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DEMOCRATS MAKE DESPERATE ATTACK

The Democrat attack on the President's State of the Union address is standard election year fare flavored with a certain amount of understandable desperation. In contrast to the fiery and fatuous rhetoric the Democrats cherish, the President's address was calm and reasoned; it delineated the needs that must be met and called upon the Congress to meet them and not to make the Nation suffer in a political year for the sake of their individual political ambitions.

I thought it even drew a nice distinction between the realistic approach to foreign policy taken by the Nixon administration which has gone so far to accomplish peace, and the bombastic and belligerent rhetoric of the early sixties which led to war. The quotation from Kennedy's inaugural address struck a really chilling note as we recall that his promise to "pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, and oppose any foe" has cost this Nation more than 55,000 American lives with very little to show for it. The President's remarks, in this sense, were as appropriate for what they did not say as for what they did say.

I think they demonstrate that, contrary to Democrat assumptions, you can talk sense to the American people. I think we are fortunate that America finally has a President who insists on doing that.