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2 THE CHAIRMAN: You have the floor, Mr. Sayre.

3 MR. SAYRE: There are a great number of  
4 organizations in the country, lots of which are old  
5 fogies, who say a young person has attained as much  
6 maturity of judgment at age eighteen as any older age.  
7 There are a lot of good reasons some of which are not  
8 logical such as serving in the military forces, I don't  
9 think that is a reason to vote necessarily. But the  
10 interest you would gain in the participation of public  
11 affairs right after you supposedly got out of high  
12 school is best encouraged by permitting that person  
13 to vote to exercise the knowledge he is supposed to be  
14 acquiring.

15 I think one of the most persuasive argu-  
16 ments is that the lag of time between his being all  
17 pepped up to go in and be a citizen and the time he  
18 can actually vote is delayed by the amount that age  
19 twenty-one would provide. May be two, three, or four  
20 years before he could vote anyhow. I think maturity of  
21 judgment is as much at nineteen as twenty-one often more