

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE
TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR SENATOR JACK MILLER
DES MOINES, IOWA
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1971

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IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TO SAY A FEW THINGS ABOUT A MAN WHO IS A MIDDLE WESTERNER, A FELLOW SENATOR AND A FELLOW REPUBLICAN.

BUT JACK MILLER IS A LOT MORE THAN JUST A MIDDLE-WESTERN REPUBLICAN SENATOR. HE IS A SENATOR WHO FIRST REPRESENTS THE BEST INTERESTS OF AMERICA, THEN REPRESENTS THE BEST INTERESTS OF HIS CONSTITUENCY, AND, THIRDLY, REPRESENTS THE BEST INTERESTS OF HIS PARTY.

FORTUNATELY, THESE ALMOST ALWAYS COINCIDE.

SERVE TOGETHER

JACK MILLER, WHO IS NOW ^{*Dole*} ~~THE~~ SENIOR SENATOR, AND I CAME TO THE CONGRESS TOGETHER BACK IN 1961 -- HE TO THE SENATE AND I TO THE HOUSE. I HAVE KNOWN HIM SINCE THAT TIME BECAUSE OUR STATES HAVE SIMILAR INTERESTS AND WE HAVE SIMILAR POLITICAL POINTS OF VIEW.

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I HAVE ENJOYED WORKING WITH JACK DURING THESE YEARS, AND IT IS A DISTINCT PLEASURE SERVING WITH HIM NOW ON THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE WHERE HE IS THE RANKING REPUBLICAN MEMBER. I NEED NOT TELL YOU WHAT SENIORITY MEANS TO IOWA AND TO THE ENTIRE AGRIBUSINESS COMMUNITY BECAUSE THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE WATCHED HIS EFFORTS TO BUILD A STRONG AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY AND TO PRESERVE THE ECONOMIC SOUNDNESS OF THE SMALL FARM ALREADY ARE AWARE OF IT.

FIGHTS INFLATION

BUT JACK MILLER'S INTERESTS AND EFFECTIVENESS GO WELL BEYOND AGRICULTURE. FROM THE BEGINNING, HE HAS FOUGHT NOT FOR JUST A SOUND FARM ECONOMY, BUT FOR A SOUND NATIONAL ECONOMY BECAUSE HE KNOWS THE TWO GO HAND IN HAND. IF THERE WERE SUCH A THING AS AN INFLATION EARLY WARNING SYSTEM, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN CALLED "THE JACK MILLER" SYSTEM BECAUSE HE WAS IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE FIGHT AGAINST THE EXCESSIVE GOVERNMENT-SPENDING POLICIES THAT LED TO THE INFLATION, AND HE HAS BEEN ONE OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S STAUCHEST SUPPORTERS IN THE EFFORT TO CONTROL IT.

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X JACK HAS PLAYED A PROMINENT ROLE IN THE BATTLE TO FREE OUR PRISONERS OF WAR; HE HAS SUPPORTED MOST OF THE LEGISLATION AFFECTING YOUNG PEOPLE; AND HE OFTEN SPEAKS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE PROBLEMS OF THE AGING.

BACKS NATIONAL DEFENSE

THERE IS ANOTHER KEY REASON WHY MEN LIKE JACK MILLER ARE NEEDED IN THE SENATE TODAY AS NEVER BEFORE. THE PAST TWO YEARS HAVE WITNESSED A GROWING ATTACK ON THE ESSENTIAL STRENGTH AND FLEXIBILITY THAT OUR NATION WILL NEED IF IT IS TO PROTECT ITSELF IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

IN KEEPING WITH THESE PRINCIPLES OF FLEXIBILITY AND STRENGTH, A NEW DEFENSE STRATEGY -- THE STRATEGY OF REALISTIC DETERRENCE -- HAS BEEN FORMULATED BY THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION. AND THIS IS PRODUCING A DIFFERENT TYPE OF DEFENSE FORCE FROM THAT MAINTAINED IN THE PAST.

THE NEW DEFENSE FORCE THAT IS EMERGING WILL BE LIGHTER IN MANPOWER, BUT WILL PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON TECHNOLOGY. STRIKING REDUC-

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TIONS IN THE SIZE OF OUR MILITARY FORCES HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE. TODAY
THERE ARE 1 1/4 MILLION FEWER PEOPLE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE THAN
WERE THERE WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON TOOK OFFICE.

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DRAFT CALLS DOWN

X MANPOWER REDUCTIONS OF THIS MAGNITUDE HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE TO
CUT DRAFT CALLS TO CLOSE TO ONE-HALF OF THE NUMBER CALLED IN THE LAST
YEAR OF THE PRIOR ADMINISTRATION. THEY HAVE PUT WITHIN OUR REACH THE
GOAL OF AN ALL-VOLUNTEER MILITARY FORCE.

DEFENSE SPENDING HAS BEEN CUT FROM 9.5% TO 6.8% OF THE GROSS
NATIONAL PRODUCT. X IT IS NOW ONLY ONE-THIRD OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET.
THE SHARE OF OUR NATIONAL OUTPUT AND OF FEDERAL SPENDING THAT GOES FOR
DEFENSE IS NOW LOWER THAN IT HAS BEEN AT ANY TIME -- IN WAR OR PEACE --
DURING THE PAST 20 YEARS.

THESE BUDGETARY FACTS SHOW THAT UNDER THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION
WE HAVE MADE THE TRANSITION FROM A WAR-TIME TO A PEACE-TIME ECONOMY.
THEY SHOW THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS REVERSED THE PRIORITIES OF THE

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PRECEDING ADMINISTRATION BY CUTTING BACK DEFENSE SPENDING IN FAVOR OF HIGHER SPENDING FOR URGENT DOMESTIC NEEDS.

X OUR DEFENSE FORCES ARE CHANGING IN YET ANOTHER WAY. THE CONDITIONS OF MILITARY LIFE ARE BEING VASTLY IMPROVED. FOR TOO LONG, THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE -- PARTICULARLY IN THE LOWER ENLISTED RANKS -- HAVE BEEN MISERABLY PAID. THEIR FAMILIES HAVE TOO OFTEN BEEN FORCED TO LIVE IN SUBSTANDARD HOUSING. THEY HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO IRRITATING RESTRICTIONS, DEMEANING TASKS, AND MAKE-WORK DUTIES.

RESPECT FOR MILITARY

X ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE BEING CHANGED. THE MILITARY PROFESSION IS BEING ACCORDED THE RESPECT IT DESERVES. THOSE WHO DEFEND OUR SECURITY AND FREEDOM ARE BEGINNING TO RECEIVE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF THE PRIDE AND GRATITUDE THAT THE REST OF US SHOULD FEEL TOWARD THEM.

THIS INCREASED RESPECT FOR THE MILITARY PROFESSION IS MANIFESTED, TOO, IN THE PENTAGON BY THE CIVILIAN OFFICIALS OF THIS ADMINISTRATION.

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AFTER HAVING BEEN SHUT OUT OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, OUR MILITARY LEADERS NOW FIND THAT DOOR IS OPEN ONCE AGAIN. THEIR ADVICE ON MILITARY MATTERS IS SOUGHT AND CONSIDERED. THEY ONCE AGAIN PLAY THEIR RIGHTFUL ROLE IN THE DETERMINATION AND THE EXECUTION OF MILITARY POLICY. AND THIS MEANS WISER DECISIONS ON DEFENSE POLICY THAN SOME THAT HAVE BEEN MADE BY AMATEUR STRATEGISTS IN THE PAST.

ADMINISTRATION DEFENSE RECORD

W TO SUMMARIZE THE MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF NATIONAL DEFENSE UNDER THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, I WOULD LIST THE FOLLOWING:

X (1) A WAR THAT APPEARED ENDLESS IN 1968 IS BEING BROUGHT TO A CLOSE. AMERICAN FORCES NOW SUPPLEMENT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE INSTEAD OF FIGHTING FOR THEM. AMERICAN TROOPS ARE COMING HOME.

y (2) A NEW POLICY OF PARTNERSHIP HAS BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT. OTHER NATIONS ARE ASSUMING MAJOR MILITARY RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH OUR FORCES USED TO CARRY.

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X (3) THE DEFENSE FORCES HAVE BEEN CUT MARKEDLY IN SIZE AND IN COST IN REAL DOLLARS. THE NEW FORCE, TAILORED TO THE ALTERED RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTNERSHIP, WILL RELY LESS ON MANPOWER, MORE ON CONSTANTLY ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY.

Y (4) THE STATUS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL, FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF TO THE NEWEST PRIVATE, HAS BEEN UPGRADED.

X (5) WE HAVE EMBARKED ON SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS LOOKING TOWARD ARMS LIMITATION.

THESE FIVE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN DEFENSE POLICY CONSTITUTE A RECORD OF PROGRESS IN WHICH WE CAN TAKE PRIDE. EACH OF THEM IS A MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF PEACE.

PEACE IS GOAL

FOR IT IS PEACE THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION SEEKS ABOVE ALL OTHER OBJECTIVES -- PEACE NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE -- PEACE FOR US, FOR THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHEAST ASIA, FOR THE MIDDLE EAST -- PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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AT PARIS, THE PRESIDENT'S REPRESENTATIVES HAVE PATIENTLY SOUGHT A NEGOTIATED END TO THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA ON FAIR -- INDEED, ON GENEROUS -- TERMS. IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS HAVE BORNE SOME FRUIT IN THE CEASE-FIRE NOW IN ITS NINTH MONTH.

TO CARRY ON AND SUCCEED IN THIS POLICY FOR PEACE, PRESIDENT NIXON NEEDS THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE MEN AND WOMEN IN BOTH HOUSES OF THE CONGRESS.

OUTSTANDING SENATOR

JACK MILLER IS ONE OF THOSE WHO STANDS BY HIS PRESIDENT WHERE NATIONAL SURVIVAL IS AT STAKE. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND OR IN THE MINDS OF MY COLLEAGUES THAT ON THIS AND OTHER VITAL ISSUES, HE IS TRULY AN OUTSTANDING SENATOR.

WHAT HE HAS DONE SO FAR FOR AMERICA AND FOR IOWA IS ONLY THE BEGINNING. IF YOU KEEP HIM IN THE SENATE, AS I KNOW YOU WILL, WE -- ALL OF US INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY -- WILL BE BETTER OFF BECAUSE OF IT. I FEEL THAT WAY VERY STRONGLY, AND I KNOW YOU DO, TOO.