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READING TEXT

Republican Dinner
Carthage, Missouri
October 6, 1965

*Great, great Ann
KISS*

*Governor of Virginia
Fulton*

When I was elected Republican leader of the House by a landslide,

I soon learned that the job includes many extra-legislative activities---
speech-making among them.

Since January 4th I've been in more than 30 states and before the
end of the year I will have visited possibly a dozen more. If
traveling is broadening, I should be 10 feet wide!

One evening I was a guest at a banquet without being scheduled to
make a formal speech. The toastmaster---like myself---was a graduate
of Yale University. For some reason he decided to call on me to make
an impromptu address.

The audience was bi-partisan. I couldn't take Republicanism and get
away with it. So I quickly decided to talk about Yale, as there were
many young people in the crowd who were at the point of choosing a
university.

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Fulton news*



Warming up to the subject I told how "Y" stands for youth, "A" for
appreciation, "L" for loyalty, and "E" for efficiency....the
words came easily and the clock ticked off the minutes.

As I concluded my speech, someone in the rear of the ~~auditorium~~
auditorium said in a loud voice, "It's a good thing he didn't
graduate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology!"

The invitation to ^{speak} ~~appear~~ with you tonight came from our fine friend
and my colleague in the House, Doc Hall. His letter went something
like this:

"Dear Jerry:

" Missouri Seventh District Republicans have a tradition of
having outstanding speakers at their dinner-meetings. In
the past, for example, we had Tom Curtis^{II}---(and he listed
several others).

Doc's letter concluded: "I hope you will accept. Up until now
we have had good programs."



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Another quote from his speech has ~~stayed~~ with me: He said: "You can't make footprints on the sands of time by sitting down!"---
this is good advice for anyone.

It's a special pleasure to be in Missouri ---the "show me" state.

Your slogan is an indication of rugged individualism, a quality shared by many fine Americans.



These are the Americans who every year ignore an Internal Revenue Service warning that tells them NOT to write in a small blank space at the top of the income tax form.

In bold strokes many of them write ~~there~~ pen this message----"I'll write any damned place I please!"

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Tonight I call upon you to make a very special effort.

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Unless we leave the splintering and bickering to the Democrats and become THE Republican Party, we will be a part of a ghostly myth--- next year, in fact. And, American unfortunately will have one-party government.

*All the greatness of our Constitutional System will go down the ~~core~~ drain. - System of checks & balances
Federalism*



That so-called "oneparty" dominating our beloved country will be heavy with big city political bosses, power-hungry labor dictators, theoretical way-out liberals more interested in a welfare state than in the state of the welfare.

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heavy-handedness in individual affairs will dangerously increase. *because*
of the tragedy of the last election,
The voices of the people will be even more muffled and muted.

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will grow and expand.

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beginning to stiffen against the arm-twisting pressures exerted by
the White House.

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Senate---have lined up in what amounts to a legislative revolt.

And, I'm happy to know that ^{*now*} some Democrats are beginning to mend
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their ways and join us Republicans in refusing to be rubber stamps
for the President! It is not enough - but we are making progress.



It is significant that some powerful Democrats are shaken by White House--controlled Congressional action.

Senator Mansfield very recently proposed that the next session of the 89th Congress "spend less time on new legislation and more time correcting oversights in legislation we have just passed."

The Senator Majority Leader also said: "We have passed a lot of major bills at this session, some of them very hastily, and they stand in extreme need of going over for loopholes, rough corners, and particularly for an assessment of current and ultimate cost....."

It is somewhat assuring to learn that Senator Mansfield apparently is awakening to the shocking cost of the Great Society.

This year alone, 20 major public laws spawned in the White House to maintain its alleged Great Society authorized new spending of an estimated \$16,767,300,000 in fiscal 1966. This fantastic spending is over and above so-called regular expenditures!

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I am pleased to learn at least some Democrats agree with Republicans that there is a place for responsible dissent and constructive criticism.

The Republican Party moves into a crucial campaign armed with several hard-hitting major issues.

The first is President Lyndon Johnson---his use and misuse of power.

The second is the erosion of the rights of states and local governments to conduct their own business without federal control.

The third is the loss of the identity of individuals who have little to say when one party controls national government by a 2 to 1 majority.

The fourth issue is a combination of inflation and the lack of fiscal sanity on the part of the Administration.



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Let's examine each of these issues more closely.

The President's Great Society is a shambles of contradictions. His

programs are dressed in purity of name to camouflage his burning

desire for popularity. ^{He} ~~His~~ gags the Congress and thus gags the

American people. He throttles open debate on vital and controversial

issues. His motto is "come, let us reason together"--and he really

means "come and I'll reason."

He claims his Great Society makes progress.

Is it progress to retreat from the principles of the Constitution?

Is it progress to perpetuate poverty by political exploitation and

purpose? Is it progress to stifle individual incentive? Is it

progress to set a record for a national debt? Is it progress to

have millions of Americans with less money to spend on necessities,

slimmer savings accounts, and more taxes arbitrarily taken from their

paychecks?

*Is it progress to tax one man's wages
to pay another man's rent.*

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I'm sure you have read and heard about action in the Senate led by Senator Dirksen that is intended to allow "extended debate" on President Johnson's demand to emasculate the Taft-Hartley Act.

In the House when the proposed repeal of Section 14-B of the Act was on the floor, one of the most brazen uses of the gag rule--with the President calling the shots---was the restriction clamped on debate. At the same time and by the identical method any opportunity to offer meaningful amendments was blocked.

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fate of the right-to-work law hangs in the balance, as do the futures
and freedoms of millions of Americans!

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How do we return balance to government, strengthen the Congress,
have a Republican in the White House who will put statesmanship
ahead of personal popularity in conducting the business of the
Executive branch?

Our plan must be an orderly, straight-forward one.

Republicans must work together to have a broadly-based, united Party.

Republicans victories must be won in state houses, counties and
townships all over America.

We must develop strong fund-raising activities, such as this one.

We should conduct a neighbor-to-neighbor crusade telling the electorate
day after day, week after week, what is wrong and how we will change
the situation.

New York's 33rd District can do it. The state of New York can do it.

Republicans everywhere can do it. The time to start is now!

Let's get rolling!

David + Goliath

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I subscribe to the general theme of his remark. However, I would ~~substitute~~ the word "dropped" with the word "shoveled."

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Meanwhile, the Great Society claims progress.

Well, what is progress?

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America--and some Democrats in Congress- are beginning to see these dangers.

They are learning that the Great Society's far-out dreams are built on foundations of sand...that misuse of political power in high places is frightening...that the Democrats are more interested in being popular than they are in true progress.

Yes, the Democrat record is extremely vulnerable.

Democrats demonstrate they want to concentrate all power in central government. They dodge responsible dissent and dialogue in Congress.

They bow to the will of the White House.

They live by the creed--big, bigger, biggest. Take more and the government spends more. Borrow against tomorrow and spend it all today.

Fatten the federal payroll. Tax, tax, tax...spend, spend, spend.

Democrats work to create a general welfare state. Republicans are interested in the state of the general welfare.

However there is hope. We Republicans are gaining allies. Senator Mansfield, the Democrat majority leader, raises vital questions.



With the craftiness of a river-boat gambler, the audacity of a carnival sideshow hawker, the use of political jungle tactics, and the position of his high office, he snapped a headlock on the runaway 89th Congress.

He lives by the creed---big, bigger, biggest. Take more and the government will spend more. Borrow against tomorrow and spent it all today. Fatten the federal payroll. Tax, tax, tax....spend, spend, spend---and shout the praises of the Great Society.

The goal of his Administration is the general welfare state, not the state of the general welfare.

Fortunately for the Nation, a slow burn is beginning to flush those in Congress who have followed the President without question, without argument---with faith and yet with fear.

Senator Mansfield, the powerful and respected Democrat majority leader, recently stood up to the White House with some strong advice.



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~~the many faces of Lyndon Baines Johnson.~~

Lyndon Johnson's
 They are learning that ~~his~~ far-out dreams are built on foundations of sand....his use and misuse of power as a total politician is frightening....he is actually more interested in being known as the most popular President in history than he is in true progress.

Yes, Lyndon B. Johnson ^{is} *political* ~~is~~ vulnerable.

He attempts to crush all opposition to his scheme aimed at concentrating all power in central government. He attempts to erase responsible dissent and dialogue in Congress. He ^{asks} ~~says~~---"come, let us reason together." What he really means is "come and I'll reason ~~while~~ while you click your heels and applaud."

He rode into office on a landslide by the promotion of a glittering, expensive scheme with an appealing name; by ~~capitalizing on the~~ ~~weakened emotions of a Nation deep in sorrow.~~ Without justification, he pre-empted the middle of the road, the mainstream of American political sentiment.

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Tonight I will discuss the government I described a few moments ago and how the situation offers the Republican Party a golden opportunity.

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Is it "effective" to have a steady growth of direct and hidden taxes?

Do we want history to record this era as one which marked the beginning of a one-party system?

Do we call it "success" to have Americans losing their identity in an alleged Great Society that sets a record for escalating bureaucracy?

Can't we say, as did Abraham Lincoln, "the best rule, after all, is to let the people do pretty well as they please with their own business?"

The issues are clear. They come more sharply into focus every day. They are creating an uneasiness, some deep fears, and unrest across America.

In the face of all this, what is the Republican course of action?



Then, along comes Vice President ~~Humphrey~~ Humphrey with some comment on what he describes as "the huge legislative tonnage dropped on our doorstep."

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Meanwhile, back at the ranch on weekends and the White House ⁱⁿ ~~during~~ ^{Rose garden,} ~~the week,~~ the President claims his Great Society makes progress.

What is progress.... real progress?



Our Party goes into a crucial campaign armed with several hard-hitting issues, which I described earlier as being clear-cut.

The first is President Lyndon Johnson--his use and misuse of power.

The second is the erosion of the rights of states and local governments to conduct their business without federal control.

The third is the loss of identity of individuals who have little to say when one party controls national government by a 2 to 1 majority and the Executive branch gags Congress with iron-fisted czarism.

The fourth issue is a combination of inflation and the lack of fiscal sanity on the part of the Administration.

This is our ammunition. How do we use it?

How do we return balance to government, strengthen the Congress, have a Republican in the White House who will put statesmanship ahead of personal popularity in conducting the business of the Executive branch?



We must conduct a neighbor-to-neighbor crusade telling the electorate what is wrong and how the Republican Party will change the situation.

In conclusion, I see the lopsided Democrat strength, the power in the White House, and the imbalance of government as the **Sekiah Goliath**---the towering giant, the bully.

I see our Republican Party as David...small, out-numbered, facing a giant task with courage, a strong will to win, and fighting on the side of freedom.

In 1966 we will---like David---unleash our sling-shot against the political Goliath now dominating America.

And, like David..... we will win victory!

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Is it "success" to have a Great Society escalating bureaucracy?

Is the Nation making forward strides when crime and lawlessness are on the increase?



The second vital issues involve each of the 50 states, which in effect are no longer sovereign.

They are by-passed by the Federal government.

A good example is the Federal Aid to Education bill. One of its key provisions allows the Federal government to make contracts directly with local boards of education.

In the so-called war on poverty program, a similar situation exists.

Substantial contracts, substantial arrangements, substantial funds are linked directly with Washington and the local governing units,

bypassing the states.

Thank goodness for our Republican Government.

Our third issue--- a frightening loss of individual identity

in the bureaucratic jungles---is the direct result of one political party clutching control of Congress and the White House.

Americans have become numbers. Too many have been brain-washed into believing that only the federal government can take care of their needs.

While they lean on Washington, the federal government not only leans on them, but smothers their initiative.

A government big enough.



With one party dominating Congress and controlling the White House, millions of Americans have nothing to say about the conduct of the Nation's business. They can only sit by and watch---today. Tomorrow, next year, they will have an opportunity to make ours not a Great Society with all failures, but a good one.

Inflation and lack of fiscal sanity are issues that reach into every American home.

What is inflation?

It is skyrocketing prices at the supermarket, higher tuition cost at college, a \$1,000 government bond bought in 1949 and worth only \$730 in buying power today.

Republicans want to meet this economic challenge now. The Great Society would like to pretend inflation either doesn't exist or would just fade away.

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What is fiscal sanity?

Is it a national debt greater than that of all other nations in the world combined? Is it \$800 billion in future spending commitments that require no new laws or programs? Is it cash-on-the-barrel-head for an alleged Great Society while the Administration uses installment buying for national security?

The answers are clear. Reckless spending and irresponsible Administration economic policies are leading the ~~hastens~~ way toward national and personal bankruptcy.

I have defined what I consider to be the major issues.

Now, what is the course of action for our Republican Party?

We must win victories to bring meaningful balance in government, to strengthen Congress, to topple the personal Democrat political empires in statehouses, counties and townships.

Our Party must be broadly-based, united.

We need to develop strong fund-raising campaigns. And, we should begin a neighbor-to-neighbor crusade.

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Candidates
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The Missouri Seventh District can do it. Your state can do it.

Republicans all over America can do it.

The electorate----including uneasy Democrats and independents

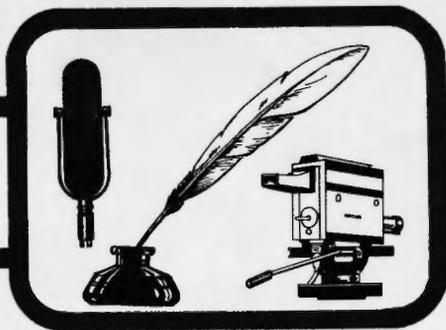
looking for hope--- says "show me!"

Together the Republican Party will do just that.

Thank you.

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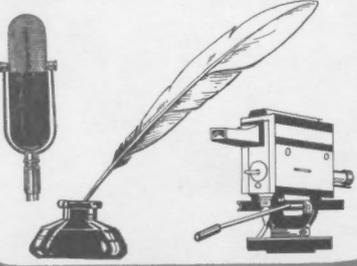
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Do we want history to record this era as one which marked the beginning of a one-party system with Congress as a puppet dangling on wires manipulated by the White House?

Is it "success" to have Americans losing their identity in a Great Society that sets a record for escalating bureaucracy?

Is the Nation making forward strides when crime and lawlessness are on the increase?