

REMARKS OF VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY AT THE
AL SMITH DINNER, NEW YORK CITY, OCTOBER 13, 1965

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I remember -- yes, I remember.

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Al Smith would have been profoundly pleased to know that this nation and its people have declared war on bigotry, prejudice, discrimination and poverty.

He would rejoice in learning that we had matured sufficiently to elect a brilliant young man of Catholic faith as President in 1960 and a powerful, gifted leader -- a southern, a Texan -- as President in 1964.

And imagine his joy and excitement if he could have been with us Monday, October 4, when for the first time in the history of our Republic, the Holy Father, Pope Paul VI visited this city and nation and gave new life and spirit to the United Nations.

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I don't think that he believed me for one instant.

But, I had my reasons for confidence. I knew the competitive vigor of our businessmen. I knew the skill of our workers. I knew the productivity of our farmers. I knew the spirit of our people.

I was confident that, if government did its part, our economy could move ahead. As I used to say in those days: "Let's take modern economic policy out of the doghouse and put it in the White House."

Well, almost seven years have passed since then. Taking a leaf from Al Smith's book, let's look at the record.

As I speak to you tonight, we are enjoying our 56th month of continuous economic growth. Profits are up, wages are up, farm income is up, savings are up, the stock market is high, unemployment is down, and the balance of payments deficit is sharply reduced.

The primary credit for this belongs to the American people -- for ours is a free economy, drawing its vigor from personal initiative and private enterprise. But government has a vital part to play, in creating and maintaining the kind of economic climate in which private initiative can flourish.

I think the most important thing we have done in these years is to establish the fact that government, business and labor can do much better working with each other than against each other.

Second, I think we have rejected the idea, shared by old-fashioned conservatives and old-fashioned liberals alike, that the national income is like a cake

whose size is fixed -- and that, if one sector of the community (say labor) gets a bigger slice, another (say business) will have a smaller one. We have come to realize, instead, that if we can keep the national income steadily expanding, everyone can get a bigger slice of cake.

Or, as a farmer friend of mine put it, "There's room for everyone at the hayrack."

A number of positive government policies have played an important part, as well -- the tax cuts, investment credit, the wage-price guidelines, the sophisticated management of our difficult balance of payments problem.

And the gains we have made are real gains -- because, so far, we have held down inflation better than any other major country.

I do not say that I can promise you, here and now, that this expansion can last forever.

I do say that what we have learned to do pretty well, we can learn to do even better. I hope that, at some future date, we shall have to explain to our children what the word "recession" means -- just as we now have to explain to them what the great depression of the 1930's was, and (if we can) how and why we got into it.

I do most emphatically reject the view of some old-fashioned economists that there must be recessions because there always have been -- to me, this seems as dogmatic as Marxism.

Economic growth has brought us prosperity and well-being unknown in our previous history. But economic growth cannot be expected to solve all our problems -- even all our economic problems.

That is why today we make great national investments in the American people -- through education, through medical care, through legislation for equal opportunity and equal rights, through programs to make our cities liveable.

We are building an America to live up to its promise -- through cooperation, through creative public and private leadership, through free institutions.

We are seeking new ways to release the unlimited creative and productive potential of the American people.

We are doing this through a new partnership between government and the people, through understanding and cooperation -- not by dogma of domination.

We move forward toward a Great Society -- a society characterized by a love of beauty and the arts . . . a richness of culture as well as of industry and commerce . . . a fullness of joy as well as of employment . . . a sense of justice as well as of purpose.

We are building. We are growing. We are changing.

We are pioneering.

We are alive and once again filled with hope and optimism.

This is our message -- this would be my response to the challenge leveled at me by Mr. Khrushchev seven years ago.

And what do Mr. Khrushchev's successors have to report?

Well, first of all, they have learned, the hard way, that all the answers are not in Marxism.

They have come to recognize that Russian consumers should be able to buy what they want -- rather than what some bureaucrat thinks they ought to want.

They have found that the old-fashioned emphasis on quantity rather than quality has resulted in a flood of shoddy goods which look good in statistics but not in the shops. They are finding merit in the profit concept as a measure of the efficiency and performance of individual factories or enterprises.

According to a pronouncement by the Soviet Prime Minister, Mr. Kosygin, last month, these "revolutionary" new ideas are going to be applied across the board in the Soviet economy.

Even more revolutionary ideas are being talked about -- unemployment insurance where there are supposed to be no unemployed . . . yes, even legal private ownership of land. Once started, such ideas gain momentum.

Historically, the free market in goods has been associated with the emergence of a free market in ideas. People will not be content only to be free to buy what they want. They will seek freedom to speak, to write, to associate with others of their own choosing, and freedom to go where they please . . . to worship where they please, without interference.

Today we see clearly the great movement of our age: the striving by all men, in all countries, toward a life of greater individual freedom and greater individual happiness.

We must recognize this common striving -- and we, who possess the means, must act to create conditions of human betterment and happiness.

In the words of that great Pope, John XXIII:

"The solidarity which binds all men and makes them members of the same family requires political communities enjoying an abundance of material goods not to remain indifferent to those political communities whose citizens suffer from poverty, misery and hunger, and who lack even the elementary rights of the human person.

" . . . it is not possible to preserve lasting peace if glaring economic and social inequality among them persist."

Pope John emphasized "the sense of responsibility which weighs upon each and everyone, especially upon those who are more blessed with this world's goods."

America is so blessed. And I am proud when America steps forward and says to the less fortunate of the world:

"We are our brothers' keeper."

We hear many voices these days saying that America is overextended in the world . . . that other people's problems need not be our problems. . . that we ought to close up shop overseas and enjoy our fruits here in the good old U.S.A.

My friends, when that time comes, this nation is doomed. Who in the world will work for democracy if we do not? Who in the world can perserve the peace if we do not? Who in the world can set the example, can offer the needed hand, if we do not?

We live in a time when everything is complex, when there are no more rapid or easy answers. We live in a time when we must exert our patience as never before.

We must be firm without being belligerent. We must be resolute without being arrogant. We must be humble without being weak. We must be strong without being domineering.

We stand for something not seen before in the world.

We stand for dignity and fulfillment of individual man and woman. We stand for the chance for each man to make something better of himself.

We stand for free speech and government of the people.

We stand for belief that others, too, in less fortunate places should have opportunity for the blessings of abundance and should be free of tyranny.

We stand for the pledges made by men and women who left the old ways and fought a living out of the soil of a new continent.

Yes, we stand for the belief that the world need not destroy itself by war, and that we Americans can help others, too, find a better society.

We must, in this time of danger, devote ourselves, to converting man's hopes for peace, for progress, for social justice into reality -- despite discouragement, despite dissatisfaction, despite weariness.

Man must be free.

Man will be free.

LA great day - President well on the road to Recovery
improved cat health - Pitched a great game -
Hit a home run

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① His Eminence looking Halcyon, Hearty, Happy -

I. Open with greetings from the President....news about his recovery.

Pope -
Ad Smith Announced
World Series

II. Remarks about the World Series. For example:

Brooklyn Dodger
in L.A.
Wash Senators
on menu.
Pope in
Yankee
Stadium
of N.Y.
with
newspaper

Seems strange coming to New York at this time of the year and not going up to Yankee Stadium. But,

NYC
Election

III. I've been reminded there's an election going on here in New York. From all I've heard the race for Mayor is turning out to be more like a football game --

Yale versus CCNY. CCNY

And of course Yale University didn't help the chances of their illustrious alumni, Bill Buckley and John Lindsay, by coming out with a report on Columbus Day that Leif Ericson discovered America.

Leif
Ericson

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Happy Birthday to Harry Hershfeld
" Tomorrow to Presid Eisenhower 75th
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Alfred
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Thomas Jefferson
L AL SMITH SPOKE AND LIVED IN THE TRADITION OF THOMAS
JEFFERSON, WHO IN HIS TIME DEFINED THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT *as -*
"THE CARE OF HUMAN LIFE AND HAPPINESS IS THE FIRST AND
ONLY LEGITIMATE OBJECT OF GOOD GOVERNMENT."

and THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM
IS ALL ABOUT. THAT WAS THE ISSUE IN JEFFERSON'S TIME,
IN THE ERA OF AL SMITH, AND TODAY.

This Happy manner
AL SMITH PRACTICED AS WELL AS PREACHED HIS DEMOCRATIC
PHILOSOPHY.

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KLAN. *Then as now-*

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HIS WARM HUMANITY, AND HIS OUTSTANDING RECORD OF
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PREVAILING IN 1928, HE COULD HAVE BEEN ELECTED, WHATEVER
HIS FAITH. I DO KNOW THAT HIS RELIGIOUS FAITH WAS MADE,
UNFAIRLY AND DISGRACEFULLY, A MAJOR ISSUE IN THAT CAMPAIGN.

INDEED, MY OWN FATHER -- WHO ADMIRED AL SMITH AND CAMPAIGNED
FOR HIM IN SOUTH DAKOTA -- HAD FIRST-HAND AND PAINFUL
EXPERIENCE OF THIS. HE, TOO, WAS ATTACKED, VILIFIED, AND

ridiculed

L I REMEMBER -- YES, I REMEMBER.

L AND THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS MY CAMPAIGN PLANE
LAST YEAR BORE THE NAME "THE HAPPY WARRIOR."

L AL SMITH WOULD HAVE BEEN PROFOUNDLY PLEASED TO
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ON BIGOTRY, PREJUDICE, DISCRIMINATION AND POVERTY.

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FAITH AS PRESIDENT IN 1960 AND A POWERFUL, GIFTED LEADER
-- A SOUTHERNER, A TEXAN -- AS PRESIDENT IN 1964.

L AND IMAGINE HIS JOY AND EXCITEMENT IF HE COULD HAVE
BEEN WITH US MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, WHEN FOR THE FIRST TIME
IN THE HISTORY OF OUR REPUBLIC, THE HOLY FATHER, POPE
PAUL VI, VISITED THIS CITY AND NATION AND GAVE NEW LIFE
AND SPIRIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

(X) L YES, WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY IN MAKING THIS "ONE
NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE
FOR ALL".

L TONIGHT, IN THE SPIRIT OF THIS OCCASION, I SHOULD
LIKE TO REMINISCE.

Pope
Paul VI

(The Yankee Stadium Mass -
Cardinal Spellman)

JUST A LITTLE LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO, I HAD A CONVERSATION WITH A MAN WHOM ALL OF US REMEMBER VIVIDLY -- EVEN THOUGH HE HAS BEEN RATHER CONSPICUOUSLY AND DELIBERATELY FORGOTTEN IN HIS OWN COUNTRY.

I AM SPEAKING, OF COURSE, OF NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV.

I HAD QUITE A TALK WITH HIM -- EIGHT HOURS OF IT, IN FACT.

OUR SYSTEM, HE TOLD ME, WAS WORN OUT AND PLAYED OUT. IT WAS COMMUNISM, HE SAID, WHICH WAS NEW, YOUNG, VITAL, AND BRIMMING WITH ENERGY. *- He said come, lets us compete - !*

"CHAIRMAN KHRUSHCHEV," I REPLIED, "WE HAVEN'T EVEN BEGUN TO COMPETE. WHEN WE DO, WE'LL COMPETE YOU RIGHT OUT OF GORKI PARK."

now I DON'T THINK THAT HE BELIEVED ME FOR ONE INSTANT.

BUT, I HAD MY REASONS FOR CONFIDENCE. I KNEW THE COMPETITIVE VIGOR OF OUR BUSINESSMEN. I KNEW THE SKILL OF OUR WORKERS. I KNEW THE PRODUCTIVITY OF OUR FARMERS. I KNEW THE SPIRIT OF OUR PEOPLE.

~~HERE~~, ALMOST SEVEN YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THEN.
TAKING A LEAF FROM AL SMITH'S BOOK, LET'S LOOK AT THE
RECORD.

74yrs
later
Look at
the Record

AS I SPEAK TO YOU TONIGHT, WE ARE ENJOYING OUR
56TH MONTH OF CONTINUOUS ECONOMIC GROWTH. PROFITS ARE
UP, WAGES ARE UP, FARM INCOME IS UP, SAVINGS ARE UP, THE
STOCK MARKET IS AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH, UNEMPLOYMENT IS DOWN,
AND THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT IS SHARPLY REDUCED.

THE PRIMARY CREDIT FOR THIS BELONGS TO THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE -- FOR OURS IS A FREE ECONOMY, DRAWING ITS VIGOR
FROM PERSONAL INITIATIVE AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. BUT
GOVERNMENT HAS A VITAL PART TO PLAY, IN CREATING AND
MAINTAINING THE KIND OF ECONOMIC CLIMATE IN WHICH PRIVATE
INITIATIVE CAN FLOURISH. — *and govt has helped create*

Lower ECONOMIC GROWTH HAS BROUGHT US PROSPERITY AND
WELL-BEING UNKNOWN IN OUR PREVIOUS HISTORY BUT
ECONOMIC GROWTH CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO SOLVE ALL OUR
PROBLEMS -- EVEN ALL OUR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

that environment.

Investments
L THAT IS WHY TODAY WE MAKE GREAT NATIONAL INVESTMENTS
IN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- THROUGH EDUCATION, THROUGH
RESEARCH AND MEDICAL CARE, THROUGH LEGISLATION FOR EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY AND EQUAL RIGHTS, THROUGH PROGRAMS TO MAKE
OUR CITIES MORE LIVEABLE. *our rural areas more modern*
~~the goal is to~~
TOGETHER, WE ARE BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA.

L WE ARE FINDING NEW WAYS TO RELEASE THE UNLIMITED
CREATIVE AND PRODUCTIVE POTENTIAL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,

and WE ARE DOING THIS THROUGH A NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE, THROUGH UNDERSTANDING AND
COOPERATION -- NOT BY DOGMA OR DOMINATION. *}*

L WE MOVE FORWARD TOWARD *the goal is a* GREAT SOCIETY -- CHARACTERIZED
BY A LOVE OF BEAUTY AND THE ARTS . . . A RICHNESS OF
CULTURE AS WELL AS *property of* INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE . . . A FULLNESS
OF JOY AS WELL AS *full* EMPLOYMENT . . . A SENSE OF JUSTICE AS
WELL AS PURPOSE.

h WE ARE BUILDING. WE ARE GROWING. WE ARE CHANGING.

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WE ARE PIONEERING. *We are moving forward.*

WE ARE ALIVE AND ONCE AGAIN FILLED WITH HOPE
AND OPTIMISM -- YES HIGH HOPES.

THIS IS OUR MESSAGE -- THIS WOULD BE MY RESPONSE
TO THE CHALLENGE LEVELED AT ME BY MR. KHRUSHCHEV SEVEN
YEARS AGO.

I was right.

AND WHAT DO MR. KHRUSHCHEV'S SUCCESSORS HAVE TO
REPORT?

WELL, FIRST OF ALL, THEY HAVE LEARNED THE HARD
WAY, THAT ALL THE ANSWERS ARE NOT IN MARXISM.

THEY HAVE FOUND THAT THE OLD-FASHIONED EMPHASIS
ON QUANTITY RATHER THAN QUALITY HAS RESULTED IN A FLOOD
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CONCEPT AS A MEASURE OF THE EFFICIENCY AND PERFORMANCE
OF INDIVIDUAL FACTORIES OR ENTERPRISES

And H.K. new
THE SOVIET PRIME MINISTER, MR. KOSYGIN, LAST
MONTH SAID THESE "REVOLUTIONARY" NEW IDEAS ARE GOING
TO BE APPLIED ACROSS THE BOARD IN THE SOVIET ECONOMY.

Profit incentives

Why
~~YES~~ EVEN MORE REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS ARE BEING TALKED
ABOUT -- UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WHERE THERE ARE SUPPOSED
TO BE NO UNEMPLOYED . . . *Even* ~~YES~~ LEGAL PRIVATE
OWNERSHIP OF LAND ONCE STARTED, SUCH IDEAS GAIN MOMENTUM.

L HISTORICALLY, THE FREE MARKET IN GOODS HAS BEEN
ASSOCIATED WITH THE EMERGENCE OF A FREE MARKET IN IDEAS.

L PEOPLE WILL NOT BE CONTENT ONLY TO BE FREE TO BUY WHAT
THEY WANT. THEY WILL SEEK FREEDOM TO SPEAK, TO WRITE,
TO ASSOCIATE WITH OTHERS OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING, AND
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INTERFERENCE.

L TODAY, WE SEE CLEARLY THE GREAT MOVEMENT OF OUR
AGE: THE STRIVING BY ALL MEN, IN ALL COUNTRIES, TOWARD
A LIFE OF GREATER INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND GREATER INDIVIDUAL
HAPPINESS.

L WE MUST RECOGNIZE THIS COMMON STRIVING -- AND WE,
WHO POSSESS THE MEANS, MUST ACT TO CREATE CONDITIONS OF
HUMAN BETTERMENT AND HAPPINESS.

IN THE WORDS OF THAT GREAT AND BELOVED POPE,
JOHN XXIII - *speaking of the human family* -

~~THE SOLIDARITY WHICH BINDS ALL MEN AND MAKES
THEM MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY, REQUIRES POLITICAL
COMMUNITIES ENJOYING AN ABUNDANCE OF MATERIAL GOODS
NOT TO REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO THOSE POLITICAL COMMUNITIES
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POPE JOHN EMPHASIZED "THE SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY
WHICH WEIGHS UPON EACH AND EVERYONE," ESPECIALLY UPON
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and, AMERICA IS SO BLESSED, AND I AM PROUD WHEN
AMERICA STEPS FORWARD AND SAYS TO THE LESS FORTUNATE
OF THE WORLD: ~~"WE ARE OUR BROTHERS' KEEPER."~~

we will help - we are friends

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Leadership is not the cloak of comfort - it is the robe of responsibility.

WE LIVE IN A TIME WHEN EVERYTHING IS COMPLEX, WHEN THERE ARE NO MORE RAPID OR EASY ANSWERS. WE LIVE IN A TIME WHEN WE MUST EXERT OUR PATIENCE AS NEVER BEFORE.

WE MUST BE FIRM WITHOUT BEING BELLIGERENT. WE MUST BE RESOLUTE WITHOUT BEING ARROGANT. WE MUST BE HUMBLE WITHOUT BEING WEAK. WE MUST BE STRONG WITHOUT BEING DOMINEERING. *and* LET US REMEMBER - *We Stand for Something*

unworthy of sacrifice
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opportunities

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PEOPLE. *We stand for opportunity for every man*

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FORTUNATE PLACES SHOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BLESSINGS
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YES, WE STAND FOR THE BELIEF THAT THE WORLD NEED
NOT DESTROY ITSELF BY WAR, AND THAT WE AMERICANS CAN
HELP OTHERS, TOO, FIND A BETTER SOCIETY.

WE MUST, IN THIS TIME OF DANGER, DEVOTE OURSELVES
TO CONVERTING MAN'S HOPES FOR PEACE, FOR PROGRESS, FOR
SOCIAL JUSTICE, INTO REALITY -- DESPITE DISCOURAGEMENT,
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"Chairman Khrushchev," I replied, "we haven't even begun to compete ~~yet~~. When we do, we'll compete you right out of Gorki Park."

I don't think that he believed me for one instant.

But, I had my reasons for confidence. I knew the competitive vigor of our businessmen. I knew the skill of our workers. I knew the productivity of our farmers. I knew the spirit of our people.

~~I was confident that, if government did its part, our economy could move ahead. As I used to say in those days: "Let's take modern economic policy out of the doghouse and put it in the White House."~~

Well, almost seven years have passed since then.

Taking a leaf from Al Smith's book, let's look at the record.

As I speak to you tonight, we are enjoying our 56th month of continuous economic growth. Profits are up, wages are up, farm income is up, savings are up, the stock market is high, ^{at an all-time} unemployment is down, and the balance of payments deficit is sharply reduced.

The primary credit for this belongs to the American people -- for ours is a free economy, drawing its vigor from personal initiative and private enterprise. But government has a vital part to play, in creating and maintaining the kind of economic climate in which private initiative can flourish.

I think the most important thing we have done in these years is to establish the fact that government, business and labor can do much better working with each other than against each other.

Second, I think we have rejected the idea, shared by old-fashioned conservatives and old-fashioned liberals alike, that the national income is like a cake whose size is fixed -- and that, if one sector of the community (say labor) gets a bigger slice, another (say business) will have a smaller one. We have come to realize, instead, that if we can keep the national income steadily expanding, everyone can get a bigger slice of cake.

Or, as a farmer friend of mine put it, "There's room for everyone at the hayrack."

A number of positive government policies have played an important part, as well -- the tax cuts, investment credit, the wage-price guidelines, the sophisticated management of our difficult balance of payments problem.

And the gains we have made are real gains -- because, so far, we have held down inflation better than any other major country.

I do not say that I can promise you, here and now, that this expansion can last forever.

I do say that what we have learned to do pretty well, we can learn to do even better. I hope that, at some future date, we shall have to explain to our children what the word "recession" means -- just as we now have to explain to them what the great depression of the 1930's was, and (if we can) how and why we got into it.

I do most emphatically reject the view of some old-fashioned economists that there must be recessions because there always have been -- to me, this seems as dogmatic as Marxism.

Economic growth has brought us prosperity and well-being unknown in our previous history. But economic growth cannot be expected to solve all our problems -- even all our economic problems.

That is why to today we make great national investments
in the American people -- through education, through *research*
+ medical care, through legislation for equal opportunity
and equal rights, through programs to make our cities *more*
liveable.

Together, ~~We are building an America to live up to its promise --~~
a better
~~through cooperation, through creative public and private~~
~~leadership, through free institutions.~~

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We are seeking new ways to release the unlimited
creative and productive potential of the American people.

We are doing this through a new partnership between
government and the people, through understanding and
cooperation -- not by dogma or domination.

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We move forward toward a Great Society -- ~~a~~
~~society~~ characterized by a love of beauty and the
arts . . . a richness of culture as well

as ^{of} industry and commerce . . . a fullness of joy as well
as ~~of~~ employment . . . a sense of justice as well as ~~of~~
purpose. Kap

↳ We are building. We are growing. We are
changing.

↳ We are pioneering. ~~and we are not~~

↳ We are alive and once again filled with hope and
optimism. yes High hopes

This is our message -- this would be my response
to the challenge leveled at me by Mr. Khrushchev seven
years ago.

And what do Mr. Khrushchev's successors have
to report?

Well, first of all, they have learned, the hard way,
that all the answers are not in Marxism.

~~They have come to recognize that Russian consumers should be able to buy what they want -- rather than what some bureaucrat thinks they ought to want.~~

They have found that the old-fashioned emphasis on quantity rather than quality has resulted in a flood of shoddy goods which look good in statistics but not in the shops. They are finding merit in the profit concept as a measure of the efficiency and performance of individual factories or enterprises.

~~According to a pronouncement by~~ the Soviet Prime Minister, Mr. Kosygin, last month, ^{said} these "revolutionary" new ideas are going to be applied across the board in the Soviet economy.

^{yes,} Even more revolutionary ideas are being talked about -- unemployment insurance where there are supposed to

be no unemployed . . . yes, even legal private ownership of land. Once started, such ideas gain momentum.

Historically, the free market in goods has been associated with the emergence of a free market in ideas. People will not be content only to be free to buy what they want. They will seek freedom to speak, to write, to associate with others of their own choosing, and freedom to go where they please . . . to worship ~~where they please~~, without interference.

Today, we see clearly the great movement of our age: the striving by all men, in all countries, toward a life of greater individual freedom and greater individual happiness.

We must recognize this common striving -- and we, who possess the means, must act to create conditions of human betterment and happiness.

and beloved

In the words of that great^a Pope, John XXIII:

"The solidarity which binds all men and makes them members of the same family requires political communities enjoying an abundance of material goods not to remain indifferent to those political communities whose citizens suffer from poverty, misery and hunger, and who lack even the elementary rights of the human person.

". . . It is not possible to preserve lasting peace if glaring economic and social inequality among them persist."

Pope John emphasized "the sense of responsibility which weighs upon each and everyone, especially upon those who are more blessed with this world's goods."

America is so blessed. And I am proud when America steps forward and says to the less fortunate of the world: "We are our brothers' keeper."

We hear many voices these days saying that America is overextended in the world . . . that other people's problems need not be our problems . . . that we ought to close up shop overseas and enjoy our fruits here in the good old U.S.A.

My friends, when that time comes, this nation is doomed. Who in the world will work for democracy if we do not? Who in the world can preserve the peace if we do not? Who in the world can set the example, can offer the needed hand, if we do not?

We live in a time when everything is complex, when there are no more rapid or easy answers. We live in a time when we must exert our patience as never before.

We must be firm without being belligerent. We must be resolute without being arrogant. We must be humble

without being weak. We must be strong without being domineering. — *Let us Remember* —

We stand for something not seen before in the world.

We stand for dignity and fulfillment of individual man and woman. We stand for the chance for each man to make something better of himself.

We stand for free speech and government of the people.

We stand for belief that others, too, in less fortunate places should have opportunity for the blessings of abundance and should be free of tyranny.

~~We stand for the pledges made by men and women who left the old ways and fought a living out of the soil of a new continent.~~

Yes, we stand for the belief that the world need not destroy itself by war, and that we Americans can help others, too, find a better society.

We must in, this time of danger, devote ourselves to converting man's hopes for peace, for progress, for social justice into reality -- despite discouragement, despite dissatisfaction, despite weariness.

Man must be free. *and God willing*

Man will be free.

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