

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE
KANSAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN SPRING MEETING
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I KNOW YOU MUST HAVE A FULL BUSINESS SCHEDULE, SO I WILL TAKE ONLY A FEW MINUTES OF YOUR TIME TO TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT A FEW MATTERS WHICH ARE ON MY MIND.

FIRST, THERE'S THE MATTER OF SECRETARY KISSINGER, A CONTROVERSY WHICH, FRANKLY, GETS ME MORE ANGRY THE LONGER I THINK ABOUT IT.

THE WHOLE ISSUE PROVIDES A TEXT-BOOK EXAMPLE OF A MODERN LIBERAL SYNDROME. FIRST, THE VICTIM IS BUILT UP -- PRACTICALLY TO SUPERHUMAN PROPORTIONS -- WITH WARM PRAISE AND GENEROUS ATTENTION ON THE COVERS OF MAGAZINES, NIGHTLY NEWSCASTS, ON THE SENATE FLOOR AND YES, IN THIS CASE IN HIS CONFIRMATION HEARINGS. THEN WHEN THE SET UP IS COMPLETE, HE IS MADE THE FOCUS OF UNRELENTING ATTACKS AND SCATHING CRITICISM -- FREQUENTLY BY

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ANONYMOUS SOURCES WHO ARE NOT HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACCUSATIONS.

VICE PRESIDENT FORD IS A VICTIM OF THE SAME TACTIC. HAILED INITIALLY AS A MAN OF PRINCIPLE AND INTEGRITY -- AND CERTIFIED ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PURE IN A DEMOCRATIC DOMINATED CONGRESSIONAL CONFIRMATION PROCESS NOW HE IS BEING NIBBLED AT FOR MAKING TOO MANY SPEECHES, TALKING TOO MUCH, BEING AWAY FROM WASHINGTON TOO MUCH, AND FOR BEING INCONSISTENT AMONG OTHER SINS. AND OF COURSE, ANY CRITICISM, NO MATTER HOW SLIGHT, GETS A FULL AIRING IN THE LIBERAL MEDIA WHICH SEEMS SUDDENLY TO HAVE REMEMBERED THAT JERRY FORD IS -- AFTER ALL -- A REPUBLICAN AND MEMBER OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, AND IS THEREFORE, BY DEFINITION AN ATTRACTIVE TARGET TO SHOOT AT.

WITH HENRY KISSINGER THEY HAVE SET THEIR SIGHTS HIGHER AND AIMED

THEIR BLOWS LOWER. THE CHARGE IS LYING TO THE SENATE ABOUT THE INITIATION OF WIRETAPS TO IDENTIFY THOSE WHO WERE LEAKING VITAL NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION. AT LEAST THAT IS THE IMPLICATION I SEE IN THE WASHINGTON POST AND SOME OF THE OTHER LIBERAL ELITIST OUTLETS. CHARGES ONCE PUT TO REST REVIVED AND RECIRCULATED, THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE'S LEAK AND SMEAR MACHINE IS CRANKED UP. AND A TIRED SECRETARY OF STATE WHO JUST SPENT 5 WEEKS PURSUING PEACE IN ONE OF THE MOST VOLATILE AREAS OF THE WORLD WAS POUNCED UPON BY A STRIDENT MINORITY ~~ALMOST~~ ~~NEW JACKALS OF JOURNALISM--ALMOST~~ BEFORE HIS LUGGAGE WAS UNPACKED. REFLECTING ON THE WHOLE SORDID SPECTACLE I FIND MYSELF MUCH IN AGREEMENT WITH THE WALL STREET JOURNAL ON THURSDAY. AS IT SAID, "WE ARE IN THE GRIPS OF AN ALCHEMY THAT SEIZES ON ANY AVAILABLE AMBIGUITY AND PRESENTS IT IN THE WORST POSSIBLE LIGHT. IN THIS ATMOSPHERE, A SEMANTIC ARGUMENT CAN EASILY BECOME AN ACCUSATION OF PERJURY."

I DON'T PRETEND TO HAVE INSIDE INFORMATION ABOUT WHO INITIATED WHAT EFFORT TO BLOCK THOSE SECURITY LEAKS. AND I DID NOT SIT IN TO LISTEN TO EVERY WORD DR. KISSINGER SAID IN HIS CONFIRMATION HEARINGS. BUT IT KNOW DR. KISSINGER. I KNOW WHAT HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED FOR HIS ADOPTED HOMELAND AND FOR THE WORLD. AND LIKE MOST AMERICANS, I PRACTICALLY MARVEL AT HIS DEDICATION, HIS KNOWLEDGE AND HIS ABILITY AS A DIPLOMAT.

AND ON THE BASIS OF THIS RECORD, I WOULD ASSERT THAT THE BURDEN OF PROOF RESTS WITH THE ACCUSERS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND NOT WITH DR. KISSINGER HIMSELF. AND I HOPE AND TRUST THAT THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WILL PUT THESE CHARGES TO REST WITH ABSOLUTE AND UNQUESTIONED FINALITY.

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BUT THE LIBERALS, HOWEVER, HAVE ALREADY TASTED BLOOD IN THE WATERGATE AFFAIR. AND NOW THE CYCLE OF SUSPICION, FIRED BY RUMORS, SUPPORTED BY HALF-TRUTHS AND SELECTIVELY DOCUMENTED BY A FEW CAREFULLY PLACED LEAKS, SEEMS TO HAVE ASSUMED A MOMENTUM OF ITS OWN. IT IS A TACTIC NOW EMPLOYED BY MANY LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WITH ABANDON AND ITS A TACTIC RUN WILD, PERPETUATING ITSELF AND THREATENING MANY MORE OF US THAN DR. KISSINGER OR GERRY FORD.

SOME IN MY OWN OPPOSITION'S CAMP SEEM TO THINK NOTHING OF FEEDING HALF-TRUTHS AND MISLEADING HINTS TO COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON, SO THAT HE'LL PRINT SOMETHING AS NEWS, THOUGH THE ONLY REAL PURPOSE IS TO SLANDER ME OR MY OFFICE WITH GUILT BY ASSOCIATION OR SOME OTHER EQUALLY FALLACIOUS TACTIC.

DR. KISSINGER'S EXPERIENCE, HOWEVER, IS EVIDENCE THAT THERE IS A CERTAIN CLASS OF LIBERAL THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO WANT TO REST UNTIL THEY HAVE DESTROYED THE REPUTATION OF EVERY ONE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, ESPECIALLY THOSE LIKE DR. KISSINGER, WHO HAVE GIVEN SUCH EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD.

THIS LATEST WITCH HUNT BY THE LIBERALS MAKES THE LEFT FRINGE OF THE DEMOCRAT PARTY A PRETTY UNSAVORY PLACE TO HANG YOUR HAT AND AN EVEN WORSE LAUNCHING PAD FROM WHICH TO THROW IT INTO THE RING -- AT LEAST FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF MOST DECENT AMERICANS WHO THINK EVERY CITIZEN DESERVES A FAIR SHAKE AT THE HANDS OF PUBLIC OPINION.

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AND THAT FACT EXPLAINS WHY ONE OF THE CONTESTANTS IN THE
DEMOCRATIC RACE FOR THE SENATE NOMINATION HERE IN KANSAS -- THE
ONE FROM TOPEKA -- HAS BEEN SCRAMBLING FOR ALL HE'S WORTH TRYING
TO CONVINC KANSANS THAT HE REALLY ISN'T A LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AFTER
ALL .

LIBERAL VOTE RATING

WELL, IT TAKES ONE TO KNOW ONE. WHICH IS WHY THE LIBERAL ADA RANKS HIM SO HIGH: AND WHICH IS WHY THE VERY LIBERAL COUNCIL FOR A LIVEABLE WORLD HAS ENDORSED HIM: AND WHICH IS WHY FROM THE AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION HE EARNED THE DISMAL SCORE OF 13% IN 1973, A FAILING MARK IN ANY BODY'S BOOK AND WHICH IS WHY THE CONSERVATIVE AMERICANS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL ACTION FLUNKED HIM TOO, WITH A SCORE OF 21 OUT OF A HUNDRED FOR 1973.

OPPOSES CONSERVATIVES MOST OF TIME

THE HIGHLY RESPECTED JOURNAL, CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY, WHICH HAS AN UNQUESTIONED RECORD FOR OBJECTIVITY AND CERTAINLY HAS NO IDEOLOGICAL AXE TO GRIND IDENTIFIES WHAT IT CALLS A "CONSERVATIVE COALITION OF REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS" IN THE CONGRESS. IT ALSO IDENTIFIES THIS

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SAME WOULD-BE CONSERVATIVE AS A MAN WHO VOTED AGAINST THE HOUSE CONSERVATIVE COALITION NO LESS THAN 61 PERCENT OF THE TIME DURING THE 92ND CONGRESS.

THESE ARE THE CONSERVATIVE CREDENTIALS -- AND THE LIBERAL VOTE RATINGS -- OF MY WOULD BE OPPONENT. WELL...YOU CAN FOOL SOME OF THE PEOPLE ...

FRIGHTFUL TIDE

BUT THESE POINTS OF ONE CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL CONTORTIONS ASIDE, I BELIEVE THE ATTACKS ON SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER HAVE EXPOSED A MOST DANGEROUS AND FRIGHTFUL TIDE THAT IS FLOWING IN SOME QUARTERS TODAY.

IT IS A VENGEANCE FIRED WITH A ZEAL FOR TOPPLING THOSE IN POSITIONS OF HIGH AUTHORITY AND HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY. IT IS A COLD, CUNNING PURSUIT OF SENSATIONALISM REGARDLESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES TO THE TRUTH,

TO DECENT MEN'S REPUTATIONS AND TO THE GOOD THEY DO IN THE NATION
AND THE WORLD.

IT IS NEO-McCARTHYISM

IT IS CASTING THE SAME BLACK CLOUD OVER OUR INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC
SERVANTS THAT McCARTHYISM DID SOME TWENTY YEARS AGO. AND I WOULD ONLY
POINT OUT THAT I AM NOT THE FIRST TO RAISE THIS SPECTRE OF NEO-McCARTHYISM.
INDIVIDUALS AS DIVERSE AS SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER AND LAWYER ARCHIBALD
COX BOTH SEE THE SAME DISTURBING TREND DEVELOPING.

THEREFORE I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE ATTACKS ON DR. KISSINGER WILL ULTIMATELY
SERVE THE CONSTRUCTIVE PURPOSE OF UNLEASHING A BACKLASH FROM THE DECENT
CITIZENS OF AMERICA AGAINST THOSE WHO ENGAGE IN SUCH SELFISH AND DESTRUCTIVE
ASSAULTS ON GOOD AND HONORABLE MEN. AND I BELIEVE THIS IS COMING. FOR

AMERICANS ARE A FAIR AND A GOOD PEOPLE. THEY RESPECT AND REVERE MEN LIKE HENRY KISSINGER AND GERALD FORD WHO ARE HONEST, WHO ARE DEVOTED TO THEIR NATION AND TO THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH IT WAS FOUNDED.

AND THEY DESPISE -- WITH GREAT JUSTIFICATION -- THE MUD-SLINGER, THE CHARACTER ASSASIN AND THE ANONYMOUS ACCUSERS WHO SEEK NOT TO DO GOOD BUT ONLY TO SERVE THEIR OWN NARROW AND SELFISH ENDS.