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BIG BROTHERS OF AMERICA DINNER FOR
DREW PEARSON
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Frank Sinatra
Eddie Fisher

This is not a political speech -- for I have come here tonight to praise Drew Pearson, not to ~~nominate~~ him.

The views expressed on this program are not necessarily those of some people I am trying to line up as sponsors.

Chief Justice - Walt Whitman
(Bridges)

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It is said of people generally that the true measure of how tall they stand is by the enemies they make. ~~(look at Drew here, then slowly up at the ceiling above him: wave up at the ceiling).~~ Good evening, Drew.

But the real measure of the real Drew Pearson is the friends he's made -- and there are a lot of us here tonight.

Chief Justice Warren

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I warned you, Drew -- a long time ago -- that if you didn't stop telling lies about us politicians I was going to tell the truth sometime about you.

I am. You're a great guy.!

Within limits, that is.

Drew Pearson is a 70-year old juvenile delinquent -- who goes around letting hot air out of political tires -- or liars.

His theory about facts is the same as Robin Hood's was about money -- take from the rich and give to the poor.

I sometimes think he must believe -- like Don Quixote in that marvelous line from The Man of La Mancha -- that "Facts are the enemy of truth."

Drew's father was a Chautauqua lecturer -- and you know what I think about that kind of public speaking.

Drew, I regret to report, can't control his wife's politics -- at least at the moment. Bedfellows sometimes make strange politics. I believe I can unify this country easier than I can Drew and Lubie.

~~But back to the truth.~~

We are here tonight, Drew, not to talk about how you make your living, but about how you have helped give hundreds of boys a chance to make theirs. (youth)

It's not how hard you make it for some of us; it's how you make it possible for so many of them.

There are a lot of kids in this town who know what ~~opportunity~~ really means -- and what life can mean -- because of you.

And there are a lot of men in this town who found out -- as Big Brothers -- what the Golden Rule means -- that giving -- giving of yourself -- is lots more fun than getting.

Thanks, Drew, for....

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