

have old Andrew Jackson, Old Hickory, who was supposed to be such a freedom fighter yet he acknowledged property in my people, and they want to stand on this floor and talk to me about racism being gone and yet they are going to have a holiday to honor that type of thing. I am grateful for high technology doing something which all of my talking in the past could not do. There was a picture of Abraham Lincoln on one side and a picture of George Washington on the other and I never liked those pictures and I even made comments about George Washington. I couldn't get rid of old George or old Abe but thanks to the needs of technology, they have both been relegated to a room over there where nothing of too much significance occurs. Now, why would I put Abraham Lincoln in that? They say he signed the Emancipation Proclamation. You know why Lincoln did that? Because white people did not want the Civil War to be a war to liberate black people, to liberate what they called slaves, to take southern people's property. So there were some generals. Fremont was one of them. Ben Butler was another, who wanted to free the slaves whenever they took an area of the South and Abraham Lincoln said, you will not free them, you will turn them back. General McClellan, one of the considered outstanding generals of the United States' side of the Union side said, slaves must be returned to their masters and Senator Warner, a student of the Civil War era, can bear this out for you if you doubt what I say. A point was reached where the South was going to kick the North right in the slats and Abraham Lincoln realized that they needed fighters. Before black people could be allowed to fight, he had to offer his Emancipation Proclamation. But what Ben Butler did was to declare slaves confiscated to be contraband. Since they were used by the enemy in the enemy cause, he said they could be taken as contraband and used by the Union side, which they were. Lincoln signed the proclamation to allow black people to fight for white people's freedom in this country. Then his proclamation was so hypocritical it said in the areas that the North has control over the slaves are not free. In the areas where the North could free the slaves and carry out the Declaration or the Emancipation Proclamation, they were not free. In the parts of the South still in rebellion where the proclamation could have no effect in those areas, the slaves were freed. That's the game they played on us and it played on us throughout history. Abraham Lincoln said when somebody confronted him about the issue of black people, I don't say that black people are my social equal nor that