



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 21, 1972 ----- Speaking of the President's trip to China, U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said today on the Senate floor that "seldom has there been an event signifying a more profound step in the efforts of man to fulfill the potentials of his civilization.

Below is the full text of the Kansas Senator's statement.

PRESIDENT NIXON'S JOURNEY FOR PEACE

By resolution of the Congress this historic day is commemorated as one of United support for President Nixon's efforts to bring a relaxation of international tensions and achieve an enduring and just peace. The search for peace is a universal quest and the Congress has, I believe, spoken for each of our citizens and all of mankind in expressing sincere and fervent hopes for the success of the President's undertakings in this cause.

I am sure these hopes were in the minds of millions of Americans and people around the world who watched the President's arrival in China last night. Seldom has there been an event signifying a more profound step in the efforts of man to fulfill the potentials of his civilization.

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to fulfill its dreams, pursue its own course and yet avoid a confrontation that could plunge both into war, chaos and destruction.

That handshake at the Peking airport between President Nixon and Premier Chou En-Lai was more than the act of two leaders or two nations. It was something seen all too rarely in the record of men on this earth.

It was an effort to build ---- without destruction preceding it. It was a gesture for peace ---- without a war imposing it. It was an attempt to understand, to communicate, to share and nurture what is common to all men ---- the hope for peace.

I am tremendously proud to be an American today. I am proud of our nation's ideals and principles. And I am proud that our President, standing firmly on those ideals and principles, is acting to preserve them and insure their survival in a changing and complex world. And on this national day of unity I believe all Americans share this pride.

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