

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

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IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TO JOIN SO MANY NEW YORKERS WHO HAVE COME OUT TO SALUTE THEIR CONGRESSMAN, BARBER CONABLE. I KNOW THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR ANYONE TO TELL THE PEOPLE OF THE 37TH DISTRICT WHAT A VALUABLE, HARD-WORKING AND DEDICATED REPRESENTATIVE YOU HAVE IN WASHINGTON. YOUR VOTES IN THE LAST FOUR ELECTIONS HAVE SHOWN THAT YOU KNOW WHAT A GOOD JOB -- WHAT A REALLY SUPERB JOB -- BARBER HAS DONE AND IS DOING FOR YOU DOWN THERE.

I WOULD, HOWEVER, LIKE TO ADD A PERSONAL NOTE. HAVING SERVED WITH BARBER FOR TWO TERMS IN THE HOUSE, I CAME TO KNOW HIM AND SAW FIRST-HAND THE JOB HE DOES. AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT YOU ARE EXTREMELY FORTUNATE IN HAVING A MAN OF HIS TALENTS, HIS INTEGRITY AND HIS ABILITY WORKING FOR THIS DISTRICT, THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND -- MOST IMPORTANTLY -- FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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INDEED, IF THERE WERE A FEW MORE BARBER CONABLES ON CAPITOL HILL, THE JOB OF BRINGING MORE EFFECTIVE, MORE RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD BE A LOT EASIER AND A LOT LESS FRUSTRATING THAN IT SOMETIMES SEEMS TO BE.

A VITAL JOB

BUT BARBER IS A ONE-OF-A-KIND CONGRESSMAN AND INDIVIDUAL, SO WE HAVE TO RELY ON HIM TO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND CONTINUE TO PLAY HIS VALUABLE ROLE IN CONGRESS. THAT MEANS YOUR JOB -- THE JOB OF SEEING THAT HE STAYS IN WASHINGTON -- IS VITALLY IMPORTANT. AND, JUDGING FROM THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE GIVEN HIM IN THE PAST, YOU ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO YOUR JOB -- SO HE CAN DO HIS.

I KNOW THAT HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE HOUSE ARE COUNTING ON YOU. SO ARE WE AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE. AND SO IS THAT MAN AT 1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON.

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PRESIDENT NIXON NEEDS BARBER CONABLE IN THE CONGRESS -- AND A LOT MORE LIKE HIM -- BECAUSE FOR NEARLY THREE YEARS NOW, HE HAS FACED THE CARP-ING, COMPLAINING OBSTRUCTIONISM OF A DEMOCRAT-CONTROLLED CONGRESS THAT HAS TAKEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO DELAY, DILUTE AND DISMEMBER VIRTUALLY EVERY LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE HE HAS SENT TO CAPITOL HILL. AND WE HAVE NO REASON TO EXPECT THAT THINGS ARE GOING TO CHANGE SOON.

POLITICS WARMING UP

MY GUESS IS THAT IN THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS, THINGS ARE GOING TO GET INCREASINGLY POLITICAL. OF COURSE, THEY HAVE BEEN RIGHT ALONG ON THE DEMOCRAT SIDE OF THE FENCE. EVERYBODY IS HAVING A GAY OLD TIME RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT AND RUNNING DOWN THE PRESIDENCY, TALKING ABOUT WHAT THE PRESIDENT OUGHT TO BE DOING AND TRYING AS HARD AS THEY CAN TO KEEP HIM FROM DOING ANYTHING AT ALL.

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RIGHT NOW THEY'RE STANDING THERE EMPTY-HANDED LOOKING AHEAD TO 1972 AND WONDERING WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO FOR AN ISSUE. WONDERING WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL SWALLOW. I SAW A CARTOON THE OTHER DAY. IT PICTURED A POOR, BEDRAGGLED DONKEY WITH HIS TONGUE HANGING OUT, CRAWLING ACROSS A TRACKLESS DESERT CRYING, "ISSUES, ISSUES!" THAT IS A PRETTY ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION TODAY BECAUSE A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT HAS DRIED UP THE DEMOCRATS' ISSUES WITH POSITIVE PROGRAMS AND REAL PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THE CHALLENGES FACING OUR NATION.

OF COURSE, ISSUES AREN'T NEARLY AS MUCH OF A PROBLEM AS THE ONE THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE IN COMING UP WITH A CANDIDATE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL SWALLOW.

DEMOS BLOCK WELFARE REFORM

BUT THE CANDIDATE ISN'T THEIR BIG HEADACHE NOW. RIGHT NOW THEY ARE WORRIED ABOUT HOW THEY ARE GOING TO TELL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HOW CONCERNED THEY ARE FOR THE POOR -- WHEN THEY HAVE REFUSED TO PASS A WELFARE REFORM BILL THAT IS THE FIRST LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO TRULY HELP THE POOR -- AND NOT JUST TO USE THEM; NOT JUST TO BUY THEIR VOTES, AND MAINTAIN THEIR DEPENDENCY.

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SO THEY ARE WORRIED ABOUT HOW THEY ARE GOING TO KEEP PERSUADING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT THEY HAVE A CORNER ON COMPASSION -- WITHOUT DEMONSTRATING IT.

PRESIDENT CONCERNED FOR POOR

THEY ARE WORRIED ABOUT HOW THEY CAN PERPETUATE THE IMAGE -- WHICH THEY SO CAREFULLY GENERATED TO BEGIN WITH -- OF A PRESIDENT UNCONCERNED ABOUT THE HELPLESS, THE WEAK AND THE POOR WHEN THAT PRESIDENT HAS PROPOSED AND FOUGHT FOR THE ONLY REALISTIC LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO HELP THE HELPLESS, TO LIFT UP THE WEAK, AND TO GIVE SUSTENANCE TO THE POOR.

THESE ARE THE AIMS OF WELFARE REFORM -- NOT PASSED IN A DEMOCRAT CONGRESS.

THESE ARE THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVES OF EDUCATION REVENUE SHARING -- NOT PASSED IN A DEMOCRAT CONGRESS.

THESE ARE THE ULTIMATE PURPOSES OF URBAN REVENUE SHARING -- NOT PASSED IN A DEMOCRAT CONGRESS; OF RURAL REVENUE SHARING -- NOT PASSED IN A DEMOCRAT CONGRESS -- OF THE SPECIAL ACTION OFFICE FOR DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION -- NOT PASSED IN A DEMOCRAT CONGRESS; IT FUNCTIONS BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.

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NATIONAL HEALTH STRATEGY MEETS NEED

THE PEOPLE NEED A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AREA OF HEALTH AND MEDICINE. THE PRESIDENT HAS PROPOSED A NATIONAL HEALTH STRATEGY THAT WOULD PROVIDE HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY TO ALL WHO NEED IT, REGARDLESS OF THEIR FINANCIAL STATUS; IT WOULD IMPROVE MEDICAL EDUCATION; IT WOULD ACCELERATE RESEARCH EFFORTS -- AND DO THESE THINGS WITHOUT NATIONALIZING THE SYSTEM AND TAKING IT OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO SHOULD CONTROL THE SYSTEM: THE DOCTOR AND THE PATIENT. THE SELF-ANNOINTED PARTY OF THE PEOPLE HAS NOT ACTED ON THIS PROPOSAL. AND THEY HAVE NOT OFFERED A SUBSTITUTE FOR IT.

THIS IS WHAT I MEAN WHEN I SAY THE DEMOCRATS ARE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE ISSUES. AND THOSE PROBLEMS ARE GOING TO GET A LOT WORSE. THE WORSE THEY GET, THE MORE DESPERATE ALL THEIR AMBITIOUS PEOPLE BECOME, THE MORE PRONOUNCED THE GAP BETWEEN DEMOCRAT PROMISE AND REPUBLICAN PERFORMANCE IS GOING TO BECOME -- THE MORE APPARENT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DIZZY AMBITIONS OF THAT EXPANDING GROUP OF NAY-SAYING, NIT-PICKING, FAULT-FINDING WOULD-BE NOMINEES, AND THE SOLID ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT.

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AS THE PROCESS CONTINUES, THE FLAWS ARE REVEALED.

MC GOVERN DUMPS WAR ISSUE

FOR EXAMPLE, THE DECLARED CANDIDATES: SENATOR MC GOVERN IS OPPOSED TO THE WAR. HE HAS MADE THAT CLEAR. HE HASN'T MADE IT AS CLEAR AS HE HAD PERHAPS HOPED TO MAKE IT -- IT WOULD SEEM THAT HE WOULD HAVE HAD US BELIEVE THAT HE WAS OPPOSED TO WAR AS ONLY A HANDFUL OF THE HIGHER ANGELS ARE OPPOSED TO WAR; BUT, LO AND BEHOLD, THE GOOD SENATOR ANNOUNCED JUST A SHORT TIME AGO THAT HE WAS NOT CAMPAIGNING ON THE WAR ANY LONGER, HE WAS CAMPAIGNING ON THE ECONOMY.

NOW THAT'S A CURIOUS THING. BECAUSE, CERTAINLY, DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF THE PRESIDENT, WE STILL HAVE A WAR. IT IS ENDING. WE ARE MOVING TOWARD PEACE UNDER THE SURE HAND OF THE PRESIDENT -- BUT WE DO STILL HAVE A WAR IN WHICH PEOPLE ARE DYING, AS SENATOR MC GOVERN HAS BEEN TELLING US EVER SINCE HE WAS AFFLICTED WITH THE IDEA THAT THE REPUBLIC NEEDED HIS GUIDANCE.

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AND YET, THE SENATOR WISHES NOW TO PUT THAT MATTER ASIDE, AND TURN HIS ATTENTION TO THE ECONOMY. REASONABLE MEN AND WOMEN MIGHT CONCLUDE FROM THIS THAT SENATOR MC GOVERN'S ANGUISH OVER THE COSTS OF WAR WAS A BIT CONTRIVED. BUT IT MAY NOT HAVE OCCURRED TO THE SENATOR THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- AND PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO VOTE -- ARE LARGELY COMPOSED OF REASONABLE MEN AND WOMEN.

WAR NOT A DEMO ISSUE

THE WAR, OF COURSE, IS A PROBLEM FOR ALL THE DEMOCRATS. WITH THEIR INTERESTING CAPACITY FOR GETTING THINGS BACKWARD, THEY PREFER TO THINK VIETNAM IS OUR WAR AND THEIR ISSUE. WELL, IT'S OUR WAR ALL RIGHT -- IT'S THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S WAR, AND A BITTER LEGACY. AND IT'S NOBODY'S ISSUE -- IT'S RICHARD NIXON'S HEADACHE AND HEARTACHE. BUT HE IS ENDING IT AND MOVING TO BRING PEACE AS QUICKLY AS HE CAN. THOSE WHO COUNSEL HASTE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT PRISONERS OF WAR. THEY DON'T HAVE TO WORRY -- OR REFUSE TO -- ABOUT ENDING THE WAR IN A WAY THAT WILL BRING A REAL PEACE -- A LASTING PEACE. IT IS ONE THING WHEN YOUR MAJOR CONCERN IS THE NEXT ELECTION. RICHARD NIXON IS WORRYING ABOUT THE NEXT GENERATION.

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WHO WANTS HARRIS?

SENATOR HARRIS, OF COURSE, HAS DECLARED. HE WANTS TO SAVE AMERICA, WE ARE INFORMED, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. I CAN THINK OF A LOT OF THINGS SENATOR HARRIS MIGHT DO TO HELP AMERICA, BUT RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT ISN'T ONE OF THEM. HE MIGHT START OUT, IN A SMALL WAY, BY HELPING MOVE SOME OF THOSE REPUBLICAN BILLS THROUGH THE CONGRESS. HE MIGHT DO THAT BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE -- BEFORE HE LEAVES THE SENATE. BECAUSE, YOU SEE, THE PEOPLE OF OKLAHOMA HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY WERE NOT GOING TO SEND SENATOR HARRIS BACK TO THE SENATE FOR ANOTHER TERM. SO, WITH THAT QUESTION CLEARLY ANSWERED, HE HAS NOTHING TO LOSE BY GOING FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

WHAT HE REALLY WANTS IS TO SAVE FRED HARRIS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE. BUT THE PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA, AND KANSAS, AND NEW YORK AND ALL THE OTHER GREAT STATES IN THIS NATION ARE JUST AS SMART AS THE PEOPLE FROM OKLAHOMA. AND IF THE PEOPLE FROM OKLAHOMA DON'T WANT FRED HARRIS, I DOUBT IF ANYBODY ELSE WILL WANT HIM. I EXPECT HE'LL SHORTLY BE LOOKING FOR A JOB MORE IN KEEPING WITH HIS ABILITIES -- BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

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CREDIT TO LINDSAY

I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE UNDECLARED CANDIDATES. THEY'RE ALL HAVING SO MUCH FUN BEING CUTE AND COY AND WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO COAX THEM TO STEP UP AND SAVE THE WORLD. SO I DON'T WANT TO TAKE AWAY FROM THEIR FUN BY LISTING THEM WITH FRED HARRIS AND GEORGE MC GOVERN. EXCEPT ONE.

I DON'T WANT TO NEGLECT ANYONE WHO SHOULDN'T BE NEGLECTED OR FAIL TO GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE, AND CREDIT IS CERTAINLY DUE TO A MAN WHOM I THINK HAS DONE AS MUCH FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AS ANYONE THIS YEAR, AND THAT'S JOHN LINDSAY.

I'M WAITING FOR THE NEXT GARBAGE STRIKE IN FUN CITY -- TO SEE IF HE CAN MOVE THE GARBAGE ANY BETTER AS A DEMOCRAT THAN HE DID AS A REPUBLICAN.

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NIXON ECONOMIC POLICY SOUND

NOW, OF COURSE, WE COME TO THE BIG QUESTION MARK. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO SAY, ABOUT THE ECONOMY ?

I CAN TELL YOU THAT I AM FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT THE ECONOMIC POLICY OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION WILL ACHIEVE WHAT THE PRESIDENT IS TRYING TO ACHIEVE -- WHICH IS PROSPERITY IN A TIME OF PEACE. BUT I KNOW IT ISN'T ENOUGH FOR ME TO SAY JUST HAVE FAITH AND BELIEVE WHAT I TELL YOU. NOT EVERYBODY YOU MEET IS GOING TO BE PERSUADED BY QUOTATIONS FROM CHAIRMAN BOB.

SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND SOME BASIC FACTS ABOUT THE ECONOMY. THE LARGEST ECONOMY IN THE WORLD, THE MOST DIVERSE, THE MOST COMPLEX AND, BECAUSE IT IS A FREE MARKET ECONOMY, PROBABLY THE MOST UNWIELDY ECONOMY IN THE WORLD, DOES NOT RESPOND OVERNIGHT TO ANY MANIPULATION -- NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO. THIS ISN'T AN EXCUSE, IT'S A FACT. AND IT IS, BY AND LARGE, A COMFORTABLE FACT TO LIVE WITH.

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DEMOS WRECK ECONOMY

A BRIEF RUN OF BAD CONDITIONS DOESN'T HURT OUR ECONOMY -- YOU REALLY HAVE TO WORK LONG AND HARD TO FOUL IT UP. ONCE YOU FOUL IT UP, YOU CAN'T TURN IT AROUND IN TWO WEEKS BY WAVING YOUR WAND. THE LAST TWO ADMINISTRATIONS DID WORK LONG AND DILIGENTLY, AND THEY DID MAKE A SHAMBLES OF THE ECONOMY. I HEARD GEORGE MEANY THE OTHER NIGHT ON TELEVISION, AND HE WAS SCOFFING AT THE NEW PROSPERITY -- HE SAID, "I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THE OLD PROSPERITY?"

OF COURSE, MR. MEANY KNOWS WHAT WAS WRONG WITH IT, BUT A LOT OF AMERICANS DON'T, AND THEY ARE SINCERE WHEN THEY ASK THE QUESTION. AND THE ANSWER IS THAT WHAT PASSED FOR PROSPERITY WAS DESTROYING THE AMERICAN DOLLAR -- IT WASN'T REAL. THERE IS STILL A SCHOOL OF THOUGHT -- IF IT CAN BE CALLED THOUGHT -- WHICH BELIEVES, BASICALLY, THAT THE MORE MONEY YOU PRINT, THE MORE PROSPEROUS YOU ARE.

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FALSE PROSPERITY OF SIXTIES

SO IN THE SIXTIES, WE HAD THE PROSPERITY OF A WARTIME ECONOMY. WE HAD THE PROSPERITY OF THE BOONDOGGLE -- SPENDING MONEY ON SOCIAL SCHEMES THAT WERE SO PROLIFIC THAT FREQUENTLY THE MONEY COULDN'T EVEN BE ACCOUNTED FOR, AND WASN'T, AND A LOT OF PEOPLE LINED THEIR POCKETS.

WE HAD THE PROSPERITY OF INFLATION. IT IS ONE THING TO IGNORE THE FACT THAT DESPITE WAGES GOING UP, THERE WAS NO REAL INCREASE IN PROSPERITY -- THAT ALL THE INCREASED WAGES WERE EATN UP BY INCREASED PRICES -- AND THAT MORE AND MORE WAS BUYING LESS AND LESS. YOU CAN IGNORE THIS WHEN YOU ARE ON THE ESCALATOR, AND YOUR WAGES ARE GOING UP. BUT WHAT OF THE ELDERLY -- THE RETIRED, THOSE LIVING ON PENSIONS, ON THEIR SAVINGS, ON FIXED INCOMES? CAN YOU IGNORE THEM?

EVERY TIME EVERYBODY ELSE GETS ONE OF THOSE GREAT BIG "OLD PROSPERITY" PAY RAISES, THESE PEOPLE GET A LITTLE POORER, AND THEIR LIVES A LITTLE HARDER.

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MAYBE THEY OUGHT TO UNIONIZE, TOO. BUT UNTIL THEY DO, UNTIL THEY CAN AFFORD TO HIRE LOBBYISTS, OR UNTIL THEY CAN AFFORD TO SUPPORT A LOT OF PEOPLE WITH BIG SALARIES AND BIG PUBLIC RELATIONS OPERATIONS TELLING THEM HOW WELL OFF THEY ARE -- UNTIL THEN, THEY ONLY REALLY HAVE ONE MAN TO LOOK AFTER THEM, AND THAT IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. AND THIS PRESIDENT DOESN'T INTEND TO FAIL THE PEOPLE WHO DEPEND ON HIM.

NIXON SHUNS GIMMICKS

SO THE FIRST LESSON IN NIXON ECONOMICS IS THAT A PROSPERITY THAT ISN'T GOOD FOR EVERYBODY ISN'T GOOD FOR ANYBODY BECAUSE, IF YOU LOOK CLOSER, YOU'LL SEE THAT IT ISN'T PROSPERITY AT ALL. IT'S A GIMMICK.

IT IS AN IMMORAL GIMMICK; IT BUYS THE POPULARITY OF THE MIDDLE CLASS -- WHICH IS A VOTING MAJORITY -- AT THE EXPENSE OF THE POOR, THE DEPENDENT AND THE DISENFRANCHISED. OTHERS HAVE FOUND THIS EXPEDIENT. OTHERS HAVE BEEN CONTENT TO LET THE POOR EAT SYMPATHY. BUT WHAT IS POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT IS NOT ALWAYS RIGHT -- AND I BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CHOSE RICHARD NIXON BECAUSE THEY KNEW HE WOULD DO WHAT IS

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RIGHT. HE HAS DONE THIS. IT HAS NOT BEEN POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT -- BUT IT HAS BEEN RIGHT. THE END RESULT IS GOING TO BE A STRONG ECONOMY -- WITH REAL PROSPERITY -- AND THAT RESULT IS TAKING SHAPE RIGHT NOW.

SHARING RESPONSIBILITY

A SECOND LESSON IN NIXON ECONOMICS IS THAT A SOUND PROSPERITY IS NOT JUST THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRESIDENT -- OR BUSINESS -- OR LABOR. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERYBODY, WORKING TOGETHER AND KEEPING THE NATIONAL INTEREST AHEAD OF PAROCHIAL, PARTISAN OR NARROW SELFISH INTERESTS. AND A LOOK AT PHASE II OF THE PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC STABILIZATION POLICY SHOWS THAT HE IS PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SHARING THAT RESPONSIBILITY.

BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRIPARTITE PAY BOARD, COMPOSED OF LABOR, BUSINESS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES, HE HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE NECESSITY -- THE VITAL REQUIREMENT -- FOR A BROADLY-BASED NATIONAL EFFORT AND FULL COOPERATION FROM ALL SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

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BY GIVING THE BOARD FULL AND UNDILUTED AUTHORITY FOR ADMINISTERING THE WAGE AND PAY SIDE OF THE ECONOMIC EQUATION, THE PRESIDENT HAS PROVIDED THE MEANS FOR ACHIEVING COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION FROM BOTH THE BUSINESS AND LABOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

LABOR GETS A ROLE

IT IS A FACT THAT LABOR MADE A LOT OF NOISE IN THE PERIOD WHEN THE PRESIDENT WAS PREPARING HIS PHASE II POLICY. THEY DEMANDED A TRIPARTITE BOARD, AND THEY INSISTED ON A ROLE IN ADMINISTERING THE POST-FREEZE POLICY. ORGANIZED LABOR -- AND LEGITIMATELY SO -- EXPECTED TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN IMPLEMENTING THE POLICY AFFECTING ITS MEMBERSHIP. BUT, A THREE-SIDED BOARD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, AND LABOR HAS ITS PLACE ON THAT BOARD AND A SAY IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF PHASE II POLICY. AND, NOW, LABOR -- ALONG WITH BUSINESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION -- HAS ITS SHARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY, ~~AND THE~~ OBLIGATION, OF MAKING THIS POLICY EFFECTIVE -- ON BEHALF OF ITS MEMBERS AND THE ENTIRE NATION.

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FOR, AS THE PRESIDENT SAID UPON LEARNING THAT THE NATION'S LABOR LEADERS WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE PAY BOARD, "THE COUNTRY WON" -- NOT THE ADMINISTRATION OR LABOR -- BY THIS DECISION TO JOIN IN THE EFFORT TO STOP INFLATION AND BUILD A REAL AND LASTING PROSPERITY IN THE UNITED STATES.

IMPORTANCE OF THE APPROACH

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRESIDENT'S APPROACH TO PHASE II POLICY IS HARD TO OVEREMPHASIZE. HE COULD VERY EASILY HAVE DECIDED ON A POLICY WHICH WOULD HAVE FROZEN BUSINESS OR LABOR OUT OF THE PICTURE AND LEFT DECISIONS AND CONTROL IN THE HANDS OF A BUREAUCRACY WHICH WOULD HAVE ISSUED RULINGS ON ITS OWN AND WITHOUT SO MUCH AS A BOW TO LABOR, BUSINESS OR ANY OTHER SECTOR. HE COULD HAVE DONE THIS; HE HAD THE POWER TO DO SO. BUT HE DID NOT DO IT. HE REALIZED THAT SUCH A POLICY COULD ONLY LEAD TO DISSATISFACTION, DISUNITY -- AND ULTIMATELY TO FAILURE, BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT HAVE HAD THE MEASURE OF GENERAL SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE THAT IS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVING SUCCESS IN THIS DELICATE AND VITALLY IMPORTANT AREA. INSTEAD, HE DEvised A POLICY WITH INHERENT ELEMENTS THAT LEAD TO COOP-

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ERATION, UNDERSTANDING AND A REAL SHARING OF INTERESTS IN SEEING IT BE SUCCESSFUL.

AND, BY FRAMING THIS POLICY IN TERMS OF PARTNERSHIP RATHER THAN PARTISANSHIP, COOPERATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION, AND A MUTUAL GOAL RATHER THAN A MIXTURE OF AIMS, HE HAS TAKEN A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD BRINGING AMERICA TOGETHER AGAIN -- AND TOWARD TURNING THE ECONOMY INTO ANOTHER STRONG POINT IN AN ALREADY STRONG REPUBLICAN RECORD.

THE ECONOMY WILL BE AN ISSUE IN 1972. MAKE NO MISTAKE. BUT IT WILL BE OUR ISSUE.

REPUBLICAN ISSUES IN 1972

THE WAR WON'T BE AN ISSUE -- PEACE WILL. AND IT WILL BE OUR ISSUE, NOT PEACE PROMISED, BUT PEACE ACCOMPLISHED -- THE FULL GENERATION OF PEACE THAT RICHARD NIXON HAS BEEN SEEKING AROUND THE WORLD, THE PEACE THAT HE IS PURSUING IN HIS TRIPS TO CHINA AND RUSSIA, THE PEACE THAT HE HAS PURSUED SO PAINFULLY, AND SO DILIGENTLY SINCE JANUARY, 1969.

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AND THE UNFINISHED AGENDA OF THIS NATION WILL BE AN ISSUE. THE DEMOCRATS CANNOT TALK ABOUT CRIME, THEY CANNOT TALK ABOUT WELFARE, THEY CANNOT TALK ABOUT EDUCATION, ABOUT HEALTH, ABOUT NARCOTICS, ABOUT TRANSPORTATION, URBAN RENEWAL, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE REST WHEN ALL THESE MATTERS HAVE BEEN PLACED BEFORE THEM IN LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS BY THIS ADMINISTRATION -- PLACED BEFORE A DEMOCRAT CONGRESS AND IGNORED BY A DEMOCRAT CONGRESS.

NIXON RESTORES CREDIBILITY

WHICH BRINGS US TO THE FINAL ISSUE. WHEN THE DEMOCRATS LEFT OFFICE IN 1968, THEY TOOK THEIR CREDIBILITY PROBLEM WITH THEM. RICHARD NIXON HAS RESTORED TO AMERICA WHAT IS PROBABLY MOST PRECIOUS TO OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT -- A BELIEVABLE PRESIDENCY.

HE HAS RESTORED A SENSE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE OFFICE -- AND WITH THIS SENSE OF CONFIDENCE HAS COME A NEW ASSURANCE ACROSS AMERICA THAT THINGS ARE NOT IN THE SADDLE, RIDING US -- BUT THAT WE, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, ARE IN THE SADDLE -- THE REINS ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE AGAIN, AND OUR DESTINY IS WITHIN OUR GRASP -- WE CAN SHAPE IT, EACH MAN

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AS HE WILL. RICHARD NIXON HAS RESTORED TO AMERICA ITS FAITH IN ITSELF. WHEN THE DEMOCRATS HIT THE STREETS NEXT YEAR TRYING TO PERSUADE AMERICA TO PUT THEM BACK IN POWER, AMERICANS ARE GOING TO RECALL HOW MUCH BETTER IT IS TO HAVE THE POWER THEMSELVES.

FALSE DEMO CONCERN

WHEN THEY TELL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OF ALL THEIR CONCERNS -- THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE GOING TO WANT TO KNOW WHY THEY HAVE DONE NOTHING ABOUT THOSE CONCERNS, NOR PERMITTED THEIR PRESIDENT TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT THESE CONCERNS FOR FOUR YEARS. AMERICANS WILL SEE THAT THE PARTY THAT INTRODUCED "CREDIBILITY GAP" INTO THE AMERICAN POLITICAL LEXICON IS STILL STRADDLING THAT SAME GAP -- AND STILL PREPARED TO DROP THE FUTURE OF THIS NATION INTO IT FOR SHORT-TERM PARTISAN BENEFIT.

WHEN THE DEMOCRATS TALK ABOUT A STRONG AMERICA, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL REMEMBER WHO HAS SOUGHT TO WEAKEN OUR DEFENSE POSTURE, CUT VITAL DEFENSE BUDGETS, AND DEFAULT ON OUR COMMITMENTS TO OUR ALLIES IN THE WORLD.

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AND WHEN THE DEMOCRATS TALK ABOUT PEACE, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL REMEMBER WHO BROUGHT WAR. AND THEY WILL REMEMBER WHO BROUGHT PEACE.

YOU ARE NOT TO SUPPOSE FROM ALL THAT I HAVE SAID THAT THIS WON'T BE A DIFFICULT CAMPAIGN. IT WILL BE. YOU MUST START NOW, AND WORK HARD ALL THE WAY. AND WE'LL BE RUNNING WITH YOU AT THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE, HELPING ALL WE CAN.

YOU CAN START BY MAKING SURE THAT BARBER CONABLE GETS THE SUPPORT HE NEEDS TO CONTINUE HIS VALUABLE WORK IN WASHINGTON. AND YOU CAN CARRY THAT EFFORT ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO INSURING THE REELECTION OF OUR REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT.

WE HAVE THREE STRONG FACTORS ON OUR SIDE. ONE IS A RECORD. ONE IS THE TRUTH. AND ONE IS RICHARD NIXON. WITH THAT COMBINATION AND HARD WORK, WE'RE GOING TO WIN.