



C. C. 'Taddy' Aycock

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Lt. Gov. C. C. "Taddy" Aycock has released his formal statement declaring that he is a candidate for governor in the November Democratic primary.

Aycock, whose entry into the race had been expected for some months, said he will wage a vigorous campaign and would visit all 64 parishes.

The complete text of his statement follows:

"I SINCERELY believe that it is time for those in government to establish basic priorities in the operation of our state. I believe that we place too much emphasis upon non-essentials and ignore the fundamental services that government must provide its citizens.

"The primary function of any government is to insure the security of citizens in their homes and their safety when they venture out upon the sidewalks, streets and roads. We must concern ourselves more with effective enforcement of the law to provide our citizens with the safety and security they deserve.

"The education of our young people is being seriously handicapped by the federally-imposed system of busing school children from their neighborhoods to schools many miles away. Not only does this inconvenience par-

ents and children, but it is eroding the concept of the neighborhood schools. This concept has traditionally been the backbone of our system of public education.

"WHILE government cannot create productive employment it can maintain a climate which will foster and encourage the creation of job opportunities. Unemployment has reached a critical point in Louisiana and as a result many of our citizens are being deprived of the opportunity to obtain work in meaningful and productive employment.

"We live in a drug-oriented society. The use and distribution of narcotics and dangerous drugs has penetrated to the grade school level. Our state faces the prospect of having to treat and care for an entire generation whose minds and bodies have been contaminated by the use of drugs. Unless the state of Louisiana proceeds immediately to curb this hideous drug traffic the future holds no promise of achievement or accomplishment for our state.

"No one will dispute the fact that our state is, for all practical purposes, financially bankrupt. Not only have we exhausted foreseeable revenues but we have mortgaged the future of generations to come. Unless we face our fi-

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nancial problems honestly and squarely we will never solve our fiscal problems.

"THE MAJOR cities in our state desperately need help. They will not survive unless they receive this help from both federal and state sources. Much of the money appropriated by Congress for use by municipalities for prevention of crime and for traffic safety purposes is not reaching the local scene. In addition, our state government has yet to make adequate provisions for financial aid to our cities.

"These are, to my mind, the basic issues. I will address my campaign to them. They will not be solved by slo-

gans or wishful dreaming. Our ills can be cured only by a complete overhaul of our governmental structure; by a complete revision of our state Constitution and by a strong insistence that state expenditures be brought into balance and the rising cost of government halted.

"All these changes can only be accomplished by those who are skilled in the art of government and who possess the knowledge and the experience required for beneficial change. It is far beyond the capability of one man. But one man with the will, the dedication and the experience to change those things that must be changed can succeed.

"I humbly submit that I am that man. And upon that premise I shall conduct my campaign."