

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR CONGRESSMAN VERNON THOMSON
LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1971

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE IN LA CROSSE TO JOIN SO MANY WISCONSIN REPUBLICANS WHO HAVE COME OUT TO SALUTE THEIR CONGRESSMAN, VERN THOMSON. I KNOW THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR ANYONE TO TELL THE PEOPLE OF THE 3RD DISTRICT WHAT A VALUABLE, HARD-WORKING AND DEDICATED REPRESENTATIVE YOU HAVE IN WASHINGTON. YOUR VOTES IN THE LAST SIX ELECTIONS HAVE SHOWN THAT YOU KNOW WHAT A GOOD JOB---WHAT A REALLY SUPERB JOB---VERN HAS DONE AND IS DOING FOR YOU DOWN THERE.

I WOULD, HOWEVER, LIKE TO ADD A PERSONAL NOTE. VERN AND I CAME TO THE HOUSE TOGETHER AS FRESHMEN IN 1961 AND WE SERVED TOGETHER THERE FOR EIGHT YEARS. IN THOSE EIGHT YEARS, I SAW FIRST HAND THE JOB HE DOES. AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT YOU ARE EXTREMELY FORTUNATE IN HAVING A MAN OF VERN'S

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TALENTS, HIS INTEGRITY AND HIS ABILITY WORKING FOR THIS DISTRICT, THE STATE OF WISCONSIN AND---MOST IMPORTANTLY--- FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

INDEED, IF THERE WERE A FEW MORE VERN THOMSONS 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 VERN 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.

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I KNOW WHAT HIS MANY FRIENDS AND 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.

RICHARD NIXON - THE PEACE MAKER

IN THIS CENTURY MORE THAN A HALF MILLION AMERICANS HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN WAR. THIS HAS BEEN THE TERRIBLE PRICE OF FREEDOM, AND WE HAVE PAID IT.

IT WAS NEVER ENOUGH THAT AMERICANS WANTED TO LIVE IN LIBERTY AT HOME AND AT PEACE WITH THE WORLD. ALWAYS THERE WERE THOSE WHO BELIEVED THAT FREE MEN MIGHT BE UNDISCIPLINED MEN, AND THAT A SOCIETY DEDICATED TO PEACE MIGHT FALTER IN WAR.

AND SO EACH TIME THE LESSON WAS TAUGHT ANEW -- THAT MEN WHO HAVE ONCE HELD UP THEIR HEADS IN FREEDOM WILL NEVER AGAIN BOW TO TYRANNY, AND MEN WHO HAVE DREAMED OF LIBERTY FOR THEIR CHILDREN WILL NOT PASS ON TO THOSE CHILDREN A WORLD IN WHICH SLAVERY IS LONG POSSIBLE.

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AMERICA'S TRAGIC LOSS

BUT, DESPITE THE FACT THAT AMERICANS HAVE WILLINGLY PAID THE PRICE OF FREEDOM, WE CANNOT HELP REFLECTING ON WHAT WAS LOST AMONG THOSE MORE THAN ONE-HALF MILLION LIVES. AS PRESIDENT NIXON ONCE SAID OF OUR VIETNAM DEAD-- "THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN POETS AMONG THEM AND DOCTORS AND TEACHERS AND FARMERS; THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN BUILDERS OF AMERICA. AND WHAT THEY MIGHT HAVE BROUGHT TO AMERICA IN PEACE NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW. "

NO ONE IS MORE CONSCIOUS OF THE COST OF WAR THAN THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. AND NO ONE HAS DONE MORE TO RECREATE A WORLD IN WHICH WE MAY SEE AN END TO WAR.

IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SUMMARIZE--IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SUMMARIZE--HERE IN A HALF HOUR, THE ACTIONS AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT EVEN IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS. BUT THROUGH ALL HIS WORK--WHETHER IT IS MENDING THE ECONOMY, MOLDING A NEW APPROACH TO GOVERNMENT,

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MAKING TWO OUTSTANDING NOMINATIONS TO THE SUPREME COURT,
WHETHER IT IS IN HEALTH, OR WELFARE--THROUGH EVERYTHING,
ONE MATTER HAS PRIORITY--AND THE PRIORITY IS PEACE.

RICHARD NIXON'S FIRST PURPOSE IS PEACE.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THIS CENTURY, THE POSSIBILITY OF
CONSTRUCTING A LASTING WORLD PEACE SEEMS BRIGHT. THIS IS
NOT A CONDITION THAT HAS DEVELOPED OVERNIGHT--INDEED IT
HAS BEEN DEVELOPING FROM THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. BUT
FREQUENTLY, SHORT-SIGHTED LEADERS ON ONE HAND, AND THE
HOPE OF WAR-WEARY PEOPLE ON THE OTHER HAND HAVE
PREVENTED THE WORLD FROM PROFITING BY THE LESSONS OF
PEACE.

THE ORIGINS OF WORLD WAR I WERE A DISGRACE TO THE
CIVILIZED WORLD--FEW WARS WERE LESS NECESSARY OR MORE
PREVENTABLE.

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FREEDOM FOUND INDIVISIBLE

IN THE CAULDRON OF THAT WAR, THE BEGINNINGS OF
WORLD WAR II WERE BORN. AND IT CAME BECAUSE MEN WERE
WILLING TO TRY TO BUY OFF TYRANNY WITH OTHER MEN'S LIVES --
BECAUSE SOME LEADERS BELIEVED THAT FREEDOM WAS DIVISIBLE,
AND THAT PEACE WAS DESIRABLE AT ANY PRICE. OF COURSE, IT
WAS DESIRABLE ONLY AS LONG AS THEY THOUGHT THEY WOULD
NEVER HAVE TO PAY THE PRICE.

SINCE WORLD WAR II, THE BALANCE OF TERROR HAS RESTRICTED
THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AGGRESSION TO THE PERIPHERAL NATIONS
OF THE WORLD--AS THOUGH THE LIVES OF THIRD WORLD PEOPLE
WERE EXPENDABLE IF THIS WOULD BUY STABILITY ELSEWHERE.

BUT THE OLD LESSON IS STILL THERE--JUST AS WE LEARNED
THAT FREEDOM WAS NOT DIVISIBLE, SO WISE MEN KNOW THAT HUMAN
DIGNITY IS NOT DIVISIBLE --AND LIVES IN THIRD WORLD NATIONS--
WHICH COULD BE THE COCKPIT OF THE NEXT AND LAST WORLD
WAR--THESE LIVES ARE AS PRECIOUS AS THOSE OF THE CITIZENS OF
THE WORLD'S GREAT POWERS.

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THIRD WORLD IMPORTANT

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS RECOGNIZED THAT THE THIRD WORLD NATIONS MUST BE SOMETHING MORE THAN A "SAFE BATTLEFIELD"--THAT THEIR STABILITY, THEIR PROSPERITY, AND THEIR POLITICAL VIABILITY ARE ESSENTIAL TO PEACE IN THE WORLD TODAY.

SO NOW WE HAVE AN IDEAL CONFLUENCE OF CIRCUMSTANCES-- WISE LEADERSHIP IN A TIME WHEN THE WORLD WANTS PEACE AND WHEN IT CANNOT RISK ANYTHING LESS.

ONE MAN HAS WISELY, COURAGEOUSLY, AND WITH GREAT PATIENCE THOUGHT THROUGH THE PROBLEM OF PEACE AND HAS BEGUN TO WALK THE LONG HARD ROAD WHICH WE HOPE AND WE BELIEVE WILL LEAD TO PEACE.

WE READ CRITICS WHO SAY THE PRESIDENT'S PEACE INITIATIVES ARE ALL POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. HE IS LOOKING FOR A CAMPAIGN ISSUE. LET ME QUOTE RICHARD NIXON ON THE MATTER OF RED CHINA--". . . WE SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD TO LEAVE CHINA FOREVER OUTSIDE THE FAMILY OF NATIONS. . . THERE IS NO PLACE ON THIS SMALL PLANET FOR A BILLION OF ITS POTENTIALLY MOST ABLE PEOPLE TO LIVE IN ANGRY ISOLATION. "

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POWER BALANCE IS KEY

THOSE WORDS WEREN'T WRITTEN LAST MONTH. THEY WERE WRITTEN IN 1967 WHILE THE UNITED STATES WAS STILL ESCALATING THE WAR IN VIETNAM. THEY WERE WRITTEN IN WHAT MAY PROVE TO BE ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL ARTICLES ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WRITTEN IN THIS CENTURY, IT WAS CALLED "ASIA AFTER VIETNAM." AND IN IT THE MAN WHO IS NOW PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OUTLINED A WORKABLE STRATEGY OF PEACE DEVISING A BALANCE, NOT ONLY OF POWER IN ASIA, BUT ALSO A BALANCE OF NATIONAL INTEREST WHICH RECOGNIZES THAT THE SO-CALLED BUFFER STATES ARE SOMETHING MORE THAN MILITARY AND POLITICAL CONVENIENCES FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD. THIS STRATEGY MOVES TOWARD THE SORT OF PRAGMATIC PEACE IN ASIA WHICH NOW EXISTS IN EUROPE.

IT IS ONLY SUCH A BALANCE, BASED ON LONG-RANGE NATIONAL INTERESTS, THAT CAN ACCOMPLISH A LASTING PEACE. AND IT IS A LASTING PEACE THAT THE PRESIDENT WANTS---NOT JUST A POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT HIATUS BETWEEN VIETNAM AND ANOTHER OUTBREAK SOMEWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD IN SIX MONTHS OR A YEAR OR TWO YEARS.

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THIS IS WHY THE PRESIDENT IS GOING TO CHINA. CHINA IS A WORLD POWER--A POWER THAT FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE IS GOING TO HELP DETERMINE THE COURSE OF EVENTS IN THE WORLD. TO IGNORE THIS, TO ATTEMPT TO ISOLATE A NATION OF SUCH POTENTIAL DANGER AND OF SUCH POTENTIAL PROMISE WOULD BE TO KNEEL BEFORE THE IRRESPONSIBLE FANTASIES OF THE FEW WHO WOULD REJECT REALITY AT THE EXPENSE OF ALL. NO PRUDENT MAN WOULD DO THIS. NO AMERICAN PRESIDENT CAN AFFORD TO.

HISTORY WILL JUDGE

A FOREIGN POLICY FOR THE FUTURE CANNOT BE SHAPED BY THE RESENTMENTS OF THE PAST, NOR DISTORTED BY THE HATREDS BORN OF LOST OPPORTUNITY. IT IS TO KEEP THE PEACE WE PRAY FOR---THE PEACE PRESIDENT NIXON IS WORKING FOR---THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE HIS HISTORIC JOURNEY TO PEKING IN THE COMING DAYS.

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THERE ARE THOSE, OF COURSE, WHO SAY HE SHOULDN'T GO--THAT IT IS BENEATH THE DIGNITY OF AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO GO TO CHINA. THIS IS NONSENSE. THE PRESIDENT THAT HE WOULD GO ANYWHERE IN SEARCH OF PEACE. HISTORY WILL JUDGE HIS DIGNITY, AND GENERATIONS OF GRATEFUL AND LIVING CHILDREN WILL WRITE THAT HISTORY. I BELIEVE IT WILL SAY, AS WAS SAID OF OLD---"BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS." AND SO HE IS GOING TO PEKING.

IN THE SAME SPIRIT, AND FOR THE SAME PURPOSE, HE WILL GO TO MOSCOW SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

LOGICAL ROAD TO PEACE

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS IS INTENDED TO PLACATE ONE FOR DEALING WITH THE OTHER. RATHER, I BELIEVE THAT IT IS THE LOGICAL OTHER ROAD TO PEACE. I BELIEVE THE ROAD TO PARIS AND HANOI MAY LIE THROUGH MOSCOW AND PEKING. BEYOND THIS, I BELIEVE THAT THE TIME IS RIPE FOR A FURTHER REDUCTION OF TENSIONS IN THE WEST. THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT THE MOSCOW JOURNEY IS NECESSITATED BY THE CHINA TRIP SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE FACT THAT THIS PRESIDENT DOES NOT UNDERTAKE

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SUMMIT CONFERENCES LIGHTLY, BUT ONLY FOR THE MOST PROFOUND PURPOSES AND WITH THE REAL POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING THOSE PURPOSES--AND NOT FOR MOLLIFYING NATIONS, HOWEVER POWERFUL.

THE EVENTS OF THE TERM OF THIS PRESIDENCY HAVE INDICATED THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER STEPS TOWARD PEACE.

WE HAVE SEEN GREAT PROGRESS IN THIS PERIOD. WE HAVE A TREATY WHICH BARS THE USE OF THE WORLD'S SEABEDS FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONRY. WE HAVE A TREATY BARRING THE USE OF BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS. WE HAVE SEEN VERY ENCOURAGING PROGRESS IN THE SALT TALKS. WE HAVE HAD AN AGREEMENT ON THE VERY DIFFICULT QUESTION OF BERLIN.

TIME IS RIPE

NOW THE HEADS OF THIS GOVERNMENT AND THE HEADS OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AGREE THAT THE TIME IS RIPE FOR FURTHER EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF PEACE, AND BOTH AGREE THAT THE TIME IS RIPE FOR THESE EFFORTS TO BE CARRIED OUT AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS.

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FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, PEACE IN EUROPE RESTED ON A KNIFE EDGE BALANCE OF TERROR. TODAY, LITTLE BY LITTLE THAT MECHANISM IS BEING REPLACED BY A BALANCE OF LESS APOCALYPTIC AND MORE POSITIVE NATIONAL INTERESTS. THERE IS GROWING PROSPERITY IN EASTERN EUROPE AND WESTERN EUROPE IS AN ECONOMIC MIRACLE. THERE HAVE BEEN PRODUCTIVE EXCHANGES BETWEEN THIS NATION AND SOME OF THE COUNTRIES THE PRESIDENT HAS VISITED IN EASTERN EUROPE--AND, OF COURSE, MARSHALL TITO OF YUGOSLAVIA WAS OUR GUEST HERE ON WEDNESDAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SOVIET UNION HAS HAD USEFUL EXCHANGES WITH VARIOUS NATIONS IN THE WEST, AND THESE HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO A LESSENING OF THE TENSIONS WHICH CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

PEACE IS BREAKING OUT

WE HAVE JUST SEEN THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE AWARDED TO GERMAN CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT FOR HIS EFFORTS AT LESSENING

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EAST-WEST TENSIONS. SO I THINK THE FEELING IS VERY STRONG AND VERY OPTIMISTIC THAT PEACE IS, AT LAST, BREAKING OUT IN THE WORLD.

IT MAY SEEM TO BE COMING SLOWLY STILL---BUT WE MUST BE PATIENT. THE DISTANT DAWN SEEMS TO COME SLOWLY, TOO, BUT IT IS QUICKLY UPON US WITH ITS BLESSINGS--AND SO WILL PEACE BE, I BELIEVE.

THE ENORMOUS BUDGETS WHICH NATIONS HAVE SO LONG TURNED TO WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION MAY NOW BE TURNED TO THE ENGINES OF CREATION---TO INDUSTRY, TO MORE CONSUMER GOODS, TO BETTER HOUSING, AND BETTER HEALTH, BETTER EDUCATION. THESE ARE THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE.

OTHER NATIONS, INCLUDING OUR OWN, CAN TURN MORE RESOURCES TO THE BENEFIT OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE, AND THE WORLD'S AS WELL. NOT IN MORE GIVE-AWAY PROGRAMS, AND NOT IN THE OLD BLACKMAIL AND EXTORTION RACKETS WHICH SOME SMALL NATIONS HAVE WORKED AGAINST THE SUPERPOWERS--BUT IN REAL ASSISTANCE---IN TRAINING AND EDUCATION, IN NEW TECHNOLOGY AND IN LOANS.

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BUT IN THE SAME SPIRIT, PERHAPS THE TIME HAS COME FOR AMERICANS ALSO TO ASK THEMSELVES THE QUESTION: HOW LONG DO WE STAND BY THOSE WHO WILL NOT STAND WITH US?

ONE WONDERS SOMETIMES AT THE SHORTSIGHTEDNESS OF THESE NATIONS THAT FLOURISH UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE AMERICAN NUCLEAR UMBRELLA, WHOSE ONLY SECURITY FROM THE VERY REAL THREAT OF COMMUNIST DOMINATION IS THE SECURITY PROVIDED BY AMERICAN MEN AND ARMS, WHOSE PROSPERITY DEPENDS ON THE STRENGTH OF THE AMERICAN DOLLAR AND THEIR ACCESS TO THE AMERICAN MARKET.

THEY ARE LIKE LITTLE CHILDREN KICKING THEIR FATHER IN THE SHINS, KNOWING INSTINCTIVELY THAT HE WILL NOT KICK THEM BACK.

BUT ONE WONDERS HOW LONG THE KICKS CAN GO ON BEFORE AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION FORCES EITHER THE CONGRESS OR THE EXECUTIVE OR BOTH TO ACT.

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IN DANGER OF ISOLATION

THERE HAS BEEN A NOTICEABLE TREND IN THE UNITED STATES IN RECENT YEARS AWAY FROM INTERNATIONALISM AND TOWARD AN ISOLATIONISM BASED ON THE MOST SELFISH KIND OF SELF-INTEREST. THIS IS A TREND BROUGHT ON LARGELY BY THE FRUSTRATIONS OF THE VIETNAM WAR. AND IT IS A TREND PRESIDENT NIXON HAS STOOD STRONGLY AGAINST ON THE SOLID GROUNDS THAT ISOLATIONISM IS NOT IN THE BEST LONG TERM INTERESTS OF THE NATION.

BUT THERE ARE THOSE IN THE CONGRESS AND OUT WHO DISAGREE. THESE PEOPLE AND THEIR OUTWORN CONCERN, NOT OF AMERICA FIRST, BUT OF AMERICA ONLY, HAVE NOW BEEN GIVEN A BIG BOOST BY THOSE PETTY NATIONS OF ALL SIZES THAT FLAUNTED THEIR "EQUALITY" IN THE U. N. BY VOTING TO EXPEL TAIWAN.

THEY HAVE MADE IT FAR MORE DIFFICULT TODAY THAN IT WAS JUST LAST WEEK TO JUSTIFY AMERICAN SUPPORT OF THE U. N., TO JUSTIFY AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE U. N. OR EVEN TO JUSTIFY THE CONTINUATION OF THE FOREIGN AID PROGRAM.

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THEY HAVE MADE FAR MORE APPEALING THE DEMANDS TO BRING HOME AMERICAN MILITARY MEN FROM THEIR FREEDOM WATCHES AROUND THE WORLD; THEY HAVE MADE FAR MORE APPEALING THE DEMANDS THAT WE MAINTAIN AND INCREASE OUR TARIFFS AND IMPORT SURCHARGES; THEY HAVE MADE FAR MORE APPEALING THE ARGUMENTS THAT IT IS TIME NOW FOR THE UNITED STATES TO BEGIN SOLVING ITS OWN INTERNAL PROBLEMS RATHER THAN TO WORRY FURTHER ABOUT THE PROBLEMS AND PERILS THAT THREATEN THOSE NATIONS THAT STILL LOOK ON US AS "UNCLE SUCKER. "

NOW, I AM ONE WHO BELIEVES THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT ACT PRECIPITOUSLY IN ITS RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE U. N.

WE MUST CONSIDER THE EFFECT OF EVERY PROPOSAL FOR WITHDRAWAL, OF CUTTING BACK ON FINANCIAL SUPPORT, OF TAKING ANY KIND OF ACTIONS WHOSE ONLY PURPOSE IS "TO GET EVEN. "

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CAREFUL ASSESSMENT

BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, I BELIEVE BOTH THE CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT SHOULD ASSESS VERY CAREFULLY THE KIND OF FUTURE ROLE WE WISH TO PLAY IN THE U. N. AND THE KIND OF ROLE WE VISUALIZE FOR THE U. N. IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE WORLD, AND WE MUST ASSESS HOW OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH INDIVIDUAL NATIONS ARE TO BE AFFECTED BY THE ACTIONS OF EACH NATION WITHIN THE U. N.

AMERICANS ARE GOOD PEOPLE, AND A GENEROUS PEOPLE AND AN ALTRUISTIC PEOPLE. WE HAVE GIVEN TO AND AIDED SELFESSLY OVER NEARLY TWO GENERATIONS MOST OF THE FREE NATIONS OF THE WORLD. WE HAVE GIVEN OF BOTH MONEY AND MEN AND WE HAVE SOUGHT LITTLE IN RETURN.

THE TIME MAY NOW HAVE COME TO PUT AN END TO SUCH GIVING, GIVING SOME OF OUR SO-CALLED FRIENDS OBVIOUSLY DO NOT UNDERSTAND OR APPRECIATE. THE TIME MAY NOW HAVE COME FOR THE U. S. TO REMIND SUCH FRIENDS BLUNTLY OF PAST LARGESS AND TO SET THE TERMS FOR FUTURE FAVORS.

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AND PERHAPS IT IS TIME TO REMIND THEM THAT WHILE THEY MAY ABET AND TAKE PLEASURE IN AN AMERICAN DEFEAT IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE NATIONS THEY WOULD BE LESS THAN WISE TO ENCOURAGE A MAJOR AMERICAN DEFEAT ANYWHERE ELSE---ON THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL OR MILITARY BATTLEFIELDS OF THE WORLD, LEST, IN LOSING, WE DRAG THEM DOWN ALSO.

LET US HOPE THEY WILL LISTEN TO WHAT OUTRAGED AMERICANS ARE SAYING TODAY ABOUT THE U. N. LET US HOPE THEY LISTEN AND LEARN.

NEW COMPETITION NEEDED

FOR WE SEE BEFORE US A WORLD IN WHICH THE COMPETITION OF ARMS CAN BE REPLACED BY COMPETITION IN THE DEEDS OF PROGRESS, A WORLD IN WHICH WE MAY TAKE SATISFACTION IN THOSE WE HAVE HELPED, INSTEAD OF BEING BURDENED WITH THE RECORD OF THOSE WE HAVE HURT, A WORLD IN WHICH WE CAN AGAIN TAKE PRIDE IN CREATION, AND PUT ASIDE THE SHAME OF DESTRUCTION.

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THIS IS THE SHAPE OF THE WORLD ON THE HORIZON. THE ROAD IS STILL LONG, HARD, AND TREACHEROUS, WITH PITFALLS SUCH AS THE RECENT U. N. ACTION. BUT WE HAVE NOW, FINALLY, THE CONFIDENCE THAT WE ARE AT LEAST, AND AT LAST, ON THE RIGHT ROAD. AND WE ARE THERE BECAUSE HISTORY HAS GIVEN US A MAN OF PEACE FOR AN ERA OF PEACE. NOT ONLY WILL AMERICA REMEMBER AND BE GRATEFUL BUT THE WORLD WILL REMEMBER AND BE GRATEFUL FOR THE WISDOM AND THE COURAGE AND THE LEADERSHIP OF RICHARD NIXON.