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"WHERE THEN, FROM HERE"

As a one time temporary resident of Arizona -- and Tucson -- it is great to be back. However, as a member of the "reduced" minority party in Congress, we haven't time to reminisce about the past.

Discouraged -- frankly, yes, but primarily because our party is finding it so difficult to pick up the pieces. Those who "sat it out" last fall have had a "field day". Their utterances have been widely publicized -- partly, in my opinion, because much of the news media is too often eager to further divide the elephant.

Admittedly the elephant has been charging off in all directions but will not go as far as "Mrs. O'Leary's cow" when in Chicago, January 22, 23, I trust. We may need "firing-up" but not "burning-up" if Democrat gains are to be reduced in 1966 and if we hope to retaliate in \*68.



WHY? ---- --- --- --- Because the people of our

Republic are entitled to a strong competitive 2 party system. Because, in my opinion, a majority of Americans do believe in sound constitutional government -- freedom of the individual -- individual rights and responsibilities provided in a Free Society -- just to mention a few -- Because we must resist -- yes even for those who may presently disagree -- the concentration of power in our federal government -- the continuing administration efforts to control the news and hence manipulate public opinion -- Administration efforts to "wink" at scandal in high places -- Vague Administration "promises" designed too often for political purposes -- Because of grave responsibilities to generations yet unborn to preserve basic freedom, and because of a fundamental responsibility to Republicans (past - present and future) to strengthen our party --

On Monday evening (January 4) you may have witnessed what I refer to as, "the longest uninterrupted T.V. commercial in history".

a plan for creation of the land of milk and honey for all -- particularly urban dwellers. In his 47 minute "live" program he pledged his Administration to solve all problems, but failed to mention the cost.

He didn't say how much the withholding taxes, the Social Security taxes, State and local taxes would have to rise to pay for Government programs which will be applied to everything from A to Z.

The message was a blueprint for further Federalizing nearly every aspect of American life. An invitation to all to find a seat at the public trough, and take what a benificent father in Washington

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was ready to hand out.

Significantly, President Johnson said, "it is not hard for a President to do what is right, it is hard to know what is right."

Suddenly, he has been bestowed with the ability to know what is right for every American. In his own mind, what is good for big Government, is good for America, and of course, politically good for those whose hands are on the spigots of Federal funds.

President Johnson prescribed a liberal dose of "Federal Elixer" for each and every American. No problem appears too difficult, that creation of another Federal agency -- and throwing a few millions of tax dollars at it -- will not solve.

What did LBJ offer America? First, the State of the Union was not a discussion of the State of the Union but a recounting of the warmed over programs and proposals along with political payoffs owed to various pressure groups that supported him. Of the 20 or so specific proposals three-fourths are extensions or improvements of existing welfare programs!, Kennedy proposals Congress would not adopt, or such measures as the proposed excise tax cut advocated by Republicans, and the repeal of Section 14b of the Taft-Hartley Act pledged in the Democratic platform of 1960 and 1964.

Boiled down it amounts to increasing the anti-poverty program; pushing for Medicare; federal, state and local cooperation on highway and street beautification; the Appalachia plan; a new attempt to get more funds for education by skirting the church-state issue; more money Page 3 of 7

the field of foreign affairs. He chose not to report to the American people on the state of our foreign entanglements. The record is not a pretty picture net subject to bright generalities or soothing solutions.

A million U. S. servicemen today stand guard at the ramparts of freedom all over the world. In Vietnam, we fight a will-o=the-wisp enemy to salvage a Government that is torn with dissension. We are losing this war, and now rumblings are heard that we should never have been there in the first place, that we should abandon Vietnam.

But what then? Red China has territorial aims on all of Asia.

If we leave Vietnam, we must someday return somewhere to protect freedom..

or see all of Asia lost to the Communist aggressors, perhaps for all time.

President Johnson failed to mention Cuba, perhaps the most serious blot on the consistency of our foreign policy. We are sending troops 6,000 miles to keep a Communist dictator from taking over Vietnam, yet we tolerate a brutal Red butcher as a dictator just 90 miles from our shores.

In Europe, the NATO alliance is crumbling. Cyprus, Korea,
Algeria, the Congo, Laos, Latin America, Pakistan, Indonesia .. name
a section of the world, and you will find freedom under attack.

President Johnson's bland statements that we are stronger than ever
and that Communism is crumbling were brief dismissals of the real
problem that faces you and me in the days ahead. Is it true, as he said,
that no new Nation has become Communist in the last 4 years? When does
a Nation become Communist -- Must we wait till they "run up" the flag

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I say the American public is intitled to a factual and realistic review of our foreign policy.

President Johnson went further with his idea that a fat

Communist is not dangerous. He advocated more trade and aid from U.S.

Taxpayers to the Communist Nations. History has not proven Communism to be grateful, or to soften. Exploitation of the humanitarian instincts of our American people is considered a ploy in the long-range program of Communism to destroy our system. To save their system in the vain hope that they will forego their ambitions to dominate the world is a disservice to the stewardship we have in preserving and protecting America. Many in Congress will demand a new realistic view of foreign policy, an appraisal of who we are aiding, and why, and what is being accomplished.

The prestige of America stands at its lowest ebb today in this century. This is the consensus of international experts who are puzzled that Nations can burn our embassies, massacre our missionaries, shoot down our unarmed planes, and tell us to go jump in the lake .... without losing a whit of aid.

\$16 million worth of wheat though Public Law 480 this month. Last month, his forces shot down a U.S. oil company plane, and when we asked him not to send arms to the bloodthirsty Congo rebels, he told us to go drink sea water .... the Egyptian equivalent for a more direct and descriptive American term.

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Why do we reward those who revile us? President Johnson didn't say in his State of the Union Message, but many in Congress will be asking him this in the coming months.

Let me hasten to add that Republicans recognize the many pressing problems at home and abroad. We share many of the dreams and aspirations of almost every American but we, for the most part, are not convinced your federal government can or should provide all the answers. Nothing worth having or worth being is ever reached except by honest hard work, but it is becoming the tragic fashion to think we can short-cut the work, and have everything we want if we only spend enough "Federal" dollars. And then we mistakenly feel "the Government has taken care of it", so we can sit back and relax.

Another once-great nation withered and died when its people were drugged with that same fatal poison.

Everything government offers "free" is obviously and always paid for by all of us in higher taxes or a worsening deficit -- both of them deficits in national character and self-respect. What would ever be worth that?

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