

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL RIGHTS

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Dear Convention Delegate:

High among your responsibilities as a delegate to the forthcoming National Convention will be the formulation and adoption of a party platform on which the Presidential, Vice-Presidential and Congressional nominees will seek election in November.

Of vital importance in that platform will be the section dealing with civil rights.

The national religious, labor and civic organizations listed on the reverse side of this letter are united in the conviction that the time to set our nation unequivocally on the road to equality of citizenship for all Americans is now. They have joined in submitting the enclosed "Program for Civil Rights - 1960" as a recommended platform position for the accomplishment of this goal.

The program includes a statement of practical steps which may be taken to eliminate segregation and other forms of discrimination from American life. We are aware that there will be no overnight miracles, but there should be no doubt at all of our determination to press forward vigorously and unceasingly until the goal is attained.

To this end, we ask you to work and to vote for the inclusion in the party platform of the enclosed Program for Civil Rights - 1960. Your support will be most appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Roy Wilkins, Chairman

Arnold Aronson, Secretary

COOPERATING ORGANIZATIONS

American Civil Liberties Union
American Jewish Committee
American Jewish Congress
American Veterans Committee
Americans for Democratic Action
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, AFL-CIO
Catholic Council on Working Rights
Catholic Interracial Council
Congregational Christian Churches,
Race Relations Dept.
Congress of Racial Equality
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of
Elks of the World
Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO
International Union of Electrical, Radio and
Machine Workers, AFL-CIO
Japanese American Citizens League
Jewish Labor Committee
National Alliance of Postal Employees
National Association for the Advancement of
Colored People
National Bar Association
National Council of Negro Women
National Council of Protestant Episcopal Churches,
Division of Christian Citizenship
National Newspaper Publishers Association
National Sharecroppers Fund, Inc.
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Transport Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America
United Automobile Workers of America, AFL-CIO
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO
United Synagogues of America
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
Workers Defense League