

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE  
TESTIMONIAL DINNER HONORING TIM SIMMS  
HENRICI'S CONVENTION CENTER  
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS  
FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1976

"From the National  
Come to V.C. Club"

I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN  
THIS TESTIMONIAL GATHERING IN BEHALF OF TIM SIMMS. THESE  
DAYS THE SUCCESSFUL CAREER OF A REPUBLICAN POLITICIAN IS  
CERTAINLY WORTHY CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION. THIS IS ESPECIALLY  
TRUE IF THAT REPUBLICAN OFFICE HOLDER HAPPENS TO BE ONE OF  
THE FADING NUMBER OF REPUBLICANS WHO IS NOT YET ELIGIBLE  
FOR ADMISSION TO THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB.

THE PARTY NEEDS INPUT FROM VIBRANT, YOUNG LEADERS  
AND TIM SIMMS IS AN EXAMPLE OF SOME OF THE OUTSTANDING  
YOUNG PERSONS WHO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR PARTY.  
THE ONLY PROBLEM IS, WE NEED MORE.

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"Don't say  
much  
more"

"Come to the  
young  
party"

V.R. U.S. P. Head Henry  
Nominee  
"Don't  
long"

TIM SIMMS

IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO EXPAND ON THE AWARENESS YOU HAVE OF TIM'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AS YOU HAVE BENEFITED FROM HIS EFFORTS AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND HIS ROLE IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FOR MORE THAN A DECADE.

CERTAINLY, THE RECOGNITION GIVEN HIM BY THE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SELECTING HIM AS ONE OF THE TWENTY OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN IN AMERICA, AND HIS POSITION AS REPUBLICAN WHIP IN THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ATTEST TO HIS CAPABILITY AND COMMITMENT.

HE HAS IMPRESSED YOU WITH HIS RECORD. I WOULD LIKE TO IMPRESS UPON YOU THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR SUPPORT FOR HIS CAMPAIGN AND THE CAMPAIGNS OF REPUBLICANS AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVEL. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS, YOUR TIME, AND YOUR INVOLVEMENT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL ARE ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE GOING TO WIN IN NOVEMBER. WHAT YOU DO IN ROCKFORD IN BEHALF OF LOCAL CANDIDATES HAS AN IMPACT ON THE SUCCESS OF REPUBLICANS ON THE NATIONAL TICKET.

### FOCUS ATTENTION ON DEMOCRATS

WHATEVER GOOD MAY BE SAID ABOUT THE NOMINATION CONTEST BEING WAGED IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY THIS YEAR, ONE THING ABOUT IT IS REGRETTABLE,

IT HAS KEPT OUR ATTENTION OFF THE DEMOCRATS WHO ARE, AFTER ALL, THE REAL OPPOSITION,

TAKE THE DEMOCRAT-CONTROLLED CONGRESS, FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH OUGHT TO BE A MAJOR ISSUE. THIS IS NOT A DO-NOTHING CONGRESS. WE MIGHT WISH THAT IT WERE,

IT IS A DO-NOTHING-RIGHT CONGRESS. FIFTY-THREE VETOES -- FIFTY-THREE OFTEN VERY COURAGEOUS VETOES -- ARE ALL THAT HAS KEPT IT IN CHECK. AT BEST, THE VETOES ARE, AND CAN BE, ONLY STOP-GAP MEASURES.

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IF WE WANT TO MAKE THIS DO-NOTHING-RIGHT CONGRESS A RESPONSIBLE ONE, THEN WE HAVE TO SCORE SOME VICTORIES, SOME GAINS IN THE CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS. TO DO THAT, WE NEED A SINGLE-MINDED, UNIFIED REPUBLICAN PARTY, AND THE KIND OF A CAMPAIGN THAT CAN ONLY BE WAGED IN UNITY.

### CAN WIN IN NOVEMBER

HOPEFULLY, WE ARE NEARING THE TIME WHEN THAT UNITY CAN BE AFFIRMED IN KANSAS CITY AND WHEN THAT UNIFIED CAMPAIGN CAN BE STARTED. I AM HERE TO TELL YOU THAT A UNIFIED CAMPAIGN CAN BE A WINNING CAMPAIGN -- A CAMPAIGN THAT WILL WIN BIG ENOUGH TO SURPRISE A LOT OF PEOPLE AND TO UTTERLY ASTONISH THOSE WHO HAVE WRITTEN OFF REPUBLICAN CHANCES.

TONIGHT, IF I MAY, I WOULD LIKE TO ANTICIPATE DEVELOPMENTS JUST A BIT. ASSUME FOR A MOMENT OR TWO THAT THE INTRA-PARTY CONTESTS ARE OVER AND THAT THE UNITY WHICH REALLY COUNTS, WHICH IS BORN OUT OF SHARED PRINCIPLES, HAS BEEN REAFFIRMED FOR OUR PARTY.

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ASSUMING ALL THAT, WE CAN FOCUS ON THE REAL  
OPPOSITION -- A DEMOCRAT CONGRESS AND A DEMOCRAT  
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE NOTHING NEW,  
USEFUL, EXCITING OR EVEN VERY POLITICALLY ATTRACTIVE TO  
OFFER THE AMERICAN ELECTORATE.

NO GREAT CARTER PHENOMENA

THE DEMOCRATS HAVE JUST COMPLETED THEIR  
CONVENTION IN CIRCUMSTANCES OF CONTINUED HARMONY. ALMOST  
EVERYONE ACTED SO ~~HAPPY~~ *pleased* TO HAVE JIMMY CARTER AS THEIR  
NOMINEE. ACTUALLY, THEY WEREN'T SO GLAD IT WAS JIMMY  
CARTER AS THEY WERE RELIEVED IT WASN'T GEORGE MCGOVERN  
AGAIN OR SARGENT SHRIVER, OR WALLACE OR SHAPP OR CHURCH  
OR BAYH, OR JACKSON OR UDALL OR SANFORD OR FRED HARRIS.

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THAT IS QUITE A LIST WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT. I WISH THOSE WHO ASCRIBE SUPERHUMAN POLITICAL SKILLS TO JIMMY CARTER WOULD THINK ABOUT IT. FOR THAT LIST IS THE REASON JIMMY CARTER IS THE DEMOCRAT NOMINEE. THE FACT THAT HE WASN'T ANY OF THE OTHER PEOPLE ON THAT LIST WAS BY FAR HIS GREATEST POLITICAL ASSET.

### VAGUENESS GREATEST ASSET

ALL THROUGH SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER, DEMOCRATS JUMPED AT THE CHANCE TO VOTE FOR SOMEONE THEY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT RATHER THAN ANY OF THE OTHERS THEY KNEW SO MUCH ABOUT -- AND LIKED SO LITTLE.

CARTER WAS ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE HE WASN'T ANYBODY ELSE.

IT IS NO ACCIDENT -- AND VERY ENLIGHTENING -- THAT HIS TWO MOST PROMINENT AND RESOUNDING PRIMARY DEFEATS -- MARYLAND AND CALIFORNIA -- CAME AT THE HANDS OF THE ONE CANDIDATE ABOUT WHOM DEMOCRATS KNEW EVEN LESS THAN THEY KNEW ABOUT JIMMY CARTER.

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### VOTING WITH EYES CLOSED AND FINGERS CROSSED

THE DEMOCRATS HAVE BEEN VOTING WITH THEIR EYES CLOSED AND THEIR FINGERS CROSSED. WHEN THEY GOT TO MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, THEY LEFT WHAT THEY BELIEVED IN AT THE DOOR. THEY WENT IN TO NOMINATE A MAN THEY REALLY KNEW LITTLE ABOUT. ACCORDING TO ONE DELEGATE SURVEY, MANY DELEGATES DIDN'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHAT TO EXPECT FROM HIM. AND THEY WERE CONTENT WITH THE VAGUENESS, SILENTLY HOPING HE WOULD EMBRACE THEIR LIBERAL PHILOSOPHY OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO HEAD HIM IN THAT DIRECTION FOLLOWING THE NOMINATION. THEY KNEW THAT IF HE WAS REALLY THE CANDIDATE THEY HOPED HE WAS AND HE BECAME SPECIFIC ON THE ISSUES AND THE DIRECTION HE INTENDS TO LEAD THE COUNTRY, THEY WOULD HEAR THE SAME LIBERAL RHETORIC WHICH RESULTED IN THEIR DEFEAT IN 49 OF THE 50 STATES IN 1972. SO THEY WERE CONTENT WITH SILENCE.

DISCLOSING THEIR REAL COLORS

BUT THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL SELECTION AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE DEMOCRAT PLATFORM HAVE CHANGED ALL THAT. THEY HAVE QUIETED THE DEMANDS OF THE LIBERALS BUT THEY HAVE ALSO REVEALED THE TRUE COLORS OF THE DEMOCRATS. WALTER MONDALE REPRESENTS EXACTLY WHAT JIMMY CARTER HAD BEEN CAMPAIGNING AGAINST. THEY PROVE THAT ALL THE TALK ABOUT REFORM AND NEW DIRECTION IN GOVERNMENT ARE JUST RHETORIC. THEY DEMONSTRATE THAT THE DEMOCRAT PARTY STANDS FOR THE SAME THINGS IT DID IN 1972 -- MORE GOVERNMENT, MORE SPENDING, MORE TAXES, AND MORE BUREAUCRACY. IT OFFERS NO NEW SOLUTIONS, JUST BIGGER DOSES OF FEDERAL MEDICINE.

### THE LESSON OF '72

BUT JIMMY CARTER IS GOING TO CONTINUE THE DECEPTION. THE DEMOCRATS LEARNED THEIR LESSON IN 1972 WHEN THEY OPENLY ESPOUSED THEIR PHILOSOPHY AND FOUND THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF AMERICANS DID NOT SHARE THEIR VIEWS. THE GAME PLAN THIS YEAR IS FOR THE CANDIDATE TO CONTINUE TO SAY WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT TO HEAR AND THEN PROPOSE THE LIBERAL CAUSE FOLLOWING THE ELECTION.

BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK. THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IS TOO PERCEPTIVE -- TOO INTENT ON REAL CHANGE. THE TRUE COLORS OF THE DEMOCRAT PARTY WILL BE KNOWN. AND WHEN THIS HAPPENS, THE GENTLE SMILE OF JIMMY CARTER WILL SUDDENLY BE PERCEIVED AS A CONDESCENDING SMIRK.

### SMILING AWAY THE ISSUES

IN THE MEANTIME, JIMMY CARTER WILL CONTINUE HIS EFFORT TO BE EVERYTHING TO EVERYONE, TALKING ON BOTH SIDES OF SUCH IMPORTANT ISSUES AS BUSING, ABORTION, AND CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. BUT THERE ARE SOME ISSUES JUST TOO IMPORTANT TO BE SMILED AWAY. THE STATE'E RIGHTS ISSUE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE.

### STATE'S RIGHTS

IN 1971, JIMMY CARTER SAID HE "WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF DOING AWAY WITH THE RIGHT TO WORK LAW. IN 1976, HE SAID, "I THINK 14-B SHOULD BE REPEALED ..." LAST SUNDAY, WHEN PRESSED AS TO WHETHER HE WAS FOR IT OR AGAINST IT, REALLY, HE SAID IT JUST WASN'T ALL THAT IMPORTANT TO HIM. HERE'S THE FIRST SOUTHERNER I KNOW WHO CAN'T GET EXCITED ABOUT A FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE OF STATE'S RIGHTS.

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### GOVERNMENT REFORM

HE CALLS FOR GOVERNMENT REFORM, BUT WON'T GIVE ANY SPECIFICS ABOUT THE PLAN AND READILY ADMITS THAT HIS REFORM WOULD NOT REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE BUREAUCRACY.

### DEFICIT SPENDING

HE CALLS FOR LESS SPENDING AND THEN EMBRACES A PLATFORM CALLING FOR GUARANTEED JOBS, FEDERALIZED WELFARE, AND NATIONALIZED HEALTH INSURANCE, WHICH COULD INCREASE FEDERAL SPENDING \$100 BILLION THE FIRST YEAR.

### ANTI-WASHINGTON

HE RUNS ON AN ANTI-WASHINGTON THEME BUT PROPOSES PROGRAMS WHICH WILL ONLY HASTEN THE CENTRALIZATION OF POWER IN WASHINGTON AND ADD A MILLION MORE SNARLS TO THE BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE.

JIMMY CARTER IS SMILING NOW BECAUSE HE IS GETTING AWAY WITH HIS PROGRAM OF DECEPTION. UNFORTUNATELY, IF HIS PLAN WORKS AND HE GETS A CHANCE TO IMPLEMENT HIS PROGRAMS -- NO ONE ELSE WILL BE SMILING.

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