

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE  
KANSAS GRAIN & FEED DEALERS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL CONVENTION AND TRADE SHOW  
BROADVIEW HOTEL, WICHITA, KANSAS  
FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1969

- THE FIRST 96 DAYS -

I AM PLEASED TO BE HERE THIS MORNING IN THE MIDST OF MANY, MANY OF MY LONG TIME FRIENDS. I WANT TO SPEAK BRIEFLY ABOUT AGRICULTURE PROSPECTS FOR THIS YEAR AND THEN -- IN A RAMBLING WAY -- DISCUSS THE NEW ADMINISTRATION AND SOME OF THE HARD DECISIONS PRESIDENT NIXON HAS MADE AND MUST MAKE IN THE DAYS AND MONTHS AHEAD.

THIS YEAR IN CONGRESS

THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 91ST CONGRESS IS OFF TO A SLOW START, WHICH, IN MY OPINION, AUGURS WELL FOR THE COUNTRY AND PARTICULARLY THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER. PRESIDENT NIXON UNQUESTIONABLY UNDERSTANDS GOVERNMENT AND THE POLITICAL PROCESSES, AND I WOULD GUESS THAT HE IS PURPOSELY MOVING VERY CAUTIOUSLY. IN ADDITION, MOST AMERICANS, AND

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APPROACH. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER PROGRAMS, INCLUDING FARM BARGAINING, FOOD STAMP PROGRAMS, AND THE GREAT PLAINS PROGRAM, WHICH WILL PROBABLY RECEIVE SOME ATTENTION THIS YEAR, BUT AGAIN, LET ME EMPHASIZE THERE APPEARS TO BE NO GREAT RUSH BY ANYONE TO MAKE ANY DRASTIC CHANGES IN EXISTING PROGRAMS OR ANY GREAT PUSH FOR NEW PROGRAMS.

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BOTH IN STYLE AND SUBSTANCE, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS ALREADY MADE A HISTORIC IMPACT ON THE NATION. HE HAS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED HIS PERSONAL LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, AND HE HAS CALMLY RESTORED A SENSE OF PURPOSE AND CONFIDENCE IN OUR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP.



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NIXON'S OPEN ADMINISTRATION

TOP CABINET OFFICIALS AND WHITE HOUSE AIDES ARE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS, IN THE CURRENT SLANG, "TELL IT LIKE IT IS", AND TO BE HONEST AND OPEN. (WILL BE "BLOOPERS")

THE AVAILABILITY AND WILLINGNESS OF THE PRESIDENT AND HIS TOP ADVISORS TO BE QUESTIONED ON ISSUES THAT ARE STILL UNDER DEBATE WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION SEEMS CLOSE TO MIRACULOUS TO MANY MEMBERS OF THE WASHINGTON PRESS CORPS WHO BECAME ACCUSTOMED TO HEAVY RESTRICTIONS IN RECENT YEARS.

PRESIDENT NIXON IS DEMONSTRATING THE FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH THAT A POORLY INFORMED CITIZENRY LEADS ONLY TO A DETERIORATING DEMOCRACY AND A DANGEROUS GROWTH AND UNRESPONSIVENESS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. HIS POLICY OF CANDOR AND RESPONSIBILITY CAN ONLY PAY DIVIDENDS FOR AMERICA IN THE YEARS AHEAD, BY RE-ESTABLISHING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT.

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#### COURAGE AND THE PRESIDENT

IN ADDITION TO THE CANDOR AND THE OPENNESS OF HIS ADMINISTRATION, A SECOND HALLMARK OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S FIRST 96 DAYS IN OFFICE HAS BEEN HIS POLITICAL COURAGE.

DEFEATED FOR THE PRESIDENCY BY THE CLOSEST MARGIN IN HISTORY IN 1960 AND THEN DEFEATED FOR GOVERNOR IN HIS NATIVE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, HE NONETHELESS PERSEVERED. THIS IS THE KIND OF COURAGE AND DETERMINATION WHICH CANNOT BE MANUFACTURED -- IT EITHER IS A PART OF A MAN'S FABRIC AND SOUL, OR IT ISN'T. IT IS SYMBOLIC OF THE COURAGE THAT IS AT THE CORE OF HIS ADMINISTRATION.

#### PRESIDENT'S PRIORITIES

FOR EXAMPLE, THE COURAGE REFLECTED IN HIS DECISION TO EXTEND THE UNPOPULAR AND CONTROVERSIAL INCOME TAX SURCHARGE AND IN HIS BUDGET MESSAGE SENT TO CONGRESS JUST LAST WEEK.



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THE 1970 BUDGET SHOWS PRESIDENT NIXON MADE THE HARD, NOT THE EASY, CHOICE. HE CONCLUDED THAT AMERICA CANNOT AFFORD BOTH GUNS AND BUTTER. THE FIRST PRIORITY, HE SAID, HAS TO BE EFFORTS TOWARD PEACE. ECONOMY, HE SAID, RANKS NUMBER TWO. MOST OTHER MATTERS WILL HAVE TO WAIT IN THE WINGS.

CALLING THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET "A PROMISING BEGINNING", THE WASHINGTON POST SAID, "THE PRESIDENT SEEMS TO HAVE GOT HIS PRIORITIES RIGHT. THE FACT IS VIETNAM OUGHT TO HAVE FIRST PRIORITY AND VERY LITTLE ELSE IS POSSIBLE BEFORE THE WAR IS WOUND DOWN. A MAJOR PORTION OF LYNDON JOHNSON'S TROUBLE WAS HIS POLICY OF ABUNDANCE OF BOTH GUNS AND BUTTER; IT DIDN'T WORK, EITHER ECONOMICALLY OR PSYCHOLOGICALLY, AND MR. NIXON IS WISE NOT TO REPEAT THE ERROR".

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THE PRESIDENT FEELS QUITE STRONGLY, HOWEVER, THAT THE PROBLEM OF INFLATION HAS BEEN NEGLECTED FAR TOO LONG. HE IS CONVINCED THAT WE MUST ACT DECISIVELY TO RESTRAIN THESE PERSISTENT INCREASES AND TO REDIRECT FEDERAL PROGRAMS TOWARD THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS ADMINISTRATION. BY REDUCING OUTLAYS FOR LOWER PRIORITY PROGRAMS, THERE WILL BE ROOM IN THE FUTURE FOR MAJOR INNOVATIONS PLEDGED LAST YEAR.

THE PRESIDENT PROPOSES OUTLAY REDUCTIONS OF \$4.0 BILLION. HE ALSO PROPOSES CUTS TOTALING \$5.5 BILLION IN BUDGET AUTHORITY -- LARGELY IN APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTED FROM CONGRESS.

I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO INDISCRIMINATE ACROSS-THE-BOARD CUTS. PROPOSED OUTLAYS FOR SOME OF THE ONGOING PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN REDUCED, WHILE OTHERS HAVE BEEN INCREASED. CERTAIN NEW PROGRAMS AND BENEFITS ARE ALSO INCLUDED. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PRESIDENT IS SEEKING A SEVEN PERCENT COST OF LIVING INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS. THROUGH REDIRECTION OF EXISTING RESOURCES, A NEW "JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR" WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO PARALLEL



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THE EFFORTS OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY'S JOBS PROGRAM, AND MORE FUNDS ARE PROVIDED FOR CRIME REDUCTION PROGRAMS.

THE FUNDAMENTAL POINT IS, PRESENT CONDITIONS HAVE MADE FISCAL RESTRAINT IMPERATIVE. RESTRAINT IN BUDGET TOTALS CAN ONLY OCCUR IF INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS ARE REDUCED. UNHAPPILY WE CANNOT ALL AGREE ON WHICH PROGRAMS SHOULD BE CUT -- BUT WE CAN AGREE THAT CUTS MUST BE MADE.

ANOTHER ACT OF POLITICAL COURAGE WAS MR. NIXON'S EARLY DECISION TO REMOVE POSTAL APPOINTMENTS FROM POLITICS. I KEEP TRYING TO CONVINCE MYSELF -- AS A REPUBLICAN WITH REPUBLICAN FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOMMEND POSTMASTERS AND RURAL CARRIERS -- THAT THERE IS NO LOGIC IN EMPLOYING POSTAL WORKERS ON A PARTISAN BASIS. ADMITTEDLY, THERE HAS BEEN SOME GNASHING OF TEETH, BUT I AM CONVINCED THAT MOST MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SEE THE WISDOM OF THE NIXON DECISION, EVEN THOUGH, FRANKLY, IT WILL OPERATE FOR SOME TIME TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE DEMOCRATS.

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ON MEETING HUMAN NEEDS

THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN EVIDENT NOT ONLY IN MATTERS OF BROAD NATIONAL POLICY, BUT ALSO IN MATTERS AFFECTING INDIVIDUAL HUMAN NEEDS.

MOVED BY THE MINE DISASTERS IN WEST VIRGINIA LAST YEAR, THE PRESIDENT HAS PROPOSED SOME OF THE TOUGHEST MINE SAFETY LEGISLATION EVER SENT TO CONGRESS, INCLUDING STRONG PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE KILLER DISEASE OF MINERS, "BLACK LUNG".

IN A RECENT STATEMENT PRESIDENT NIXON ANNOUNCED AS A BASIC PLEDGE OF HIS ADMINISTRATION, "A COMMITMENT TO THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF LIFE." THE PRESIDENT, MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT THE ENTIRE DEVELOPMENT OF A PERSON IS HEAVILY DETERMINED BEFORE AGE 5 HAS CREATED AN "OFFICE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, DEVOTED TO BETTERING THE NUTRITION AND ENVIRONMENT OF YOUNG CHILDREN". OTHER CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS ARE FORTHCOMING.

AS A MEMBER OF THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION AND HUMAN NEEDS, I AM ENCOURAGED WITH THE ACTION THE PRESIDENT HAS TAKEN TO MEET THE FOOD NEEDS OF THE POOR. WHEN REPORTS CAME TO OUR COMMITTEE OF HUNGER IN AREAS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THE ADMINISTRATION MOVED IMMEDIATELY TO MAKE FOOD AND HELP AVAILABLE. THE ACTION MOVED MASSACHUSETTS SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY TO REMARK TO AGRICULTURE SECRETARY CLIFFORD HARDIN, "YOU DID IN HOURS WHAT THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION COULDN'T SEEM TO DO IN YEARS."



IN OUR OWN STATE, I AM APPOINTING A STATEWIDE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO HELP DETERMINE, IF OR TO WHAT EXTENT, HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION EXIST. FORMER U. S. SENATOR FRANK CARLSON, WHOSE PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS AND THE NATION IS WELL KNOWN, HAS AGREED TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN. SENATOR CARLSON WILL PROVIDE THE KIND OF RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP THE COMMITTEE WILL NEED IN IDENTIFYING AND DEFINING POSSIBLE PROBLEM AREAS IN KANSAS AND IN RECOMMENDING REMEDIAL LEGISLATIVE AND COMMUNITY ACTION. THE OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS, TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON, WILL BE SELECTED FROM KANSAS BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIES, UNIVERSITIES AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS AS WELL AS FROM THE LOCAL, COUNTY AND STATE GOVERNMENTS. MY POINT IS THAT WE HAVE THE PROBLEM IN KANSAS..NOT JUST IN THE SOUTH OR IN URBAN GHETTOS OF THE NORTH AND WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO FACE UP TO IT.

### STUDENT DISORDERS

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN OVER ANOTHER OF TODAY'S PROBLEMS...THE STUDENT UNREST WHICH HAS DISRUPTED SOME OF AMERICA'S COLLEGE CAMPUSES. SOON WE'VE ALL GOT TO GET THIS STORY ACROSS TO THE NATION'S YOUTH. WHILE WE DEFEND THE RIGHT OF DISSENT, IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND SUPPORT THE RIGHT TO CONFORM. IF ONE IS PRECIOUS TO A MINORITY, THE OTHER IS SACRED TO A MAJORITY. THEY CANNOT EXIST SEPARATELY, BUT IN A COMPLEMENTARY RELATIONSHIP, THE ONE PROTECTING THE OTHER. FOR WHEN EITHER OVERSTEPS THE BOUNDS OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS, THE BALANCE IS THREATENED, AND TYRANNY LOOMS ON THE HORIZON.

WHEN THE MAJORITY SEEKS TO PREVENT ALL DISSENT, AUTOCRACY IS IMMINENT. BUT BY THE SAME TOKEN, WHEN THE MINORITY ILLEGALLY FORCES ITS POINT OF VIEW ON A LEGALLY-ESTABLISHED MAJORITY, THE SEEDS OF FASCISM AND TOTALITARIANISM WILL BEGIN TO TAKE ROOT AND GROW.

I AM NOT ENTIRELY PESSIMISTIC, FOR THOUGH THERE IS DANGER IN THE CURRENT SITUATION, I DO NOT SEE INEVITABLE TRAGEDY. ON THE CONTRARY. THE MAJORITY OF OUR STUDENTS ARE NOT ONLY WILLING TO WORK WITHIN THE DEMOCRATIC FRAMEWORK OF OUR SOCIETY, ANXIOUS TO PURSUE THEIR EDUCATION -- BUT ALSO, DEVOTED TO OUR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEM, DETERMINED TO MAKE IT WORK AND UNWILLING TO SEE IT DESTROYED BY THE FEW. THEY SEEK CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGE, AS DO ALL PROGRESSIVE MINDS, BUT THEY WISH TO WORK FROM WITHIN THE SYSTEM, NOT TO DESTROY IT FROM WITHOUT. IT IS THESE STUDENTS TO WHOM WE MUST TURN FOR GUIDANCE NOW AND FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE FUTURE.

IT MUST ALSO BE OUR OBJECTIVE, NOT TO DISMISS ENTIRELY ALL THE DEMANDS OF OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS, BUT TO DISPASSIONATELY EXAMINE THEIR COMPLAINTS. ALTHOUGH SOME MAY INDEED BE "NON-NEGOTIABLE" OR A CONSEQUENCE OF THE GAP BETWEEN REALITY AS PERCEIVED BY YOUTH AND THEIR CAPABILITIES FOR COMING TO GRIPS WITH IT, SOME OF THE DEMANDS FOR CHANGE MAY INDEED MERIT OUR CONSIDERATION. THE FACT IS MANY OF OUR INSTITUTIONS HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO LEGITIMATE DEMANDS FOR CHANGE.



ABOVE ALL, WE THE KEEPERS OF OUR INSTITUTIONS SHOULD NEITHER BECOME DEPRESSED NOR RESORT TO REPRESSION. IT MUST ALWAYS BE OUR OBJECTIVE TO PROMOTE A MORE RATIONAL MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE GENERATIONS.

WITHHOLDING FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FROM STUDENTS JUDGED TO HAVE COMMITTED AN ILLEGAL ACT IS REALLY NOT THE COMPLETE SOLUTION TO ANYTHING. WITHHOLDING OF FEDERAL FUNDS MIGHT HAVE SOME IMPACT UPON POOR OFFENDERS BUT NOT THE AFFLUENT STUDENT ROWDIES.

THE PRESIDENT HAS RECOGNIZED THIS NEED FOR SELF-REGULATION BY UNIVERSITIES. "THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CANNOT, SHOULD NOT, AND MUST NOT ENFORCE SUCH PRINCIPLES," HE SAID. "THAT IS FUNDAMENTALLY THE TASK AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY."

THE ANSWER THEN LIES WITH THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY AND TO THOSE WHO COMMIT VIOLENCE, DESTROY PROPERTY AND DISRUPT THE RIGHT OF OTHERS TO ATTEND CLASS -- EXPULSION IS THE ONLY MEANINGFUL REMEDY.

CONCLUSION

THIS, THEN, IS A REPUBLICAN JUNIOR SENATOR'S REACTION TO THE FIRST 90 DAYS OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION. UNQUESTIONABLY, THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE AND UNQUESTIONABLY THE GREATEST SINGLE PROBLEM IN AMERICA AND THE WORLD TODAY IS THE WAR IN VIETNAM, BUT EVERYONE FROM HUMPHREY ON DOWN HAS SAID IN RECENT WEEKS THAT IN THIS AREA -- AND IN OTHERS -- THE NEW PRESIDENT MUST BE GIVEN SOME TIME. AMERICA'S PRESENT PROBLEMS WERE NOT CREATED IN A DAY -- AND NOT IN A DAY WILL THEY BE SOLVED. IT IS TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE WHAT COURSE THE ADMINISTRATION WILL FOLLOW OR WHAT HIS SUCCESSES OR FAILURES MAY BE, BUT I DO BELIEVE IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT PRESIDENT NIXON IS OFF TO A FLYING START.

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