

**Dick Gregory, Mark Lane to be  
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 Inaugurated on March 4, '69**

Independent write-in President of the United States in exile, Dick Gregory, announced that he and Mark Lane, his chosen Vice President, will hold Inauguration ceremonies in Washington on March 4, 1969. Gregory said that his first concern will be a world seed program to eliminate hunger in America.



"We are going to deal with people all over the world and persuade those governments to spend as much time and money and resources going to guarantee that people who live on earth with us aren't in a famine, we are going to do it through the world. Gregory said he would like to inaugurate his office on Washington, D.C. on that day.

no nourishment other than distilled water until New Year's.

"This time I will be fasting to dramatize the reality of the thousands of American citizens who are undernourished in this country where farmers are paid not to produce food, and crops are plowed under and destroyed in order to support farm prices.

"I am talking about human beings who are not only Black, and White people, but of Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans, and especially my Indian brothers who have experienced unspeakable hardships under inhuman conditions for generations.

"The treatment by the United States Government of these native Americans whose territory we occupy, continues as our present greatest shame and will disgrace us before the rest of the world until these conditions are changed. I am making this sign my primary concern for the hope that all citizens will make it theirs," Gregory said.