

Dems Accentuate ...

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The year 1968 has been turbulent, sometimes chaotic, sometimes frustrating, sometimes confusing. Events both at home and abroad have upset the American people.

This unsettled atmosphere makes 1968 an especially critical year in the history of American elections.

Forces are developing in this country, new political and social alliances are being made, a new militancy has developed among those who have traditionally been left on the outside by our system.

In short, an entirely new set of circumstances is emerging in this country, and the vital decisions to be made by the voters in 1968 is how they will choose to deal with the new set of confusing and up-setting circumstances.

THE BASIC alternatives are clear.

Americans can choose the deceptively alluring course of hiding from their problems, of creating a false stability by saying no to all forces for change, for action, for expression.

Or, Americans can choose to design new action programs for problem solving, programs designed to deal with a changed environment, programs designed to wrestle with problems directly, programs designed to bring about the real stability which comes when people's basic grievances are satisfied.

The alternatives are the illusory stability of a stilled populace or the genuine stability of a satisfied people.

AT ALL LEVELS of political activity, local, state and national, the battle lines are forming between the two parties.

The Republicans have chosen to seek the stability through negatives. The Democrats have chosen to seek stability through change.

The Republicans are surpassed in their ability to be negative only by George Wallace, whose negative, racist, demagogic appeals should be rejected by every thinking American.

Voters in Michigan will be voting for president, congressmen, state representatives, State Board of Education, Judge of the Supreme Court and many regional, county and local offices.

OF THE THREE Presidential candidates, we have Wallace, who besides his thinly veiled racist appeals, has made his plea for votes on the basis of law and order. That appeal as governor has no credibility when one looks at Wallace's record in Alabama, where the murder rate is 12.2 per 100,000—about double the national average of 7.7 per 100,000.

George Wallace's own state is living proof that telling your police to knock heads while ignoring the social problems which cause crime will not do anything to bring either justice or order to our country.

Richard Nixon has exhibited a similar lack of insight into the problems facing this country. He has failed to understand what members of his own party, such as Sen. Edward Brooke of Massachusetts, have tried to tell him—that there is a difference be-

tween the Republican concept of "law and order" and the concept of "justice and order" which the Democratic Party advocates.

Nixon talks about cutting down the role of federal government in programs to help the cities, to help the poor and to guarantee equal opportunity for every citizen.

THAT'S NOT the way to attain justice or order in this country. With the federal government's help in the last seven years of Democratic Administrations, the number of American families with an income below the poverty line has been reduced from 14 million to 10 million.

That sort of progress has been made with creative programs, programs which not only apply to dollars, but also research and ingenuity to our problems.

Hubert Humphrey has helped to formulate many of those programs: civil rights, fighting poverty, health care for the aged, to name just a few.

The sort of creativity, the flexibility of approach he has shown in the past is a characteristic of the man. As president, he would bring that same creative approach to the major problems which confront us now, Vietnam, maintenance of a just and orderly society, and the urban crisis.

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'Alternatives Are Clear ...

It's time to do more than talk about rising crime!

EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT THE RISING CRIME RATE AND THE LACK OF RESPECT FOR LAW AND ORDER. WE MUST DO MORE THAN TALK.

OUR NEW DISTRICT COURT MUST HAVE A CONCERNED JUDGE WHO WILL CHANGE OUR LAW VIOLATORS INTO USEFUL CITIZENS BY FAIR, FIRM AND INTELLIGENT TREATMENT.

TO BE BOTH FAIR AND FIRM, WE MUST CREATE AND MAKE INTELLIGENT AND COMPASSIONATE USE OF A MEANINGFUL PROBATION-REHABILITATION PROGRAM, ENLISTING OUR GOOD, SOLID CITIZENS AS VOLUNTEERS.

ONLY FAIR AND FIRM TREATMENT OF LAW VIOLATORS WILL TEACH THEM PROPER RESPECT FOR THE LAW, AND ALSO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF OUR LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS.

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