

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

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THERE IS A LOT OF TALK ABOUT REVOLUTION THESE DAYS. THE FOES OF LAW AND SOCIAL ORDER RALLY AROUND THE WORLD. SMALL WONDER, THEN, THAT IT HAS TAKEN ON A NEGATIVE MEANING FOR MANY AMERICANS.

BUT THERE IS A MUCH BIGGER, MORE POSITIVE REVOLUTION TAKING PLACE TODAY.

A NEW REVOLUTION

IT IS NOT A VIOLENT REVOLUTION BASED ON GUNS AND DESTRUCTION.

IT IS A NEW AMERICAN REVOLUTION GEARED TO REFORM -- TO REASSESSING THE QUALITY OF AMERICAN LIFE AND TO REORGANIZING AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ALONG JUSTER, MORE EFFICIENT LINES.

IT BEGAN TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO, WHEN RICHARD NIXON ENTERED THE WHITE HOUSE ON A WAVE OF PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT WHERE AMERICA WAS HEADING. IT WAS REINFORCED IN THE PRESIDENT'S LAST STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS WHEN HE UNVEILED HIS FAR-REACHING PROPOSALS TO REORGANIZE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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AND RETURN A FAIR SHARE OF POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PEOPLE ON THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL.

PRESIDENT BACKS REFORM

WELFARE REFORM, REVENUE SHARING, POSTAL REFORM, STEPPED-UP CANCER RESEARCH, A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE, COUPLED WITH NEW EFFORTS FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING; AND A PLAN FOR ENDING THE WAR IN VIETNAM; THESE ARE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FRESH IDEAS AND PROGRESS THAT RICHARD NIXON HAS GIVEN AMERICA.

OF COURSE, THERE HAS BEEN NO SHORTAGE OF CRITICS. SOME POLITICIANS ARE MORE THAN WILLING TO BELITTLE THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRESIDENCY IN ORDER TO BOLSTER THEIR OWN SAGGING POPULARITY.

DEMOS ATTACK

IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, WE HAVE SEEN EXAMPLE AFTER EXAMPLE OF THIS KIND OF POLITICKING WITH THE NATIONAL WELFARE. A FRONT-RUNNING DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL, EDMUND MUSKIE, HAS ATTACKED THE FBI -- ONE OF THE MAINSTAYS OF OUR LAWFUL SOCIETY.

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THE SAME MAN AND OTHER LEADING DEMOCRAT CONTENDERS FOR THE NOMINATION JOINED IN ENDORSING A PROTEST MARCH THAT USHERED IN ONE OF THE LARGEST CIVIL-DISOBEDIENCE DEMONSTRATIONS EVER TO SHAKE THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

THE DEMOCRAT CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE HAS OPENLY BOASTED THAT HE WILL KILL THE PRESIDENT'S REVENUE SHARING PROPOSALS IN COMMITTEE, WITHOUT GIVING THE CONGRESS AN OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY CONSIDER THEM. AND LARRY O'BRIEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRAT NATIONAL COMMITTEE, RECENTLY DENOUNCED THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF CONSERVATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT BECAUSE, IN HIS WORDS, "ECOLOGY IS IN DANGER OF BECOMING A WHITE, MIDDLE-CLASS ISSUE FOR WHITE, MIDDLE-CLASS AMERICANS."

CRITICAL OF CONSERVATION

APPARENTLY, IN HIS HASTE TO DISCREDIT THE PRESIDENT, LARRY O'BRIEN HAS FORGOTTEN THAT ALL OF US -- WHETHER WE ARE WHITE OR NOT, AND WHETHER WE ARE MIDDLE-CLASS OR NOT -- MUST BREATHE AIR AND DRINK WATER..... AND THE CLEANER AND HEALTHIER IT IS, THE BETTER OFF ALL OF US WILL BE.

IN ECOLOGY, AS IN PLANNING FOR PEACE, THIS ADMINISTRATION IS NOT CATERING TO ANYONE, BUT IS STRIVING TO BUILD A MORE PEACEFUL, HEALTHIER FUTURE FOR ALL AMERICANS.

SUGGESTED REMARKS ON DRUG SITUATION

I WOULD LIKE TO TURN AWAY FROM PARTISAN POLITICS FOR A MOMENT TO DISCUSS A GRAVE NATIONAL PROBLEM THAT IS OUTSIDE THE POLITICAL ARENA. I REFER TO THE DRUG PROBLEM.

NOTHING IS MORE PRESSING THAN THE NEED FOR STRONG NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TO STAMP OUT THIS BLIGHT THAT IS RUINING THE LIVES OF SO MANY YOUNG AMERICANS, IN AND OUT OF THE ARMED FORCES. AND THE PRESIDENT IS GIVING US THAT LEADERSHIP.

IN HIS LATEST PRESS CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT NIXON DESCRIBED SOME OF THE THINGS HE IS DOING TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE, BOTH IN RELATION TO THE MILITARY AND THE GENERAL YOUTH POPULATION.

"WE CONSIDER IT A PROBLEM OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY," HE SAID, AND HE CALLED FOR A "NATIONAL OFFENSIVE" AGAINST THE ILLEGAL DRUG TRAFFIC AND USAGE.

FIRST OF ALL, HE EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO STRIKE AT THE SOURCES OF ILLEGAL DRUGS. HE ANNOUNCED THAT OUR GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE NEW EFFORTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO STEM THE FLOW OF NARCOTICS ACROSS OUR BORDERS AND INTO THE HANDS OF YOUNG AMERICANS.

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SECONDLY, IN RESPECT TO ADDICTED VETERANS, THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THAT G. I.'S SUFFERING FROM DRUG ADDICTION WOULD RECEIVE TREATMENT IN GOVERNMENT FACILITIES BEFORE THEY LEFT THE SERVICE --- THEY WOULD NOT TURN THEM LOOSE TO TAKE THEIR DRUG PROBLEM BACK INTO THEIR COMMUNITIES WITH THEM.

THIRDLY, PRESIDENT NIXON ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, THE SERVICE SECRETARIES AND THE HEAD OF EACH SERVICE BRANCH FOR A DIRECT REPORT ON THE PROGRESS THEY HAVE MADE IMPLEMENTING THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM TO COMBAT DRUG ABUSE IN THE ARMED FORCES. THAT MEETING TOOK PLACE THIS THURSDAY, AND I BELIEVE IT IS ONLY THE FIRST OF MANY THAT WILL BE HELD BY THE PRESIDENT TO HELP SOLVE THIS NATIONAL PROBLEM.

FOURTHLY, THE PRESIDENT CALLED FOR A MASSIVE INFORMATION PROGRAM TO EDUCATE YOUNG AMERICANS ON THE HAZARDS OF DRUG ABUSE, AND TO FAMILIARIZE THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM.

THE PRESIDENT STRESSED -- AND I COMPLETELY AGREE -- THAT THIS IS FAR MORE THAN A SPECIAL PROBLEM OF THE ARMED FORCES. IT IS, IN HIS WORDS,

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A NATIONAL PROBLEM THAT FOCUSES ON OUR YOUNG PEOPLE -- IN AND OUT OF UNIFORM.

AND IT IS A PROBLEM THAT AFFECTS ALL OF US WITH CHILDREN, GRAND-CHILDREN OR NIECES AND NEPHEWS GROWING UP IN TODAY'S AMERICA.

THE PRESIDENT IS GIVING US THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP WE NEED TO FIGHT THIS NATIONAL BLIGHT. IT IS A HUMANITARIAN, NON-PARTISAN EFFORT WHICH DESERVES THE SUPPORT OF ALL AMERICANS.

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GROWING PUBLIC AWARENESS

AND EVERYWHERE I TRAVEL, I FIND A GROWING AWARENESS OF THIS AMONG THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES. THERE IS A GROWING FEELING THAT MANY NATIONAL DEMOCRAT LEADERS HAVE STOPPED TALKING TO GRASS-ROOTS AMERICANS AND HAVE STEPPED OUTSIDE THE POLITICAL MAINSTREAM. DEFEAT OF THE SST, OBSTRUCTIONIST EFFORTS TO STOP WELFARE REFORM AND REVENUE SHARING WITH STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, KOWTOWING TO THE NEW LEFT ---- IN DOING THESE THINGS, **SOME** NATIONAL DEMOCRATS HAVE LOST TOUCH WITH THE HOPES, VALUES AND IDEALS OF AVERAGE, WORKING AMERICANS.

AND THIS HAS LEFT MILLIONS OF OUR FELLOW CITIZENS WITHOUT A PARTY THEY WANT TO CALL THEIR OWN. I BELIEVE THAT, WITH YOUR HELP, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CAN BECOME THEIR NEW POLITICAL HOME. I BELIEVE WE CAN BUILD IT INTO THE MAJORITY POLITICAL PARTY OF THE 1970'S AND THE YEARS BEYOND.

DEMOS WEAKEN

THE DECLINE OF THE DEMOCRATS IS ALREADY AN ESTABLISHED PATTERN. OUR CHALLENGE IS TO CONVINCE NEW AND OLD INDEPENDENTS AND DEMOCRATS THAT THEIR FUTURE NOW LIES IN OUR PARTY. ACCORDING TO A RECENT HARRIS POLL, DEMOCRAT AFFILIATION AMONG VOTERS HAS DECLINED 5 POINTS SINCE 1968.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, REPUBLICAN AFFILIATION HAS REMAINED FAIRLY CONSTANT -- 31 PERCENT IN 1968 AND 30 PERCENT TODAY. THE BIG GAINER SO FAR HAS BEEN THE INDEPENDENT COLUMN, BUT I SUSPECT THAT IN MANY CASES THIS IS A HALF-WAY HOUSE FOR EX-DEMOCRATS ON THE WAY TO THE REPUBLICAN FOLD.

TWO MAIN ISSUES

JUDGING FROM THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE I HAVE MET AND SPOKEN WITH SINCE BECOMING CHAIRMAN, THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS DEPENDENT ON TWO OVERWHELMING ISSUES. THOSE ISSUES ARE PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

ALL OVER THE COUNTRY I HAVE FOUND A PERVADING WAR-WEARINESS. IT IS THE INEVITABLE RESULT OF AN UNDECLARED WAR THAT IS THE LONGEST AND MOST INDECISIVE IN OUR HISTORY. REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS, OR INDEPENDENTS -- PEOPLE WANT TO SEE THIS WAR ENDED. THEY WANT TO READ THEIR SUNDAY PAPER OR WATCH THE EVENING NEWS ON TELEVISION WITHOUT LEARNING OF MORE AMERICAN DEAD OR WOUNDED.

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A GENERATION OF PEACE

IN OTHER WORDS, THEY HOPE FOR THE BEGINNING OF A REAL PEACE. THIS IS THE FULL GENERATION OF PEACE THAT PRESIDENT NIXON SEEKS. AND, TIRED AS THEY ARE OF WAR, I FIND THAT MOST AMERICANS ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT HOW WE END AN INVOLVEMENT THAT HAS BEEN SO LONG AND COSTLY.

THEY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS ENDED, AND ENDED HONORABLY -- NOT JUST FOR THE AMERICAN MEN WHO ARE SERVING IN INDOCHINA TODAY, BUT FOR THEIR YOUNGER BROTHERS AND SONS AS WELL.

CONCERN FOR POWS

THEY WANT US TO LEAVE INDOCHINA WITH OUR HANDS CLEAN, AND OUR ALLIES LEFT WITH A DECENT CHANCE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. AND THEY DO NOT WANT OUR PRISONERS OF WAR ENDANGERED OR ABANDONED.

REASONABLE MEN MAY ARGUE -- AND HAVE -- ABOUT THE TIMING AND SPEED WITH WHICH SUCH A SETTLEMENT IS REACHED, BUT I BELIEVE MOST AMERICANS STAND TOGETHER BEHIND THESE GOALS. I AM CONVINCED THAT, TODAY, WE ARE CLOSER TO REACHING SUCH A SETTLEMENT THAN EVER, AND I BELIEVE THE FACTS REFLECT THIS.

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CASUALTIES DOWN

TODAY, AMERICAN CASUALTIES ARE LESS THAN A QUARTER OF WHAT THEY WERE WHEN RICHARD NIXON TOOK OFFICE. HALF OUR TROOPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SUCCESSFULLY WITHDRAWN FROM VIETNAM, AND ONE SERVICE BRANCH, THE U. S. MARINES, HAS COMPLETELY SHUT DOWN COMBAT OPERATIONS. THREE YEARS AGO, THERE WERE 87,000 MARINES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. TODAY THERE ARE LESS THAN ONE-TENTH OF THAT NUMBER. OUR OVER-ALL TROOP STRENGTH IS THE LOWEST POINT IN FIVE YEARS, AND CONTINUOUSLY DECREASING AS THE PRESIDENT WINDS DOWN THE WAR THROUGH VIETNAMIZATION.

DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS TOTALLY SATISFIED WITH THE PROGRESS THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE? I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS A CLEAR YES OR NO ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION. A CLEAR MAJORITY, I AM CONVINCED, GIVE THE PRESIDENT CREDIT FOR THE TREMENDOUS JOB HE HAS ALREADY DONE, REVERSING THE WHOLE MOMENTUM OF THE WAR.

NIXON TURNS TIDE

LET US NEVER FORGET THAT RICHARD NIXON INHERITED A POLICY OF ESCALATION WITHOUT VICTORY FROM HIS PREDECESSORS IN OFFICE. BUT HE HAS

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TURNED THE TIDE, TURNED IT TO A POLICY OF HONORABLE, ORDERLY AMERICAN DISINVOLVEMENT.

AS I REMARKED A MOMENT AGO, PEOPLE MAY DISAGREE ABOUT THE SPEED WITH WHICH THE WAR IS ENDING TODAY. BUT ALMOST ALL OF THEM REALIZE THAT, FOR AMERICA, THE WAR IS ENDING. AS MORE AND MORE AMERICAN FIGHTING MEN RETURN HOME, AND AS THE CASUALTY RATE DROPS CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE ZERO POINT, THEIR FAITH IN OUR PRESIDENT AND OUR PARTY WILL BECOME FIRMER AND MORE UNANIMOUS.

THAT IS WHY I AM A CAUTIOUS BUT SOLID OPTIMIST ABOUT 1972. I BELIEVE THAT LONG BEFORE THE 1972 ELECTIONS, AMERICAN CASUALTIES IN VIETNAM WILL BE NEAR THE ZERO POINT, AND THE VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM WILL HAVE MADE FURTHER STRIDES.

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GOP KEEPS CREDIBILITY

IN COMMENTING ON THE FUTURE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, IT IS MPOS-
SIBLE TO IGNORE THE CONDITION OF THE DEMOCRATS, AT LEAST IN PASSING. THE
TWO ARE CLOSELY RELATED, FOR THE GAINS OF ONE ARE THE LOSSES OF THE OTHER.
AND RIGHT NOW, I SEE THE GOP GAINING.

WE ARE MAINTAINING OUR REPUTATION AS THE PARTY OF CREDIBILITY. WE
STAND FOR A CREDIBLE POLICY FOR ENDING THE WAR -- SOMETHING THAT WAS LACK-
ING UNDER THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION -- AND THE PEOPLE KNOW IT.

WE STAND FOR RESPECT FOR BASIC AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS THAT SOME LIB-
ERAL POLITICIANS SEEM TO HAVE ABANDONED -- VALUES LIKE RESPECT FOR THE LAW
AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, SUPPORT OF A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE, AND EMPHASIS
ON REFORM RATHER THAN REVOLUTION. WE STAND FOR THESE THINGS, AND THE PEOPLE
KNOW IT.

AND, AS THE PRESIDENT WAS ABLE TO RECENTLY ANNOUNCE, THIS ADMINI-
STRATION HAS MADE WHAT MAY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT BREAKTHROUGH YET IN THE
LONG SEARCH FOR WORLD PEACE AND STABILITY.

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BETTER PROSPECTS FOR WORLD PEACE

PRESIDENT NIXON'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEW AGREEMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH RUSSIA IN THE SALT DISARMAMENT TALKS OFFERS ENCOURAGEMENT TO ALL AMERICANS AND TO THE WHOLE WORLD. TODAY THERE IS NEW HOPE FOR A REAL AND LASTING PEACE -- FOR A FUTURE WITH LESS CHANCE OF NUCLEAR WAR AND MORE CHANCE FOR PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT.

A REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION HAS BEGUN TO ACHIEVE WHAT IT ALWAYS SAID IT WAS SEEKING -- AN END TO THE ERA OF CONFRONTATION; A BEGINNING TO AN ERA OF NEGOTIATION.

AND THAT IS A PARTY AND NATIONAL GOAL TRULY WORTHY OF THE HISTORY BOOKS. IT IS WHY I AM OPTIMISTIC ABOUT 1972. I BELIEVE THAT LONG BEFORE THE '72 ELECTIONS, AMERICAN CASUALTIES IN VIETNAM WILL HAVE BOTTOMED OUT. I BELIEVE THAT PROGRESS FOR WORLD PEACE WILL CONTINUE UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF PRESIDENT NIXON. I BELIEVE THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WILL COME TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN 1972 AS THE PARTY OF PEACE AND REFORM. AND THAT IS A GOAL THAT IS WORTHY OF MY FULLEST SUPPORT -- AND YOURS.

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