

"THE REPUBLICAN OPPORTUNITY IN 1968"

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THIS IS MY THIRD VISIT TO BROWN COUNTY SINCE ANNOUNCING MY CANDIDACY FOR THE U.S. SENATE, AND YOU MAY BE ASSURED I WILL BE BACK -- AGAIN--AND AGAIN--AND AGAIN.

THIS BEING A REPUBLICAN MEETING, I WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU BRIEFLY ABOUT ONE THING: THE REPUBLICAN OPPORTUNITY IN NOVEMBER 1968.

ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL, REPUBLICANS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CAPTURE THE WHITE HOUSE, GAIN CONTROL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND PICK UP SEVERAL SEATS IN THE U.S. SENATE.

I SAY WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE OF FOUR PRIMARY ASSETS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY: THE CANDIDATES, THE PHILOSOPHY, THE TIDE OF PUBLIC OPINION AND THE ISSUES.

-THE CANDIDATES-

FIRST, WE'VE GOT THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES -- RICHARD NIXON AND NELSON ROCKEFELLER -- WHO HAVE PLEDGED THEMSELVES NOT TO SLIP, DUCK OR HIDE FROM THE ISSUES, BUT TO MEET THE ISSUES HEAD ON WITH POSITIVE, RESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS AND ACTION.

EVEN A CURSORY GLANCE AT NEWSPAPERS, NATIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES OR TELEVISION SHOWS THESE TWO MEN ARE READY TO MOVE WITH HUMILITY AND ENERGY . . . TO TURN AMERICA'S GAZE IN NEW DIRECTIONS . . . TO GUIDE THIS COUNTRY'S VAST RESOURCES . . . AND UPLIFT ITS PEOPLE TO WORK TO HOUSE, TO EDUCATE, TO BUILD, TO CREATE AND INSPIRE.

-THE PHILOSOPHY-

SECOND, THE G.O.P. PHILOSOPHY HOLDS OUT HOPE AND PROMISES ACTION. REPUBLICANS KNOW -- AND FOR THAT MATTER, MOST AMERICANS KNOW -- THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PHILOSOPHY OF FEDERAL SOLUTIONS, FEDERALLY-FINANCED AND FEDERALLY-ADMINISTERED HAS NOT WORKED IN EIGHT YEARS AND WILL NOT WORK NOW OR IN THE FUTURE.

REPUBLICANS KNOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT MUST SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, OTHER GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS -- BUT THAT GOVERNMENT ALONE CANNOT WAGE THE WARS OR WIN THE PEACE -- AT HOME OR ABROAD.

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REPUBLICANS CAN PROVIDE THE IMAGINATIVE, NEW LEADERSHIP THAT CAN INSPIRE OTHERS. REPUBLICANS UNDERSTAND AND BELIEVE IN PEOPLE. THEY VIEW THEIR FELLOW AMERICANS AS INDIVIDUALS -- NOT AS MEMBERS OF VOTING BLOCS TO BE MOVED ABOUT LIKE PAWNS : IN A POLITICAL CHESS GAME.

-PUBLIC OPINION-

THIRD, THE TIDE OF PUBLIC OPINION. REPUBLICANS HAVE A BUILT-IN NATIONAL AUDIENCE. IF EVER AMERICANS WERE READY FOR NEW LEADERSHIP, THEY ARE READY THIS YEAR.

EIGHT YEARS OF DEMOCRATIC CONTROL HAVE NOT ESCAPED THE PUBLIC EYE. THE RECORD HAS BEEN, AND IS, OPEN FOR ALL TO JUDGE.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY -- WITH THE HELP OF MANY INDEPENDENTS AND DISENCHANTED DEMOCRATS -- CAN MAKE SWEEPING GAINS IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS. AND THE PUBLIC UTTERANCES OF DEMOCRAT HUBERT HUMPHREY, DEMOCRAT EUGENE MCCARTHY AND DEMOCRAT ROBERT KENNEDY WILL HELP INCREASE THE SCOPE OF THE REPUBLICAN WINS.

-THE 1968 ISSUES-

TO THESE THREE G.O.P. ASSETS -- CANDIDATES, PHILOSOPHY AND PUBLIC OPINION -- ADD ISSUES FOR THE REPUBLICAN OPPORTUNITY IN 1968 UNDOUBTEDLY HAS THE ISSUES.

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A NEWS REPORTER RECENTLY SAID PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S DECISION NOT TO RUN AND THE RESULTING FLURRY OF DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS HAVE NEUTRALIZED THE ISSUES REPUBLICANS HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATING ON.

THIS IS NOT TRUE. THE MAJOR PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THIS NATION HAVE NOT BEEN SOLVED. THE RECORD IS PLAIN.

- ** DESPITE THE PARIS PEACE TALKS, PEACE DOES NOT REIGN IN VIETNAM. WE ARE STILL ENGAGED IN A MAJOR WAR WHICH IS COSTING US DEARLY -- IN LIVES, IN DOLLARS, IN UNITY AT HOME, IN PRESTIGE ABROAD.
- ** THE NATION'S LARGEST CITIES HAVE SUFFERED SOME OF THE WORST CIVIL DISTURBANCES IN OUR HISTORY AND ARE BRACING THEMSELVES FOR MORE THIS SUMMER.
- ** THE NATIONAL CRIME RATE SOARS -- EVEN AFTER JUMPING 83 PER CENT FROM 1960 TO 1967, WHEN THE POPULATION INCREASED 11 PER CENT.
- ** THE DOLLAR IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION -- WE HAVE AN ALL-TIME HIGH COST OF LIVING . . . THE DEFICIT IN OUR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS IS DEEP. OUR SUPPLY OF GOLD IS ABYSMALLY LOW; THE NUMBER OF DOLLARS HELD BY FOREIGNERS, DANGEROUSLY HIGH.
- ** AMERICAN FARMERS, THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE IN THE WORLD, SUFFERED AN INCOME LOSS OF 1.9 BILLION DOLLARS LAST YEAR.
- ** WE HAVE A SPRAWLING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHICH MANY PEOPLE NEITHER UNDERSTAND NOR BELIEVE.

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LET'S LOOK CLOSER AT A FEW OF THE ISSUES.

-FISCAL AND MONETARY MATTERS-

FIRST, IN THE FIELD OF FISCAL AND MONETARY MATTERS.

THE DEMOCRATS ARE BRAGGING ABOUT MORE THAN 80 MONTHS OF "UNINTERRUPTED PROSPERITY".

BUT THE U.S. LABOR DEPARTMENT SAYS FLATLY THE WAGE GAINS AMERICAN WORKERS MADE IN 1966 AND 1967 WERE WIPED OUT BY INCREASES IN THE COST OF LIVING.

THE NAME OF THE GAME IS INFLATION, NOT PROSPERITY.

INFLATION -- HIGH PRICES-- HURTS EVERYONE, BUT ESPECIALLY THE VERY PEOPLE WE MOST NEED TO HELP . . . THE POOR . . . THE SICK . . . THE RETIRED . . . THE WIDOWED.

INFLATION HAS HURT THE FARMER. ALTHOUGH HIS INCOME WENT UP A LITTLE IN THE LAST SEVEN YEARS, THE INDEX OF PRICES HE PAID WENT UP 44 POINTS.

INFLATION HAS JACKED UP INTEREST RATES AND CREATED SPECIAL PROBLEMS FOR HOME BUYERS AND ALL AMERICANS WHO FIND IT NECESSARY TO BORROW.

INFLATION HAS HURT OUR FOREIGN TRADE TO THE POINT WHERE OUR TRADE SURPLUS HAS FALLEN TO AN ANNUAL RATE OF LESS THAN 2 BILLION DOLLARS. OUR BALANCE OF TRADE ACTUALLY SLIPPED INTO DEFICIT DURING MARCH, THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1963.

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THEN THERE IS THE GOLD CRISIS, THE RESULT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE IN THE FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICIES PURSUED BY THE DEMOCRATS.

THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT: AMERICA IS IN SERIOUS FINANCIAL STRAITS. FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD CHAIRMAN MARTIN CALLS IT THE WORST FINANCIAL CRISIS SINCE THE DEPRESSION.

SOME TIME TWO YEARS AFTER THEY ESCALATED THE VIETNAM WAR, THE DEMOCRATS BEGAN TO DISCOVER WHAT THE REPUBLICANS HAD BEEN SAYING FOR YEARS -- THIS COUNTRY CAN'T LIVE BEYOND ITS MEANS.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S ANSWER? TAX THE PEOPLE MORE, OF COURSE.

MANY MONTHS OF HAGGLING BETWEEN THE CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION ENSUED. IN ESSENCE, THE CONGRESS SAID, A TAX INCREASE MAY, IN FACT, BE NECESSARY, BUT YOU CAN'T COLLECT MORE MONEY FROM THE PEOPLE UNLESS THERE ARE MASSIVE REDUCTIONS IN FEDERAL SPENDING.

THE ADMINISTRATION BALKED.

TODAY, THIS IS THE STATUS OF THE PROPOSAL: HOUSE AND SENATE CONFEREES HAVE AGREED ON A 10 PERCENT INCOME TAX SURCHARGE THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON WANTS AND A 6 BILLION DOLLAR SPENDING CUT IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET THAT HE DOESN'T WANT.

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NO ONE REALLY WANTS A TAX INCREASE. NO ONE, FOR THAT MATTER, WANTS TO CUT BACK ON POPULAR PROGRAMS, SOME OF WHICH ARE DEMONSTRATING LIMITED EFFECTIVENESS.

BUT THE FACT IS: THE DEMOCRATS HAVE LED US TO A POINT OF NO RETURN UNLESS DRASTIC STEPS ARE TAKEN.

THE GREAT FAILURE OF DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN THEIR REFUSAL TO ESTABLISH SPENDING PRIORITIES AND ECONOMIC DISCIPLINE. NO MATTER HOW YOU CUT IT, NO FAMILY, NO TOWN, NO COUNTY, NO STATE, NO NATION CAN HAVE EVERYTHING IT WANTS AT ONCE.

I URGE YOU TO LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES HUMPHREY, MCCARTHY, KENNEDY AND WALLACE. IF YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR, YOU HEAR PROMISES, EXPENSIVE PROMISES, PROMISES OF NEW PROGRAMS ON TOP OF OLD PROGRAMS WITH NO REGARD FOR OUR FISCAL DILEMMA.

YES, ON ITS PAST RECORD AND ON ITS CURRENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS, IT IS DOUBTFUL DEMOCRATS COULD BRING THIS COUNTRY OUT OF ITS FISCAL AND MONETARY CRISIS.

-CIVIL DISORDER-

THE FISCAL AND MONETARY MESS APPEARS TO CLASH HEAD ON WITH THE DESPERATE DEMANDS OF OUR CITIES AND THE GROWING CIVIL DISORDER.

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THERE IS NO SIMPLE SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS IN THE CITIES. BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS: THE DEMOCRAT SOLUTION -- FEDERAL PROJECTS, FEDERALLY-FINANCED AND FEDERALLY-ADMINISTERED -- IS NOT IT.

THE WAR ON POVERTY HAS PROVEN THAT BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT. BILLIONS OF DOLLARS HAVE BEEN EXPENDED, MUCH OF IT IN AREAS LIKE DETROIT, WASHINGTON AND NEWARK, AND STILL THERE ARE RIOTS AND LOOTING AND DEMANDS FOR MORE FEDERAL AID.

IF 5 OR 10 BILLION DOLLARS HAS NOT MADE AN APPRECIABLE DENT IN POVERTY, THE ULTIMATE ANSWER IS NOT SPENDING 20 OR 50 BILLION DOLLARS BY THE GOVERNMENT.

ONCE AGAIN, OUR PRIORITIES HAVE BEEN MISGUIDED.

OUR FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS TO RECOGNIZE NO AMERICANS-- BLACK OR WHITE -- CAN LIVE TOGETHER DIVIDED BY HATRED. EVERY INDIVIDUAL MUST REDEDICATE HIMSELF TO THE TRUTH WHICH THE AUTHORS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SAID IS SELF-EVIDENT -- THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL.

A CHANGE IN ATTITUDE WON'T ELIMINATE SLUMS, BUT IT WILL HELP COOL THE PASSIONS WHICH ERUPT INTO VIOLENCE.

BELIEVING AND LIVING THE FACT THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL IS A PERSONAL MATTER. IT STARTS WITH YOU. NO LAW --NO MATTER HOW COMPREHENSIVE OR HOW HERALDED -- WILL AUTOMATICALLY USHER IN BROTHERLY LOVE. WE CANNOT LEGISLATE TOGETHERNESS.

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WHAT WILL COUNT IS GENUINELY FAIR ACTION ON ALL FRONTS -- ACTION WHICH IGNORES ALL FORMS OF ARBITRARY DISCRIMINATION.

IN MY OPINION AND IN THE OPINION OF MANY REPUBLICANS, FIRST CALL ON GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO HELP PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES SHOULD BE FOR EDUCATION.

LARGE SUMS ARE BEING SPENT ON WELFARE PROGRAMS, PRISON SYSTEMS, INSURANCE FOR RIOT DAMAGE. SOME OF THE MONEY COULD BE SAVED -- AND BE BETTER DIRECTED -- IF IT WERE SPENT ON EDUCATION.

ONLY BY WELL EDUCATING ALL OF OUR YOUTH -- PARTICULARLY DURING THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL YEARS -- DO WE HAVE ANY LASTING HOPE OF TRULY HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES.

THE BETTER THE EDUCATION, THE BETTER THE JOBS, THE BETTER THE HOUSING AND SO ON -- IT'S A CHAIN REACTION.

THERE MUST BE A COMMITMENT OF EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES -- FUNDS, FACILITIES, PERSONNEL AND LEADERSHIP -- THAT MUST BE SUMMONED AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT TO OVERCOME THE EDUCATIONAL DEFICIT EXISTING IN MANY CITIES.

ANOTHER PRIORITY WE MUST HAVE IS JOBS -- JOBS TO HELP PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES AND TO RELIEVE THE MOUNTING PRESSURES IN THE CITIES.

REPUBLICANS HAVE ALWAYS ENCOURAGED BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY TO TAKE THE LEAD IN THE JOB FIELD.

BUSINESS CAN REACH OUT TO RECRUIT THE HOPELESS IN THE SLUMS WHERE THEY LIVE. BUSINESS CAN RE-THINK PRODUCTION PROCESSES, SO THAT THE JOB CAN BE FITTED TO THE MAN RATHER THAN THE MAN TO THE JOB. BUSINESS CAN GREATLY EXPAND ITS TRAINING AND RETRAINING PROGRAMS.

BUT ALL THIS COSTS MONEY. THIS IS WHERE THE GOVERNMENT COMES IN.

GOVERNMENT SHOULD SUPPORT -- THE GOVERNMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD OFFER TO BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR THEM TO HELP REBUILD OUR CITIES.

IN ADDITION, THERE MUST ALSO BE A SHARING OF FEDERAL REVENUES WITH THE STATES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO BRING THEM INTO FULL PARTNERSHIP IN THE PROBLEM-SOLVING.

THERE MUST BE SWEEPING PROGRAMS, TOO, TO CONTROL CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, IMPROVE LAW ENFORCEMENT, REVISE OUR COURT SYSTEM AND CRACK DOWN ON ORGANIZED CRIME. THE DEMOCRATS HAVE FAILED TO MOVE WITH URGENCY TOWARD A SOLUTION TO THIS PRESSING PROBLEM OF CRIME.

- TIME FOR FRESH APPROACHES -

THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE THINGS REPUBLICANS BELIEVE IN. THESE ARE SOME OF THE PROPOSALS WHICH CAN HELP THROW OFF THE MALAISE WHICH HAS PARALYZED AMERICA FOR EIGHT YEARS.

IT IS A TIME FOR FRESH APPROACHES, NEW LEADERSHIP.
REPUBLICANS CAN PROVIDE THOSE FRESH APPROACHES AND
THAT NEW LEADERSHIP. THE FUTURE OF OUR PARTY AND OUR
NATION RESTS ON ELECTING THAT REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP
IN NOVEMBER.

THE REPUBLICAN OPPORTUNITY IN NOVEMBER 1968 IS
THE NATION'S OPPORTUNITY TO FORGE AHEAD...TO RECLAIM
AMERICA'S GENUINE HUMANITARIAN MOTIVES, TRUE VALUES AND
RIGHT PRIORITIES. THEN LET US CLOSE THE DOOR ON THE
UGLY CHAPTER IN WHICH WE USED OUR TREMENDOUS WEALTH AND
POWER TO SHATTER, MISLEAD, DESTROY AND CONFUSE.