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Ohio's  
Truman

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It is good to be with you in the great buckeye state, which has shown its good judgment by electing a great new Governor in the colorful

capable Mike DiSalle and a fighting new spokesman in the United States Senate whom you are honoring tonight along with your Attorney General, Mark MacElroy

I am proud of the opportunity to participate in this tribute to both of our honored guests -- United States Senator Stephen Young, and Attorney General Mark McElroy. (Both Pol. Disciples of FDR)

The turnout here tonight -- and the distinguished group at the head table -- indicates the high regard in which you both <sup>of these fine men</sup> held. I am pleased to share this <sup>platform</sup> with such leaders as Ray Miller and Albert Porter. ~~For <sup>platform</sup> Jack Russell~~

To you, Steve Young, I am dedicating the theme of my remarks

Paul Schremp - Director of Steel Workers  
(Mr. McDonald & Marshall) here

# People - Progress - Peace

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tonight -- because I want to talk about people, and as a new  
colleague you have already demonstrated yourself as an effective and outspoken fighter for the people.

Start L I want to talk about people, progress, and peace.

I have chosen this subject because it represents not only the scope and sweep of Democratic government, but also the challenges and opportunities which face the United States and its allies in this troublesome decade and the years ahead.

These three words -- people, progress, and peace -- belong to the lexicon of democracy.

These words are Liberal Democracy political trinity!

It is democracy, government by the consent of the governed, that truly represents people -- their hopes, their aspirations, their needs and their basic rights and privileges.

L It is democracy that should symbolize progress -- physical and material progress, without sacrifice of spiritual values.

L Progress has been our own keystone, our byword, our identifying characteristic

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People  
their Govt

as we carved out our own comparatively new nation of free people  
in less than two centuries.

✓ The same restless surge for progress motivates other newer  
nations of free people in the world today.

✓ Indeed, in this <sup>the</sup> 20th Century, people insist on progress --  
in everything.

✓ They know that modern technology and science, combined with  
capital and resources, can provide progress -- progress that is  
symbolized by industrialization, by better health, education,  
human welfare, a rising standard of living and freedom from want,  
freedom from fear. (FDR)

And, of course, it is democracy, or government by the consent  
of the governed, which should and must champion above all else the  
cause of peace.

✓ And By peace, we do not mean merely the absence of war or violence.  
We mean a peace in which nations work together for common goals, and

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people dedicate their energies to the improvement of the conditions which surround mankind.

L Yes, these three important words, people, progress, and peace, belong to the Democratic tradition. ~~and~~ *Democratic tradition*

L The words themselves are like powerful missiles directed to the hearts and minds of men. <sup>and</sup> We need to make more use of them.

L They are so important, and so powerful in their meaning, that the enemies of freedom have attempted to steal them away from us.

L This is their first act of ideological piracy. It represents a frontal assault on the ramparts of democracy itself.

L Take a look and see what has happened.

L In every totalitarian system or nation, the spokesmen of the Communist ideology cleverly and continually refer to people, progress, and peace.

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It is the "Peoples' Republic of China". It is the "Peoples' Republic of Korea". In the instance of East Germany, the Communists have even gone one step further in their "borrowing" of the terminology of free institutions. They call the Communist puppet state, "The German Democratic Republic".

L It is neither Democratic <sup>in</sup> spirit, nor a Republic <sup>in</sup> form ~~of government~~ -- and it is highly questionable whether or not the leaders of that Communist state are even German. At least, they have lost their dedication to the great history and tradition of Germany. They are Communist at heart, in spirit, and in political allegiance. (Berlin Crisis) Term negotiation

L But like it or not, the Communists have tried to steal our trademark -- and in many areas of the world they are getting by with it.

L They have <sup>become</sup> ~~come~~ through their propaganda, the loudest voices using the words "People, Progress, and Peace".

L It is time to call a halt.

but

h To be sure, we have accused them of stealing and using democratic terminology to dress up their Communist system. We have shouted "thief, thief!", and pointed an accusing finger at the guilty ones.

h But, in our frenzied and emotional tirade against the totalitarians, I am afraid that we ourselves have failed to adequately proclaim our own dedication to people, progress, and peace.

*the Republican*  
Regrettably, a conservative government finds itself

incapable of appreciating or understanding the full meaning of the political, economic, and social revolution that is underway today throughout the world, and indeed has been under way in many parts of the world for the past two generations.

*The Republican Administration has given*  
In the past several years, ~~there has been~~ only a grudging,

reluctant, and hesitant acceptance of the policies of liberal government.

*It dare not reject or seek repeal of the New Deal & Fair Deal, so it bleeds the life out of these policies & programs through*

*Decl of  
Indep-  
Revolution  
Epoch!*

*Revolution*

~~a Breaking the negativity~~

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After having denounced the ~~previous~~ <sup>long</sup> Democratic Administration's foreign policy, the ~~present~~ <sup>Republican</sup> leadership of the nation ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> compelled

to accept its broad outlines and objectives. But it is this very hesitancy, this reluctancy, this dispirited acceptance of both domestic and foreign policies, which represents the weakness of our conservative government today in its concern about people, progress, and peace.

<sup>Republican</sup> The conservative government sees the problems, but never comes up with the answers. *H Studies & Studies - but never Acts.*

It is more concerned about the traditions and institutions of government, than it is about the people that the government is designed to serve.

*yes* <sup>Republican</sup> The conservative government embraces the forms and institutions of our foreign policy, <sup>Domestic</sup> but fails to breathe life and strength into them.

*above all else,*  
~~above all,~~ ~~it~~ has demonstrated an utter incapacity and  
inability to identify with people -- the needs of people, the  
hopes and wants of people here and abroad.

↳ We counter attack -- we react -- rather than design a pro-  
gram that we know to be right and sound, and worthy of our  
efforts, our tradition, and our sacrifice.

*In Arab Africa, Middle East*  
We have insisted upon allies, when it would have been better  
if we sought to make friends.

↳ But the most depressing picture of all is how we have lost  
the mantle of the peace-maker.

↳ The slogans of this Republican Administration are evidence  
enough to demonstrate to any person how we have played right  
into the hands of the Communist propagandists who accuse us of  
aggression, and of war-like aims.

While the American citizen may understand these slogans for what they are -- mainly political palaver, or, in more sophisticated words, "public relations" -- the people in other parts of the world do not always comprehend our rather shoddy colloquial expressions.

When you talk of a 'bigger bang for a buck', 'massive retaliation', 'massive deterrent', and you explain in screaming headlines the destructive power of the new fantastic nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons -- when day after day <sup>*The Administration*</sup> ~~we~~ attempt to satisfy the American public's desire for an adequate defense structure by headlines announcing another new missile, or plans for an ever bigger and more deadly missile and rocket, is it any wonder that millions and millions of people throughout the world doubt our dedication to peace?

*Current Administration spokesman*  
We have talked ourselves out of the role of peacemaker.

And this Administration has done it without even providing  
the nation with the defense that it requires.

What an ironical situation!

The "big talk" about big weapons that needlessly and foolishly  
frightens people in many areas of the world is the same big talk  
that has been used here at home in the United States to ~~mislead~~ <sup>Convince</sup> the  
American people into thinking that our defenses are strong, and  
that our power is invincible.

Public relations has been used as a substitute for public  
policy.

Propaganda has been substituted for preparedness.

The political slogan of a balanced-budget has been substituted  
for the maintenance of a proper balance of power in the world.

Even massive deterrence has given way to a new kind of jargon  
called 'minimum deterrence'.

Anything, any word, any scheme, any gimmick to satisfy  
the Republican hard-money, tight-credit, high interest, balance-  
the budget, tax loophole, special privilege, economic royalist  
credo.

It might be tolerable to be accused of being aggressive,  
~~a war-monger~~, and even to have people believe it -- if we had  
such unmistakable and unchallengeable power that the Soviet  
Union and her satellites recognized the futility of attempting  
to either threaten or attack us.

But, as they used to say in college days, "we get the  
blame, but not the game".

We find ourselves with an Administration that is more  
concerned over inflation than it is with a world conflagration.

Its spokesmen say quite openly, inflation is our greatest  
danger -- even as Khrushchev threatens us again and again, and

as the power of the Communist military and economic machine expands

every day.

*Despite*  
~~The truth is~~ all this, *talks propaganda* ~~however, is that~~ the people of  
this country are truly dedicated to peace.

*L* Ours is a tradition of peace and generosity, of compassion  
and humanitarianism. ~~It is not~~

*L* What is more, there is nothing incompatible about having  
a strong defensive shield to give us the security and the sense  
of inner strength that makes possible the fulfillment of our  
mission as the peacemaker.

*L* Let us never forget that there are many more people in this  
world who want to live, than want to die.

*L* Let us not forget that millions of people *in Asia, Africa, etc., L.A.* have lived under  
conditions of tyranny and terror for so long that there is nothing  
more that can be done to frighten them.

What they seek is help, guidance, friendship, understanding.

Do what we ought to do August!

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What this world needs today is not massive retaliation,  
but massive doses of health, education, ~~and~~ food. — Jobs, and opportunities.

We need some guided missiles to the hearts and minds of men

-- missiles of technology and science, missiles of schools and

education; yes, missiles of medicine and medical care -- of

jobs and industry, of public works and public welfare. — At home and

abroad!

It is to the creation of these missiles that we must  
dedicate our talents and our energies.

L This world will not be saved or spared by missiles of war  
with thermo-nuclear warheads.

Important as they are for our national security and our  
defense against the aggressive, imperialist communism, it will  
take more than <sup>military</sup> defense to build a peaceful world.

We must wage peace, while we defend ourselves against attack.

We must move on the offensive, and declare war against mankind's  
most ancient and terrible enemies of hunger, disease, poverty, and  
ignorance.

"Evil Triumphs When Good  
men fail to Act."

This declaration of war must be more than a war of words or headlines,

It must be a war of deeds -- the kind of deeds that we Americans have demonstrated our ability to accomplish and perform. — Civil Rts + Civil Liberties + our imaginal home!

We need a bold, new "Food for Peace" program, dedicating our God-given abundance to serving the needs of humanity -- rather than complaining about it.

We need a dramatic, worldwide "Health for Peace" program, with vastly expanded international medical research -- and perhaps a "white fleet" of mercy ships carrying our medical know-how and wonder drugs to the disease-ridden and suffering in the far corners of the earth.

We need to launch a broad program of world educational development -- a plan of "Education for Peace."

The first step would be for the Congress of the United States

to declare to the free world that we share their beliefs in the values of education, and that we are ready to work with them in building up their own educational systems to train their own people.

We should declare our readiness to support a ten-year effort for world-wide development of democratic education -- and I have just recently outlined a plan for financing it out of foreign currencies we receive from the sale of American farm commodities abroad.

These are truly the "Works of Peace".

These are the kind of deeds that made America what it is today.

They are the kind of deeds that helped bind up the wounds after World War II, through successful completion of the Marshall Plan.

They are the kind of deeds by which our country's great

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voluntary, church, and non-sectarian groups have brought a  
message of kindness, compassion, and helpfulness to millions  
of people throughout the world.

*made to*  
They need to be multiplied manyfold, ~~to~~ present the real  
image of America for all to see -- a country truly dedicated

to people, progress, and, above all else, peace. *with justice*  
*freedom*

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