next election. Those of you who are experienced political workers know how true the statement is that national elections are won or lost in the precinct. You can determine the outcome of the vote in your precinct, and this result multiplied many times would assure a Democratic victory.

We all know that to achieve good government requires effort. Our democracy can flourish only when citizens participate actively. We are privileged in this country in that we may take part in the affairs of our government. This means, first, qualifying to vote and using your ballot intelligently. It means, next, doing our bit in our own community to encourage others to accept their political responsibilities. Finally, active participation means working for the fulfillment of the principles set down in the platform of our Democratic Party.

This is not just another Presidential election. November 8, 1960 may be the most important date the world has ever known. People everywhere are watching and waiting hopefully to see who will be our choice to guide this great nation. Our next President must be able to lead our country back to the position of greatness among the world powers—a position we enjoyed before the Republican regime made us a second class nation.

Because we Democrats know that our Party can provide the dynamic leadership needed to face today's challenges at home and abroad, we must double our efforts to make certain that we win this next election.

Every qualified Democrat should be registered.

Every registered Democrat should be made aware of the importance of a Democratic victory.

Every Democratic voter should be at the polls on November 8.

You Democratic workers have a great responsibility. The election depends on you. My very best wishes to all of you.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATOR JOHN F. KENNEDY
PIKESVILLE
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Fellow Maryland Democrats. . . . We are here tonight for one special purpose, and for one purpose only—and that is to give visible and vocal proof that on next November 8th the State of Maryland is going