

STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOD DOLE
RECEPTION FOR JEANE KIRKPATRICK

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MR. VICE PRESIDENT, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, MADAME AMBASSADOR,
MY FELLOW COLLEAGUES: HAROLD MacMILLIAN ONCE DEFINED A DIPLOMAT
AS SOMEONE FOREVER POISED BETWEEN A CLICHE AND AN INDISCRETION.
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU COULD SAY THE SAME OF MOST POLITICIANS.
THEN TOO, DIPLOMACY ITSELF HAS BEEN LIKENED TO HANDLING A
PORCUPINE WITHOUT DISTURBING THE QUILLS. AND ANYONE FAMILIAR
WITH THIS YEAR'S BUDGET PROCESS WILL AGREE WHEN I SAY -- I KNOW
THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE BUSINESS OF POLITICS. ACTUALLY, MADAME
AMBASSADOR, WE JUST WANTED A CHANCE TO EXPRESS OUR ADMIRATION FOR
THE MAGNIFICENT JOB YOU'VE DONE OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS IN THAT
DIPLOMATIC PORCUPINE DEN CALLED THE UNITED NATIONS.

AN END TO APOLOGIES

JUST WHEN A LOT OF AMERICANS, INCLUDING THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, WERE DISINCLINED TO TAKE THE WORLD BODY SERIOUSLY, WE ELECTED OURSELVES A PRESIDENT WHO TOOK IT SERIOUSLY INDEED. A PRESIDENT WHO WAS DETERMINED TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR A U.S. AMBASSADOR TO DEAL ONCE AGAIN FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH. HE WANTED SOMEONE WHO WOULD STOP APOLOGIZING FOR AND START RE-ASSERTING THIS COUNTRY'S VITAL INTERESTS.

AND IN LOOKING FOR SUCH AN UNCONVENTIONAL DIPLOMAT, HE WENT TO ONE OF THE FEW FOREIGN POLICY THINK TANKS IN THIS TOWN WHICH HADN'T SPRUNG A LEAK IN RECENT YEARS. IN THE PROCESS, HE FOUND HIMSELF A KINDRED SPIRIT, A WOMAN WHOSE ELOQUENCE AND VISION MATCHED HIS OWN.

AFTER THAT, THE U.N. WASN'T QUITE THE SAME, SOMETHING MOST OF US CONSIDER A SINGULAR IMPROVEMENT. AS THE YEARS WENT BY,

REPRESENTATIVES FROM NON-ALIGNED NATIONS LEARNED FOR THEMSELVES
WHAT WE WERE ALREADY BEGINNING TO SUSPECT: THAT THE UNITED STATES
HAD, ONCE AND FOR ALL, REMOVED THE SIGN IT USED TO WEAR TO
GATHERINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR SECURITY COUNCIL - THE SIGN
THAT READ "KICK ME." WHAT'S MORE, PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T SUBSCRIBE TO
FOREIGN AFFAIRS QUARTERLY WERE DISCOVERING FOR THEMSELVES A
DIPLOMAT WHOSE COMMAND OF THE LANGUAGE WAS MARRIED TO A SHREWD
GRASP OF THE WORLD THE WAY IT IS. THEY LIKED WHAT THEY SAW.
BECAUSE, FOR ALL HER EXPERIENCE, SHE NEVER APPEARED CYNICAL OR
WORLD-WEARY - ALTHOUGH WHO IN THE WORLD HAS A GREATER RIGHT TO
WEARINESS THAN AMERICA'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE U.N, FORCED TO
LISTEN TO INSTANTANEOUS DENUNCIATIONS IN A DOZEN DIFFERENT
TONGUES?!

A WELCOMED CHANGE

FOR MANY OF US, IT WAS A NEW AND WELCOMED CHANGE TO HEAR OUR

U.N. AMBASSADOR STAND UP FOR AMERICA'S FRIENDS - AND STAND UP TO AMERICA'S FOES. IT REFLECTED RONALD REAGAN'S OWN EFFORTS TO BANISH THE DRIFT AND CONFUSION OF RECENT YEARS. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME, WE STOPPED LOWERING OUR PROFILE IN THE WORLD. MORE IMPORTANT, WE STOPPED LOWERING OUR FLAGS AT EMBASSIES THROUGHOUT THAT WORLD. AND NO ONE SUPPLIED MORE COMPELLING ARGUMENTS FOR A COUNTRY UNAFRAID OF ITS OWN SHADOW THAN THE PROFESSOR-TURNED DIPLOMAT FROM GEORGETOWN.

THOSE WITH LONG MEMORIES THOUGHT BACK TO HENRY CABOT LODGE, HOLDING UP THE U.S. SEAL USED TO BUG OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW - OR ADLAI STEVENSON VOWING TO WAIT UNTIL HELL FROZE OVER - OR THE RUSSIAN REPRESENTATIVE ANSWERED HIS QUESTION ABOUT THE PLACEMENT OF OFFENSIVE MISSILES IN CUBA. SUDDENLY, DIPLOMACY CAME TO BE MORE THAN MEANINGLESS GENERALITIES AND FINGER SANDWICHES, MORE THAN THE ALCOHOL, GERITOL, AND PROTOCOL STEVENSON CALLED IT.

A POWERFUL VOICE FOR FREEDOM

SMALL WONDER, THEN, THAT JEANE KIRKPATRICK BECAME AN AUTHENTIC HEROINE. OR THAT NEWS OF HER IMPENDING SWITCH TO OUR PARTY SET OFF THE POLITICAL EQUIVALENT OF THE SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE.

JEANE: IF YOU PROMISE TO STAY, WE PROMISE TO STRIVE - TO CONTINUE YOUR WORK TOWARD A WORLD WHERE FREEDOM FINDS ITS VOICE. THERE'S NO ALTERNATIVE, REALLY: FOR IN THIS DAY AND AGE, THOSE WHO LOVE LIBERTY CAN ALL AGREE - WE MUST GO ON, OR WE WILL SURELY GO UNDER. ENCOURAGED BY YOUR EXAMPLE, AND PROPELLED BY YOUR COURAGE, WE WILL GO ON. THE PRESIDENT WILL SEE TO THAT. WE HOPE YOU WILL TOO.

AND NOW, TO PRESENT THE NEWEST CONVERT TO THE REPUBLICAN CAMP, I'M DELIGHTED TO INTRODUCE MY FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, MARYLAND'S DISTINGUISHED SENIOR SENATOR AND A MAN WHO HIMSELF KNOWS THERE'S NOTHING PARTISAN ABOUT PEACE: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE HONORABLE CHARLES MATHIAS.

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