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Free Americans have the Duty and the Ability to Shape Their Own Future

The National Planning Association is an organization in which citizens use private resources and personal initiative to help in the national search for workable solutions to America's major economic, political, and social problems. They meet, not as spokesmen for organizations or groups, but as individuals.

This Private Planning for the Common Good is a Road to Human Freedom

If we are to have a people's government, in a people's economy, planning must never become the vested interest of any one group, private or public. Broad and vigorous participation by all citizens is essential. Freedom is more than a heritage—it is a new challenge to each succeeding generation.

Free Men Want a Voice in the Creation of Plans

We, as Americans, reject a planned society in which plans are imposed from above or from abroad. We reject a planless society where everybody grabs for what he can get without regard for the common good. We believe in cooperative planning in all activities and at all levels of enterprise, private and public.

We in NPA Believe:

- ▶ In the protection and promotion of the integrity and dignity of the individual.
- ▶ In an enterprising economic system—competitive in fact as well as in name—with private business and industry and agriculture operating as the primary means for providing jobs and producing goods and services.
- ▶ In cooperation of agriculture, business, labor, and the professions in using the ever-expanding fund of human understanding and scientific knowledge to increase their common respect, their productivity, their standard of living, and their satisfaction in doing worthwhile work in a skillful way.
- ▶ In intelligent performance by our Government of its constitutional functions in meeting our increasingly critical national and international problems.
- ▶ In cooperation with other nations in the organization of world peace and assistance to friendly nations in speeding their economic recovery and the freedom and efficiency of their peoples.

Working Together Helps Break Down Barriers to Understanding

The National Planning Association brings together many leaders from sometimes rival economic, political, and social fields to work toward common objectives.

Thus, in NPA leaders of Agriculture,

Business, Labor, and Government learn to know each other, gain respect for and understanding of each other's views, and strengthen their conviction of the interdependence of all Americans. New stress must be laid on all human bonds and ties if we are to survive the competition and assaults of unfriendly ideologies.

Planning Rests on Respect for Facts

Just Facts

The National Planning Association seeks realistic solutions to emerging problems which affect the welfare and the security of the American people. We know that often, when the facts are established, points of controversy disappear and conflicting groups are able to reach agreement on practical action. NPA seeks to gather all the available facts and to work toward a solution in the light of the facts.

National Planning is a Challenge to the Best in America

We live in a time which as never before calls for the best use of America's resources—human, material, and moral. The appeal of the National Planning Association is to men and women with the courage, integrity, sense of duty, ability, and social conscience which great responsibilities require.

We can Build a Better World

The National Planning Association is fully aware that freedom can perish in

group conflict. In wise compromise lies the strength of democracy. The start which the American people have made proves the limitless promise of free men and women working toward a freer world. The world is not finished. If we want a better world, we must work together for it.

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