

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

OLD DOMINION DINNER

MAY 14, 1979

IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK IN THE OLD DOMINION, AND TO PAY TRIBUTE TO ONE OF THE FINEST CONGRESSMEN I KNOW--KEN ROBINSON. IN THIS OLD CITY, WHERE THE GHOSTS OF PATRIOTS LIKE WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON, MADISON AND MONROE WALK THE STREETS, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS CHOSEN TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR REGAINING THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT.

IT'S A SPECIAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO COME BACK TO VIRGINIA--THE STATE THAT REMAINED LOYAL TO ITS REPUBLICAN PRINCIPLES IN 1976. OTHERS WERE CONTENT TO VOTE THEIR ACCENT INSTEAD OF THEIR BEST INTEREST--BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THAT, TOO, WILL CHANGE IN 1980.

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THE CENTURY OLD WOUNDS OF CIVIL WAR--A WAR THAT TORE THIS CITY APART--HAVE HEALED. THE PEOPLE OF VIRGINIA ARE AS CONVINCED AS THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA, NEW YORK, OR KANSAS THAT SOMETHING IS TERRIBLY WRONG IN THIS COUNTRY TODAY, THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER HISTORY AMERICA IS CONTEMPLATING SETTLING FOR BEING SECOND BEST.

IT WAS JEFFERSON WHO WARNED US ALMOST TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO, "THE NATURAL PROGRESS OF THINGS IS FOR LIBERTY TO YIELD AND GOVERNMENT TO GAIN GROUND."

IT WAS BECAUSE OF THAT TENDENCY THAT THE FOUNDING FATHERS WROTE INTO THE CONSTITUTION GUARANTEES AGAINST GOVERNMENT ENCROACHMENT ON INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS. THEY KNEW, AND IT IS TIME FOR US TO REMEMBER, THAT GOVERNMENT COULD NOT MAKE AMERICA GREAT. ONLY PEOPLE, ENCOURAGED TO MAKE THE MOST OF THEMSELVES, AND EXPLOIT THEIR GOD GIVEN TALENTS, COULD DO THAT.

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WE HAVE STRAYED FROM THE COURSE SET DOWN BY THE MEN OF VIRGINIA. WE HAVE ABANDONED INDIVIDUAL COMPASSION FOR BUREAUCRATIC DICTATES. WE HAVE INFLATED OUR ECONOMY AND WEAKENED OUR CURRENCY. WE HAVE MORTGAGED OUR FUTURE, EVEN AS WE TURNED AWAY FROM THE LESSONS OF OUR PAST.

A POSITIVE REPUBLICAN ALTERNATIVE

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY. REPUBLICANS IN 1980 CAN REGAIN THE WHITE HOUSE. WE CAN OFFER A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO MORE REGULATION, MORE RED TAPE, MORE GOOD INTENTIONS ATTACHED TO YOUR WALLETS.

WHAT COUNTS IS NOT WHAT WE ARE AGAINST, BUT WHAT WE ARE FOR. WE SHOULD BE FOR A MANDATED BALANCED BUDGET, AND SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS IN BOTH BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUAL TAXES. ONLY THEN CAN WE CREATE THE NEW CAPITAL THAT WILL CREATE NEW JOBS.

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WE SHOULD BE FOR AN INDEXED TAX SYSTEM, SO THAT INFLATION WON'T VICTIMIZE YOU BY RAISING YOUR TAX BRACKET AND ENCOURAGING TAXATION BY SUBTERFUGE.

WE SHOULD BE FOR A SYSTEM OF CATASTROPHIC HEALTH INSURANCE, SO THAT THE 7 MILLION FAMILIES WHO SPENT 15% OR MORE OF THEIR INCOME ON HEALTH CARE LAST YEAR WON'T EVER AGAIN HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT FINANCIAL COLLAPSE ON TOP OF PHYSICAL ILLNESS.

WE SHOULD BE FOR REFORM OF OUR WELFARE SYSTEM, TO RESTORE INCENTIVE TO GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO AID THE NEEDY.

ABOVE ALL, WE SHOULD BE FOR MAXIMUM HUMAN LIBERTY AND MINIMAL GOVERNMENT CONTROL. WE SHOULD TAKE A LESSON FROM THE BRITISH, WHO TWO WEEKS AGO THREW OUT A TIRED SOCIALIST STATE AND EMBRACED INSTEAD THE FRESH DOCTRINE OF FREEDOM. FREEDOM TO PRODUCE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS. FREEDOM TO BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WAS BORN DEVOTED TO THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM. IT TOOK ITS VERY PLATFORM FROM THE IDEALS OF GREAT VIRGINIANS.

PLEASE EXPEDITE!

MEMORANDUM TO STAFF

May 11, 1979

From: Jo-Anne

Subj: Dominion Dinner -- Fredericksburg -- Monday night

As I believe you all know, the Senator winds up his announcement day tour in Fredericksburg Monday night at the 2nd Annual Dominion Dinner (also planned as a surprise birthday party for Congressman Ken Robinson).

The Dole staff is encouraged to attend, as this will be an opportunity for you to hear the Senator speak and a chance for you to be a part of the announcement festivities.

The reception is at 6:00, the dinner at 7:00, at the Sheraton Inn in Fredericksburg (2nd Fredericksburg exit off of I-95 South -- you can see the Inn from the Interstate -- shaped like a barn -- go all the way around to the back entrance for the entrance to the Battlefield Banquet Room).

Tickets are \$15.00. Checks should be made payable to C. M. Hearn, Treasurer. There is a table for 10 reserved for the Dole staff. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IMMEDIATELY IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, AS I HAVE TO NOTIFY THE DOMINION DINNER PEOPLE BY 1:00.