

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

LINCOLN DAY DINNER
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1972

PERHAPS SOME OF YOU HAVE ALREADY SEEN PRESIDENT NIXON'S LINCOLN DAY MESSAGE. IN IT, HE WRITES THAT "IN COMMEMORATING THE BIRTHDAY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, WE PAUSE TO RECALL THE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP WHICH THIS STRONG YET SIMPLE MAN BROUGHT TO A DIVIDED NATION OVER A CENTURY AGO....."NOW," SAYS THE PRESIDENT, "WE WORK IN A DIVIDED WORLD TO ESTABLISH A PEACE TO END ALL WARS, AND WE SEEK TO MOVE AMERICA FORWARD HERE AT HOME, BRINGING ITS PEOPLE TOGETHER AND BUILDING A NEW AND LASTING PROSPERITY. WE NEED MORE THAN EVER THE QUALITIES OF LINCOLN TO INSPIRE US AND GIVE US CONFIDENCE TO DO OUR DUTY AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, TO SERVE AMERICA BETTER SO THAT AMERICA MAY BETTER SERVE MANKIND."

IT WAS LINCOLN'S FORESIGHT AND WISDOM THAT GAVE HIM THE ABILITY TO LEAD A NATION SO BADLY DIVIDED. AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE THOSE QUALITIES AGAIN IN THE WHITE HOUSE. WE HAVE HAD THEM THESE FIRST THREE YEARS OF RICHARD NIXON'S FIRST TERM, AND BECAUSE OF THAT, I AM CONFIDENT WE WILL HAVE THEM AGAIN IN THE FOUR YEARS OF RICHARD NIXON'S SECOND TERM.

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IT IS A STRANGE COMMENTARY ON THE STATE OF AMERICAN POLITICS THAT THE SO-CALLED PEACE CANDIDATES OF THE DEMOCRAT PARTY ARE NOW ACTING TO OBSTRUCT PEACE. THEY WANT IT TO BE THEIR PEACE, WHICH IS UNDERSTANDABLE SINCE ITS THEIR WAR. LIKE OUR ADVERSARIES IN HANOI, THE DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES ARE WILLING TO HAVE PEACE -- BUT ONLY ON THEIR OWN TERMS. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS REQUIRES THAT WE SURRENDER A PEOPLE'S FREEDOM AND SACRIFICE AN ALLIED GOVERNMENT. THIS IS STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE WITH THE DEMOCRATS -- THEY SPEND AND SOMEBODY ELSE GETS THE BILL. IN THIS CASE, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE HAD TO PAY FOR THE MISJUDGMENTS OF THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION AND ALL ITS SUPPORTERS, AND NOW THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- AND THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE, AS WELL -- ARE CALLED UPON TO PAY FOR THE PRESENT UNWILLINGNESS OF THE DEMOCRATS WHO HELPED START THE WAR TO LET THE PRESIDENT STOP THE WAR. THE WHOLE SITUATION IS LUDICROUS.

THE SAME PRESS THAT ONCE LAUDED THE WAR, THE PRESS THAT LATER CHANGED ITS MIND AND CALLED FOR PEACE, IS NOW MOVING TO BACK THOSE WHO OBSTRUCT THE WAY TO PEACE. I THINK THAT IS AN ASTONISHING RECORD OF CONSISTENCY. THE LIBERAL PRESS HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY WRONG. IT IS TIME THEY GET OFF THE PRESIDENT'S BACK -- AND IT IS TIME THE SERIOUS DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES, AND THE PSEUDO-CANDIDATES, BEGIN TO SHOW SOME RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. I THINK IT IS TIME THEY SHOWED A LITTLE LESS AMBITION AND A LITTLE MORE CITIZENSHIP, A LITTLE LESS GUILT AND DEFENSIVENESS ABOUT STARTING THE WAR AND A LITTLE MORE PATRIOTISM AND CONCERN FOR AMERICA IN HELPING TO END IT.

Wife Story -

- ① Gorman mushroom
- ② Boston work



Pete Wilson - Mayor