

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE  
WASHINGTON COUNTY FUND RAISING DINNER  
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YOU WILL REMEMBER CARACAS IN 1958. DICK NIXON AND HIS WIFE WERE ATTACKED BY ANGRY COMMUNIST MOBS. IN THE VERY WORST OF THEIR DRIVE THROUGH THE STREETS OF CARACAS, THE CROWDS WERE SEEKING TO BREAK THE CAR WINDOWS AND TURN IT OVER. JACK SHERWOOD, THE SECRET SERVICEMAN IN CHARGE PULLED HIS REVOLVER AND WAS READY TO FIRE ON THE MOB. VICE PRESIDENT NIXON KNOCKED THE REVOLVER ASIDE. HIS DECISION, WHICH DEMONSTRATED COURAGE IN THE FACE OF GREAT PHYSICAL DANGER, WAS CORRECT. SUDDENLY THEIR CAR MOVED OUT OF THE CROWD AND WAS ABLE TO LEAVE THE ATTACKERS BEHIND.

TODAY, AS PRESIDENT, RICHARD NIXON IS DEMONSTRATING A DIFFERENT KIND OF COURAGE. HE IS MAKING THE HARD DECISIONS NECESSARY TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF THE 1970'S.

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WE ALL KNOW THE PROBLEMS HE FACED UPON TAKING OFFICE  
JANUARY 20. THE WAR IN VIETNAM CONTINUED TO FRUSTRATE AND DIVIDE  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. INFLATION WAS TAKING ITS TOLL ON THE PUR-  
CHASING POWER OF THE ELDERLY AND OTHERS ON FIXED INCOMES. DOMESTIC  
UNREST, CRIME, AND RACIAL INJUSTICE THREATENED OUR CITIES. BUT  
THE MOST CRITICAL PROBLEM WAS THE PERVASIVE AND GROWING SENSE  
THAT GOVERNMENT HAD GROWN BIG, BUT NOT EFFECTIVE. THE GOVERNMENT,  
RATHER THAN MASTERING EVENTS, HAD BEEN MASTERED BY EVENTS. IT  
WAS THE BITTER LEGACY OF 8 YEARS: A LOSING WAR, A DILUTED DOLLAR,  
AND UNSAFE STREETS.

YOUNG AND OLD, LEFT AND RIGHT, NORTH AND SOUTH, FELT THE  
GOVERNMENT WAS LESS RESPONSIBLE WITH THEIR MONEY AND LESS RESPON-  
SIVE TO THEIR NEEDS. SOME CALLED IT A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP, A  
LOSS OF MORALS, A CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE, AN EROSION OF CREDIBILITY.  
PEOPLE LACKED FAITH IN THEIR LEADERS AND IN THEIR GOVERNMENT.

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THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE NEW NIXON ADMINISTRATION WAS TO RESTORE FAITH IN GOVERNMENT. IT HAD TO MAKE GOVERNMENT WORK AGAIN. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL, THE NEW ADMINISTRATION CLEARLY WOULD HAVE TO GIVE MORE ATTENTION TO DEEDS AND LESS ATTENTION TO WORDS. IT WOULD HAVE TO WORRY LESS ABOUT ENGINEERING PUBLIC OPINION AND MORE ABOUT ENGINEERING THE MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT. THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS DONE THIS.

#### VIETNAM WAR

IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS DEVELOPED AN EFFECTIVE STRATEGY FOR PEACE. AND THE FRUITS OF THAT STRATEGY ARE ALREADY APPARENT.

IN VIETNAM, THE TIDE HAS FINALLY BEEN REVERSED. THE QUESTION IS NO LONGER HOW FAST OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR WILL ESCALATE, BUT RATHER HOW RAPIDLY IT WILL BE CONTRACTED.

ADMITTEDLY, THE PARIS PEACE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN STALLED, BUT PRESIDENT NIXON ADVANCED GENEROUS GROUNDS FOR COMPROMISE IN HIS MAY 14 SPEECH. THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE FROM THE NORTH



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VIETNAMESE. PRESIDENT THIEU HAS OFFERED TO ENGAGE IN INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED ELECTIONS. THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE FROM THE VIET CONG. DESPITE OUR INABILITY TO REACH AGREEMENT IN PARIS, THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS REVERSED THE COURSE OF AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

AFTER LONG YEARS OF STEADY TROOP INCREASES, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS BEGUN TO BRING OUR BOYS HOME ALIVE. WE HAVE BEGUN TO DE-AMERICANIZE THE WAR. WE ALL KNOW IT WOULD BE UNCONSCIONABLE TO WITHDRAW ALL TROOPS IMMEDIATELY AND EXPOSE THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE TO THE SAVAGERY OF THE VIET CONG.

MORE IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE COURSE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IS THE SHIFT FROM REACTION TO CRISIS TO PREVENTION OF CRISIS: TO ANTICIPATING TROUBLE, RATHER THAN RESPONDING TO IT. AS ALEXANDER HAMILTON SAID, "A WISE POLITICIAN MARCHES AT THE HEAD OF AFFAIRS. HE OUGHT NOT TO WAIT THE EVENT TO KNOW WHAT MEASURES TO TAKE, BUT THE MEASURES HE TAKES OUGHT TO PRODUCE THE EVENT."

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#### BALANCED DEFENSE

TO EFFECTIVELY PURSUE PEACE AND KEEP IT REQUIRES A BALANCED AND SUFFICIENT DEFENSE CAPABILITY -- ONE WHICH DETERS BUT DOES NOT PROVOKE -- ONE WHICH IS NOT ONLY POWERFUL BUT ALSO MANAGEABLE. THIS THE PRESIDENT IS PROVIDING. AS PRESIDENT NIXON HAS RESISTED THOSE WHO CALL FOR MUCH GREATER WEAPONS, SO TOO HE HAS RESISTED THOSE WHO CALL FOR TOO FEW.

WE ALL AGREE THE MILITARY CANNOT SET OUR NATION'S PRIORITIES AND GOALS. WE ALL AGREE THERE ARE UNMET DOMESTIC NEEDS. BUT, IF AMERICA LACKS AN EFFECTIVE NUCLEAR DETERRENT DEFENSE, THE STABILITY OF WORLD ORDER WOULD BE SHAKEN, AND THE CHANCES FOR PEACE BROKEN.

#### INFLATION

ONE OF THE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES FACED BY THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION UPON TAKING OFFICE WAS THE RAPIDLY INCREASING RATE OF INFLATION. AT HOME, THE CONSUMER SAW PRICES RISE 18 PER CENT IN THE LAST 5 YEARS. IN 1959, DURING THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION THE HOUSEWIFE COULD BUY A LOAF OF BREAD FOR 19¢, TODAY SHE MUST PAY 23¢. DURING THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION, THE HOUSEWIFE



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PAID 19¢ FOR A QUART OF MILK, TODAY SHE MUST PAY 30¢. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY OUR GOLD RESERVES WERE JEOPARDIZED AT HOME. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY OUR TRADE BALANCE WAS THREATENED ABROAD.

WHAT DID PRESIDENT NIXON DO? HE CUT THE BUDGET. HE REDUCED THE NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ABROAD. THE ADMINISTRATION FOUGHT FOR THE ANTI-INFLATION SURTAX EXTENSION. A 75% REDUCTION IN GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION WAS ANNOUNCED. REDUCTIONS IN THE DEFENSE BUDGET CONTINUE TO BE MADE AS THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CONTINUES TO EVALUATE OUR COMMITMENTS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

THE MEASURES HAVE NOT BEEN POPULAR, BUT THEY WERE NECESSARY. THE EASY WAY WAS THE JOHNSON WAY. THE EASY WAY WAS TO PILE UP A 37.8 BILLION DOLLAR GOVERNMENT DEFICIT THAT WOULD PENALIZE THE AGED AND ROB THOSE ON A FIXED INCOME.

THE EASY THING TO DO WOULD HAVE BEEN TO PROPOSE MORE "PORK BARREL" PROJECTS AND TO PUT MORE PEOPLE ON GOVERNMENT PAY-ROLLS. THE EASY THING TO DO WOULD HAVE BEEN TO LOWER TAXES AND INCREASE GOVERNMENT SPENDING.

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WE CANNOT EXPECT THE PRESIDENT'S ANTI-INFLATION MEASURES TO TAKE EFFECT OVERNIGHT. WE CANNOT EXPECT THE RUNAWAY TRAIN OF INFLATION TO STOP DEAD IN ITS TRACKS. BUT PRESIDENT NIXON HAS APPLIED THE FISCAL BREAKS AND IT IS COMING TO A GRADUAL STOP. THE FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN, WILLIAM McCHESNEY MARTIN, JR. SAID WE MAY BE GETTING TO THE END OF THE PERIOD OF VERY HIGH INTEREST RATES. A MODEST DECREASE IN THE DEMAND FOR BANK LOANS AND A SLOWING OF CAPITAL EXPANSION PLANS BY BUSINESS ARE EVIDENCE THAT INFLATIONARY FORCES ARE LOSING THEIR STRENGTH.

#### TAX REFORM

ANOTHER IMPORTANT TOOL AGAINST INFLATION CAN BE TAX REFORM.  
UPON TAKING OFFICE, THE PRESIDENT RECOMMENDED THE MOST EXTENSIVE TAX REFORMS IN THE HISTORY OF THE INCOME TAX. BUT WHAT DID THE DEMOCRAT CONTROLLED CONGRESS DO? INSTEAD OF TAX REFORM, THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESS TOOK THE EASY WAY AND OFFERED TAX REDUCTION. THEY WERE MORE INTERESTED IN ELECTING THEMSELVES THAN IN REMOVING INEQUITIES. I ASK, WHERE WAS THEIR ZEAL WHEN THEY CONTROLLED BOTH HOUSES OF THE CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENCY?



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INSTEAD OF PROPOSING MEANINGFUL TAX REFORM, THE DEMOCRATS ARE PLAYING POLITICS WITH YOUR POCKETBOOK. THEY ARE USING THE TIRED OLD CRY THAT REPUBLICANS FAVOR BUSINESS. IF FAVORING BUSINESS MEANS OFFERING FISCAL INCENTIVES TO BUSINESS TO CREATE NEW JOBS, THEN PRESIDENT NIXON IS GUILTY OF IT.

#### TAX SHARING

ANOTHER COURAGEOUS REFORM PROPOSED BY THE PRESIDENT IS THE SHARING OF TAX REFUSE WITH STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. FOR A HALF CENTURY, WE HAVE SEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GROW LARGER, BECOME MORE CENTRALIZED AND MORE BUREAUCRATIC. WE HAVE SEEN THE POWER DRAINED AWAY FROM STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO THE FEDERAL LEVEL. AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BECAME LARGER, IT BECAME LESS MANAGEABLE AND LESS EFFECTIVE. PROBLEMS WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN HANDLED AT THE LOCAL AND STATE LEVEL MORE AND MORE WERE SENT TO WASHINGTON FOR SOLUTION. OUR DOMESTIC NEEDS HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO THE SOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AS A RESULT, AMERICA'S ABILITY TO ACHIEVE SOCIAL PROGRESS HAS SUFFERED.



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PRESIDENT NIXON PROPOSED TO TURN BACK THE ADMINISTRATION OF MORE PROJECTS TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. REVENUE SHARING WILL TURN BACK SOME OF THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO FINANCE THESE PROJECTS. THIS WILL MEAN BETTER SERVICES FOR YOUR TAX DOLLAR.

WELFARE REFORM

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS TAKEN ANOTHER COURAGEOUS STEP WITH HIS WELFARE REFORM PROPOSAL. AS THE ECONOMY HAS GROWN AND JOBS HAVE INCREASED, THE WELFARE ROLLS HAVE GROWN LONGER. FOR YEARS, THE WELFARE SYSTEM HAS BECOME THE NATIONAL SCANDAL IN AMERICA. THE EASY WAY WOULD HAVE BEEN TO PROPOSE A GUARANTEED ANNUAL WAGE. INSTEAD, PRESIDENT NIXON PROPOSED A MINIMUM LIVING CEILING WITH INCENTIVES TO GET RECIPIENTS OFF OF WELFARE ROLLS AND ON THE PAYROLLS. HE HAS OFFERED FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO THOSE ON WELFARE, TO UNDERGO TRAINING, AND SEEK JOBS. HE HAS OFFERED THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO STEP OFF THE DOLE AND UP TO DIGNITY.

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AGRICULTURE

IT IS HEARTENING TO SEE THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION TAKING A BROAD VIEW OF THE PROBLEMS IN OUR NATION'S RURAL, AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

SECRETARY HARDIN STRESSED THIS APPROACH WEDNESDAY IN HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT COMMODITY PROBLEMS NEED TO BE SEPARATED FROM PEOPLE PROBLEMS.

WASHINGTON HAS FINALLY RECOGNIZED SOMETHING WE WERE ALL TAUGHT IN GRADE SCHOOL: YOU CANNOT ADD HORSES AND BASKETBALLS. PEOPLE AND CROPS ARE DIFFERENT AND THE TOOLS TO DEAL WITH CROP AND COMMODITY PROBLEMS ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE ONES WHICH WILL BE BEST FOR HUMAN NEEDS. THE APPLICATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO AN ESTIMATED 400,000 FARM OPERATOR FAMILIES WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP IN IMPLEMENTING THIS NEW APPROACH.

THERE WILL BE A GREAT DEAL OF INK AND WIND SPENT ON THE FARM PROGRAM BEFORE THE SENATE AND HOUSE PUT NEW AGRICULTURE LEGISLATION ON THE BOOKS.

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~~WHATEVER FORM THIS LEGISLATION FINALLY TAKES, I AM HOPEFUL  
CONGRESS WILL PROCEED WITH THE SAME INNOVATIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE, AND  
COMPREHENSIVE ATTITUDE THE ADMINISTRATION HAS SHOWN.~~

INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE IN POLITICS

YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY ARE VITALLY INTERESTED IN THESE ISSUES.  
THE VAST MAJORITY OF TODAY'S COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE NOT CAUGHT UP  
IN THE RHETORIC OF REVOLUTION, BUT ARE READY FOR A SOBER CON-  
FRONTATION WITH SOCIAL REALITIES. THEY ARE CRITICAL OF THEIR  
WORLD, BUT THEY WANT TO BUILD RATHER THAN DESTROY.

THE OPPORTUNITIES THEY SEEK TO BUILD ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH  
PARTICIPATION IN PARTISAN POLITICS. YOUNG PEOPLE NEED TO BE  
ATTRACTED TO AND INVOLVED IN POLITICS. THEIR VOICES CAN BE  
HEARD AND THEY DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

THEY CAN AFFECT THE ESTABLISHMENT. 25,000 COLLEGE STUDENTS  
DID JUST THAT WHEN THEY HELPED SENATOR EUGENE McCARTHY CONVINCE  
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON NOT TO RUN FOR RE-ELECTION.



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THE NEW POLITICS WE HEAR SO MUCH ABOUT IS REALLY THE  
"YOUNG POLITICS". NOW, MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, YOUNG PEOPLE  
HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO AFFECT THE CHOICE OF A CANDIDATE OR THE  
PLATFORM OF A PARTY.

WE NEED THOSE YOUNG VOICES WORKING FOR THE REPUBLICAN  
PARTY. REGISTERING VOTERS, DOING RESEARCH FOR CANDIDATES,  
DEBATING THE ISSUES, SERVING AS VOLUNTEER PRECINCT WORKERS --  
ALL ARE ACTIVITIES NECESSARY TO THE SUCCESS OF A CAMPAIGN.  
ALL CAN AND HAVE BEEN DONE CAPABLY BY THE INVOLVED STUDENT.

WE NEED THE HELP AND IDEAS OF THE "LEADERS OF TOMORROW"  
NOW. ENCOURAGE THEM TO WORK FOR THEIR CANDIDATES AND THEIR  
PARTY.

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CONCLUSION

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS THE COURAGE TO TELL YOU WHAT HAS TO BE  
DONE. I ASK YOU TO RESPOND TO THAT COURAGE, TO STAND WITH HIM,  
TO SPEAK OUT IN SUPPORT OF HIS POLICIES, TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART  
IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. FOR YOU, THIS WILL NOT BE THE EASY WAY.  
IT WILL REQUIRE DAY-TO-DAY WORK AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, HELPING TO  
RAISE MONEY AND WORKING FOR REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES. BUT IT IS  
THE ONLY WAY WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN BECOMING THE MAJORITY  
PARTY.



Dr. Tolson -- Wood Gort One of  
Lynchell -- 1966 - "Leading Men  
on Capital

Phillips -- then -- One of Roman & his  
friend

McDonnell -- Eads

Stevens -- Wanted To Hear Me  
before confining speaking  
date

Lee J. Felt --

Dinner in my Honor --  
Who gets the money??

Pay my Expenses  
→ me-offered

Hallack -- Had saying