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capacities, too small. The size of government today reflects some people's mistaken belief that government has magical powers which the individual does not possess, and ignores the fact that there is no power on earth greater than that of the individual in a free society.

"In government we have institutionalized compassion, forgetting that compassion is a human virtue that comes from the heart, and that institutions lack the attributes, and so they fall in doing the compassionate thing - in helping to see that children are adequately clothed and fed and educated; in assuring that the elderly are cared for and loved rather than warehoused and tolerated, in seeing that the needy are helped to provide for themselves. In the face of these failures, the institution - the federal government and those who exalt its capacities - insists that success will come with increased expenditures, with increased size, and with increased authority.

"Never mind that as a people we are poorer because government takes our money, and its purchasing power, and our incentive; that we are endangered because government constantly increases its control over us. These are second-order consequences. The real tragedy is that we are poorer and we are endangered because government takes away our need and our obligation and our opportunity to behave as individuals, as human beings, toward each other.

"This is the major problem which confronts us in this great land. It is the source of cynicism in a country that was not born out of cynicism but out of hope. It is at the root of the desperation which causes so many of our people to thrash about for something to believe in, something to hold on to, something to shape lives they no longer believe they can shape themselves.

"This is my concern in the campaign ahead. It is, in the words of an American poet, to let America be America again. It must be an America which understands what it means when it speaks of rights civil rights, human rights, individual rights, equal rights. It is true, as Burke said, that 'all men have equal rights, but not to equal things.' The man who lives in a row house and rides the bus has the same constitutional rights as the man who lives in a mansion and rides in a limousine. Yet, the one has no right to the wealth of the other, and the other has no right to prevent the first from achieving what he wants to achieve, and whatever he may wish within the confines of the law and his own abilities. They are equal before God, before the Constitution and before the law. But it is arrant nonsense to suppose that because they may not be equal in ability and ambition government should equalize their portion of the material advantages which flow from the unfettered exercise of

ability and ambition. "If we can eliminate this and similar misconceptions about the purpose of government then we can get away from building the federal budget and the federal bureaucracy and get back to building the nation.

"This is my message in the campaign ahead. "I will neither attack my opponents in the Republican Party, nor the incumbent president. My fellow Republicans have views which the American people must weigh, and the president has a record which must be considered and accounted for. I am sure we will be diligent in helping to consider the record, and I am sure the president will be equally diligent in accounting for it.

"There are, of course, a number of concerns which confront us and I mean to address them in the months ahead, though I give little attention to them here today. "One is the state of the economy. Since our economy today is managed largely by government, its failure is simply one more failure of government. We have rejected hard wisdom, short-term sacrifice and long-term prosperity for immediate political advantage and immediate personal gratification. Our leaders have persisted in the view that we could spend ourselves as an example of the confusion of goals and methods that one of the first official acts of the present administration was to increase the salaries of some of their staff by sums in excess of 100 percent, sometimes reaching 150 to 200 percent, and they now insist that the average American workers should forego pay increases in excess of 7 percent. Our economic difficulties are broader and deeper than this example, but the will to cope with them is fairly reflected there, I think.

"Another concern is peace. We have enjoyed a peace established in 1973, and squandered it in some measure, and it is becoming an increasingly uneasy peace maintained largely by retreating in the face of Soviet and Soviet-sponsored aggression around the world. It is a difficult thing to make a peace - but it was done; it is a difficult thing to keep the peace, and I think we are falling in that regard. Our economic position, our defense position, and our prestige are being rapidly eroded around the world.

"We preach international morality, but we don't practice it, and the world knows it. "In the middle East, we have tried to compromise Israel to buy Arab oil, and that effort is not over yet. "In the Far East, we walked out on Taiwan for a public relations success; to suggest mastery of foreign affairs we accepted an arrangement with China which has been available to us since 1973 when the door to China was first opened.

"If any or all of these incidents, and many more, could be structured into a comprehensive pattern that we might call U.S. foreign policy then, whether we agreed or disagreed with the policy, we and the world would have confidence that at least a policy and a unifying vision existed. There is no such confidence, and the next step away from confidence in foreign affairs is grave, dangerous doubt. This is not a time for grave doubts about the U.S.' ability to conceive and manage a foreign policy.

"So we will be discussing these things and more in the days ahead. "I will offer no slogans; slogans are no substitute for ideas, and novelty cannot replace hard, painful thought if, as we hope, government is to be a shared national endeavor once again rather than a costly entertainment.

"I intend to promise only the possible, so that when I am successful in my aims I shall have occasion to disappoint as few as possible. "I do not propose just to make people believe in government again; but rather to urge that

they believe in themselves again. I do mean to remind people that our founding thinkers and our constitutive documents all aimed at institutionalizing these about government, in keeping that doubt, foremost in the public mind, and in providing the means to limit the power of government and to protect the individual against any and all that has to do with the calibre or character of people who make up the government.

"I do not urge that we turn our backs on the future. I urge that we recover some old truths about ourselves as a people, and that we be guided by these as we face the future. The truth is that today many Americans have doubts about the future of this nation. We have to eliminate those doubts. I believe we can.

"I do not agree with Henry Adams that politics is 'the systematic organization of hatreds.' We fought a terrible war - and these plains which surround us today were drenched with the first blood of it - for the proposition that a house divided against itself could not stand. That truth is no less compelling today. When you divide a people to conquer an office, the division is maintained in order to hold the office - and a divided people are a weakened people. There are natural adversary relationships in America; it is irresponsible to exacerbate the adversarial nature of these about political advantage - to single out the businessman or businesswoman or the working man or woman as scapegoats, or the farmer, or the poor, to set one region against another, or to set an economic group against another. This is demagoguery. This we must not do.

"And so I mean to wage a whole campaign. I will be speaking with grace in the Democratic Party as well as Republicans and Independents, believing that neither party has a corner on wisdom. We seek not a Democratic approach or a Republican approach to the nation's future, but we seek the correct approach and it will combine the best thinking and the best efforts of all.

"I will be meeting with black and brown and red and yellow and white. Events in the world are forcing our nation's doors open again, and they should be open if we are to call ourselves Mother of Exiles. We must not fear that new Americans threaten to diminish a finite national wealth. We must rather work to increase that wealth. New blood, new brains, new energy will help. Joseph's coat was a coat of many colors, distinctive threads woven together in one overall fabric. It is an ideal we have sought through our national history. We must continue, confident that we will be judged not by whether we succeeded, but by whether we tried.

"I will be reaching out to women and to men - whether in politics, in business, in the labor market or in the home. When we insist that women 'tell us what they really want,' we cast ourselves in the master's role - benevolent, perhaps, but superior nonetheless. We are not patrons, we are partners. That is not a sentiment, it is a reality. It is not a reality which we have fully accepted and assimilated, and this we must do.

"I will be meeting with labor as well as business. So often we see them as separate and distinct entities, enemies in constant conflict; and some have found it useful at times to encourage that false perspective and generate hostility for political gain. Labor and business are joined together like Siamese twins. Each may have its own goals and interests, but neither can accomplish anything without the other. We must reduce government's role as a third party in the labor-business relationship, as a court of first and last resort. Each have their own strengths and their own capacities to contend with the other. Let them do it without intervention in any but the most grave circumstances.

"And I will speak to the young as well as the adult and the elderly. Those too young to vote are nonetheless American citizens, with a stake in our nation's



## Biking Across Kansas Is Now Full to Capacity

Biking Across Kansas, Inc., has announced that the 1979 ride across Kansas scheduled for June 9 through June 16 has received as many entries as it has room for. The ride will accommodate, according to Norma and Larry Christie, Wichita organizers of the annual event.

"We have to limit the number of participants in the daily rides to the accommodations in the cities where we plan overnight accommodations," the Christies explained. Since overnight accommodations are usually limited to school and city-owned gymnasiums where the bikers may spread their sleeping bags, that means that the number of entries does have to be limited. For the first time in the years since the ride was first organized in 1975, the number of registered riders and support vehicles has reached full capacity.

The ride, which will begin this year at the Kansas-Colorado state line west of Sharon Springs and Westkan on U.S. Highway 40, has scheduled overnight stops at Oakley, Hill City, Natoma, Lincoln, Abilene, Alma, and Ottawa. The final event of the week will be arrival at the Kansas-Missouri state line near Louisburg on June 16.

Riders provide their own food, sleeping bags and support vehicles. Biking Across Kansas, Inc., a volunteer group of Wichita and area bicycling enthusiasts, makes arrangements for scheduled rest stops and overnight accommodations, provides daily ride maps, and maintains limited sag service and transportation for personal baggage.

A cross-section of riders will again be evident this year, coming from all walks of life and ranging in ages from 8 to 69. Participants are coming from states as far away as California, Illinois and Louisiana, as well as the surrounding states.

Again, this year's ride will likely prove exciting and enjoyable, not only to the participants but to the communities the riders visit.

paraphrase of his statement, rather than the words "devious, dumb, and stingy," he chose to use the words "stupid, stingy and bad." He added that the power of the individual in a free society is "the greatest power on the face of the earth."

"Above all, I mean to say what I stand for and speak plainly so that the American people may know which weaknesses of mine they will have to make up for or accommodate, and so they may know which strengths they can count on.

"Finally, there is this: I know I might have chosen a different forum for this occasion. The National Press Club offers splendid hospitality. The Senate Office Buildings provide a beautiful and dramatic setting. There are many places easier to reach, certainly.

"I came home simply because the strength I need for the undertaking before me is here. I know that as I travel the country in the weeks and months ahead, I will be heard and helped by others who agree with me, who will consider my views and examine my record and judge my capacities and they will determine, as they should, whether I succeed or fail.

"But there ought to be at least one place for every person where he or she is accepted with unjudging love and strengthened and reassured by it, and for me that place is here. I was born here, I left for awhile, I was hurt and I came back. I was helped and healed in this place by my townsmen and I began my public career here. And whenever I have set out on a new path, I have come back here to begin. No failure has ever been so hurtful that this place could not ease the pain. And no success has ever been so great that its satisfaction exceeded the satisfaction of being a part of the people of Russell, a citizen of Kansas.

"Thank you."

The senator vowed he would not talk for more than 15 minutes from the podium at 8th and Maple streets, then quickly filed a disclaimer - "but I may." The speech, lasting 20 minutes, ended at 10 a.m. The senator did make some minor departures from his prepared text, as follows:

He added, "It's a great day in Russell, Kansas." In the 11th

## Details Reported On 3-Car Wreck

DORRANCE - The sheriff's office reported details today of a three-vehicle collision Friday which resulted in charges against one driver.

Ricky D. Herber, 19, Dorrance, had stopped his pickup at 9:30 p.m. Friday on a township road about two miles south of Dorrance. As he was talking with Jay D. Gagna, 18, Salina, whose car was stopped in the westbound lane, a third vehicle hit the Herber vehicle.

A third car, driven by Patricia A. Gier, 36, Dorrance, approached from the east. The driver was knocked unconscious and, after recovering a few minutes later, was taken to Russell City Hospital, where she was treated and released. She was cited for drunk driving.

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Their children will host a reception on June 3, 1979, at First United Methodist Church, Edmond, Okla., from 2 until 5 p.m.

Lee and Grace will have Open House on June 4, 1979, at their home at 713 Pepperdine in Edmond. All their friends and relatives from the Paradise and surrounding communities are invited to come and visit them or send greetings.

For further information, please contact their daughter, Donna Moser, 912 Pine Oak Drive, Edmond, Okla. 73034, phone 1-405-341-6437.

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