

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE
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THIS ELECTION YEAR THE LUCKY NUMBER ~~FOR~~ AMERICAN IS SEVEN - SEVEN MORE REPUBLICAN SENATORS. THIS IS WHAT IS NEEDED TO GIVE REPUBLICANS CONTROL OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE. GETTING THIS NUMBER OF NEW SENATORS WILL NOT BE EASY. IN FACT, WE HAVE TO DO IT THE HARD WAY -- ONE STATE AT A TIME.

I DO NOT KNOW THE LAS VEGAS ODDS ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS, BUT I ADVISE YOU TO GET YOUR BETS DOWN, BECAUSE WE CAN MAKE IT -- IF WE ALL DO OUR PART.

WE HAVE THE CANDIDATES. AND TO GO WITH THEM WE HAVE THE ISSUES. THE ISSUES OF WHAT A GREAT REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT HAS BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH IN LESS THAN TWO YEARS IN SPITE OF A DO-NOTHING, SPEND-EVERYTHING BUNCH OF DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS. AND THE ISSUES OF WHAT THIS DEMOCRAT-CONTROLLED CONGRESS HAS FAILED TO DO.

LET US LOOK AT PRESIDENT NIXON'S RECORD FOR A MOMENT -- A RECORD WHICH, BY THE WAY, COULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED WITHOUT THE DEDICATED SUPPORT AND EFFORTS OF REPUBLICANS IN THE CONGRESS WHO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING THEIR PRESIDENT. AND A RECORD WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN SPITE OF THE DEMOCRATS THERE, WHO HAVE OPPOSED HIS EFFORTS EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. BUT DESPITE THEIR OPPOSITION -- OPPOSITION WE CAN

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MINIMIZE IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS -- THE PRESIDENT AND HIS REPUBLICAN ALLIES IN THE CONGRESS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED A GREAT DEAL. AND EQUALLY IMPORTANT, WE HAVE BLOCKED SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO SABOTAGE THE PRESIDENT.

YOU KNOW THE OLD LINE ABOUT A CAMEL BEING A HORSE WHICH WAS ASSEMBLED BY A COMMITTEE. WELL, CAN YOU IMAGINE A COMMITTEE OF 100 TRYING TO END A WAR IN VIETNAM?

BUT THAT IS WHAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE SENATE SEEM TO WANT. PRESIDENT NIXON IS UNWINDING THE WAR IN A WAY THAT EVERY AMERICAN SHOULD BE PROUD OF, IN A WAY THAT MAINTAINS AMERICA'S CREDIBILITY WITH ITS ALLIES -- AND ITS ENEMIES, AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY OF ALL, WITH ITS OWN CITIZENS.

YET THERE ARE THOSE IN THE SENATE WHO SEEK TO TIE HIS HANDS, SEEK TO RESTRICT HIS CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS, SEEK TO SUBSTITUTE THE JUDGMENTS OF THE FULBRIGHTS AND THE McGOVERNS AND THE MUSKIES FOR THE JUDGMENT, THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE OF THE PRESIDENT.

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RIDICULOUS? OF COURSE IT IS, BUT WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT WHEN HALF THE DEMOCRATS IN THE SENATE ARE RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT. ONE EVEN THINKS HE WAS DIVINELY CHOSEN TO BE SECRETARY OF STATE. ONE OF THE TASKS AHEAD OF US IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE AMBITIOUS ISOLATIONISTS AND RADICALS WHO DOMINATE THE DEMOCRAT PARTY IN THE SENATE ARE DISAPPOINTED IN NOVEMBER AND THAT THE SENATE IS CONSTITUTED IN 1971 SO NONE OF THEM CAN MAKE TROUBLE.

IT WILL NOT BE EASY, BUT IT CAN BE DONE IN PLACES LIKE NEW MEXICO, NEVADA, UTAH, WYOMING, TENNESSEE, TEXAS, ILLINOIS AND FLORIDA, TO NAME THE LUCKY SEVEN PLUS ONE.

THE PRESIDENT'S RECORD

ALL RIGHT, JUST WHAT HAS THE PRESIDENT ACCOMPLISHED?

CAN ANYONE ARGUE THAT THE POST OFFICE HAS NOT BEEN REFORMED? NO THANKS TO THE DEMOCRAT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WHO SAT ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S BILL FOR 13 MONTHS, BUT THANKS TO A PRESIDENT WHO REFUSED TO TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER. AND NEXT YEAR, THE COUNTRY WILL BEGIN TO GET THE MAIL SERVICE IT DESERVES.

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ALONG WITH POSTAL REFORM, THE PRESIDENT HAS ALSO MANAGED TO PERSUADE CONGRESS TO APPROVE HIS PROPOSAL TO REFORM THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO PASS TWO OF 13 CRIME BILLS, TO INCREASE SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS AND TO TAKE CRUCIAL STEPS TO PRESERVE OUR NATIONAL SECURITY.

THE PRESIDENT, ON HIS OWN, HAS REFORMED THE DRAFT SYSTEM -- MAKING SELECTION OF DRAFTEES FAIRER AND LIMITING DRAFT ELIGIBILITY TO ONLY ONE YEAR.

UNDER THE DEMOCRATS, YOUNG MEN HAD A PERIOD OF SEVEN YEARS DURING WHICH THEY COULD BE DRAFTED. HOW COULD ANYONE EXPECT A YOUNG MAN TO SETTLE DOWN WITH SEVEN YEARS OF UNCERTAINTY HANGING OVER HIS HEAD. TODAY, THANKS TO PRESIDENT NIXON, A YOUNG MAN, ONCE HE IS 20, KNOWS WHEN HE IS FREE TO PURSUE HIS SCHOOLING OR HIS CAREER.

WHERE, YOU SHOULD ASK, WERE THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESS AND DEMOCRAT PRESIDENT WHEN YOUNG MEN NEEDED HELP AND AN ELEMENT OF CERTAINTY IN THEIR LIVES.

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WHERE, YOU MAY ALSO ASK, HAS A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS BEEN WHEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS SOUGHT HELP IN COMBATTING ORGANIZED CRIME, DRUGS AND PORNOGRAPHY? IN ALL HONESTY, IT HAS BEEN SITTING ON ITS HANDS.

APPARENTLY, YOUR RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM THE DANGERS OF ROBBERS, MUGGERS AND MURDERERS IS SECONDARY TO SOME DEMOCRATS' DESIRE TO CATER TO THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION.

TO SOME DEMOCRATS, YOUR RIGHT TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN FROM THE PEDDLERS OF DRUGS AND THE PANDERERS OF FILTH IS SECONDARY TO THEIR DESIRE TO FAWN OVER AND CODDLE THE WORST ELEMENTS OF OUR SOCIETY.

TO SOME DEMOCRATS, VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS IS BAD ONLY WHEN THE NATIONAL GUARD OR POLICE ARE CALLED IN TO HALT A RIOT AND SOMEONE IS HURT IN THE PROCESS. BUT THEY ARE SILENT WHEN AN INNOCENT RESEARCHER IS KILLED BY A BOMB, OR WHEN A UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL IS BEATEN BY A MOB.

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THE NEW LAW-AND-ORDER VOICES

AS THE ELECTION NEARS, AND AS IT BECOMES MORE AND MORE OBVIOUS WHERE PUBLIC SENTIMENT REALLY LIES, IT IS INTERESTING TO WATCH THAT OLD LIBERAL BUGABOO CODE PHRASE "LAW AND ORDER" GAINING MORE AND MORE DISCIPLES AMONG THE PERMISSIVE, PASSIVE DEMOCRATS.

THOSE DEMOCRATS, WHO LESS THAN SIX MONTHS AGO, WERE INFLAMING THE CAMPUSES WITH SHRILL DEMOGOGIC ATTACKS ON THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THEIR SUPPORTERS, ARE SUDDENLY BECOMING AWARE THAT THE VOTE IS NOT ON THE CAMPUS, BUT IN THE COMMUNITY.

THOSE DEMOCRATS WHO WERE POLARIZING AND SPLITTING THE COUNTRY BY THEIR HYPOCRITICAL APPEALS TO THE EMOTIONS OF THE NEW LEFT, THE NEW MOBE AND THE DRAFT RESISTERS, ARE SUDDENTLY SEEKING TO SNEAK QUIETLY BACK INTO RANKS OF THE SILENT MAJORITY.

IT IS A GOOD TRY, ENTIRELY WORTHY OF THOSE WHO PUT POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY AHEAD OF WHATEVER IT IS THEY USUALLY TRY TO PASS OFF AS PRINCIPLE. THEY HAD THEIR CAKE IN APRIL, MAY AND JUNE. NOW, DESPITE ITS STALENESS, THEY SEEK TO EAT IT TOO.

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THEY ARE CONVINCED THEY CAN BE BOTH FLOWER CHILD AND POLICEMAN,
BOTH CATERER TO THE RIOTERS AND OPPONENT OF THE RIOTS.

BUT, IT IS NOT GOING TO WORK. BECAUSE, TOO MANY OF THEM, WHEN
THEY MISTOOK THE HIGHEST CREST OF THE SPRING TIDE OF YOUTHFUL VIOLENCE FOR
THE FULL WAVE OF THE FUTURE, ETCHED THEIR WORDS OF SUPPORT NOT IN THE
SAND OF CAMPUS DISRUPTORS, BUT IN THE MEMORIES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

AND NOW AS THAT TIDE RETREATS, THEY ATTEMPT IN VAIN TO SCRUB
THEIR WORDS FROM THE BARE WALLS OF THE PUBLIC MEMORY.

BUT LET ME ASK: HOW CAN A MAN WHO DESCRIBES THE DRAFT DODGERS WHO
FLEE TO CANADA AS THE TRUE HEROES OF THIS WAR, HOW CAN HE NOW SAY THAT
HE BELIEVES IN A GOVERNMENT OF LAWS?

HOW CAN A MAN WHO SAYS THAT HE, TOO, COULD START A PRETTY GOOD
RIOT, HOW CAN HE SAY NOW THAT HE DEcriES VIOLENCE?

HOW CAN A MAN WHO CALLS THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION IN CAMBODIA
"MADNESS" AT THE HEIGHT OF STUDENT HYSTERIA, HOW CAN HE NOW CALL FOR SANITY
ON THE PART OF THE STUDENTS?

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HOW CAN ^AMAN, WHO AT THE HEIGHT OF STUDENT HYSTERIA, BLAMED THE PRESIDENT FOR THE DEATHS AT KENT STATE, HOW CAN HE NOW EXPECT TO DOUSE THE FIRES OF VIOLENCE HE HAS SOUGHT TO IGNITE BY ATTACKING EXTREMISTS IN HIS OWN PARTY?

THEY CAN TRY, BUT I AM CONVINCED THEY WILL FAIL.

THERE ARE TOO MANY QUESTIONS THAT THEY CANNOT ANSWER, TOO MANY WORDS THAT THEY CANNOT ERASE, TOO MANY AMERICANS WHO CAN TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD AND ON THE LINE FOR JUSTICE AND DISCIPLINE, AND THOSE WHO MERELY SEEK TO STRADDLE THE ISSUES ^A FOR POLITICAL GAIN.

THE LAW AND ORDER WORDS WE ARE HEARING TODAY FROM THOSE WHO CATERED TO THE VIOLENT AND THE LAW BREAKERS ARE WELCOME WORDS. HOW WONDERFUL IT WOULD BE IF THEY REALLY SIGNIFIED A RETURN TO REASON.

BUT I WOULD REMIND YOU THAT THERE ARE PUBLIC FIGURES, ESPECIALLY PRESIDENT NIXON, WHO, FROM THE BEGINNING, HAVE STOOD FOR AN ORDERLY SOCIETY AND FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF JUSTICE UNDER LAW IN THE FACE OF THE INFLAMED RHETORIC OF THOSE WHO NOW SO RIGHTEOUSLY CALL FOR AN END TO VIOLENCE.

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AND I ASK YOU WHERE YOU THINK OUR NEW FOUND ALLIES IN THE FIELD~~OF~~ LAW AND ORDER WILL BE AFTER THE BALLOTS ARE COUNTED AND IF THEY HAVE A CHOICE AGAIN BETWEEN POLITICS AND PRINCIPLE?

BUT WE ARE GOING TO SEE THAT AT LEAST SEVEN OF THEM ARE NOT AROUND NEXT YEAR TO FACE THAT CHOICE.

WE ARE GOING TO REPLACE THE LAW AND ORDER CHAMELEONS WITH REPUBLICANS WHO ARE CONSISTENT, FIRM AND HONEST ABOUT THEIR STAND FOR JUSTICE.

OBSTRUCTIONIST DEMOCRATS

MY FRIENDS, IT IS TIME AMERICANS PAUSED AND TOOK A HARD LOOK AT WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THEIR COUNTRY IN THE LAST 40 YEARS, A PERIOD IN WHICH THE DEMOCRATS HAVE HELD THE WHITE HOUSE FOR 28 YEARS AND HAVE HELD THE CONGRESS FOR 36 YEARS.

ONCE THERE WAS A TIME WHEN REPUBLICANS WORRIED CHIEFLY ABOUT THE NATIONAL DEBT THAT KEPT INCREASING UNDER THE DEMOCRATS? BUT TODAY THERE IS MUCH MORE TO WORRY ABOUT: CRISES AND PROBLEMS EITHER INFLECTED ON US BY DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATIONS OR IGNORED AND ALLOWED TO FESTER BY DEMOCRAT CONGRESSES.

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TODAY A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT IS VALIENTLY ATTEMPTING TO GET TOUGH LAWS WITH WHICH TO FIGHT CRIME. BUT A DEMOCRAT CONGRESS HAS STALLED, BLOCKED AND OBSTRUCTED THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S ANTI-CRIME LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM.

TODAY, THE PRESIDENT IS VALIANTLY ATTEMPTING TO HALT THE TRAFFIC IN DRUGS AND BARBITURATES. DRUG USAGE, REMIND YOU, BEGAN ITS WILD INCREASE AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DECADE OF THE DEMOCRATIC 60'S. AGAIN, THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESS IS DRAGGING ITS FEEL IN PROVIDING THE LEGISLATIVE TOOLS THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED FOR.

TODAY, THE PRESIDENT IS ATTEMPTING TO COPE WITH THE FLOOD OF FILTH THAT INUNDATES OUR MAILBOXES, OUR MAGAZINES AND OUR MOVIES.

DEMOCRAT-APPOINTED AND LIBERAL-ORIENTED COURTS HAVE MADE THIS FLOOD POSSIBLE, AND A DEMOCRAT CONGRESS HAS NOT PUT SO MUCH AS ONE FINGER IN THE DIKE.

TODAY, VIOLENCE IS RAMPANT ON OUR COLLEGE CAMPUSES. YOUTHFUL ANARCHISTS BLOW UP BUILDINGS, MAIM AND KILL INNOCENT PEOPLE. BOOKS ARE BURNED AND CLASSES HALTED IN THE NAME OF CREATING A NEW SOCIETY.

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DEMOCRATS AND THEIR NEW LEFT ALLIES FOSTERED A PERMISSIVENESS THAT BROUGHT THIS ABOUT. THEIR ATTACKS ON THE PRESIDENT, THE VICE PRESIDENT AND OTHERS WHO HAVE TAKEN A TOUGH STAND HAVE ONLY ENCOURAGED THE RIOTERS AND THE BURNERS AND THE BOMBERS.

THEIR DISDAIN FOR THE POLICE, THE NATIONAL GUARD AND THE DULY CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY OF THE SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES HAS ENCOURAGED A GROWING CONTEMPT FOR LAW, ORDER AND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.

UNFORTUNATELY, YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO CHANGE THAT KIND OF THINKING, BUT YOU CAN CHANGE THE MEN IN CONGRESS WHO DO THAT KIND OF THINKING.

HELP FOR THE PRESIDENT

TWO YEARS AGO, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE REALLY BEGAN TO SEE THE LIGHT. AND THEY ELECTED A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT.

BUT THEY FORGOT ONE THING. THEY FORGOT THAT A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT, NO MATTER HOW ABLE AND HOW COMPETENT AND HOW WELL-MEANING, CANNOT DO THE JOB HE IS ELECTED TO DO UNLESS HE HAS A CONGRESS THAT WILL WORK WITH HIM.

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FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS, WE HAVE WATCHED PRESIDENT NIXON DIGGING WITH A SPADE WHEN A BULLDOZER WAS NEEDED. FOR TWO YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN HIM FIGHTING FOR NECESSARY REFORMS WITH ONE HAND WHILE HE PRODDED A RECALCITRANT, DEMOCRAT-CONTROLLED CONGRESS WITH THE OTHER.

UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, HE HAS DONE BETTER THAN YOU OR I HAVE A RIGHT TO EXPECT. BUT IT IS TIME NOW TO UNFETTER HIM, TO LET HIM FIGHT FOR AMERICA WITH BOTH HANDS. WE CAN DO THIS ONLY BY GIVING HIM A CONGRESS THAT WILL SUPPORT THE THINGS HE IS TRYING TO DO, THE THINGS THAT MUST BE DONE FOR AMERICA.

THIS IS A NEW DECADE, LET US GIVE AMERICA A NEW CHANCE. A LET US TAKE NEW PATHS THAT LEAD TO A STRONG AMERICA BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND IN THE WORLD.

THE WAY TO DO IT IS BY ELECTING A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS. THE TIME TO DO IT IS THIS NOVEMBER. THERE ARE MANY WHO FEAR THAT OUR SOCIETY AND OUR CIVILIZATION ARE IN DANGER OF BEING DESTROYED, BOTH FROM WITHIN AND WITHOUT. BUT IT IS NOT TOO LATE. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO BUILD A BETTER AMERICA. WE KNOW WHAT MUST BE DONE. LET US CONTINUE THE JOB WE STARTED TWO YEARS AGO.