> ~~none~~ is more ~~in~~ freighted with meaning for ~~the~~ <sup>our destiny</sup> ~~our destiny~~, ~~this~~ ~~America and nation's future~~ than the revolution of the American Negro.

In many ways, in far too many ways, ~~the~~ American Negroes have been ~~another~~ ~~another~~ nation: deprived of freedom, crippled by hatred, the doors of opportunity closed to hope.

~~In~~ But in our time change has come to this nation too. Heroically the American Negro has protested and ~~marched~~ <sup>40</sup> marched, entered the courtroom and the seats of government, demanding a justice long denied. The voice of the Negro was the call to action. But is a tribute to our nation that, once aroused, the courts and the Congress, the President and most of the people, have been the allies of progress. They have tried to remedy the wrongs of the past and ~~provide~~ guard justice for the future.

Thus we have seen the high court of the country provide that any legal barrier based on race was repugnant to the Constitution, and therefore void. We have seen--in 1957, 1960, and

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American society. The number of Negroes in the past decade learning has almost doubled in fifteen years. In the past decade employment of nonwhite professional workers almost doubled--and almost  
nonwhite  
the year  
a third