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We the officers of Monroe County Citizens for Senator Robert F. Kennedy, who loved and served him, have been asked many times about our position -- whether we are withdrawing from politics, whether we are supporting Humphrey or McCarthy for President, and whether we favor a Kennedy bloc at the Democratic National Convention in August. While we cannot speak for all associates of Senator Kennedy in Monroe County and **In** Indiana and though this is a time of personal grief for all of us, we feel obliged to state our position.

To us the best man fitted to lead this Nation, our candidate, died in Los Angeles. But, his legacy and spirit live on as do the tasks he set before us. We are not giving up what Senator Kennedy set out to achieve. His work must be carried on and the goals must be fulfilled.

At this time, we will not support any other Presidential candidate. Eleven weeks remain before our party will make a decision on a candidate and much can change. However, we are not uncommitted. We are committed to Senator Kennedy's cause and its continuation, his principles and their achievement. In the remaining eleven weeks, we pledge ourselves to the following:

1. We have requested that the delegates which were won by Senator Kennedy in Indiana and committed by law to him will cast their first ballot votes as a memorial to Senator Robert F. Kennedy.
2. We associate ourselves with the statement made by



Theodore C. Sorensen on June 13 in which he outlined what we must seek at the Democratic Convention. He said:

"We must seek a Platform that breaks with the errors of the past and looks to the opportunities of the future, a Platform that, among other planks,

- (1) encourages a more intensive and genuine search for a negotiated settlement in Vietnam, demilitarizing the conflict and permitting all its citizens to choose their leaders and future course;
- (2) pledges "no more Vietnams," no more reckless Americanization and escalation of local wars not directly affecting our security or on behalf of unpopular regimes unwilling to reform;
- (3) recognizes that our vast military power cannot police the world to impose our will, our system or our solutions upon other societies;
- (4) proposes, by accepting the commitment of the Kerner Commission Report, to end not only racial discrimination but all the evils and inequities -- in education, employment, housing and elsewhere -- that a century of discrimination has fostered;
- (5) seeks to halt violence and crime, not through repression but through effective gun controls, law enforcement reforms and the reconstruction of our cities and city life as our first domestic priority; and



(6) reverses present practices to emphasize jobs instead of handouts, subsidies for the weak instead of the powerful, and greater citizen participation instead of centralized bureaucracies.

A landmark Platform, however, will not suffice. National reconciliation now requires more than the absence of violence, more than study commissions, more even than legislation. It requires leadership -- leadership with the restraint of judgment and generosity of spirit capable of achieving tranquility both at home and abroad, leadership capable of attracting the best minds to Washington, leadership capable of filling the frightening vacuum left by the death of Robert Kennedy.....

Today we are undecided but we are not indifferent. We are resolved that Robert Kennedy shall not have lived --or died --in vain. Our slogan, taken from his last words, is simply "On to Chicago."

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