The Road to Democracy

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Mr. Stevenson, President of Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, has had a distinguished career as a scholar, athlete, lawyer, Red Cross administrator and educator. He is a graduate of Princeton University, a former Rhodes scholar and was a member of the U.S. Olympic team. During World War II he directed the American Red Cross program in England. Later he went with the invasion forces to North Africa where he set up Red Cross programs there and in Sicily and Italy. At the close of the war, Mr. Stevenson returned to his law practice until 1946, at which time he was called to the presidency of Oberlin College. He is active in many local, regional and national organizations, and is currently a member of President Truman's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services.

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It is a tribute to the Urban League that this distinguished and representa
tive group of people is meeting here tonight. Hopefully this is not the last
each occasion and numerous similar meetings, upon the shoulders of which
we shall build confidence in our ability to meet challenges in St. Louis and elsewhere during the post-war period.

This meeting is, of course, a pleasant social occasion but, in my opinion, it has far greater significance than that. It marks the height of the
Civilian Relief Program of the Urban League. The work of the Civilian
Relief Program is not to be considered simply as a matter of feeding the
hungry and of clothing the naked. It is a matter of mental and emotional
welfare, and, above all, a matter of preparation for the post-war period. We
must face the fact that a large majority of those who have been
liberated from the shackles of war must now face the problem of readjusting
themselves to a life of peace. This is no easy task, and it is a task that
must be undertaken with a sense of responsibility.

The Urban League has been doing a great deal of work in this direction
and has been very successful. It is only right that we should thank them for
their efforts and wish them every success in the future.

I will say a few words about the Negro race. I have always believed that
the Negro race is a great asset to our country and I have always been
convinced that it has a great deal to contribute to the welfare of all races.

The Negro race is a race of great potentiality and has great possibilities
for development. It is a race of great dignity and courage and it is a race
that has always fought for its rights.

I believe that the Negro race will continue to make great strides in the
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I am very happy that his presence here with us brought back the idea of recovery from the recent illness. I believe that he will find the atmosphere here quite refreshing. I hope he will enjoy the rest of his time here.

I have been working on a new project related to social changes and education. I am planning to conduct some research on the impact of education on social mobility. I believe that this topic is quite important and should be explored further.

In the meantime, I have been working on a report about the recent changes in the education system. The report highlights the challenges faced by students and teachers, and it also suggests some possible solutions. I am planning to submit the report in a few weeks.

I have been spending a lot of time reading and researching. I have been reading works on social theory and education, and I have been exploring different perspectives on the subject. I believe that this will help me to develop a more comprehensive understanding of the topic.

In conclusion, I am quite optimistic about the future. I believe that with the right strategies and approaches, we can make significant progress in the field of education and social mobility.

I am looking forward to meeting with you soon to discuss these issues further. I believe that this will be a productive meeting, and I am excited to hear your thoughts and ideas.

Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to our next meeting.
I do not feel that it is scientifi
cal to maintain that a problem
about which we have been
talking in the past few days
is not a problem in the
future, for we all know that
the issue of segregation and
the problem of race relations
will be the immediate issue
in the future. We are being
asked to consider the
problem of segregation in
the future, not in the past,
and I think that we should
make our plans for the
future, not for the past.

The solution of the
problem of segregation
will not be easy, but
the solution will be
achieved by a gradual
process of education and
understanding. We must
not be afraid to confront
the problem directly,
but we must also be
willing to work towards
solving it in a
peaceful and
constructive manner.

I believe that the
solution of the
problem of segregation
will come through
the efforts of all
races and
individuals, and
not through any
single
action or
individual.

We must
identify the
problems
of
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and the
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for
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