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Gerald R. Ford

M.C.

Speech cuts (non-TV)

Canton Ohio

June 9



MICHIGAN.

Rumblings of discontent and disenchantment with the ways things are going in the alleged Great Society are spreading across the land.

Sounds of unrest that signal a great awakening of the American electorate offer the Republican Party a great opportunity.

We must: move with calculated speed

work together

accentuate the positive

take strong and sound positions on the issues

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Let's take a sharp look at what's happened to--and in---the opposition party to discover the direction we as Republicans must take almost immediately.

First--- this Congress ---with Democrats slam-banging through legislation under the powerful political fist of the White House---has set a record of rubber-stamping. The resulting legislation is long on quantity and short on quality.

Secondly---millions of Americans are learning that the Democrat-controlled Congress has sandbagged them with more taxes arbitrarily taken from their paychecks.

*More*



Congressional action so far means Americans will have less money to spend on necessities, slimmer bank accounts and more choking federal control. They can blame the Democrats who have cringed under White House political whip-lashing.

Actually, the Democrats in the House have ignored millions of Americans.

(Discuss) wasteful and inequitable aid-to-education bill

Medicare scheme

Appalachia

(Discuss) the GOP alternatives, which were better, yet were defeated by the wasteful haste of a Democrat-manacled House.

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Meanwhile...rip-roaring political family brawling in ranks of the opposition party over foreign policy while Republicans are peacefully achieving unity.

This beefing and stewing on important national issue reflects Republican philosophy that we think first of the people and the Nation... refusing to put politics ahead of national interest.

(Discuss) danger of losing two-party system

brazen displays of political power in White House

President--finger-pointing--demanded passage of his

voting rights "law"

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To win we must:

- \* Recover the fumbles made by the Administration.
- \* Be a constructive, responsible force mounting a flashing attack using new ideas and better legislative proposals.
- \* Recruit more members in the ranks and enlist more, intelligent, articulate, and personable candidates.
- \* Establish basic positions, broaden the Party's base and re-assert our principles that demand preservation of individual freedom and human dignity.
- \* Raise more money
- \* Build better communications ~~thh~~ the public at large.



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Republicans in the House of Representatives, who are faced with overwhelming opposition in voting strength on legislation and awesome power in the executive branch have at least five major duties and responsibilities.

(B)

First, we must exert our influence in a positive manner to help guide our Nation toward freedom, security, peace and well-being within the framework of sound fiscal responsibility and the Constitution.

Secondly, we should support the Administration when it is right, oppose it when it is wrong, at the same time presenting constructive alternative proposals.

Our third duty is to expose any failures of the present Administration to keep promises made during the 1964 election campaign.

The fourth responsibility is to strive for a strong two-party system to overcome the present imbalance of power in the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government.

Finally, we must work with dedication and zeal to maintain and strengthen unity in the Republican ranks.



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Recall the young minister's advice from a senior member of the clergy:

"Tell the congregation what you intend to tell them...then tell them what you said you would tell them....when you've finished, tell them what you've told them."

(Then repeat what Republican party must do to win *(from card #6+)*)

If we fail, we will fail the American people.

Winning means contributing in great measure to the strength, the welfare, the health, the growth, the prosperity, the well-being of every citizen in the United States and in the society of free world nations.

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4:10

Thank you very much.

Republicans know a five-cent dollar <sup>will</sup> ~~could~~ bring our mighty Nation to its <sup>just</sup> knees, as effectively as a massive atomic attack. This is why we are <sup>so</sup> deeply concerned with deficit spending, an adverse balance of payments and the drain on Uncle Sam's gold reserve.

Our Federal Government has been guilty of irresponsible spending for the past four and a half years. During times of high national economic activity and unprecedented tax earnings, this Administration has piled up \$28 billions of new debt. <sup>As a consequence</sup> ~~Nevertheless~~, the other day President Johnson requested Congress to approve another increase in <sup>national</sup> the debt limit---the 8th in less than five years---to bring our debt to the staggering sum of \$328 billion.

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<sup>During this time -</sup>  
I emphasize ~~that~~ extravagance has been displayed in non-defense spending. There should be <sup>NO cutback</sup> ~~not~~ let-down in responsible military <sup>funding for our national security.</sup> ~~financial investment.~~ At the same time there must be sacrifices <sup>in other government agencies</sup> and belt-tightening ~~at home~~ to match the sacrifices being made ~~at~~



battlefields in two hemispheres in our fight against Communist aggression.

On the domestic scene we are living on a gigantic national credit card, borrowing millions of dollars hoping tomorrow will be better than today. Now---there's nothing wrong with responsible credit. But, there's a great difference between living within our budget and plunging ~~recklessly~~ <sup>headlong</sup> into debt <sup>beyond our means</sup>

~~Reckless spending and a resulting fantastic debt~~ has created a threatening menace--- inflation. No longer lurking <sup>in the background</sup> ~~as an omen~~, inflation ~~emerged~~ has ~~emerged~~ as a ~~genuine~~ genuine possibility.

*What does inflation do to us?*

~~How does inflation work?~~-----it's a silent robber stealing buying power, robbing value, looting savings, stripping bank accounts. It is a crime against thrift. It can take away future financial security. It can push us into the unhappy misery of being flat broke; <sup>our government in</sup> ~~chaos~~.

Republicans believe in a <sup>sound</sup> dollar, ~~that's worth one hundred cents.~~

We are worried about the trend of today. <sup>We know the tragic</sup> ~~Based on a 1939 dollar,~~ ~~fate of other nations that went over the brink, victims of bad~~ ~~worth its full value, today's dollar will buy just 44 cents worth of~~ ~~financial management, devastated by the ravages of inflation~~ ~~goods and services. This decline must not continue.~~



*The has come*  
~~It is time~~ for a national reawakening. *We must* ~~It is time~~ to ask pointed  
 questions about inflation. *We should* ~~It is a time~~ to question and ~~to~~ protest  
 those policies that recklessly trade a measure of fiscal wealth today  
 for a barrel of suffering, ruin and misery tomorrow.

The Federal Government should lead the way back to financial and  
 fiscal common sense. The House Republican Leadership *has +* will support those  
 policies which will guide us toward a solid, ~~solid~~ *solidly* financial future.  
*a construction*

It is not enough to propose programs that guess about tomorrow.

We must ~~follow~~ *follow* policies that will take care of *today +* the years to come in  
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Senatorial Campaign Committee.

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Statement by Rep. Gerald R. Ford  
for Ray Bliss testimonial dinner June 9, 1965

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*Charlie Percy*

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~~There is a serious danger of runaway inflation. It is the worst enemy we have.~~

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G.O.P. Dinner - Canton 55

Introduction - #155

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Internal Revenue story

BOW - All of us are sorry - not here

Everyone is pleased to know  
the problem not serious;  
he is on the way to full recovery.

Frank is one of my most valuable associates.  
He is an expert on fiscal matters.  
He intelligently & staunchly  
fights for financial integrity  
& responsibility.

Frank Bow is one of the best members  
of the House - Democrat or  
Republican.

We want & need him back.

Ashbrook



At the outset let me say there are three cornerstones in our Govt that have contributed significantly to the PROGRESS, the JUSTICE & the STRENGTH of our NATION:

1). Executive / Legislative / Judicial

Each a responsibility  
No one a superiority

Majority to rule  
Minority would be protected

Growth

2). Federal / State / Local

3). Two Party System

Avoided loss of freedom  
Chaos & Confusion

All three are in jeopardy — in 1966 must make a massive effort or our form of govt will be drastically changed.



We are in this critical situation

because -

A) awesome build-up of Power in the White House

- ① 2 1/2 million workers
- \$ 14 1/2 billions
- \$ 127            "

② 2 to 1 majorities in House & Senate

B) <sup>Ruthless</sup> Use of this power by the White House.

1) Curtail debate

2) Switch votes

Net result - { Congress is a paragon  
 Democratic members are puppets  
 When legislation comes from the White House Democrats don't know whether to clap their hands or kick their heels.

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2) State + local government are losing their identity, will wither on the vine.

3) Two party system will be destroyed.

4) Legislatively speaking - this Congress will be long on quantity short on quality.

Passes <sup>Federal aid to</sup> Education bill -

- a) Added \$2 billion per yr.
- b) Ducked the issue of State + Church.
- c) Will eventually lead to federal control

House has passed Health Care for Aged

Increased taxes  
Less effect care for aged

Agriculture -



Increased federal spending, by <sup>authority</sup> \$6 billion per year.

Increase in debt by \$30 billion  
" interest  
Opened door to inflation

Ran thru repeal of Sec. 14 b  
which will emasculate Taft -  
Hartley & Johnson - Rockefeller.

What must we do -

- 1) Republicans must achieve unity  
Opportunity for descent

RAY Bliss

- 2) Must have a program

Oppose - selective

Constructive Alternatives

Agree - President Johnson  
no coalition

Viet Nam  
Caribbean - <sup>coalition</sup> <sub>with in</sub> <sub>date</sub>

3) Self



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*Memo:*

*from* RALPH H. GOETTLER

DATE

*to* PROGRAM DIRECTOR

June 8, 1965

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released before 8:30 P.M. (EST) Wednesday,  
June 9, 1965.



SALUTE TO RAY BLISS

(OPENING BILLBOARDS)

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BALLROOM COLUMBUS

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SUP CARD "SALUTE

SUP CARD "IKE"

SUP CARD "BLISS"

SUP CARD "ROMNEY"

SUP CARD "ANDREWS"

SUP CARD "SCRANTON"

SUP CARD "MURPHY"

SUP CARD PERCY

SUP CARD "FORD"

SUP CARD "MORTON"

SUP CARD "REAGAN"

SUP CARD "RHODES"

GOOD EVENING.

THE OHIO REPUBLICAN FINANCE COMMITTEE,  
H. RICHARD P. NIEHOFF, CHAIRMAN, IS  
PRIVILEGED TO PRESENT NATIONALLY  
PROMINENT REPUBLICAN SPEAKERS IN...."A  
SALUTE TO RAY BLISS," FUND-RAISING PROGRAM  
FROM 8 OHIO CITIES OVER A 12-STATION  
OHIO TELEVISION NETWORK.

FROM CLEVELAND YOU WILL HEAR GENERAL  
DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, G-O-P NATIONAL  
CHAIRMAN RAY BLISS, AND GOVERNOR GEORGE  
ROMNEY OF MICHIGAN.

FROM TOLEDO, G-O-P STATE CHAIRMAN JOHN S.  
ANDREWS AND GOVERNOR WILLIAM SCRANTON OF  
PENNSYLVANIA.

FROM DAYTON, U. S. SENATOR GEORGE MURPHY  
OF CALIFORNIA.

FROM LIMA, CHARLES H. PERCY OF ILLINOIS,  
FROM CANTON, CONGRESSMAN GERALD FORD OF  
MICHIGAN.

FROM YOUNGSTOWN, U.S. SENATOR THRUSTON  
MORTON OF KENTUCKY.

FROM CINCINNATI, RONALD REAGAN OF  
CALIFORNIA.....AND FROM COLUMBUS

JAMES A RHODES, GOVERNOR OF OHIO AND

SUP CARD "NIXON"

THE HONORABLE RICHARD M. NIXON. AND NOW  
DIRECT FROM THE BALLROOM OF THE NEIL HOUSE  
IN COLUMBUS WE BRING YOU THE FIRST NEGRO  
TO EVER BE A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNOR'S  
CABINET.....THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL  
RELATIONS.....WILLIAM O. WALKER.

SUP CARD "WALKER"

REMARKS OF WILLIAM O. WALKER  
RAY BLISS TESTIMONIAL DINNER, JUNE 9th, 1965  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

(From 8:31:00 to 8:31:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time)  
Thirty Seconds

It is a high honor for me to have been assigned the pleasure of  
bringing to you the distinguished Governor of Ohio, -----James A. Rhodes.

REMARKS OF GOVERNOR JAMES A. RHODES  
RAY BLISS TESTIMONIAL DINNER, JUNE 9th, 1965  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

(From 8:31:<sup>30</sup> to 8:33:<sup>30</sup> p. m., Eastern Standard Time)  
Two Minutes

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, Republican State Finance Chairman, Dick Niehoff -- Speaker of the evening in Columbus, Richard M. Nixon -- as Governor of Ohio it gives me a great pleasure to welcome -- to Ohio -- the state where profit is not a dirty word -- the many distinguished Republican leaders from throughout the nation -- who will be seen and heard during the eight "Salute to Ray Bliss" dinners now in progress in Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Lima, Toledo and Youngstown.

There are so many highlights and important speakers to be seen and heard on this special all-Ohio one hour telecast that I feel my remarks should be brief so that greater speaking time will be made available to the out of state speakers.

However, I do wish to join the many persons throughout Ohio and the nation in giving recognition to my fellow Ohioan, the new Republican National Chairman, Ray Bliss, with whom I have been acquainted for a number of years. He is a dedicated, tireless worker, of whom it has been said he has never heard of a clock or calendar.



The subject matter to be discussed by the Republican leaders have been assigned by the program committee. It is with extreme pleasure that through the wonders of the television medium we will go to Cleveland, in a few seconds, where the former Republican President Dwight David Eisenhower will give the official tribute, in behalf of all of the speakers, appearing on this program to former Ohio Republican Chairman, Ray Bliss.

It is my pleasure to now present to you, direct from the Sheraton Hotel in Cleveland, General Eisenhower:

REMARKS OF GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER  
RAY BLISS TESTIMONIAL DINNER, JUNE 9th, 1965  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

(From 8:33:30 to 8:40:00 p. m., Eastern Standard Time)  
Six Minutes --- Thirty Seconds

Thank you Governor Rhodes.

And good evening my friends here in Cleveland and throughout Ohio.

What I have come to say here in Ohio is uttered far less as a partisan than as a deeply concerned citizen.

With everyone of you, I am convinced that we greatly need, not one but two strong political parties in the United States. Both firm in principle, and purpose, both aggressive, both powerful in numbers and in influence.

It is through their eager competition that you and I, and our children, can best be assured of good government.

Make no mistake; whether in American or any place else, lop-sided political control is a deadly threat to a free people. Two vigorously contending political parties are our great weapon against unwisdom on high, abuse of the public trust, and even tyranny whether of the benevolent or police state variety.

So tonight it is in that context not simply as a Republican --- that I share with you a few observations about an extraordinary political leader.

We of the Republican Party have borrowed Chairman Bliss from Ohio in a political season that is somewhat less than auspicious. This distinguished son of the Buckeye State has taken direction of the National Party on the heels of a crushing, nationwide, political defeat -- in the face of one party domination in the Nation's Capitol and despite his awareness of sharply differing convictions in his own party's ranks.

As such a time, and in such circumstances only a man of uncommon ability and resolution would shoulder the heavy burdens of the Party's Chairmanship.

At such a time, I would add, the party can do with no less than an uncommon leader.

I am sure that all Republicans will support Ray Bliss as he seeks to full fill his pledge of reorganizing, of reunifying, of reenergizing the party from the bottom to the top.

He asks and needs the aid of each of us in a program to persevere until the Party's resurgent force can implant prudence and balance of responsibility in the handling of state and national issues of concern to every citizen.

My friends, we are indeed fortunate to have such a man at this hour.

He has forgotten more about practical politics than most politicians ever learned.

For a third of a century, a precinct chairman, a member of a county executive committee, and a delegate to the state conventions.

For a quarter of a century, member of a county board of elections.

For two decades, a chairman of a county central committee.

For more than a decade, a member of the Republican National Committee.

For sixteen years, Republican State Chairman.

Delegate to the last four National Conventions.

And now, National Chairman of the Republican Party.

Fellow Americans -- that is political professionalism unexcelled in either party and unmatched in most of our Nation's history.

And this, to me, is what it means:

First, a rapid resurgence of Republican strength in all areas of the country, and as a partisan I rejoice in that.

Second, it means an early return to healthy political competition between our two major political parties, for this all who love freedom should give a cheer.

So tonight, and in your behalf, I welcome to National Leadership, and I salute, this tireless, dedicated man on whose ability so much depends.

Some years ago Ray Bliss wrote that a party chairman -- "needs the patience of Job, the wisdom of Solomon, and the hide of a rhinoceros."

Well, only Ray himself can vouch for the thickness and toughness of the hide.

But I can -- and I now do -- present to you, with great personal pleasure, a man who has the patience -- a man who in politics has that wisdom -- formally chairman of Ohio and now the Republican National Chairman, my good friend -- Ray C. Bliss.

REMARKS OF CHAIRMAN RAY C. BLISS  
RAY BLISS TESTIMONIAL DINNER, JUNE 9th, 1965  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

(From 8:40:00 to 8:42:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time)  
Two and One-Half Minutes

General Eisenhower, ladies and gentlemen, the generous remarks of this truly great and beloved American on an occasion which is so meaningful to me will always be treasured by me. No man is more dedicated to the integrity and success of the Republican Party than General Eisenhower. His support over the years, the wise counsel he has given me, his words of encouragement and inspiration are principle reasons why I stand here tonight as Republican National Chairman. But while his kind comments were directed to me -- and I am unable fully to express my gratitude -- they are pertinent to all of us assembled at all these dinners tonight throughout Ohio. In a much larger and far more important sense, they are significant for all Americans, regardless of their political persuasion.

Make no mistake about it, under the American system of government, with its checks and balances, with its specific administrative and legislative responsibilities, if either of the two parties ever become so weak that the other is unchallenged and unrestrained we then shall have ceased to be a Republic.

I don't claim to be a political medicine man with a secret cure-all potion. But I do try to be a hard worker and two months as your Republican National Chairman have convinced me -- had I needed any convincing -- that the only answer to a strong Republican Party is hard work.

General Curtis LeMay has a sign over his desk which reads, "the harder I work, the luckier I get".

I believe it.

Paraphrasing that statement --- I believe that the harder we work to recruit top flight, qualified candidates for every office in the land, the harder we work to develop a basically sound party structure, the harder we work to produce constructive alternates to the many problems of our day, the harder we work to secure the funds to propel our plans as you have done here in these dinners tonight, the luckier we will get.

My deepest appreciation to each of you for your wonderful turn out at these dinners tonight -- and now -- to Toledo, Ohio and our Republican State Chairman, John S. Andrews.

REMARKS OF STATE CHAIRMAN JOHN S. ANDREWS  
RAY BLISS TESTIMONIAL DINNER, JUNE 9th, 1965

(From 8:42:30 to 8:45:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time)  
Three Minutes

Tonight, as Ohio Republican State Chairman, I extend a warm welcome to the distinguished group of speakers who have made a personal trip into Ohio to honor our new National Chairman, Ray Bliss, and to give us the benefit of their knowledge and experience in our efforts to revitalize and strengthen the Republican Party.

To the thousands of guests who are attending the "Salute to Bliss" dinners in eight cities of our state, and to all those who are seeing and hearing this program on television, I want to tell you briefly about the Bliss legacy to the Republican Party in Ohio and to me as the new chairman, which will be beneficial to us for 1966.

In terms of numbers of Republican elected officeholders, no other industrial state in the Union exceeds Ohio. Every elected official in the Statehouse is Republican. Led by Governor James Rhodes, a most remarkable record of accomplishment is being written. His Jobs and Progress program reflects his deep concern for the problems of the people. It is benefitting every citizen of Ohio. And the records of other Statehouse officials are equally forward-looking and all are marked by integrity, efficiency and economy.

In the Ohio House of Representatives, Republicans are in the majority. In the Ohio Senate, Republicans are in a tie position.

Of the 24 Ohio Members of Congress, 14 are Republican. Many of them are senior members of their respective committees and all have the

respect of their colleagues.

All of these elected Republican officeholders representing Ohio in the Statehouse and in the Congress are setting a standard of excellence of performance of which we are justly proud.

This is the Republican picture in Ohio.

For me it is a matter of both pride and honor to salute Ray Bliss for the role he has played in this record.

And now, it is a privilege for me to share a platform with one of our distinguished guests and to present him to you tonight to discuss one of eight subjects of interest and concern to the American people. His subject is: HUMAN WELFARE. Ladies and Gentlemen, the distinguished Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Honorable WILLIAM SCRANTON.....

REMARKS OF GOVERNOR WILLIAM SCRANTON  
RAY BLISS TESTIMONIAL DINNER, JUNE 9th, 1965  
TOLEDO, OHIO

(From 8:45:30 to 8:50:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time)  
Five Minutes

(Closing statement only)

And now I present to you at Cleveland, the Governor of Michigan,  
the Honorable George Romney.

REMARKS OF GOVERNOR GEORGE ROMNEY  
RAY BLISS TESTIMONIAL DINNER, JUNE 9th, 1965  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

(From 8:50:30 to 8:55:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time)  
Five Minutes

My topic for this special event is "Equal Rights."

The Republican Party grew great because it excelled in breathing life into the principle of equal rights. Then our country grew great under Republican leadership. Abraham Lincoln gave us the prescription. He said: "Let us, in building our new Party, plant ourselves on the rock of the Declaration of Independence and the gates of hell shall not be able to prevail against us."

We believe, as he did, that all men should have equal rights, responsibilities, and opportunities, without regard to race, creed, color, station in life or accident of birth.

Generally speaking, Republicans have worked to achieve these beliefs. As a result, burdens have been lifted and barriers struck down that stood in the way of equal opportunity for personal progress through personal responsibility.

Republicans have led the long but incomplete fight for equal political and civil rights, particularly among the races; however, that little known but proud story is only one aspect of our Republican record on equal rights for all.

The Republican Party is also the party of equal economic rights. Economic opportunity for all was our first demand. Lincoln said: "The progress by which the poor, honest, industrious and resolute man raises himself... is the great principle for which this government was really formed."

Our first great Republican enactment was the Homestead Act, which provided economic opportunity for every willing American. It gave each the free opportunity to acquire land and through labor to better their condition in life.

Later, Republican anti-trust laws based on competition cleared the way for equal economic rights for business, organizations and customers.

We Republicans thus made the American economy truly dynamic, by putting the people as customers in the economic driver's seat. We required businesses and business men to compete for the economic favor of the people as free customers just as political parties and leaders compete for the political favor of the people as free citizens.

And under the wise and courageous leadership of Senator Bob Taft, a Republican Congress protected some of the union rights of individual working men and women through the Taft-Hartley Act.

The Republican Party is also the Party of equal educational rights and opportunities. We began with the Morrill Act, over 100 years ago, setting up the unique American system of land grant schools such as the State Universities of Ohio and Michigan, which widened economic opportunity for all more than any other single piece of legislation before or since.

Education is now the main door to equal economic opportunities, because it removes artificial inequality. It is also the way to personal fulfillment for every man and woman.

Teddy Roosevelt added the new dimension to our Republican concepts of equal rights for all. He demonstrated that equal rights, responsibility and opportunities depend on enforcement of the law without fear or favor. Republicans wholeheartedly believe in government by law; equal legal rights acquire just laws, impartially applied. Never in our nation's history have we been in greater need of law enforcement and equal rights based on law rather than on men.

As juvenile crime soars, corruption spreads, and power bloc government swells, equal rights and responsibilities shrink dangerously.

Dwight D. Eisenhower dramatized our Republican vision of equal rights for all the people of the world. Republicans recognize that only as we realize equal rights for Americans and others as well can the weight of human bondage in all its forms be lifted permanently from the shoulders of men everywhere in a world of peace.

I fervently believe our Nation depends on the Republican Party. I believe that as Republicans we all agree that our Republican principles and goals include:

Equal civil and political rights and responsibilities;

Equal educational rights and opportunities;

Equal economic rights and opportunities for owner, workers,

and above all, customers;

Equal legal rights through impartial enforcement of just laws.

I believe that the Declaration of Independence is not meant for Republicans or Americans alone, but contains eternal, inspired principles that are "self-evident" in their application to all men everywhere.

I believe that regardless of what others may do, we must intensify our individual and joint efforts to convince all Americans that by joining the Republican Party they will find the political answer to their growing inner concern about our nation's present and future course.

And now I present to you at Dayton, United States Senator from California, George Murphy.



REMARKS OF SENATOR GEORGE MURPHY  
RAY BLISS TESTIMONIAL DINNER, JUNE 9th, 1965  
DAYTON, OHIO

(From 8:55:30 to 9:00:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time)  
Five Minutes

(Closing statement only)

And now I present to you at Lima, a distinguished Republican ----  
Charles Percy.

REMARKS OF CHARLES H. PERCY  
RAY BLISS TESTIMONIAL DINNER, JUNE 9th, 1965

(From 9:00:30 to 9:05:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time)  
Five Minutes

Looking ahead we can clearly see some startling developments in the not too distant future:

--In the next generation there will be high speed interurban trains, so that an American worker could easily commute from New York to Washington or from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

--On commercial airplanes, flying several times the speed of sound, it will be no effort to spend the morning at the office, fly to London or Paris, and be home for dinner.

--We will land a man on the moon before 1970.

Yet a nation that has the ability and capacity to perform such remarkable technological feats, often has more difficulty with seemingly mundane problems. And for many, the future does not promise a Brave New World.

What do the years ahead hold for the school "drop-out" in an economy that has less and less need for unskilled labor?

Will the color of a man's skin or his religion or his place of birth prevent him from reaching his full potential in business or industry?

Many in both factory and office will rightly wonder whether they are to be replaced by a machine as jobs become more and more automated.

Older workers will continue to be concerned about being replaced by younger people with more education.

Farmers have a right to wonder whether their own productivity will drive them from the land.

The physically handicapped to many of whom can not find employment want to be trained for useful jobs at decent wages.

The Republican Party will continue to seek creative, meaningful and workable solutions to such problems. In our second century of service to the nation, we welcome the challenge and the opportunity ahead.

The highest domestic goal of a free society is to protect freedom of opportunity for its individual citizen.

Our national strength is dependent upon the degree of progress, well-being and security achieved by the individual American worker.

No society can or should attempt to see that all citizens end life's race at the same point, but a free society should aspire to help each individual start this race at a somewhat equal starting line.

In seeking to create programs and a climate to stimulate broader and more satisfactory job opportunities, the Republican Party will continue to operate within a framework that is in keeping with the uniqueness and genius of the American system:

--We will resist the false promise of efficiency that comes through centrally-controlled and implemented master plans which inevitably lead to coercion and control.

--We will place maximum reliance upon individual initiative and enterprise.

--Our solutions will demonstrate confidence in the workings of a free market.

--And we will seek solutions which stimulate people to respond to incentive and the promise of gain.

This is how, in the area of "job opportunities", the Republican Party plans to meet the challenge of the next decade.

And now I present to you at Canton, Republican Leader in the House of Representatives, the Honorable Gerald R. Ford.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE GERALD R. FORD  
RAY BLISS TESTIMONIAL DINNER, JUNE 9th, 1965  
CANTON, OHIO

(From 9:05:30 to 9:10:30 p. m. Eastern Standard Time)  
Five Minutes

Thank you very much.

Republicans know a five-cent dollar will bring our mighty Nation to its knees just as effectively as a massive atomic attack. This is why we are so deeply concerned with deficit spending, an adverse balance of payments, and the drain on Uncle Sam's gold reserve.

Our Federal Government has been guilty of irresponsible spending for the past four and a half years. During times of high national economic activity and unprecedented tax earnings, this Administration has piled up \$28 billions of new debt. As a consequence, the other day President Johnson requested Congress to approve another increase in the debt limit -- the 8th in less than five years -- to bring our national debt to the staggering sum of \$388 billion.

Interest payments on this debt, paid by tax dollars, total \$11 billion annually -- an increase of 10 percent in the past two years.

During this time -- I emphasize extravagance has been displayed in nondefense spending. There should be no cutback in responsible military funding for our national security. At the same time there must be sacrifices

and belt-tightening in other government agencies to match the sacrifices being made on battlefields in two hemispheres in our fight against Communist aggression.

On the domestic scene we are living on a gigantic national credit card, borrowing millions of dollars and hoping tomorrow will be better than today. Now -- there's nothing wrong with responsible credit. But, there's a great difference between living within our budget and plunging headlong into debt beyond our means.

Debt piled on debt has created a threatening menace -- inflation. No longer lurking in the background, inflation has emerged as a genuine possibility.

What does inflation do to us? -- It's a silent robber stealing buying power, robbing value, looting savings, stripping bank accounts. It is a crime against thrift. It can take away future financial security. It can push us into the unhappy misery of being flat broke; our government in chaos.

Republicans believe in a sound dollar. We are worried about the trend of today. We know the tragic fate of other nations that went over the brink, victims of bad financial management, devastated by the ravages of inflation.

The time has come for a national reawakening. We must ask pointed questions about inflation. We should question and protest those policies that recklessly trade a measure of fiscal wealth today for a barrel of suffering, ruin and misery tomorrow.

The Federal Government should lead the way back to financial and fiscal common sense. The House Republican Leadership has and will support those policies which will guide us toward a solid solvency, a constructive financial future.

It is not enough to propose programs that guess about tomorrow. We must pursue policies that will take care of today and the years to come in a way that is responsible, sound and prudent. Otherwise we will be haunted by the uncertainty of a five-cent dollar and the disaster that will follow. The Republican record has been good; and the future will be better.

And now I present to you at Youngstown -- the United States Senator from Kentucky and Chairman of the Senatorial Campaign Committee, the Honorable Thruston B. Morton.

REMARKS OF SENATOR THRUSTON B. MORTON  
RAY BLISS TESTIMONIAL DINNER, JUNE 9th, 1965  
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

(From 9:10:30 to 9:15:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time)  
Five Minutes

Thank you Representative Ford.

It is a privilege to be in Ohio again and to join with all of you in this state-wide Republican Rally.

I am particularly happy to have a part in this tribute to my long-time friend, that great Republican leader, Ray Bliss. He is the right man in the right place at the right time.

If it were possible this evening to question each of you individually on the domestic issues uppermost in your minds, I am sure that education would rank at or near the top of the list.

It is my conviction that the greatest challenges, the most compelling national needs of today, are in the field of education. This is a subject which vitally concerns not only students themselves but their parents and grandparents, and, indeed, every citizen as well. America's tomorrow is being shaped now in the public and private school of the Nation.

Today there is near unanimous agreement on the need for good schools and broad educational opportunities. But there is something less than a consensus among the American people as to how these goals shall be reached.

Disagreement exist not only among members of the federal-state-local officialdom but among educators as well. Moreover, the general public is sharply divided on such issues as federal aid to education and the proper role of government in achieving racially-balanced schools.

Because there are many sharp and even fundamental differences of opinion in the whole area of education, vacuums tend to develop. And when such a vacuum is created, the federal government moves in. All too eagerly, I believe, in all too many instances.

There seems to be a growing belief that Uncle can do it best. Certainly there is a place for the federal government in education. But its role should not be pre-eminent. Principal responsibility for planning, direction, and financing our public school system properly belongs to, and should remain with, state and local governments.

Under your great Governor, Jim Rhodes, Ohio is moving aggressively to meet its educational needs. The people of Ohio are determined that its sons and daughters shall continue to have first-class educational opportunities -- opportunities provided largely by the people of Ohio themselves.

This is state leadership at its best. Moreover, it is convincing evidence that Republicans have a positive approach to the needs of education. Too often we Republicans sit idly by while the opposition tags us with a label of "negativism". The truth of the matter is that our Party has always taken the leadership in presenting constructive programs for the improvement of educational opportunities.

It was the late Senator Bob Taft, one of the Republican greats of all time, who offered the first comprehensive education bill. It was a milestone. I had the honor of offering a companion bill in the House of Representatives, of which I was then a Member.

Despite the assertions of many Democrats, the recently passed Johnson plan and the Taft plan of 1946 are as different as night and day.

For several years now, Republicans have been urging federal income tax credits for low and middle income families with children in college. This proposal was defeated by the Democratic majority last year when tax reduction legislation was before the Congress.

All of us have clear responsibilities in the field of education. Republicans have never shirked those responsibilities, nor will they now.

Thank you.

And now may I present at Cincinnati, a distinguished Republican, Ronald Reagan.

REMARKS OF RONALD REAGAN  
RAY BLISS TESTIMONIAL DINNER, JUNE 9th, 1965  
CINCINNATI, OHIO

(From 9:15:30 to 9:20:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time)  
Five Minutes

Have we slipped from being a Great Nation by trying on something called the Great Society?

Have we surrendered the outstanding in relentless pursuit of the mean, medium and mediocre?

As I look at the programs being proposed for America, I wonder if any thinking went on before they were submitted. I do not mean the scheming, actuarial balancing, the suppositions and propositions involved in launching a new Federal fantasy -- I mean thinking about America's past - and its future.

I fear that we speak too lightly, and think too little about the system we call free enterprise. Today there seems to be a systematic effort abroad in our land to curb or eliminate free enterprise.

One of the vastly unfortunate facts of our system of government and business is that our commercial community is paying the bills for its own destruction. Profits from business pay for experiments by Government. It makes no difference whether the taxes come from the earnings of individual workers, from the earnings of a corporation as a business, or from the earnings of those who own its stock -- the salient fact remains that the Federal Government is attacking business and those who make their living

because business exists, with the proceeds of the planning and work of those millions of Americans who pay taxes.

One out of every six jobs today is for some form of Government. It is obvious that we need many Government services. It is equally obvious that Government has become a run-away growth. It has decided that it, not the ambition and sweat of America's people -- it, Government, is the main-spring that makes our system tick.

It could not be more wrong. Government does not create. Government consumes. Its consumption by its very nature is uneconomic. Government has no competition. It has virtually unlimited credit. And today it seeks in more and more fields to inject itself into direct competition with private enterprise.

We need but look around the world to see what standard of living has been in a lot of countries where Government runs its business. In the Soviet Union, automobiles are virtually unknown to the average man. Here we have 70 million, and the standard is how many, not what kind the American family owns. Had the Government been in charge of our developing the automobile, it is likely they would still be holding hearings on its feasibility.

Why must America emulate those whose systems have proven themselves inferior to our own. It has been shown time after time that when Government steps in, efficiency goes out. Free enterprise, competition, merchandizing, advertising -- these things built our Nation into an industrial

colossus. From the hot dog stand to the steel mill the incentive to move ahead, the freedom to do it, and the hard work of a dedicated and determined people built America.

Now we have those who would tell us what to grow and how much; what products to produce, how to package them, how to advertise them, and how much profit should be allowed. We have those who would make Federal ghettos of our housing, Federal reservations of our farms, Federal propaganda agencies of our press, radio and TV, and Federal regulatory playgrounds of our business community.

The sixties have been called an age of challenge. They are. For it is now we face the challenge of preserving a system that contains the boundless energy of free men freely producing for a free market. The alternative is the mediocre society -- a stagnating brackish morass of overlapping Government -- stifling, enervating, moving sluggishly through the sands of indifference to a dreary tomorrow.

The choice is yours. I prefer a Great Nation to a Great Society, any day.

And now I present to you at Columbus, the Honorable Richard M. Nixon.

THE HONORABLE RICHARD M. NIXON  
RAY BLISS TESTIMONIAL DINNER, JUNE 9th, 1965  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

(From 9:20:30 to 9:28:45 p.m., Eastern Standard Time)  
Eight Minutes -- Fifteen Seconds

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