Johnson voices plea for equality

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In the area of civil rights, what position is President Lyndon B. Johnson expected to take?

The then Vice President, delivering the Memorial Day address at Gettysburg, Pa., on June 30, 1963, declared:

"Until Justice is blind to color, until education is unaware of race, until opportunity is unconcerned with the color of men's skins, emancipation will be a proclamation but not a fact."

As the commencement speaker at Tufts University in Medford, Mass., June 9, he said:

"PEOPLE WHO have been denied basic rights for centuries have reached the explosion point where they are demanding those rights—now. And it is not possible to find logical, moral reasons to say to them nay."

"In the course of their struggle, Government can—and I assure you, will—protect them, as it protects all citizens, in the exercise of those rights which are guaranteed to them by the Constitution and the laws of the land."

"But the response to their real—and just—aims must come from the community as a whole.

"Government will play its

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