

LINCOLN DAY CELEBRATION
CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA
FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1967
Remarks of Congressman Bob Dole

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AS YOU PERHAPS KNOW, KANSAS HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN AN ALL-REPUBLICAN STATE, BUT LAST YEAR, UNFORTUNATELY, A DEMOCRAT GOVERNOR WAS ELECTED. THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF REASONS FOR THIS, BUT I WOULD SUGGEST THAT PERHAPS A PRIMARY REASON WAS A PARTIAL FAILURE TO ATTRACT YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE REPUBLICAN CAUSE IN KANSAS. THIS MAY OR MAY NOT BE THE CASE IN THE GREAT STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA; HOWEVER, I WOULD GUESS THAT ARCH MOORE, ALONG WITH ANOTHER WEST VIRGINIAN, RAY HUMPHREYS OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, ARE MAKING CERTAIN THAT YOUNG REPUBLICANS PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN WEST VIRGINIA POLITICS. THE NEXT TWO YEARS WILL BE BOTH INTERESTING AND EXCITING, AND MANY, MANY REPUBLICANS AROUND THE COUNTRY CAN HARDLY WAIT TILL 1968. IN KANSAS, AND I WOULD GUESS IN WEST VIRGINIA, THERE ARE ALREADY RUMBLINGS AND RUMORS ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS. HOWEVER, I WOULD HOPE THAT WE RETAIN A FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE, AT LEAST UNTIL WE KNOW WHO WILL BE SEEKING THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION. I FIND IT RATHER DIFFICULT TO BE LINING UP WITH ANY REPUBLICAN AT THIS POINT SINCE I KNOW OF NO REPUBLICAN WHO AS YET HAS STATED THAT HE WILL BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION. REPUBLICANS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ARE HUNGRY FOR VICTORY, AND I BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE A REAL OPPORTUNITY IN 1968 IF, AND ONLY IF, WE REMAIN UNITED AND AGREE TO SUPPORT THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE -- WHOEVER THAT MAY BE.

THERE IS A NEW ATMOSPHERE IN WASHINGTON, D. C., AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A NUMBER OF YEARS WE HAVE SOME SEMBLANCE OF A TWO-PARTY CONGRESS. REPUBLICANS HAVE MADE GAINS IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE, A NET GAIN OF 47 HOUSE MEMBERS AND 3 SENATORS. THE OTHER PARTY CERTAINLY RECOGNIZES NOW THAT SOME OF THE PROGRAMS AND POLICIES RAMMED THROUGH THE "RUBBERSTAMP" 89TH CONGRESS WERE HIGHLY UNPOPULAR WITH PEOPLE ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY. (See Feb. 9, 1967 speech for rest of speech)

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AT THE SAME TIME, THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP IN THE CONGRESS, AND REPUBLICAN LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, RECOGNIZE THAT REPUBLICAN VICTORIES IN 1966 PRESENT ONLY AN OPPORTUNITY THAT WE MUST MAKE THE MOST OF IF WE EXPECT FURTHER GAINS IN 1968 AND THEREAFTER.

THE 90TH CONGRESS

THE MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE QUESTION IN THE WORLD TODAY IS WHOM WILL THE 90TH CONGRESS REPRESENT. WILL IT REPRESENT THE PEOPLE, THE NATION AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST, OR WILL IT FOLLOW IN THE DEEP RUTS OF THE 89TH CONGRESS AND SO MANY CONGRESSES BEFORE?

THE 90TH CONGRESS HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF THE WORLD IF IT ACTS WISELY AND RESPONDS TO THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. THE ELECTIONS LAST NOVEMBER REPRESENTED A RESOUNDING REPUDIATION OF THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS. THE RESULTS WERE HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT.

IN THIS, THE 90TH CONGRESS, YOU WILL FIND TIME AFTER TIME THE REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS VOTING FOR THE PEOPLE -- THE INDIVIDUAL -- AND DEMOCRAT MEMBERS, TIME AFTER TIME, VOTING FOR L.B.J. AND HIS PROGRAMS. EVEN SOME WHO PROFESS TO BE CONVINCED THAT JOHNSON PROGRAMS ARE ILL-FOUNDED WILL VOTE THE JOHNSON LINE. THIS WILL BE PARTICULARLY TRUE THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE GREATLY REDUCED NUMBER OF DEMOCRATS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP WILL INSIST UPON PARTY LOYALTY -- AND MORE OFTEN THAN NOT THEY WILL GET IT -- AS DEMONSTRATED ON FEBRUARY 8 WHEN THE HOUSE DEMOCRATS VOTED TO INCREASE THE NATIONAL DEBT CEILING BY \$6 BILLION, TO \$336 BILLION.

WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME, CONGRESS AND THE CONGRESS ONLY, MUST TAKE THE INITIATIVE. IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT NEITHER JOHNSON, NOR THE SUPREME COURT, WILL STOP THE DRIVE TO DISMANTLE THE CONSTITUTION. THEY INHERITED THE ROOSEVELT PHILOSOPHY -- HAVE CARRIED IT FURTHER AND ARE STUCK WITH IT.

(See rest of Feb. 11, 1967 speech)