

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE
ALABAMA GOP FINANCE COMMITTEE DINNER
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1971

IT IS A PARTICULAR PLEASURE TO BE WITH YOU HERE THIS EVENING
IN ALABAMA.

YOU KNOW, THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINS JANUARY FIRST. THE FISCAL
YEAR BEGINS JULY FIRST, AND THE POLITICAL YEAR BEGINS THE FIRST
TUESDAY IN NOVEMBER. SO THIS POLITICAL YEAR HAS BEGUN. AND I BE-
LIEVE IT IS GOING TO BE A REPUBLICAN YEAR.

ATTACKS ON BUTZ

BUT BEFORE I DISCUSS THIS WITH YOU, I HAVE JUST A FEW REMARKS
TO MAKE ABOUT THE UNWARRANTED ATTACKS AND FALSE CHARGES WHICH SOME
DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS HAVE LEVELED AGAINST PRESIDENT NIXON'S NOMINEE
FOR SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, EARL BUTZ. APPARENTLY THESE DEMOCRATS
NOT ONLY DON'T THINK THE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE ABLE TO APPOINT PEOPLE
TO THE SUPREME COURT --- THEY THINK HE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO APPOINT
HIS OWN CABINET EITHER.

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EARL BUTZ IS AN HONORABLE MAN. HE KNOWS ABOUT FARMING. HE IS GOING TO BE A GOOD SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE. HE CARES ABOUT FARMERS. YET, IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, THE DEMOCRATS HAVE BEEN ENGAGING IN THE CHEAPEST KIND OF POLITICAL ATTACKS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT MR. BUTZ.

THE JUNIOR SENATORS FROM MINNESOTA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SAY THEY DON'T LIKE MR. BUTZ, THAT HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT FARMERS. THE SENIOR SENATORS FROM OKLAHOMA AND MASSACHUSETTS ALSO HAVE JOINED THE ASSAULT SAYING THEY WILL OPPOSE CONFIRMATION.

FALSE CHARGES

I THINK WE SHOULD LOOK MORE CLOSELY AT THE POSITION OF OUR DEMOCRAT FRIENDS.

THEY TALK ABOUT THE BENSON YEARS WHEN THEY KNOW FULL WELL THAT MR. BUTZ CAME TO THE USDA AFTER MR. BENSON'S FARM PROGRAM BECAME LAW.

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THEY TALK ABOUT THE EXODUS OF FARMERS DURING THE BENSON YEARS WHEN THE FACTS SHOW THAT A GREATER PERCENTAGE OF FARMERS LEFT THE FARM DURING THE ORVILLE FREEMAN YEARS THAN EVER DID UNDER THE BENSON YEARS.

THEY WARN OF ANOTHER EXODUS OF FARMERS, WHEN THEY KNOW THAT AT THE PEAK OF THE FREEMAN YEARS, 250% MORE FARMS FOLDED UNDER FREEMAN THAN THEY HAVE UNDER HARDIN.

FREEMAN NO FARMER

ORVILLE FREEMAN WORKED HAND IN GLOVE WITH THE DEMOCRATS ON FARM POLICIES. HE IS A POLITICAL SIDEKICK OF HUBERT HUMPHREY. HE WAS THE MENTOR OF SENATORS MC GOVERN, HARRIS AND KENNEDY. HE WAS GIVEN THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT AS POLITICAL PATRONAGE. HE WAS A MINNEAPOLIS LAWYER WHO NEVER WORKED A FARM IN HIS LIFE. SO I LEAVE IT TO YOUR JUDGMENT WHO CARES MORE ABOUT FARMERS.

KENNEDY HAS ATTACKED MR. BUTZ, SAYING THAT MR. BUTZ "OBSTRUCTED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMANITARIAN FOOD PROGRAMS OVERSEAS" --
THAT'S THE SORT OF IRRESPONSIBLE POLITICS THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT.

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SENATOR AIKEN HAS ASKED MR. KENNEDY TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CHARGES. AS FAR AS I KNOW, THERE HAS BEEN NO SUBSTANTIATION, AND THERE WILL BE NONE.

SELFISH POLITICS

THESE DEMOCRATS ARE OPPOSING MR. BUTZ FOR PURELY SELFISH POLITICAL PURPOSES. THEY CARE NOTHING ABOUT THE FARMER, AND THEY CARE LESS ABOUT FARM POLICIES. NOR DO THEY CARE WHETHER THEY MAKE UNTRUTHFUL, RECKLESS AND BASELESS CHARGES ABOUT AN HONORABLE MAN. THAT IS NOT POLITICS; THAT IS SLANDER AND THEY KNOW IT. AS USUAL, THEY MUST BELIEVE THE FARMERS DON'T KNOW IT, BUT I THINK THEY'RE GOING TO FIND THEY ARE MISTAKEN.

THE WINNING TEAM

NEXT MONTH, THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETS IN WASHINGTON, D. C. AT THAT MEETING, WE WILL ISSUE THE OFFICIAL CALL OF THE 1972 REPUBLICAN NOMINATING CONVENTION AND THEREBY SIGNAL THAT THE CAMPAIGN OF 1972 IS ON THE ROAD. FROM THEN ON, THE PACE WILL PICK UP, AND IT WILL NOT BE LONG BEFORE WE ARE INTO THE EARLY PRIMARIES AND THEN ON TO SAN DIEGO.

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AS THEY SAY IN THOSE RADIO COMMERCIALS, "WE'RE INVOLVED" -- YOU, ME, THE ENTIRE PARTY. AS REPUBLICANS AND AS AMERICANS, WE ARE INVOLVED IN SHAPING THE DESTINY OF OUR GREAT, GOOD AND DYNAMIC NATION.

AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE ARE AGAIN INVOLVED ON THE WINNING SIDE AND WITH THE WINNING TEAM -- THE REPUBLICAN TEAM, THE NIXON TEAM.

WE HAVE THE ISSUES

I AM CONVINCED THAT THE ISSUES ARE GOING TO BE WITH US. THEY ARE OUR ISSUES. AND THE TIMES ARE GOING TO BE WITH US, FOR SELDOM HAS ANY PRESIDENT HAD SUCH AN IMPACT ON HIS TIMES AS RICHARD NIXON.

AND I AM CONVINCED THAT AS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE LOOK AT THE RECORD OF THE LAST THREE YEARS -- THE RECORD OF THIS PRESIDENT AND HIS ADMINISTRATION -- THEIR CHOICE WILL BE CLEAR AND OBVIOUS. THEIR CHOICE WILL BE RICHARD NIXON -- OVERWHELMINGLY.

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FOR IN THREE YEARS, PRESIDENT NIXON, HELPED BY THE GOOD SENSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND SUSTAINED BY THE SOLID SUPPORT OF HIS PARTY'S LEADERS, HAS TURNED HIS COUNTRY AROUND AND TURNED THE WORLD AROUND.

OF COURSE, THE TIDE OF WAR AND INFLATION AND UNREST SET IN MOTION BY EIGHT YEARS OF DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATIONS COULD NOT BE STOPPED OVERNIGHT. BUT IT HAS BEEN STOPPED, AND IT HAS BEEN REVERSED. AN ESCALATING WAR WITH EVER GREATER CASUALTIES IS BEING ENDED. ORDER AND CALM ARE ONCE AGAIN THE RULE ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES AND IN THE CITIES. INFLATION IS BEING CURBED AND ECONOMIC STABILITY WITH REAL PROSPERITY IS WITHIN OUR REACH.

WHO WOULD TURN BACK?

WHO HERE WOULD TRADE THESE TIMES FOR THE TIMES BETWEEN 1961 AND 1968? LOOK BACK FOR A MINUTE.

WHO WANTS TO GO BACK TO THE DAYS WHEN BRICKS AND FIRE BOMBS AND BULLETS FLEW IN THE STREETS AND ON THE CAMPUSES?

WHO WANTS TO GO BACK TO THE DAYS WHEN AMERICA'S OVERWHELMING

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AND UNCHALLENGED MILITARY SUPERIORITY WAS PLACED IN THE HANDS OF "WHIZ KIDS" WHOSE ANSWERS WERE THE F-111 AND THE C-5?

WHO WANTS TO GO BACK TO THE DAYS WHEN THE PUBLIC WAS TOLD THAT AMERICAN BOYS WOULD NEVER BE SENT TO FIGHT AN ASIAN WAR, ALL THE WHILE CLANDESTINE COMBAT OPERATIONS WERE PLANNED AND UNDERWAY?

WHO WANTS TO GO BACK TO THE DAYS WHEN EVERY NATIONAL PROBLEM WAS MET WITH A HALF-BAKED CINDERELLA PROGRAM AND FAIRY-TALE RHETORIC THAT ONLY FUELED INFLATION AND FALSELY RAISED THE PEOPLE'S EXPECTATIONS?

WHO WANTS TO GO BACK? NOT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

FORWARD WITH REPUBLICANS

WE WANT TO CONTINUE GOING FORWARD: FORWARD, TO AN ERA OF REAL PROSPERITY AND MEANINGFUL SOLUTIONS TO SOCIAL AND GOVERNMENTAL CHALLENGES AT HOME.

FORWARD, TO END THE INVOLVEMENT OF AMERICAN TROOPS IN ASIAN WARS.

FORWARD, TO A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM IN AN ERA OF

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NEGOTIATION.

FORWARD, TO A FULL GENERATION OF PEACE.

THIS IS WHAT RICHARD NIXON AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OFFER
THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES: PROGRESS, PROSPERITY AND PEACE.

A STORY TO TELL

AND I BELIEVE THAT IF WE REPUBLICANS -- IN THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE, IN GOVERNORS' MANSIONS, IN CONGRESS, ON STREET CORNERS AND IN SUPERMARKETS -- GET OUT AND TELL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THIS STORY AND HIGHLIGHT OUR PARTY'S AND OUR PRESIDENT'S RECORD, THAT 1972 WILL BE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND SPECTACULAR IN OUR HISTORY.

SOUTHERN STRATEGY

THE NEED TO CARRY THE WORD OF THE PRESIDENT'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN THE SOUTH BECAUSE YOU ARE THE ONLY GEOGRAPHIC REGION THAT HAS A HISTORY AS A REGIONAL VOTING BLOC.

AND THE DEMOCRATS -- MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT -- THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS ARE DETERMINED TO REGAIN THE SOUTH AND TO MAKE THE SOUTH AGAIN INTO A SOLIDLY DEMOCRAT AREA.

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BUT WE NEED NOT REFUTE THE DEMOCRATS WITH THEIR OWN BRAND OF POLITICS. WE HAVE A MORE EFFECTIVE WEAPON AND A HIGHER CAUSE. OUR ARSENAL IS THE REPUBLICAN RECORD. AND OUR CAUSE IS A BETTER AMERICA, AN AMERICA SECURE IN A GENERATION OF PEACE AND PROSPEROUS IN AN ERA OF ECONOMIC STABILITY.

END TO WAR

WHAT IS THAT RECORD? WE KNOW WHAT IT IS IN VIETNAM. IT IS AN END TO COMBAT ACTION BY AMERICAN TROOPS. IT IS THE SUCCESS OF THE VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM, MEANING THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE CAN DO THEIR OWN FIGHTING TO DEFEND THEIR OWN COUNTRY. IT IS A CONTINUING REDUCTION OF AMERICAN CASUALTIES GOING EVEN LOWER THAN THE FOUR OR FIVE A WEEK WE ARE NOW SUSTAINING. I KNOW THAT THOSE DEATHS ARE TOO MANY, BUT SO WERE TWO AND THREE AND FOUR HUNDRED PER WEEK UNDER PRESIDENT NIXON'S PREDECESSORS.

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MUSKIE'S ATTACKS

SENATOR EDMUND MUSKIE CONTINUES IN HIS ATTEMPTS AT CONFUSING THE PAST AND PRESENT AS HE PURSUES THE DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

ON THE DAY AFTER PRESIDENT NIXON ANNOUNCED PLANS TO WITHDRAW ANOTHER 45,000 TROOPS FROM VIETNAM, THE SENATOR FROM MAINE LAUNCHED ANOTHER ATTACK ON THE PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS FOR PEACE. THESE ATTACKS COMPLETELY IGNORE THE RECORD OF THE PRESIDENT'S ACHIEVEMENTS, BUT STILL HE CONTINUES TO MALIGN THE PRESIDENT FOR NOT DOING ENOUGH, OR DOING IT FAST ENOUGH OR SOON ENOUGH.

WELL, PERHAPS THIS GAME OF FAST AND LOOSE WITH THE FACTS MAY SATISFY THE RADICAL LEFT FRINGE OF THE DEMOCRAT PARTY WHICH SENATOR MUSKIE IS COURTING SO STRONGLY. AFTER ALL, THEY HAVE A LONG RECORD OF NOT BEING ABLE TO DISTINGUISH FACT FROM FICTION. BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL SWALLOW SENATOR MUSKIE'S POLITICAL OPPORTUNISM AND FORGET THAT IT WAS HE AND HIS PARTY WHO LED THE UNITED STATES DOWN THE ROAD TO THE VIETNAM QUAGMIRE.

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CHEAP ATTACKS ON PRESIDENT NIXON'S ACHIEVEMENTS WILL NOT ERASE SENATOR MUSKIE'S -- AND MOST OF HIS FELLOW NOMINATION SEEKERS' -- 1964 VOTES FOR THE GULF OF TONKIN RESOLUTION.

HARSH RHETORIC WILL NOT OBSCURE THE ROLE PLAYED BY AVERELL HARRIMAN, SENATOR MUSKIE'S CHIEF FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR, IN AMERICA'S COMPLICITY IN OVERTHROWING THE DIEM REGIME.

AND ALL THE DESPERATE DISTORTIONS SENATOR MUSKIE CAN DEVISE WILLNOT CAUSE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO FORGET THAT THE HUMPHREY-MUSKIE TICKET CAMPAIGNED BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE NATION IN 1968 SUPPORTING AND DEFENDING THE KENNEDY-JOHNSON ADMINISTRATIONS AND THEIR POLICIES.

I SAY TO YOU -- PRESIDENT NIXON'S PLAN FOR VIETNAM HAS WORKED; IT HAS BEEN A SUCCESS. AND NOW IT IS UP TO US TO SUPPORT HIM IN HIS EFFORTS TO CONTINUE THAT SUCCESS AND TO REJECT THOSE WHO STILL SEEK TO TAKE THEIR MISTAKES OF THE '60'S AND TURN THEM TO POLITICAL ADVANTAGE IN THE '70'S.

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THEY WILL NOT SUCCEED, IF WE DO NOT LET THEM. THE ISSUE TODAY IS NOT WAR, A DEMOCRAT WAR -- BUT PEACE, NIXON'S PEACE. AND THAT RECORD STANDS NOT ONLY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, BUT AROUND THE GLOBE.

NIXON WORKS FOR PEACE

THROUGH HIS EFFORTS WE HAVE KEPT THE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE HAVE EASED TENSIONS WITH RED CHINA, WITH RUSSIA AND WITH EASTERN EUROPE. WE HAVE REACHED NEW AGREEMENTS ON BERLIN AND ARE MAKING PROGRESS TOWARD LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS. WE HAVE BANNED NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM THE OCEAN FLOORS AND REMOVED FROM OUR ARSENAL THE SPECTRE OF GERM AND CHEMICAL WARFARE WEAPONS.

BUT PEACE ABROAD IS ONLY PART OF THE PRESIDENT'S RECORD. TODAY THERE IS PEACE ON THE CAMPUSES AND IN THE STREETS. NOT THE PEACE OF APATHY, AS SOME LIKE TEDDY KENNEDY PRETEND. BUT PEACE INSPIRED BY PROGRESS, BY WINDING DOWN THE WAR, BY DRAFT REFORM, AND PROGRESS TOWARD AN ALL-VOLUNTEER ARMY, AND BY THE 18-YEAR-OLD VOTE. THESE ARE THE REAL REASONS FOR DOMESTIC PEACE. AND ALL THE DEMOGOGIC ATTACKS AND EXPEDIENT TACTICS OF THE KENNEDYS, THE MUSKIES AND THE HUMPHREYS ARE NOT GOING TO CHANGE THEM.

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LAST SPRING I SPOKE OF ZERO OR NEAR-ZERO CASUALTIES BY THIS FALL, AND THANKS TO RICHARD NIXON, THAT FORECAST HAS PROVEN TO BE ACCURATE.

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IT IS THIS PRESIDENT, RICHARD NIXON, FIGHTING AGAINST DEMOCRAT CONGRESSIONAL CONTROL AND DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS, WHO HAS OVERCOME THEIR OBSTRUCTIONISM AND BEGUN TO WIN THE WAR ON INFLATION. HE HAS GIVEN US NEW WAYS TO FIGHT POLLUTION, AND HAS TAKEN MAJOR STEPS TO REFORM GOVERNMENT AND MAKE IT MORE RESPONSIVE AND MORE RESPONSIBLE IN THESE RAPIDLY CHANGING TIMES.

IT IS THIS PRESIDENT WHO HAS TAKEN DIRECT CONTROL OF THE FIGHTS ON DRUG ABUSE AND CANCER.

IT IS THIS PRESIDENT WHO HAS GIVEN US NEW WEAPONS TO FIGHT CRIME; NEW SUPREME COURT JUSTICES, WHO ARE AWARE THAT SOCIETY HAS A RIGHT TO PROTECTION FROM THE CRIMINAL; NEW EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE CONSUMER.

IT IS THIS PRESIDENT WHO HAS DEMANDED THAT THE CONCEPT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD BE RESPECTED.

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IT IS THIS PRESIDENT WHO HAS APPOINTED MORE MEMBERS OF MINORITIES AND MORE WOMEN TO HIGH GOVERNMENT JOBS THAN ANY OTHER PRESIDENT.

THE LIST OF THIS PRESIDENT'S ACHIEVEMENTS IS LENGTHY; IT MERITS TELLING AND IT DESERVES REPEATING.

MAKE PRESIDENT'S RECORD KNOWN

AND THAT IS WHY WE NEED THE HELP OF EVERY REPUBLICAN TO TELL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT PRESIDENT'S RECORD.

TODAY IS NOT TOO EARLY FOR US TO TAKE UP THE JOB OF SUPPORTING THE PRESIDENT, MAKING HIS RECORD KNOWN AND CONTRASTING IT TO THE RECORDS OF THOSE WHO WOULD REPLACE HIM.

BECAUSE THE PUBLIC MEMORY IS OFTEN SHORT, THE STORY NEEDS TO BE TOLD AGAIN AND AGAIN ACROSS ALABAMA AND ACROSS EVERY STATE IN OUR LAND.

ONLY BY TELLING IT CAN WE BE SURE THAT ALL THE PEOPLE WILL HEAR AND THAT THEY WILL BE AWARE.

AND BELIEVE ME, IF THEY ALL HEAR AND THEY ALL UNDERSTAND WHAT WE HAVE SAID AND WHAT RICHARD NIXON HAS DONE, WE WILL HAVE THE VICTORY NEXT NOVEMBER.