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Four years ago I came to Charleston. In 1960, I spoke with you frankly about some of the problems facing West Virginia. In 1964, I can talk about progress.

The four years of the Kennedy-Johnson administration in Washington and the Barron administration in Charleston have been good years for West Virginia.

Unemployment is down from 12.8 percent to 9.6 percent. While this is still much too high, the trend is in the right direction -- downward.

Personal income is up \$100 million per year. This, too, is not enough, but the trend is in the right direction -- upward.

Most important of all, morale is up. Morale is an expression of the self-confidence of a people in themselves and in their leaders. In the past four years, the people of West Virginia have given new meaning to the motto of West Virginia -- "Mountaineers will always be free."

And with the election of Lyndon Johnson and Hulett Smith West Virginia will continue to move forward for the next four years.

The people of West Virginia have a golden opportunity to insure this continued progress -- but one factor is essential -- Lyndon Johnson needs a loyal Democratic administration in Charleston.

Lyndon Johnson needs Hulett Smith as Governor of this great State. What has the leader of the Goldwater party been doing while West Virginia has been moving forward?

He hasn't sponsored any legislation to create jobs or attract new industry for West Virginia -- or any other state.

But he hasn't been completely idle.

He has fought actively every constructive proposal by the Kennedy-Johnson administration to extend equality of opportunity to all Americans in every section of the country.

He opposed the area redevelopment legislation.

He opposed the vocational educational amendments.

He opposed the tax cut of 1964.

He opposed the manpower development and training act.

He opposed the economic opportunity act.

He opposed the stand-by public works act of 1962.

He opposed the wilderness preservation system.

He opposed hospital insurance under social security.

He opposed increasing the minimum wage.

That's the record the leader of the Goldwater party brings to the people of West Virginia. And that's the reason why West Virginia needs Lyndon B. Johnson as President of the United States.

Senator Goldwater had the gall to come to Charleston recently and announce his opposition to the progressive programs which have contributed so much to the economic progress of the past four years.

He suggested this demonstrated the depth of his courage and convictions.

But let me ask you these questions:

Is it courage to refuse help to an unemployed father?

Is it courage to deny a worker displaced by automation a chance for job retraining and vocational education?

Is it courage to deny a state the chance to build needed public improvements and put the unemployed back to work?

Is it courage to vote against hospital insurance to enable our senior citizens to live their later years in dignity and security?

This is not courage -- this is the doctrine of selfish irresponsibility -- a doctrine uninformed by history, uncontrolled by reason, and untempered by charity.

And that is why Senator Goldwater is neither a loyal Republican nor a true Conservative. He is a Radical in the true and basic meaning of the word.

He seeks to destroy the social and economic achievements of the past generation.
He repudiates the tradition of bipartisanship in the conduct of our foreign affairs.
He distorts the past, misrepresents the present and misunderstands the future.
He accepts the support of irresponsible extremist groups and alienates loyal and responsible members of the Republican party.

The overwhelming majority of Americans repudiate the politics of Radicalism -- whether of the right or the left.

They agree with President Johnson, who said:

"Let us put an end to the teaching and preaching of hate and evil and violence. Let us turn away from the fanatics of the far left and the far right, from the Apostles of bitterness and bigotry from those defiant of law, and those who pour venom into our Nation's bloodstream."

Lyndon Johnson knows when people have opportunities, they build a better life for themselves and their children. He knows the American people have energy, initiative, resourcefulness, hope and faith.

He knows America. And he loves America!

And Lyndon Johnson knows another thing. A world of opportunity requires a world at peace.

Listen to his courageous words:

"...As long as I am President, I will spare neither my office nor myself in the quest for peace. That peace is much more than the absence of war...If the strong and wealthy ignore the needs of the poor, frustrations will lead to force. Peace, therefore, is a world where no nation fears another, and no nation can force another to follow its command."

President Johnson is a man of peace. He is a man who pursues his duties as Commander-In-Chief with responsibility and restraint.

In Lyndon Johnson we have the one man we can trust with our nuclear arsenal. This

is one area of Presidential responsibility where there can be no mistakes, no rash decisions, no second thoughts, no impetuous actions, no shooting from the hip.

This is the question each American must ask before voting on November 3rd: Whose finger do I want on the nuclear trigger?

I am confident you will join the overwhelming majority of Americans in casting your vote for President Lyndon B. Johnson.

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