

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE  
REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE BREAKFAST  
RAMADA INN  
TOPEKA, KANSAS  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1971

IN MY NEW ROLE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE, I WILL BE ACTING AS A PRIMARY SPOKESMAN FOR THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION. THE MAJOR BURDENS OF ADMINISTRATION AND DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THE COMMITTEE STAFF AND PARTY MACHINERY WILL BE HANDLED BY THE TWO NEW CO-CHAIRMEN, TOM EVANS OF DELAWARE AND ANNE ARMSTRONG OF TEXAS, THEY ARE BOTH DEDICATED AND HARD-WORKING REPUBLICANS, AND THEY WILL INSURE THAT THE GREAT BULK OF MY TIME CAN BE SPENT IN THE SENATE AND IN SERVICE TO KANSAS, WHICH IS AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN MY PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY AND INTEREST IN WASHINGTON.

AS CHAIRMAN, HOWEVER, I WILL BE ACTIVE IN BEHALF OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND HIS ADMINISTRATION. I WILL BE ADVERTISING THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SUCCESSES WHICH HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED; SELLING AND EXPLAINING THE REFORMS AND PROPOSALS HE HAS PUT FORWARD; AND FROM TIME TO TIME I WILL BE SPEAKING OUT TO REBUT THE CAMPAIGN POPPYCOCK OF THE DEMOCRAT PARTY AND ITS DOZEN OR SO PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS.

-2-

PROGRESS AGAINST HUNGER

TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS SEVERAL POINTS WITH YOU. FIRST, THERE IS THE FACT THAT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS COMPILED -- IN TWO SHORT YEARS -- THE MOST IMPRESSIVE RECORD IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGER EVER SEEN IN THIS COUNTRY. BOTH IN TERMS OF CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NUTRITIONAL LEVELS OF DISADVANTAGED AND ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED PEOPLE AND IN FIRM COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVE GREATER PROGRESS, THIS ADMINISTRATION, UNDER PRESIDENT NIXON'S LEADERSHIP, HAS BEEN HIGHLY IMPRESSIVE AND EFFECTIVE -- ESPECIALLY WHEN COMPARED TO ALL THE EMPTY PROMISES AND FALSE HOPES RAISED BY PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS.

LAST YEAR THE PRESIDENT CALLED TOGETHER CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND FROM ALL AREAS OF EXPERTISE CONCERNED WITH HUNGER IN AMERICA. THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON FOOD, NUTRITION AND HEALTH WAS A MILESTONE IN THIS NATION'S EFFORTS TO UNDERSTAND AND SOLVE THE GREAT PROBLEMS OF HUMAN NEEDS. THE REPORT WHICH ISSUED FROM THIS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO CLOSE STUDY AND EVALUATION AT ALL LEVELS OF THE ADMINISTRATION, AND IT HAS PROVIDED VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS AND INFORMATION FOR THE FORMULATION OF FUTURE PROGRAMS AND POLICIES.



-3-

RECENTLY, THE PRESIDENT'S DOMESTIC COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE ON NUTRITION COMPLETED A SUMMARY REPORT TO REVIEW THE RECORD OF THE ADMINISTRATION DURING ITS FIRST TWO YEARS AND ONE YEAR AFTER THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE WAS CALLED. THE REPORT BRIEFLY AND CLEARLY SETS FORTH THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION IN THIS FIELD, AND THE LIST IS IMPRESSIVE:

- BY THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM WILL BE ASSISTING THREE TIMES THE NUMBER OF 18 MONTHS AGO;
- ALL BUT 10 OF THE MORE THAN 3100 COUNTIES AND CITIES IN THE NATION HAVE MOVED TO IMPLEMENT FAMILY FOOD PROGRAMS. 300 COUNTIES HAD NOT EVEN DEvised PLANS FOR SUCH PROGRAMS A YEAR AGO.
- SCHOOL LUNCH AND OTHER CHILD FEEDING PROGRAMS ARE RECEIVING HALF AGAIN AS MUCH FUNDING AS A YEAR AGO. MONEY FOR ASSISTING FREE AND REDUCED PRICE LUNCHES FOR NEEDY CHILDREN IS EIGHT TIMES GREATER THAN IN 1969.

THIS RECORD IS ALL THE MORE IMPRESSIVE BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS NOT JUST REAL PROGRESS IN SOLVING SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEMS BUT ALSO A RESPONSIBLE, REASONABLE AND REALISTIC APPROACH TO THOSE PROBLEMS.

-4-

FLOODS OF UNDIRECTED UNPLANNED MONEY WERE NOT JUST DUMPED OUT OF THE TREASURY AND THE TAXPAYERS' POCKETS IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE PROBLEM. RATHER, THE PROBLEM WAS THOROUGHLY STUDIED FIRST. THEN A PLAN TO MEET THE REAL NEEDS IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS WAS PUT TOGETHER. AND THEN, AFTER ALL THE GROUND WORK HAD BEEN LAID, THE MONEY WAS COMMITTED.

IN THIS WAY, REAL PROGRESS IS ACHIEVED, REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS ARE MET, AND RATIONAL EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS IS ASSURED.

#### THE APPROACH TO RURAL AMERICA

THIS SAME APPROACH IS BEING FOLLOWED THROUGHOUT THE ADMINISTRATION. AND ANOTHER PROBLEM AREA, THE REVITALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL AMERICA, IS CURRENTLY BEING GIVEN THE SAME SYSTEMATIC, SENSIBLE ATTENTION WHICH HAS PROVEN TO BE EFFECTIVE IN OTHER FIELDS.

WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON TOOK OFFICE, HE WAS AWARE NOT ONLY OF THE CRISIS OF OUR URBAN CENTERS BUT OF THE CRISIS IN RURAL AMERICA AS WELL. AND HE UNDERSTOOD THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO. HE SAW THE THE OTHER SIDE OF THE OUTWARD MIGRATION WHICH DRAINS AND DEPLETES THE FARMS AND SMALL TOWNS WAS THE INWARD MIGRATION WHICH CLOGS AND CROWDS THE CITIES.



-5-

HE SAW THAT THE DWINDLING ECONOMIC BASE IN THE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES OF NON-METROPOLITAN AMERICA WAS REFLECTED IN THE CRUSHING EXPANSION AND SMOTHERING INEFFEICIENCY OF THE MAJOR POPULATION AND INDUSTRIALIZED CENTERS. HE REALIZED THAT NO PROGRESS COULD BE MADE AGAINST THE PROBLEMS OF ONE AREA WITHOUT COORDINATING EFFORTS IN BOTH.

THE PRESIDENT HAS TAKEN SEVERAL MAJOR STEPS TO GET A FIRM GRASP ON THE PROBLEMS FACING US IN RURAL AMERICA AND TO LAY A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR SOLUTIONS TO THOSE PROBLEMS.

- SOON AFTER TAKING OFFICE HE APPOINTED A BROADLY-BASED TASK FORCE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO STUDY THE ENTIRE SITUATION AND MAKE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR POLICIES AND PROGRAMS;
- HE CREATED A CABINET LEVEL DOMESTIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL TO DEVELOP POLICIES RELATING TO IMPROVEMENT OF BOTH RURAL AND URBAN LIVING IN AMERICA;
- HE PROPOSED IN THE STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS TO REORGANIZE AND RESTRUCTURE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT AND CREATE FOUR NEW DEPARTMENTS DEALING WITH THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF PEOPLE, THEIR COMMUNITIES, THEIR PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE ECONOMY. THE PROBLEMS OF RURAL AMERICA UNDER THIS NEW STRUCTURE WILL RECEIVE COORDINATED, LONG-RANGE CONSIDERATION INSTEAD OF THE NARROW, PIECEMEAL ATTENTION GIVEN IN THE PAST.

-6-

ADOPTION OF THIS ORDERLY APPROACH TO THE PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES FACING THE UNITED STATES IN THE '70's WILL STAND AS A WATERSHED IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. IT HAS CHARACTERIZED EVERY ASPECT OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S ACTIONS, AND IT MARKS A FUNDAMENTAL DEPARTURE FROM THE JUMBLED, UNCOORDINATED SPENDING NON-SYSTEMS INITIATED AND PERPETUATED BY THE DEMOCRAT PARTY FOR THE PAST FORTY YEARS.

#### THE ECONOMY

THE ADMINISTRATION HAS A FUNDAMENTAL OVERRIDING GOAL IN THE CONDUCT OF ALL THESE PROGRAMS -- AND IT IS TO MANAGE THE GOVERNMENT'S OPERATIONS SO THE FISCAL AND MONETARY EFFECTS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO, RATHER THAN WORK AGAINST, THE MAINTENANCE OF A STABLE NATIONAL ECONOMY OVER THE LONG RUN. DEMOCRAT POLICY, ESPECIALLY THAT BETWEEN 1965 AND 1969, HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONCERNED ONLY WITH THE SHORT RUN. THE DEMOCRATS SAID WE COULD HAVE GUNS AND BUTTER BOTH, AND THEY GAVE US A SHORT-LIVED BOOM PERIOD THAT FIRED SKYROCKETING INFLATION AND A DISASTROUS WAR.



-7-

PRESIDENT NIXON HAD BOTH WAR AND INFLATION WAITING ON HIS DOORSTEP WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE. HE HAS DONE A REMARKABLE JOB OF DEALING WITH BOTH PROBLEMS. HE IS WINDING DOWN THE WAR, AND HE HAS TAKEN FIRM STEPS TO SET THE ECONOMY RIGHT. WE DO NOT HEAR TOO MUCH FROM THE DEMOCRATS ABOUT THE WAR THESE DAYS. OF COURSE, A FEW STILL WANT TO BE ARMCHAIR GENERALS, AND SECOND-GUESS THE PRESIDENT'S EVERY MOVE, BUT THEY HAVE REALLY HAD THEIR ISSUE PULLED OUT FROM UNDER THEM. AND BY SPRING, OUR TROOP LEVELS WILL BE DOWN TO APPROXIMATELY 265,000 AND THEIR COMBAT ROLE WILL HAVE ALMOST ENTIRELY BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE.

THE ECONOMY, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS PROVEN TO BE EXTREMELY SLOW TO RESPOND TO CHANGE, AS WELL AS AN EXCEPTIONALLY DELICATE STRUCTURE TO PROD AND DIRECT. THE PRESIDENT KNEW HE HAD A TOUGH JOB FACING HIM WHEN HE STARTED, BUT HE WAS DETERMINED TO DO THE RIGHT THING -- NOT THE QUICK THING OR THE EASY THING -- TO BRING IT UNDER CONTROL. IT IS A MEASURE OF THE PRESIDENT'S RESOLUTION AND COMMITMENT TO UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES THAT FACED HIM. MOVING TOO SLOWLY WOULD MEAN INFLATION WOULD CONTINUE UNCHECKED AND DESTROY THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR. MOVING TOO QUICKLY OR TOO HARSHLY WOULD MEAN PLUNGING THE NATION INTO A RECESSION OR WORSE. BUT HE KNEW THAT FIRM AND DECISIVE ACTION WAS NECESSARY IF INFLATION WAS TO BE CHECKED AND THE ECONOMY KEPT MOVING.

-8-

SO, THE PRESIDENT ACTED. AN EXPANSIONIST BUDGETARY POLICY WAS ADOPTED.

- THE MONEY SUPPLY WAS ALLOWED TO GROW AT A FASTER RATE;
- INTEREST RATES HAVE BEEN REDUCED;
- A SERIES OF INFLATION ALERTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO HIGHLIGHT PROBLEM AREAS;
- AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN MONITORED TO SPOT CONTRIBUTIONS TO INFLATION AND WAGE-PRICE INSTABILITY, AND FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP STIMULATE ECONOMIC GROWTH.

THESE POLICIES ARE WORKING; THEY ARE TAKING HOLD. THE HOPED FOR IMPROVEMENTS ARE COMING, AND THEY WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL.

OF COURSE, ALL RESPONSIBLE PUBLIC FIGURES OF WHATEVER POLITICAL PERSUAISON SHOULD HAVE A HEALTHY ECONOMY AS ONE OF THEIR PRIMARY GOALS. BUT WHAT IS THE REACTION OF THE DEMOCRAT PARTY TO REPUBLICAN SUCCESS IN SOLVING DEMOCRAT-CREATED PROBLEMS? THEY SEEM TO BE FORMULATING A POLITICAL STRATEGY OF DIVISIVENESS WHICH PITS THE BUSINESSMAN AGAINST THE WORKING MAN AND PLAYS ON THE WORST FEARS OF EACH.



-9-

DEMOCRAT DISTORTION

PARTICULARLY DISTURBING WAS A STATEMENT EARLIER THIS MONTH BY LAWRENCE O'BRIEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRAT NATIONAL COMMITTEE, WHO ACCUSED THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION OF IGNORING UNEMPLOYMENT WHILE GIVING BIG BUSINESS A \$2 BILLION TAX BREAK. THIS IS NONSENSE.

IT IS BASIC LOGIC THAT ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT IS TO CREATE AN ECONOMIC CLIMATE IN WHICH INDUSTRY HAS MORE JOBS TO OFFER. JOBS ARE NOT CREATED OUT OF BUSINESS ~~SHRINKAGE~~ AND CONTRACTION. BUT NEW JOBS AND MORE JOBS ARE CREATED WHEN OUR NATION'S INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL MUSCLES ARE FLEXING AND GROWING. SO, WITH THIS KNOWLEDGE IN MIND, THE ADMINISTRATION'S ACTION TO LIBERALIZE DEPRECIATION SCHEDULES IS DESIGNED TO STIMULATE BUSINESS EXPANSION AND PRODUCTION. THE RESULT WILL BE MORE JOBS -- AND WITH THEM INCREASED PROSPERITY FOR ALL AMERICANS.

THESE ARE THE SIMPLE FACTS, BUT THE DEMOCRATS SEEM DETERMINED TO TWIST THEM TO THEIR OWN PURPOSE THROUGH INNUENDO AND HALF-TRUTH. THIS IS NOT A RESPONSIBLE STRATEGY, OR A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISCUSSION OF NATIONAL ISSUES.

-10-

THE ECONOMY IS NOW ON THE RISE. LOOK AT THE INDICATORS:

- INTEREST RATES HAVE COME DOWN. THE PRIME RATE HAS DROPPED 2-1/4 POINTS FROM 8-1/2% TO 6-1/4%.
- OVER THE LAST TWO MONTHS, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD HAS LOWERED THE DISCOUNT RATE FROM 6% TO 5-1/4%.
- HOUSING STARTS HAVE SURGED FROM AN ANNUAL RATE OF 1.2 MILLION IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1970 TO 1.7 MILLION IN NOVEMBER.
- IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS, FHA MORTGAGE RATES HAVE DROPPED FROM 8-1/2% TO 7-1/2%. CONVENTIONAL MORTGAGE RATES CONTINUE TO DROP AS WELL.
- THE RUNAWAY TREND IN INFLATION HAS BEEN TURNED AROUND. THE GATHERING MOMENTUM OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SENT IT FROM A 4.7% RISE IN 1968 TO 6.1% IN 1969. BUT IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF 1970, IT WAS TURNED TO ABOUT A 4.5% INCREASE -- THE DIRECTION IS DOWNWARD.



-11-

JUST THIS WEEK, PAUL McCracken, Chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, illustrated the cooling of the inflationary spiral by pointing out that the Industrial Commodities Price Index, one of the most important measures of the inflationary pressure, rose 3.7 percent in the first six months of 1970, 3.2 percent in the second half of the year, and only 2.0 percent in the last quarter.

So you see, despite the distorted and self-serving pronouncements of Mr. O'Brien and other desperate Democrats, the Nixon Administration is succeeding in doing what the Democrats said -- and hoped -- could not be done. This Administration is curbing runaway inflation -- caused by irresponsible Democrat economic policy -- and it is also moving to end unemployment.

Mr. O'Brien and the rest of the Democrat Party should be more responsible -- they should admit that the war President Nixon inherited and the deficits of the 60's are the roots of today's economic difficulties and employment troubles. They would make President Nixon's efforts to solve these problems easier and more effective. But in spite of this unfair Democrat criticism, President Nixon's policies are succeeding, and we are moving toward his goals of full employment and stable prices.

-12-

THE REPUBLICAN STORY

AS A MISSIONARY FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, I INTEND TO CARRY THE STORY OF THE PRESIDENT, HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIS PROPOSALS TO THE FAR CORNERS OF OUR NATION. TO DATE, WE HAVE NOT TOLD THAT STORY AS WELL AS WE MIGHT HAVE. WE HEAR AND READ OF OUR NATION'S PROBLEMS AND OUR BLUNDERS AND OUR FAILURES, BUT WE DO NOT OFTEN ENOUGH READ THE STORY OF OUR SUCCESSES AND OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THIS IS A DYNAMIC NATION. THIS IS A COMPASSIONATE NATION. THIS IS A CONCERNED NATION. THIS IS A NATION WHICH KNOWS GOOD AND DOES GOOD.

WE -- YOU AND I -- CAN JOIN THE PRESIDENT IN CARRYING THE GOOD WORD TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS NATION AND ALL THE WORLD. WE HAVE A STORY TO TELL -- A STORY OF UNWINDING A WAR AND STABILIZING THE ECONOMY, A STORY OF REBUILDING DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY, AND A STORY OF PROGRESS AND REFORM. AND WE WILL TELL IT TO THE PEOPLE -- NOT ONCE -- NOT TWICE -- BUT AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN, BECAUSE WE BELIEVE A GOOD STORY BEARS REPEATING. AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THIS STORY WILL GET BETTER WITH EACH TELLING IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.



-13-

WE REPUBLICANS MUST NEVER FORGET OUR OBLIGATION -- OUR RESPONSIBILITY -- TO SPEAK UP AND SPEAK OUT FOR OUR PARTY AND OUR PRESIDENT. AS ACTIVE MEMBERS AND PARTY LEADERS, WE CAN DO NO LESS, AND INDEED WE MUST CONTINUALLY STRIVE TO DO MORE.

WE MUST ALSO REMEMBER OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF UNITY AND COOPERATION WITHIN OUR RANKS. WE CANNOT LET PETTY, INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES SPLIT US APART. WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT THE PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES AND THE LEADERSHIP THAT UNITE US ARE FAR GREATER THAN THOSE THINGS WHICH WOULD SEPARATE US. DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS, WE CAN RESOLVE OUR DIFFERENCES. WE CAN REACH AGREEMENTS. WE WILL BE UNITED AND THE PUBLIC WILL CLEARLY SEE WE ARE A PARTY JOINED FIRMLY, BONDED TOGETHER, AND IN STEP BEHIND A GREAT PRESIDENT AND A GREAT PROGRAM.

-14-

AT THE EISENHOWER CENTER DEDICATION CEREMONY, PRESIDENT NIXON MENTIONED THAT HE FELT GENERAL EISENHOWER WOULD HAVE WANTED HIM TO STRESS HIS ADVICE THAT OURS SHOULD BE THE PARTY OF THE OPEN DOOR, OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE, ALL PARTIES, ALL FAITHS, ALL RACES.

AND THIS IS INDEED THE KIND OF PARTY WE WANT, THE KIND OF PARTY WE ARE, AND THE KIND OF PARTY WE SHALL BE IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

I INVITE YOU TO JOIN ME IN GIVING NEW MEANING AND NEW VITALITY TO OUR PARTY AND TO THE IDEALS WE ALL SHARE.



Hugh - Beth - Bala - Natl. Committee }  
Lohman - (Dough) }  
F  
D

---

London - }  
Carlson } Baum  
+++  
Selman -  
Sentry  
Shaw  
Winn  
=