

Dick Gregory , Mark Lane to be 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 food program to eliminate hunger in America.



"We are going to deal with people all over the world and perhaps teach governments to spend as much time and money and scientific genius to guarantee that people are fed here on earth with as much of an effort as we are trying to get to the moon."

Gregory began another fast on Thanksgiving day. He will take

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 topic my primary concern in the hopes that all citizens will make it theirs." Gregory said.

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'68 VOTE RETURNS COMPLETE IN U.S.

Nixon Polled 499,704 More
Than Humphrey in Race

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP) — President-elect Nixon received 499,704 more popular votes than Hubert H. Humphrey in the Presidential election on Nov. 5, complete official totals showed today.

Mr. Nixon received 31,770,237 votes, Vice President Humphrey had 31,270,533 and the third-party nominee, George C. Wallace, had 9,906,141. An assortment of other candidates received 239,908 votes.

The percentages of the total vote were as follows: Nixon 43.40, Humphrey 42.72, and Wallace 13.53.

A record total of 73,186,819 votes were cast, compared with 70,913,673 in the Presidential election of 1964. But it represented only 60.2 per cent of the estimated total of 121.5 million Americans of voting age.

The official totals from all 50 states and the District of Columbia did not change the electoral vote totals, which were as follows: Nixon 302, Humphrey 191, Wallace 45.

The electors meet in their respective state capitals next Monday to cast their votes, which will be counted officially by a joint session of Congress on Jan. 6.

Besides the three major candidates, the official canvasses showed these totals for other candidates:

E. Harold Munn Sr., Prohibition party, 14,519.

Eldridge Cleaver, Peace and Freedom party, 36,385, most of them from California.

Henning Blomen, Socialist-Labor party, 52,588.

Fred Halstead, Socialist Worker party, 41,300.

Senator Eugene J. McCarthy, Democrat of Minnesota, 25,858, mostly from California.

Dick Gregory, New party, 47,097, more than half in New York.

Charlene Mitchell, Communist and Free Ballot parties, 1,075.

In addition, 1,480 votes were