

Well, I hope you've had as good a time tonight as I. I've just enjoyed it. It's been like a family gathering and the only one that would have enjoyed it more is that Pennsylvanian Dutch wife of mine, I think she would have liked it. She claims some heritage up here in Berks County, I haven't checked that out for sure, but she's never run for office so I think I can rely on her acclaiming that if you know what I mean.

Turley I've had a delightful time and I want to thank my good friend and your illustrious Congressman Gus Yatron for his invitation, coming over to see me, asking if I'd do this, Dave coming down to see me, and others that joined in on it. At the time I wasn't sure whether I could make it here. I had to be in Los Angeles yesterday to address the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and I had to be back in Washington last night and if you know something about traveling, that doesn't give you much time for sleep. And I've had one of those busy days and another one coming up tomorrow. But when I go to a democratic meeting I feel like I've just had some tonic before. It sharpens you up, it really makes you feel good. Now I know why old Sam Rayburn used to say, and I don't want this to be quoted too far, but Sam Rayburn used to say "there's no sense in a fellow feeling stupid and weak when for a little spirits such as you can get once in a while you can with two drinks you can feel smart and strong". Tonight,

all I can tell you is that when you hear a couple of good democratic speeches and you see people that have been honored here tonight as they have and properly so, you just feel very much alive. And I thank you very much for letting me share in this. I want to compliment your dinner committee. You know, I've been on all these committees during my life, my father before me was democratic county chairman, I was country chairman of the young democratics, I grew up in the democratic party, we used to have a little trouble with Maw once in a while, Dad always thought she voted for Harding, he never quite forgave her for that, but other than that we had a pretty solid democratic family. So I've traveled around and been going to democratic meetings when I was as young as Rebecca here. I tell you I remember going with my Daddy to county conventions and to democratic state central committee meetings when I was a boy 10, 11, 12 years old, and my mother scolding Dad for keeping me out so late. But Dad always told me, he said "Son stay out of bed, people die there". I never spent much time getting sleep. I had a wonderful democratic father, as you can see and a very fine shall I say calm sensible mother and so I figured if when I got married I should get someone like Maw you know that could kind of keep a level hand on things because I was a little wild myself taking after my father.

I want to compliment Richard Giles and others that joined with him and John Ansback I want you to know that we appreciate what you've done in Lebanon County. You maybe performed one of the great miracles over there. We'll get you written up in some big book some day for all of this. You just keep at it now but don't let it be a one timer. Now that they've been saved, you know what I mean? And they'll confess their sins while you get them on there and keep them as converts from here on out for the cause of democracy.

Dave, I'm so pleased to meet your lovely family tonight and your son came up here on the plane with us. Our son graduated from American University as well in Washington, but Dave and I have another connection, one of my closest friend back home in Minnesota that has been a very strong supporter of mine, Bob Nickeloff, from Hibbey, Minnesota was a college pal and roommate of your county chairman, and I never knew it till I got here tonight. What a small world. You know you just reach out and you'd be surprised you find people that are very close to you even though you don't maybe recall it.

Mr. Mayor? I was Mayor of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Best job I ever had, paid the least, liked it the most. I imagine that's about what's going to happen to you. But if you really want to know what it is to be on the firing line in politics, you just be a mayor of a great city, and you have a great city here. By the way I called tonight an old friend of mine, George Rhodes. I called him at the home where he stayed. George

and Margie are very good friends of Hubert and Muriel and when I was up here in 64, 66, 68 campaigning around why George would be there with us and we were, he used to come over and see me so many times in the Senate and when I was Vice President so I feel a real sense of intimate friendship with him and I've got his little book here tonight and I want you good friends here to tell his wife Margie "Hello" for me if I, I maybe won't get a chance to do it cause I get on a plane and go on back to Washington.

Are you going back tonight too Gus? Well, we're going right back on the job. There's a man for you. He's right on the job. He's going to do it.

Your Congressman served you four terms and he's up now for his fifth and I don't want you to make him work too hard, he's got work to do in Washington, I don't want him to have to be up here just campaigning all the time. And after seeing all these committee people, all these officers, I have reason to believe Guss, even though we never take anything for granted, we can't do that. But you have reason to believe that these people are going to carry the load and get on out and campaign. You really can do a great job.

You know, none of us in public life ever make it alone. The only thing you do alone in public life is loose. That is a fact. To win you have to have other people who care, other people who share your burdens and your efforts, people who

will work for you, people who will never get a thing out of it, and tonight, that's what I've seen here. And I wish that some of the national columnists that are writing about the citizens of America, the disillusionment as they put it, would be here to see people who believe in a political party and not only in a party, but believe that that party can do something for our country that is good. He would see here the hundreds of people in this room that have but one thing to do and that's to help somebody else. And I compliment you, and believe me I get around this country a bit and I've been doing it for years and let me tell you that while there may be negativism and cynicism, disillusionment in some, and I'm sure that all of us in our life are from time to time disappointed, I've had my disappointment but I've had my joys. I can tell you that as I've traveled this nation, talked to people, I've found a healthy sense of up-beat amongst the American people. They want to do better. They believe in our country. They still believe in our political system. Somebody said well they don't like the government. I said "I don't either, I'm trying to get them out the whole bunch of them". Ain't no doubt about that!

That's like that fellow that was asked to sign that loyalty affidavit. He said "Do you belong to any party that believes in the overthrow of the government?" The fellow said "Yes I do". And the guy said "Well, what party do you belong to?"

This is when we democrats were in. He said, "I'm a Republican, I'm trying to overthrow and get them out all the time". But I got to turn it around now and I say it very sincerely. We have reasons to want to change our government, to change the policies of our government, to change the leadership in our government, or the lack of leadership in our government. But I might point that the American people still believe in this system. They still believe in our political party and they are willing to go to work and are willing to face the challenge if we'll just give out and give them a chance. And that's what I see here this evening. I compliment Dave, your chairman, on these little honors that he's passed, not so little I never knew a political party had given out money. That's unbelievable. I've seen it all. I'll tell you. Halleluah! Man I've seen it tonight. I've been to thousands of dinners and they've always been saying give me. No body's ever said "Have it." This man is something! "Cast thy checks upon the water", I guess he says. And we're going to get some great returns. And by the way, I've never been to a dinner where they had such a good steak. Fantastic!

This tonight was absolutely marvalous. Everything, the music, the dinner, the fellowships that are here, the honors that have been bestowed upon people the names that have been announced, I want to recommend this pattern in every county in America. I'm telling you that if that would happen, if our

leaders or those that are elected as chairmans, state chairmans, county chairmans, district chairman, if they would spend just a little more time honoring the folks out there that used to work these halls would be filled up every time we had a dinner. And I hope that the word will go on out. And I'm going to tell them about Bob Straus. And tell Bob to "Send the word on out, tell the chairman to honor the folks out there, the troops". And I tell you it is true. You are the front line fighters, you are the people that are right out there the early warning system, so to speak, and the battlers. And I thank you for what you're doing. Now there are many legislatures here and others and I'm not going to take time just to except to say "Thank you" to them. Our son. My wife always says every time we've got something good you call it my son. But I have to remember that it's our son. Our oldest son. We have three sons, and a daughter and nine grandchildren. Now I tell you that's great family. We had a great time at Christmas. Every once in a while I remember that in a meeting like this that our oldest son is a state Senator and he won in his district. I wish you could have been around the night of his election. It was in 1972. I was so nervous. I tell you. I had a little family gathering and we gathered around the home and we called in our whole family and I wanted all the other two brothers and his sister and their families to know, that we call our oldest boy Skip. I said I want you to

share this evening with Skip. Because I really thought that Skip was not going to win. And I know what a disappointment is. The first time I ran for Mayor I lost. Did ya. Have you got a great career ahead of you. I'll tell you that. And I know the disappointment and I've lost a couple of others I might add too. By the way, quickly I should tell you that I know that you've often heard that you can build character in defeat. Guess you can, but you can build a lot of it in victory too, and it's more fun.

Well, I had the family around and I wanted to condition my son to be a good loser. Because there's nothing I dislike more than a poor loser. Somebody's got to lose and somebody wins, and in politics there ought not to be hatred and bitterness this is competition, some you win some you don't, some you lose. So I was there and I was going to you know, and try to get things all lined up and my wife was looking at me very bored wondering why I was going through this exercise. And I'm doing this in the presence of the two brothers and sister and their wives and husbands and so on, and finally after I got all through telling him, I said "Now son, I want you to do one thing, when those votes come in and if you lose and you may, I want you to stand right up and tell them that you're coming back next time and that you're not a quitter. Just stand right up there." He looked at me and said "Dad what's wrong with you?" He said "I'm going to win!" Well I said, "Well I know you are." and so after dinner was all over I took him in my arm

we walked off in the bedroom and I put my arm around him , I said "Son, I want you to win tonight more than any time in my life for myself, but I worry about you and I just want you just to know that I love you and I want you to know that if you lose don't you feel bad", and so on.

Well, he walked out of there kind of shaking his head like the old man was off his rocker a little bit, you know? And about an hour and a half later he called up and said "Well, I carried Brooklyn Center", that's one of his areas up there, and I said well how did you do in New Hope, He said "close, but I carried that too", and I said that's nothing but Crystal counts. It was about an half hour later he called up and said "Dad, we cleaned them in Crystal." I said "Congratulations". I thought you'd like to know how it is in the family to have a winner one time. Really it's great. So I've experienced this.

Now I'm here to give you a talk about our party and our country, and they are together. The democratic party is the oldest political party in this land. And it has the longest continuity. We have not always been right, we have not always done the best, life is filled up with disappointments as I said and inadequacies. That's why when the founding fathers wrote the Constitution while they first mentioned "We the people" which is the basis of popular government, they also said "in order to form a more perfect union", knowing full well that it wasn't perfect and that it would be a long job ahead the stated right in

beginning that there was a job of building a "more perfect union". And we've been trying to do that ever since the day that we declared our independence and from the day that we adopted our Constitution that serves us so well today. We didn't start out easily it was no journey of luxury. And it never has been but we had great people. We also had some disappointments, I think we ought to remember in the days as we reflect on the bicentennial that everybody wasn't loyal, everybody wasn't a hero. In those days of independence there was a struggle right here in the great state of Pennsylvania. Valley Forge. George Washington was down on his knees praying to God Almighty because the Continental Congress wasn't listening to him, and because of his abiding faith. That Continental Congress was supposed to send ammunition, groceries, munitions, guns, and about two-thirds of it got lost on the way. Now that's not to try to de-bunk America, I'm simply trying to tell you that in the earliest days of our life we had troubles. Also if you will recall only a third of the members of the colonies were really involved in the revolution. A third were

and a third were relatively neutral. It takes dedicated people to any thing to make a great decision. And there were dedicated people. There were 56 of them there at the time they signed the Declaration of Independence. And the average age was 36. They weren't old. Two of them, young men were under 27. Nineteen were in their 30's. Young. Thomas Jefferson was 33, James Madison was 25, and Alexander Hamilton

was 17. Just because they wore those powdered wigs, that's before Grecian formula, you know, they wore those powdered wigs, that was just a symbol of the times. They were young, they were daring, they were pioneering, they were optimists and those were characteristics by the way which prevailed on this country and stood us well ever since the very beginning of our history. And I repeat it, they were pioneers, they were daring, they were adventuresome, they were courageous, and they dared to cry. They had no bench mark to work from. There had never been anything like this. No one before had ever declared those great God given and alienable rights in the political forum.

The great mid-evil philosopher had declared it but no group. No one had dared to declare in the age of the mind right of kings, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. They were daring people. And besides that they were optimists. Everything was against them but it was the greatest power on the earth. The mightiest fleet the strongest armies, and yet here was a hand-full of people who said that they we're going to win this one. And old John Hancock and all that, and we know all that history. I'm only pointing out to you that this country has always had a spirit of daring and optimism, and that's what this democratic party's had and that's why we've won a lot of elections. Now sometimes we've overshot our mark, sometimes we may have been too daring, sometimes we may have been a little too optimistic, but I'd

rather be on that side than to be on the side of being too timid, too pessimistic, and I want to say that the democrats and democratic candidates, and I said this to those aspiring to this highest office, don't try to out-republic the Republicans. Be idealist. All every day, don't promise too much. But if you don't promise what standard do you have for achievement. Everything is a promise the good book is a promise the Bible itself. The Constitution is a promise, the Declaration of Independence is a promise, the Emancipation Proclamation was a promise and it took, well it took, well we haven't even yet fulfilled that promise. There is nothing wrong with promises and there's nothing wrong with even promising more than you can give, as long as you try desperately to fulfill that promise. And that's my message to democrats.

Franklin Roosevelt gave us promise. Oh today I hear that's old stuff. Harry Truman gave us a promise. John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, and Adlai, yes there were lots more. Al Smith in his time. They all gave us great hopes. John Kennedy's had that song high-hopes. This new frontier. Lyndon Johnson said in that great strong man, we shall overcome. And he looked Congress in the eye and he looked the American people in the eye and he accomplished miracles of legislative programs. Franklin Roosevelt found a nation broken in spirit and broken in its economy and almost with a broken heart. And with one or two words, all we

had to fear is fear itself this country came alive. Harry Truman put this country back together again after World War II with dynamism with integrity, with leadership, with plain unadulterated courage they called it "guts". And I want my party to act like that. Yes, we can constantly be mindful of limits of our ability to do things. But I believe in stretching your limits. The difference between a great people and an ordinary people is the ability to do what some people think is impossible. It was impossible to build a republic in this country. But we did it. It was impossible to cross the Appalachians across the plains, the deserts and over the mountains, the Rocky Mountains and to the west coast, but we did it. It was impossible to split an atom, but we did it. It was impossible to put a man on the moon and bring him back safely to earth, we did it. It was impossible to proclaim in the country that everyone should have an opportunity and we're doing it. That's what's made us great. That's the difference. It was impossible to build a society out of all the remnants of the earth. Every race creed and color, but we're doing it. And the minute we loose that spark that challenge, that spirit of adventure, that daring, the minute we loose it we're done.

I've been in the Soviet Union, I've been behind the so-called Iron Curtain many times, and they have the discipline of the whip the protalitarian state we have to depend on the discipline of the spirit. We have to believe. Believe in

ourselves, believe in our country, believe in our God and we have to believe here as people in politics in our party. And I ask you to believe in it because while we've made mistakes and Lordy we all know that none of us are perfect, and we know that there have been times that we've stumbled, I'm here to tell you that we have not aired on the side of trying to do too little, we may have aired on the side of trying to do too much. What's wrong with that? And I wish that those who think about American politics and write about American politics would keep in mind that unless you are spired to the heavens you shall never lift your feet from the earth. You've got to look up. Enough of that for a moment. Let's take a look at this other side.

Now we get brain-washed every once and a while. We've got people telling us today that the government doesn't work or that it isn't what there government may tell us that the people who have lost faith in government as I said to you a while ago, and they have lost faith in government. And one of the reasons they have lost faith in government is because we, I do not have people running this government today that make it work. If you've got a marvelous car that you know will take you to your destination, you don't condemn the car because it seems to wobble all over the road. You take a look at the driver, and you might even take a look at the

mechanics. And we've got a great vehicle here called the government of the United States and we've got a vehicle called the democratic party. But in this instance the government of the United States is in the hands of the opposition and they're driving this car of ours called the American economy, and they're in and out of the ditch. They're on both sides of the road. When they're supposed to be going forward they're going in reverse. When they're supposed to make a little turn to the right they turn to the left. They have an unsteady hand at the wheel and that's why people are confused. I suggest that what this country needs more than anything else is somebody to run the store. To put it in simple language. Just somebody to run the store.

Instead of that, what we have are people running around. That's what they have. You had Mr. Ford for months running around looking over his shoulder at Ronald Ragen. Then you had him running from one end of the world to the other. And then you're running around the country. But really what is the best politics today is to stay on you job. The American people have paid us to run this country. And they want us on the job running our country, doing our best in these troubled turbulent times, we need the crew aboard the ship of state, we're in storms. This is no time to go on out and look in the row boat and see what's going on out on the side of the ship. Hang in there. That's what's needed right now. Just hang in there and do our job. Our Republican friends have had a great time,

they tried to change... You know, when I came to Washington first, why...you know that people made a mistake and they didn't always blame it on somebody else. They sort of figured that you'd have to take blame for it yourself. Now you've been told and I've been told, because I grew up in the mid-west, and I want to tell you talk about Lebanon. I was the first elected democrat in the state of Minnesota in 100 years to the United States Senate. That's a fact. I was the first elected democratic Mayor of Minneapolis since 1917 and that was in 1945 when I was first elected. I waited a long time. My father was a democrat in South Dakota. It was illegal and immoral. I'll tell you it was tough. And I listened to all these Republican orations and all this Republican rhetoric and every once in a while I almost get trapped. And even now they continue to same thing. Listen to this. They still go around talking about balanced budgets. And have you.. if you had been you'd think that they'd never opened a budget. They promised balanced budgets and they promised it and they promised it and they beat it into people little children, they start them out just as soon as they blink an eye and say that Republicans balance budgets. And lady's and gentlemen, they have had more unbalanced budgets and it will cost you more in the last eight years then in any comparable period in human history two and three times. In that of \$200 billion to the public debt. That's more than we added in World War II. But

they said umh...none of that's our fault. Oh no. Of course they got a little recovery going now, that's their achievement, but if they had got an unbalanced budget, none of their fault.

Now my good friend Guss over here will tell you and tell you the truth that the Congress did not increase that budget, we've argued with the President what ought to go into the budget. We haven't the pie, the size of the pie, we've only argued what goes in under the crust. But Mr. Nixon and Mr. Ford and their compatriots go around talking about the unbalanced budget, the deficits and they're trving to scare the living daylights out of me. Well it's their deficits. They're in charge. Believe me if we were in charge they'd sure put it on our back and I don't intend to let that monkey off their back, not one minute, it's theirs.

They promised jobs. Who is it that lectures us on the work epic. Why they've made everybody that ever even get one food stamp feel guilty, they scolded all the people on welfare, even those that needed it, and they talk about the work epic. They have more who are unemployed under their administration then any time since the great depression. And that was due to Mr. Hoover. I'm not going to let them off the hook. And not only that, they not only have them unemployed they want to keep them that way. They have no program to end it except wait,

in fact they tell you openly that they planned it this way because in order to kill the fever of inflation you had to bleed the patient. You remember back, my young history friends here remember, in the 17th and 18th century we used to have these what they called doctors in those days and they were bleeders. George Washington died because he had an infection and they were bleeding him to get rid of the infection, getting the blood out of him. And they used to have in those days a barber pole, that wasn't for the barber's union, my friends out there from the labor movement, those were the first symbol of the medical profession. And I think we ought to give the barber commission the barber's union to get one of those barber poles and put it in front of the White House. Where it belongs.

A lot of friends here from the labor movement tonight and I want to thank them very, very much. Isn't this the town of Harry Boyer? Yes, Harry is the President of the AFL-CIO and my friend Ed Hauze, and they're all wonderful people here, but I just want you to know that they frankley admit Mr. Nixon and Mr. Ford and their advisors, that in order to overcome inflation you have to take a number of people out of the work force, put them off on welfare and , and unemployment compensation. That is not an exaggeration, they believe it. And they promise the stable dollar. Can you imagine what would have happened

if Hubert Humphrey had been elected in 1968 and I'd have to de-value your dollar twice. They would have said "I told you he's a dangerous socialist." They would have said it just like that. I often wondered what would have happened if I had gone to China too. Even I think that was a necessary trip, but twice they have de-valued our dollar abroad and they have de-valued your dollar at home with inflation in the largest amounts this country has ever experienced in its history, just like it never happened. Really they sort of remind me of somebody that's just robbed a bank and goes around saying he know's there's robbers around here. They de-valued this dollar and they say that they believe in free enterprise and that's when they really get out. You know they almost get their religious ferber when they get to the word free enterprise and the free market. They have done more to hurt free enterprise in these few years then any comparable administration since Herbert Hoover. Over ten thousand banckruptcy's last year alone. Ten thousand of them. I've never been able to understand why a businessman voted for these Republicans, I can understand why they would say they vote for them because it gets you in a little bit around some places, It's sort of like putting your cologne on. It kind of makes you feel good for a while. But anybody that has a responsibility of a corpora-

tion where they're supposed to be making money for the stockholders, that fellow is violating his prodcuiary responsibility by voting Republican because they don't make the money they make when they're under Demoncrats; and that's a fact. I wish it were just a joke but it's a fact and nobody can disprove it. The great champions of free enterprise talk, talk, talk, but little do prove it. All they promise is prosperity. I went through the Republican platform promises here the other day far up in Rhode Island to a Democratic dinner. You ought to have seen all the words they had on prosperity. Why Nixon said in 1972 that there will be no recession. We have the formula for continued prosperity. He hadn't more than gotton it out of his mouth and gotton back into office and they slammed on the brakes during that period in 1972 they poured the money out of the Federal Reserve System, they released the money from the Federal Treasury. It wasn't what they spent in the campaign of campaign contributions that was their campaign. It what was coming out of the Federal Treasury all over this land and then they slammed on the brakes and turned on turned off the spigot and we went into an economic tailspin. Prosperity. The longest recession since the great depression and the most costly. This recession, dear friends, has cost the American people \$300 billion in lost goods and services the last two years. That's the Joint

Economic Committee report. This recession will cost, according to the Office of Management and Budget the administration's own calculations, a trillion, five-hundred billion dollars in six years. That is \$7,000 for every man, woman and child. That is \$28,000 for a family of four that you've had to pay for economic mismanagement. Economic mismanagement of from one day saying we ought to have a tax increase, a month later saying we ought to have a tax decrease. One time Mr. Nixon said, "No, no, never any controls," and one week later complete controls across the book. They have had wage controls and price controls in phases and freezes and surtaxes and taxes and tax decreases, not an investor in America has ever known what the rules of the game were. You go out in my part of the country and talk to the farmers. Just a year ago, Mr. Ford said, "There will never again be Federal Government interference in the agriculture market," and they slammed on embargo just like that when we produced 2 billion, 200 million bushels a week which is exactly 1 billion, 400 million bushels that we can eat. And it cost my farm people in the mid-West to lose a dollar/^{a bushel}on wheat in thirty days. Then they get up and say we're against the interference of government in the market place. I don't say they lie--I just say the facts prove they don't tell the truth.

They've promised law and order haven't they? My goodness I ran in 1968 and I kind of thought I must be a common criminal. Everytime I go any place they talk about the horrendous crime that was under the Johnson/Humphrey administration. Am I lucky that we looked like we were the all time sherrif. The crime rate today makes anything that we've had in the past look like it never happened. We got the highest crime rate in America that we've ever experienced in our national history. And they don't even ask why! Now look, I don't say that a President can do everything that you'd and I'd like to have done. I just don't want him to claim all of these things. I'm just trying to put it right. They'd better quit talking about their balanced budgets because they've been unbalanced. We'll take part of the blame, but they're going to take their share. They had better quit talking about the stable dollar; they've done more to destroy its value than any administration since the time of the civil war. They had better quit talking about jobs. And they've promised in every single platform, jobs, jobs, jobs for the working people of our country. They not only have denied many working people jobs but the worker today in America his income today, in terms of purchasing power is not one dime more than it was in 1965. He's right back where it was. Those are actual statistical facts. The cost of this recession, the waste,

they speak of waste in government, and we sure have plenty of it; but the waste that is consuming this country today is the waste of 25% of our plant capacity/^{is}idle. Twenty-five percent of everything that this country owns in terms of plant capacity, manufacturing equipment is idle. And when that plant capacity is idle, cost go up and people lose jobs, income is lost, revenues are lost, production is not made possible. They talk about 8.3 unemployment. I want this audience to know that true unemployment in this country is closer to 11%. Not 8.3 in the national average, but if you take, in fact there are in those that are part-time employed, there are those that have dropped out of the labor market, the real proof is 11%. For the 11% it's a disaster. For the country it's like a consuming infection. I was in Rhode Island I mentioned--what do you think the unemployment rate is there--12.2. What's it around here, about 7? 9? At least 9. What is it in Detroit? 18 - 19% What is it in Miami; 16 - 17%. Phoenix, 16%. Chicago, 11%. New York City, 14/15%, and that's where people live. Again, dear friends, I mention this to you for one reason above all, no effort is being made in the highest office of this land to do much about except to wait to see how the market works its will.

And the promise us good government. Have I ever heard it. I've heard it so many times that I feel like a consummate sinner. Good government. Good government. We've never had more government mismanagement and corruption in this government since the time of Ulysses S. Grant and Warren G. Harding. And they are just not going to get by with it any more. Now we aren't going to go around and promise that we can heal all these things overnight. The Democrats are going to win in 1976 not because we have miracle cures for everything 'cause we don't. The Democrats are going to win in 1976 because we are going to demonstrate to the people by our actions and by our record that we care. That we are concerned about people that we really care. I couldn't help but think what John Kennedy said in '60. Listen to what he had to say in that race of 1960. There was a Republican recession on then. They had three of them in the period of 1952 to 1960. They've never been in that they didn't have one. Automatic. Sort of like a child getting the hiccups. Here's what he had to say. This is a race, not merely between two parties it is a race between the comfortable and the concerned. Those who are willing to sit and lie at anchor and those who want to go forward. This country has developed as it has because in other great areas of crisis we have chosen to go forward. And I'll tell you these words are very meaningful today. It is a race and a contest between the concerned and

the comfortable. I'm not hear to tell you that Mr. Ford is not a nice fellow. I'm not trying to make my remarks personal. I came to Congress with Jerry Ford in the 81st Congress. Mrs. Humphrey and I know Betty and Gerald Ford as we know some of our best friends. We have been good personal friends. And I have said and a hundred of other people have said that he is a nice man and a decent man and that's right but, so is my Uncle Fred but he ought not to be President of the United States. I've just got to tell you.

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Ninety billion. Ninety billion. He says that if the states -- someone said how are you going to do it Mr. Reagan? -- he said I'm going to put all this responsibility back on the states. Well I don't know what your legislature can do, but our legislature cannot tax mobile, we can't tax a multi-national corporation, we can't tax IBM in Minnesota. We can tax what little IBM activity is in Minnesota but we can't tax those foreign investments that they make and the battle of this election is who is going to pay the bill? That's what its all about. And Mr. Reagan had this pointed out to him by correspondents and by Mr. Ford himself and finally Mr. Reagan said and I quote you, he said if the states don't provide for the poor or the unemployed or the handicapped or the students you can vote with your feet;

you can move elsewhere, this is a man who wants to be President. Who says, look Grandpa and Grandma, age 70, if they can't take care of you in Minnesota, well you just get up and go walking, you go on to Wisconsin or you go on to Michigan. What kind of talk is this? Or ~~it says to the~~ handicapped that can't walk or to the retarded child that can't help itself -- does he say, well, if you don't like it where you are, you can always walk and vote with your feet.

Ladies and gentlemen, I hope we vote with our feet and hands and never let these people in office. That kind of people ought not to be in office.

I try to figure out why in the world some of these Republican statements come out. I am chairman of the Joint Economic Committee of the Congress of the United States, bi-partisan, two houses of Congress and a professional staff. What I've told you tonight in economic terms has been written in language that's official documents of this government. Everything that ought to be up has come down and everything that ought to be down is going up. Prices ought to be coming down; they are going up. Employment ought to be going up; it's going down. And I've tried to figure out what causes it. Now you heard Lyndon Johnson speak of our president and I thought he was too rough on him and I said so. But it's all in good humor and we do these days. President Johnson said something about, you know, couldn't chew gum and walk at the same time and all that kind of mean stuff. And about his

helmut and all that, and that was mean. I mean it, it was really mean. That's not the problem at all. I just want you to know I'm aware of it because I'm from the University of Minnesota and President was from the University of Michigan, and in those days we had a good football team at Minnesota. We had Bernie Bierman there and we were national champions for years and used to clean up on Michigan regularly just for openers for the season. Gerald Ford was an All-American and he was good; he was a great football player. He played center. Now listen, friends, when you play center and you're leaning down like that, looking up, you see everything upside down and you know that. And I happen to believe that this physical characteristic has been translated into a fiscal policy.

Let me just close it off here with the President's budget message. Now the President's going to tell you that we Democrats are going to have a big hassle with him on this budget. I want you to know the truth now. We're not going to hassle so much about the size of the budget; we're going to argue and hassle about what's in the budget again. That's it. He picked out of thin air one day three hundred ninety five billion dollars; nobody knew where he got that figure; he just picked it out. And then he says to the Office of Budget, now you plan around that \$395 billion. So they did. So that's the figure we have based on lots of calculations which don't hold water. Including their revenue calculation. But let's not argue about the size of the budget for a minute. What I'm arguing about is what's in it. A 15 percent increase in the

Department of Defense expenditures, 30 billion dollars for new weapons. Now don't misunderstand me -- I served in the National Security Council of your government; I'm the only member of Congress that has. I do not believe in unilateral disarmament. I do not underestimate the Soviet Union and I never have. But I want to tell you that if we've got to take it easy on some things and we can't do everything we want as the President and others say, for education, for health, for all of this, then we don't have to do everything at once in Defense either. We can piece it. We've got the largest bomber force in the world, the B52's that make everything else fade into insignificance. We've got the most modern, the most effective, the most powerful submarine force in the world. Oh, they've got a few more boats than we have but they haven't got what we have in terms of missilery and guidance on those boats, the Poseidon, the Polaris, and the forthcoming Trident. We've got missiles with uncanny accuracy. We are in a position, dear friends today, that it's almost criminal to talk about it, that if there was an exchange of weaponry between our two countries two hundred and fifty million people would be killed in the first hour. And to say that we need that much more right now when this country is in trouble I think is to have poor judgment. Oh, we need some more and I'm for giving them some more but when you add on 15 percent more and nine billion dollars extra over and above last year in new weapons, over and beyond the cost of inflation, Gus, and then you cut 27 percent on your manpower programs, you cut a billion dollars out of your school lunch

and your nutrition programs and you cut money out of your health programs, and you cut money out of your education programs, I think you're in trouble in terms of your judgements. You cut out a billion and a half dollars out of your agricultural programs and what do you think is the margin of strength between the countries of the Soviet Union and the United States today? Food. Food. Who do they think they can fight if they can't produce food. You and I know it.

So here is a budget that doesn't employ anybody beyond who is already employed. Here is a budget that adds to its inflation, and it admits it. Here is a budget that still leaves this country with about 45 to 50 billion dollars deficit. And the President is going to try to make it appear that we Democrats are reckless, spenders. I said to his chief economic advisor in a hearing the other day, I said, Mr. Greenspan, Dr. Greenspan, the trouble with you is you're always talking about the price of the prescription and never talking about the cost of the disease. And that's a fact. I want to tell you we have spending 40 billion dollars this year in the federal treasury, in the federal budget, for unemployment compensation, food stamps, and welfare. I tell you that if you took half of that money and put it into jobs and public works, you'd be getting people back on payrolls, they'd begin to pay their taxes, and they'd have a sense of dignity. I want to get this country off the dole and get it back to work. I want to have people have a paycheck and not a welfare check. I want

to see that this country does things. We're talking about waste. Ladies and gentlemen, we are 50 (or did he say 15???) years behind in our reforestration. Fifty (15???) years, and I want to say to the young folks in this audience, it will be in your lifetime that we'll run out of trees because people haven't been planting them in my lifetime. Our cities are rotting from within. Our highways need improving. The railroad system of this country is a national disgrace in many parts of America. We need to do things. We need to build those railroads up again. We're going to need those railroads. You talk about defense. Defense is not just in weapons; it's in your transportation system, your food system, in your energy -- and I'll tell you what else it's in -- in the spirit of our people. An old Englishman once said, Let a man have nothing to do for his country and he shall have no love for it. We've cut enough people out of the action in this country. You leave enough people in dispair in this country, you'll have an enemy within that you won't know what to do with. I've never thought that the Soviets and the Communists would defeat us because I've always known that we'd build enough machinery or whatever it was to stop them. What worries me is what happens within us. And I charge this administration with gross neglect of the public good. I charge them with an unwillingness to recognize the value of people and work. We need work. We need jobs. We need production. We need to build. We need to construct. And what these people have got is a computer that can write checks. That computer is almost a curse; it can write 'em out like that.

What we need is somebody with enough common horsesense, you don't have to go to Harvard to get it, just enough horsesense to take a look out here and see that we need to build houses and get a line of credit at a reasonable rate of interest and see that people can build their homes and that will put American back to work, millions of them. Why not?

Why is it that I preside over a committee and they come in they want five billion four hundred millions for military assistance. They want three billion for foreign aid. They want two billion more for the Inter-American Development Bank. And what is the loan rate for low income people? First of all, two percent. Now don't misunderstand me again. I want to help my brothers and sisters in this world. I'm a citizen of the world. I understand international responsibilities. But I'm telling you, dear friends, that unless America can take care of itself, we aren't going to be able to take care of anybody else. We've got to start right here.

And I'm here to tell you that if we can put billions of dollars into the World Bank and into the Inter-American Development Bank and necessary institutions they are, and they can make loans even to the Soviet Union at six percent, and you can make a loan to old Ole Olson out in Minnesota that wants to build a house at six percent and you can make one up here in Berks County and in Reading, Pennsylvania, -- it's all a matter of policy. We justify Export-Import Bank loans because it creates industrial jobs, because it exports American technology. I'm for it. We justify the World Bank because we've got to help

people around the world. I'm for it. But I'm here to tell you that if you can loan money to the Soviet Union and Afghanistan and Brazil at five, six, and seven percent, then you can loan the people of Pennsylvania and the people of Minnesota and the other 48 states of this Union at the same rate of interest if the government wants to.

Enough. I just want you to get reved up. And don't you let people go around telling you that we can't do these things. I'll take them all on, one at a time, you bring 'em on up. Because some of us have lived long enough and have been in this game of government long enough to know what goes on. And I'm not going to let somebody come up with a lot of fancy economic terms and start telling me we can't do this and can't do that. We've got more can't-do artists down in Washington on the payroll than any country ought to have. I want somebody that says, Can Do. I want somebody that doesn't veto. I want somebody that signs. And I want somebody in that White House and in this government that quits saying to America, No, No. I want somebody in there that says to America, Go, Go.

Thank you very much.

x country
x committee
Friend of
Bob Mickoloff

- ① Gus Yatron
- ② Mr Richard Miles -
- ③ John Ånsbäck - Lebanon County
- ④ Dave Batdorf - County Chr
- (Son - Dave -)

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
FUNDRAISER FOR BERKS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

READING, PENNSYLVANIA

FEBRUARY 3, 1976

Gus Yatron
Mayor Kuzminski

6th DIST { 4 terms as your Congressman
Congressman Gus Yatron -
(Leader in Greek Community - Cyprus)
former Congressman Geo. Rhodes

Berks + School Kill Counties

At Senator Mike O'Plake (opaque)

Harry Boyer - Pres. AFH CIO - Penney

Ed Haas - Steel workers

Bill Norman

" (Pres. CLU of Reading)

x Mayor Joe Kuzminski

(Geo Rhodes + Margie)

Budget

unemp

1976: 8.3% AND

1975 AVERAGE 8.5%

AND MORE FORD JOB VETOES EXPECTED!

INFLATION:

1968: 4.5%

1975: 9.1% FOR CONSUMER PRICES

SINCE 1972 CONSUMER PRICES UP 30%, AND
REAL PURCHASING POWER FALLEN BY 5.4%.

THE WAR AGAINST POVERTY:

1960s: 15 MILLION AMERICANS
WORKED THEIR WAY OUT OF
POVERTY.

SINCE 1970: PROGRESS
REVERSED. IN 1974:
1.3 MILLION ADDED TO
POVERTY ROLLS.

ECONOMIC EXPANSION:

AFTER STEADY GROWTH IN THE 1960s, THE 1970s HAVE SEEN A
SERIOUS SETBACK. BY THE END OF THIS DECADE THE GOP RECESSION
WILL HAVE COST AMERICA \$1.5 TRILLION AS A RESULT OF IDLE
FACTORIES AND UNEMPLOYED MEN AND WOMEN. -7000 per man

- \$7000 per man
woman &
child.

HOUSING:

IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, WE'VE BEEN CONSTRUCTING 12% FEWER HOUSES THAN THE AVERAGE OF 1961-63. THIS IS HALF THE HOMES ACTUALLY NEEDED. THE NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS CONSTRUCTED IN 1975 WAS 45% BELOW THE LEVEL IN 1972.

Gov Housing Program - 'The Indians would never had a Tree Fee'

Inflation - Recession | Cost of running
o Recession

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THE REPUBLICAN LEADERS:

PROMISE BALANCED BUDGETS AND HAVE THE HIGHEST BUDGET DEFICITS SINCE WORLD WAR II.

PROMISE JOBS - THE WORK ETHIC - AND HAVE THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION.

PROMISE A STABLE DOLLAR - AND HAVE THE HIGHEST INFLATION IN OUR HISTORY - + Devalued dollar twice

PROMISE FREE ENTERPRISE - AND HAVE PUT ON MORE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAN EVER BEFORE. + 10,000 Business failures

PROMISE PROSPERITY - AND HAVE THE LONGEST AND MOST COSTLY RECESSION SINCE THE HOOVER DEPRESSION.

PROMISE GOOD GOVERNMENT - AND ARE GUILTY OF MORE MISMANAGEMENT AND OUTRIGHT CORRUPTION THAN ANYTIME SINCE GRANT AND HARDING.

PROMISE LAW AND ORDER - AND PRESIDE OVER THE HIGHEST CRIME RECORD IN OUR HISTORY.

Promise - a home for every american family

BUT THEY SAY "FORD IS A NICE MAN" - AND SO HE IS - BUT SO IS MY UNCLE FRED, AND HE SHOULDN'T BE PRESIDENT.

WE ARE NOT DEALING WITH A QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE PRESIDENT IS FRIENDLY - WE ARE TALKING POLICIES AND PROGRAMS.

FORD - CENTER

Everything is up - Side Down - what should be up, like jobs, is Down; what should be down, like prices, is up!

Uncle Fred

NOW LISTEN TO REAGAN - \$90 BILLION BUDGET CUT --
AND TODAY HE SAYS IF THE STATES DON'T PROVIDE FOR
THE POOR, THE UNEMPLOYED, THE HANDICAPPED, THE
STUDENTS, "YOU CAN VOTE WITH YOUR FEET--YOU CAN
MOVE ELSEWHERE."

WE WILL WIN THE PRESIDENCY IN 1976, NOT BECAUSE
WE HAVE INSTANT MIRACLE CURES, BUT BECAUSE WE
CARE--WE DARE--WE PIONEER - *we try.*

SPIRITUAL CRISIS--

FDR: NEW DEAL

HST: FAIR DEAL

JFK: NEW FRONTIER

LBJ: GREAT SOCIETY

BE TRUE TO OURSELVES

DEMOCRATIC PROGRAM:

yes ~~Give American workers an opportunity to work~~
"WORK--JOBS--CONSTRUCT, BUILD--GIVE AMERICA A
CHANCE TO GO TO WORK."

1 ~~Give American business a chance to produce~~
YES, FDR: "THE COUNTRY NEEDS BOLD, PERSISTENT
EXPERIMENTATION. IT IS COMMON SENSE TO TAKE A
METHOD AND TRY IT. IF IT FAILS, ADMIT IT FRANKLY
AND TRY ANOTHER. BUT ABOVE ALL TRY SOMETHING." *Experiment*

I like Republicans

NOW, DON'T GET ME WRONG: "I LIKE REPUBLICANS, I
HAVE GROWN UP WITH THEM, WORKED WITH THEM, AND WOULD
TRUST THEM WITH ANYTHING IN THE WORLD--EXCEPT
PUBLIC OFFICE." (ADLAI STEVENSON)

IN 1960, JOHN KENNEDY DESCRIBED HIS RACE AGAINST
RICHARD NIXON IN THESE WORDS:

*JFK -
1960*

*Race between
the comfortable
&
the concerned*

"THIS IS A RACE NOT MERELY BETWEEN TWO PARTIES...
IT IS A RACE BETWEEN THE COMFORTABLE AND THE
CONCERNED / THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO SIT AND LIE AT
ANCHOR, AND THOSE WHO WANT TO GO FORWARD. THIS
COUNTRY HAS DEVELOPED AS IT IS BECAUSE IN OTHER
GREAT PERIODS OF CRISIS WE HAVE CHOSEN TO GO FORWARD."

THESE WORDS HAVE NOT LOST THEIR MEANING.

ford message

L IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE, PRESIDENT

FORD OFFERED NO NEW HOPE THAT THE KNOWLEDGE WE HAVE

TO MANAGE OUR ECONOMY WOULD BE USED CONSTRUCTIVELY.

L HE PROPOSED POLICIES THAT WILL KEEP OVER 20
MILLION PEOPLE OUT OF WORK THIS YEAR -- EACH ONE
AN AVERAGE OF FOUR LONG MONTHS.

Jobs

L HE PROPOSED POLICIES WHICH WILL HOLD INDUSTRIAL
OUTPUT AGAIN THIS YEAR BELOW THE 1974 LEVEL.

Industrial Prod

L HE PROPOSED STILL HIGHER ENERGY PRICES.

Energy Prices

L AND, HE PROPOSED AN INCREASE IN THE MOST
REGRESSIVE FEDERAL TAX OF ALL -- THE SOCIAL SECURITY
PAYROLL TAX.

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tax*

THESE PROPOSALS WILL TAKE OUR ECONOMY NOWHERE --

THEY ARE TOTALLY INADEQUATE TO MEET OUR NEEDS.

PRESIDENT FORD WANTS TO SHUT DOWN OUR JOBS
PROGRAM, CUT BACK ON EDUCATION, INCREASE HEALTH
CARE COSTS TO THE ELDERLY, AND SLASH CHILD NUTRITION
EFFORTS.

Budget

I REJECT THESE POLICIES OF RETREAT AND RETRENCH-
MENT. IT'S TIME TO CONFRONT OUR PROBLEMS HEAD-ON
AND SOLVE THEM. IT IS TIME TO GET AMERICA BACK TO
WORK.

LET'S GET PEOPLE OUT OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICE
AND BACK ON THE JOB.

L AND LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT THESE STAGGERING
INTEREST RATES AND PROVIDE CREDIT FOR THOSE WHO
NEED IT MOST.

Credit

L WHEN 30 PERCENT OF OUR MINES AND FACTORIES
ARE SHUT-DOWN AND 11 PERCENT OF OUR PEOPLE ARE OUT
OF WORK, CREDIT IS A MUST.

L YOU FIGHT INFLATION BY INCREASING THE SUPPLY
OF CREDIT AND LOWERING INTEREST RATES.

+ Increased
Production

L WHEN THAT CREDIT PUTS IDLE RESOURCES TO WORK,
IT'S NOT INFLATIONARY.

L IT RAISES PRODUCTIVITY--WHICH HOLDS DOWN
PRICES.

h IT INCREASES THE SUPPLY OF GOODS AND SERVICES --
WHICH ALSO HOLDS DOWN PRICES.

L AND IT PUTS PEOPLE BACK TO WORK -- WHICH
REDUCES TAXES PAID OUT FOR WELFARE.

L AMERICA IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF A PRESIDENT
WHO CAN AND WILL TACKLE THE PROBLEMS OF WASTED
LIVES AND WASTED RESOURCE WITH VIGOR, WISDOM AND
COMPASSION.

L WE NEED A PRESIDENT WILLING TO LOOK INTO THE
EYES OF THE WORKING MEN AND WOMEN OF AMERICA.

L WE NEED A PRESIDENT WILLING TO PICK ADVISORS
FROM MAIN STREET, NOT WALL STREET.

FINALLY, WE NEED A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT WHO
WILL HAVE THE WILL, THE STRENGTH AND THE VISION
TO DO WHAT RICHARD NIXON AND GERALD FORD NEVER
COULD -- TO MANAGE THE ECONOMY TO BENEFIT ALL
AMERICANS, AND NOT JUST THEIR CHOSEN FEW.

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THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS THE WILL TO MOVE
AMERICA FORWARD. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO STAY ANCHORED
TO THE POLITICS OF COOLIDGE, THE ECONOMICS OF
HOOVER, THE MORALITY OF NIXON, AND THE CONFUSION
OF FORD.

THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES. I BELIEVE THAT THE
DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN PENNSYLVANIA AND AROUND THE
NATION NOW IS READY TO POINT THE WAY TO BETTER
TOMORROWS FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

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