

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

LUNCHEON HONORING JACK HAWKE
ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA
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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'M HAPPY TO BE HERE IN ASHEBORO, A REPUBLICAN OASIS IN BEAUTIFUL RANDOLPH COUNTY. I CERTAINLY DON'T FEEL LIKE SENATOR REED FROM MY NEIGHBORING STATE OF MISSOURI -- WHEN HE WAS THE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION BEING HELD IN ST. LOUIS SOME YEARS AGO. AS HE STARTED TO FORMALLY OPEN THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES IN CONVENTION HALL, HE SAW THERE WAS NO MEMBER OF THE CLERGY PRESENT TO GIVE THE OPENING PRAYER. SO HE CALLED UPON WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE, THE FAMOUS NEWSPAPER EDITOR FROM KANSAS, IN THE PRESS GALLERY, AND ASKED HIM TO GIVE THE INVOCATION. NOW, WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE WAS A STAUNCH REPUBLICAN, AND HE ANGRILY STRODE TO THE PODIUM AND SAID, "GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION, DUE TO THE FACT THAT I FEEL A LITTLE BIT UNCOMFORTABLE HERE, IF IT'S ALL THE SAME WITH YOU, I'D JUST AS SOON THE LORD NOT KNOW I'M HERE."

WELL, I DO FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE HERE WITH MY FELLOW REPUBLICANS.

YOUR OWN THOMAS WOLFE MAY HAVE SAID, "YOU CAN'T GO HOME AGAIN" -- BUT I FEEL LIKE I'M HOME HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

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MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I AM WITH JACK HAWKE, WHO IS GOING TO BE SERVING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AFTER JANUARY.

JACK HAWKE, WHOSE LEADERSHIP IN YOUTH WORK AND WHOSE WORK TO STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMY OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE COASTAL PLAINS COMMISSION SO EMINENTLY QUALIFIES HIM FOR A SEAT IN THE HOUSE. HE HAS A VALUABLE UNDERSTANDING OF WASHINGTON, GAINED THROUGH HIS SERVICE WITH CONGRESSMAN JIM GARDNER.

JACK HAWKE WILL BE MY KIND OF LEGISLATOR, JUST LIKE ALL OF YOU ARE MY KIND OF PEOPLE.

AND YOU ARE PRESIDENT NIXON'S KIND OF PEOPLE -- YOU SUPPORTED HIM IN 1968, AND HE IS SUPPORTING YOU.

HE IS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN MANY A DECADE WHO RECOGNIZED THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA TEXTILE INDUSTRY. AGAINST TREMENDOUS PRESSURES, FOREIGN AND OTHERWISE, HE HAS COMMITTED THE GOVERNMENT TO PROTECTING THE ECONOMIC LIVELIHOOD OF THESE WORKERS.

AND HE WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT IN MANY A DECADE WHO TRIED TO NOMINATE FOR THE SUPREME COURT A JUDGE WHO UNDERSTOOD THE SOUTH AND THEIR PROBLEMS. NOW HE WAS VICIOUSLY ATTACKED FOR DARING TO DO THIS.

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THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO ACT AS IF IT'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL TO HAVE A SOUTHERNER ON THE SUPREME COURT -- BUT WE KNOW WHAT REALLY VIOLATES THE SPIRIT OF THE COURT AND THE CONSTITUTION ARE JUSTICES WHO ACCEPT CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST PAYMENTS FROM DUBIOUS AND SHADOWY FOUNDATIONS.

AND, BY THE WAY, THIS PARTICULAR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WAS THE ONE WHO WROTE THE CONCURRING OPINION ON THE SUPREME COURT DECISION AGAINST PRAYER, A FEW YEARS AGO. THAT WAS THE OPINION THAT EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE NATIONAL ANTHEM SHOULD NOT HAVE GOD IN IT; WEST POINT AND ANNAPOLIS SHOULD NOT HAVE CHAPLAINS; AND OUR COINS SHOULD NOT HAVE "IN GOD WE TRUST" ON THEM.

TO THIS JUSTICE, IT WAS THE INTENT OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS TO BAR THE MENTION OF GOD FROM THE AFFAIRS OF STATE.

WELL, I WONDER WHAT NORTH CAROLINA'S HUGH WILLIAMSON, ONE OF THE KEY LEADERS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, WOULD SAY TO THAT -- HUGH WILLIAMSON, WHO WAS A LICENSED PREACHER.

WE CAN NOT GUESS HIS EXACT WORDS, BUT WE CAN GUESS WHAT HIS INTENT WOULD BE THIS YEAR -- TO DEFEAT THOSE POLITICIANS WHO ATTACK OUR HERITAGE -- NATIONAL AND SPIRITUAL -- WHO SAY HOW MUCH IS WRONG WITH AMERICA, INSTEAD OF HOW MUCH IS RIGHT ABOUT IT.

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THOMAS WOLFE ONCE WROTE, "AMERICAN IS A FABULOUS COUNTRY -- WHERE MIRACLES NOT ONLY HAPPEN, BUT HAPPEN ALL THE TIME."

AND I WOULD LIKE TO THINK WHAT HE WOULD SAY TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, WHO SAYS, "AMERICA IS A SICK SOCIETY."

A COLLEAGUE SAID TO ME THE OTHER DAY, "DID YOU READ FULBRIGHT'S BOOK ON AMERICA CALLED "THE ARROGANCE OF POWER?" I SAID, "IS THAT WHAT THE BOOK IS SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT?" I THOUGHT IT WAS HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY."

TO FULBRIGHT AND THE OTHER PROFESSIONAL PESSIMISTS, I SAY THAT IT IS TIME TO STOP TEARING AMERICA DOWN, TO STOP THE HANDWRINGING AND THE HEADSHAKING -- IT IS TIME TO REAFFIRM THE VALUES THAT MAKE THIS NATION THE HOPE OF THE WORLD.

YET, I AM AFRAID TO SAY THAT YOU HAVE ONE OF THOSE PROFESSIONAL PESSIMISTS HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA -- JACK HAWKE'S OPPONENT HAS BEEN ONE OF THOSE "CUT-AND-RUN" ADVOCATES. HE VOTED FOR THE HOUSE VERSION OF THE COOPER-CHURCH AMENDMENT -- IN FACT, HE INTRODUCED HIS SO-CALLED "PEACE AMENDMENT." OF COURSE, SUCH AN AMENDMENT, BY UNILATERALLY PULLING OUT ALL AMERICAN AID FROM INDO-CHINA WOULD NOT HAVE SECURED THE PEACE, BUT ONLY PROLONGED THE WAR.

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PRESIDENT NIXON HAS A PLAN FOR PEACE. IN OVER 19 MONTHS HE HAS SURELY AND EFFECTIVELY REVERSED THE COURSE OF THE WAR HE INHERITED. HE HAS BROUGHT HOME NEARLY 120,000 TROOPS AND HAS PLEDGED TO BRING HOME ANOTHER 150,000 BY THE END OF NEXT SPRING. PRESIDENT NIXON HAS OFFERED TO STOP THE FIGHTING AND NEGOTIATE WITH HANOI AND THE VIET CONG ON PROPOSALS THAT SEEK ONLY TO GUARANTEE SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SOUTH VIETNAM?

BUT THE PEACE AMENDMENT THAT CONGRESSMAN GALIFIANAKIS HAS BACKED IS NO FORMULA FOR PEACE; IT IS A PRESCRIPTION FOR MILITARY SURRENDER AND POLITICAL DISASTER THAT MORE THAN 50,000 AMERICANS HAVE DIED TO PREVENT.

EVER SINCE JOSEPH HEWES, OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, FATHERED THE AMERICAN ~~ARMY~~ ^{NAVY} AND COMMISSIONED JOHN PAUL JONES, NORTH CAROLINA HAS BEEN KNOWN FOR LEADERS WHO BELIEVE IN A STRONG AMERICA. YET THIS DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN IS ONE OF THOSE WHO HAS BEEN VOTING TO CRIPPLE OUR DEFENSE.

LET US NEVER FORGET THE LESSON THAT THERE IS NO SECURITY IN RETREAT FROM THE WORLD. LET US NEVER FORGET THE DESPAIR AND ANGUISH OF PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON, WHO YOU KNOW WENT TO COLLEGE IN NEARBY DAVIDSON. "BOYS, I TOLD YOU BEFORE YOU WENT ACROSS THE SEAS THIS WAS A WAR AGAINST WARS -- AND IT DID NY BEST TO FULFILL THE PROMISES. BUT I AM OBLIGED TO COME TO YOU IN MORTIFICATION AND SHAME AND SAY I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FULFILL THE PROMISE. YOU ARE BETRAYED. YOU FOUGHT FOR SOMETHING YOU DID NOT GET?"

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BUT WITH MEN LIKE JACK HAWKE, NO AMERICAN PRESIDENT WILL EVER BE FORCED TO MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT.

WITH CONGRESSMEN LIKE HIM, WE WILL WIN THE PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND FULFILL THE AIMS OF OUR FIGHTING MEN.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, JUST AS THE CONGRESSMAN FROM THE 4th DISTRICT HAS UNDERCUT THE PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS TO END THE WAR, SO HAS HE UNDERMINED THE PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS TO END INFLATION. THE PROBLEM, MY FRIENDS, OF CONTROLLING FEDERAL SPENDING HAS BECOME CRITICAL. IF WE FAIL IN THIS, RUNAWAY INFLATION WOULD RESUME, PRICES AND INTEREST RATES WOULD SKYROCKET AGAIN, AND NEW TAXES WOULD BECOME INEVITABLE.

GOVERNMENT INDULGENCE OF INFLATION IS A BREACH OF FAITH WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. FOR INFLATION IS A THIEF. IT STEALS AWAY THE VALUE OF SAVINGS A WORKING MAN HAS PUT AWAY. IT ROBS HIM OF THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR HE EARNS.

YET THOSE WHO, WHILE BEATING THEIR BREASTS ABOUT THE NEEDS OF THE POOR WORKER, WOULD CYNICALLY LET IRRESPONSIBLE SPENDING ERODE THE INCOME AND SAVINGS OF THE SAME WORKER.

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CONGRESSMAN GALIFIANAKIS WAS ONE OF THOSE. HE WAS THE ONLY NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSMAN WHO VOTED TO OVERRIDE THE PRESIDENT'S VETO OF THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR H.U.D. AND OTHER INDEPENDENT AGENCIES. HE DID THIS EVEN THOUGH THE PRESIDENT HAD ASKED FOR AN INCREASE OF 1/2 BILLION DOLLARS OVER LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. HE DID THIS EVEN THOUGH THE PRESIDENT HAS A NATIONAL BUDGET THAT SPENDS MORE FOR HUMAN NEEDS THAN FOR MILITARY DEFENSE.

THESE SPENDERS ARE LIKE THOSE WHO WANT TO DANCE, BUT DO NOT WANT TO PAY THE PIPER.

~~A FISCALLY RECKLESS CONGRESSMAN IS LIKE ONE WHO WOULD BUY A LOW-NEEDED GOWN FOR A STAL SHAPED LIKE TWIGGY. HE WOULD END AN UNCOVERED DEFICIT.~~

WE ARE NOW GOING THROUGH A GREAT AWAKENING. MILLIONS OF AMERICANS ARE OPENING THEIR EYES TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE WILD SPENDING RIDE OF THE SIXTIES. AND THEY ARE DETERMINED THAT CONGRESSMEN MARCH INTO THE SEVENTIES WITH THEIR EYES WIDE OPEN.



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JACK HAWKE WILL LAY IT ON THE LINE -- HE WILL LEVEL WITH YOU ABOUT SPENDING. HE WILL SAY YOU PAY FOR WHAT YOU GET -- THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS SOMETHING FOR NOTHING. YOU PAY FOR THAT SPENDING IN TERMS OF HIGHER PRICES AND HIGHER TAXES.

THAT IS NOT A MESSAGE THE RADICAL ECONOMISTS OR PROMISSORY POLITICIANS LIKE TO HEAR. BUT IT IS THE TRUTH.

TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION, BUT THIS YEAR SOME DEMOCRAT CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS SEEM STRANGER THAN EITHER. WHAT SEEMS STRANGE THIS YEAR IS THE NEW-FOUND DEMOCRAT CONCERN FOR LAW AND ORDER. AFTER MONTHS OF BLOCKING THE PRESIDENT'S ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAM, THE D.C. CRIME BILL, AND THE ORGANIZED CRIME BILL, THEY SUDDENLY HAVE BEEN REVERSING THEMSELVES ONCE THEY STARTED TO FEEL THE HEAT FROM BACK HOME.

NOW, AFTER I LISTEN TO SOME OF THESE DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES TALK, I AM BEGINNING TO THINK THAT NOT SINCE MY FELLOW KANSAN WYATT EARP GOT THE REWARD FOR ARRESTING ONE OF THE JAMES BROTHERS HAVE THERE BEEN SO MANY CANDIDATES WANTING TO BE SHERIFF.

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BUT SOME OF THESE SAME PEOPLE TALKING LIKE A SHERIFF NOW WERE NOT AROUND TO BE DEPUTIZED WHEN THE PRESIDENT ASKED FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION ON HIS CRIME LEGISLATION.

AND DESPITE A LOT OF DEMOCRAT OPPOSITION, THE PRESIDENT HAS SIGNED LEGISLATION TO USE THE FBI TO INVESTIGATE CAMPUS BOMBING. AND HE TOOK ACTION IN PREVENTING AIR HIJACKING BY APPOINTING A FORCE OF SKY MARSHALS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NEGRO RETIRED AIR FORCE GENERAL, BENJAMIN DAVIS.

YET THE DEMOCRAT RECORD ON CRIME AND DISORDER IN CONGRESS AND AROUND THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN TOO OFTEN ONE OF APATHY OR APPEASEMENT. THEY REFUSED TO FACE THE FACTS AND TO TAKE CORRECTIVE STEPS. TOO OFTEN, THEY HAVE SIDED WITH THE ABBIE HOFFMAN'S INSTEAD OF JUDGE HOFFMAN -- AND WITH THE ANGELA DAVIS' INSTEAD OF GENERAL DAVIS.

TWO YEARS AGO, THE PEOPLE VOTED FOR CHANGE. THEY WERE TIRED OF WILD SPENDING PROGRAMS WITHOUT PLANNING; TIRED OF WAR WITH NO PLAN FOR PEACE; TIRED OF INCREASING CRIME WITH NO COORDINATED PROGRAMS TO CURB THE CRIMINALS; TIRED OF WELFARE ROLES WITH NO PLAN OR INCENTIVE TO REVERSE THE TREND; TIRED OF PROMISES WITHOUT PERFORMANCE -- YES, TIRED OF DEMOCRAT DEFICITS, DEMOCRAT DIVISIONS, AND DEMOCRAT DESPAIR, SO THEY ELECTED RICHARD NIXON PRESIDENT.

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NOW, I ASK YOU: "HAS PRESIDENT NIXON COME FORTH WITH A PLAN FOR PEACE? HAS HE CHAMPIONED THE RULE OF LAW? HAS HE BROUGHT ECONOMIC RESPONSIBILITY TO WASHINGTON?"

IN THE OPENING OF "LOOK HOMEWARD, ANGEL," THOMAS WOLFE WRITES, "WHICH OF US HAVE KNOWN OUR BROTHER; WHICH OF US HAVE LOOKED INTO OUR FATHER'S HEART?"

AND I SAY THAT IF WE LOOK INTO OUR OWN HEARTS OR THE HEARTS OF OUR FOREFATHERS, WE KNOW WHAT KIND OF AMERICA WE WANT. IT IS THE KIND OF AMERICA YOU, RICHARD NIXON, AND JACK HAWKE ARE TRYING TO BUILD.