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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS AT U.S. JAYCEES NATIONAL CONVENTION, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1976

I AM DEEPLY HONORED TO JOIN ALL OF YOU HERE

THIS MORNING AND TO RECEIVE SUCH A KIND, GENEROUS

WELCOME.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THANK YOU, MR. ROBINSON.

(Di ck Robinson, President, U.S. Jaycees)

GOVERNOR BOWEN

MAYOR HUDNUT

MR. SIMENSEN

(Alfred Simensen, Exec. Vice President, U.S. Jaycees)

MEMBERS AND GUESTS OF THE UNITED STATES JAYCEES

I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS VISIT FOR

A LONG TIME BECAUSE THE JAYCEES HAVE ALWAYS MADE ME FEEL RIGHT

AT HOME. WHEN I WAS JUST BEGINNING A LAW CAREER IN 1941,

I BECAME A PROUD MEMBER OF THE LOCAL JAYCEE CHAPTER IN

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

IN ALL THE YEARS THAT HAVE FOLLOWED -- AS A CONGRESSMAN,

AS VICE PRESIDENT, AND NOW AS PRESIDENT -- I HAVE FOUND THE

PHILOSOPHY AND THE SPIRIT OF THE JAYCEES TO BE A GREAT SOURCE

OF PERSONAL STRENGTH.

SO IT IS GOOD TO BE AMONG FRIENDS AGAIN.

I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED THAT I CAN SALUTE YOU

ON THE EVE OF OUR 200TH ANNIVERSARY AS A NATION.

IF THERE IS ANY SINGLE ORGANIZATION - IF THERE

IS ANY SINGLE GROUP OF OUTSTANDING YOUNG AMERICANS --

THAT HAS COME TO REFLECT THE BICENTENNIAL SPIRIT, IT IS THE

UNITED STATES JAYCEES.

FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY, THE JAYCEES HAVE BEEN

A FERTILE BREEDING GROUND FOR AMERICA'S MOST PROMISING

YOUNG LEADERS - THE KIND OF LEADERS WHO MET IN PHILADELPHIA

IN 1776 AND PROCLAIMED A NEW AGE OF FREEDOM FOR MANKIND.

FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY, THE JAYCEES HAVE STOOD

TALL IN THEIR PATRIOTISM FOR AMERICA -- THE KIND OF

PATRIOTISM THAT RODE IN THE SADDLE WITH PAUL REVERE ON THE

OUTSKIRTS OF BOSTON AND INSPIRED PATRICK HENRY DOWN IN

COLONIAL WILLIAMS BURG.

AND FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY, THE JAYCEES HAVE

BEEN FILLED WITH A ROOKHARD DETERMINATION TO DO WHAT IS

BEST FOR AMERICA + THE KIND OF DETERMINATION THAT SAILED WITH

JOHN PAUL JONES WHEN HE WARNED THE ENEMY

" HAVE NOT

BEGUN TO FIGHT."

YOUTH, PATRIOTISM, DETERMINATION, A LOVE OF

LIBERTY -- THOSE ARE THE QUALITIES THAT I HAVE ALWAYS FOUND

IN THE JAYCEES AND I HOPE YOU WILL CARRY THEM FORWARD IN THE

YEARS AHEAD.

AFTER ALL, IF YOU DON'T, WHO WILL?

WHEN TWAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION,

WANTED + FOR MY FAMILY AND FOR MY COUNTRY.

MANY OF YOU TODAY MUST ASK YOURSELVES THE SAME

QUESTIONS. WHAT DO WE WANT FOR OURSELVES OVER THE NEXT

20 - 30 YEARS? WHAT DO WE REALLY WANT FOR AMERICA'S THIRD

CENTURY AS A NATION?

LET ME RESPOND TO THOSE QUESTIONS FOR A FEW

MOMENTS THIS MORNING BY SUGGESTING SOME OF MY OWN

ANSWERS.

FROM

MY READINGS OF HISTORY, I AM PERSUADED THAT

AMERICA'S FIRST TWO CENTURIES CAN BE SPLIT ROUGHLY IN HALF.

THE HALLMARK OF OUR FIRST CENTURY WAS THE

ESTABLISHMENT OF A FREE, DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN OUR LAND.

RISING UP FROM A WEAK, FLEDGLING NATION, OUR PEOPLE

SPRAWLED ACROSS THE CONTINENT. TERRITORIES WERE ACQUIRED,

STATES WERE FORMED. AND WARS WERE FOUGHT, NONE MORE

DEVASTATING THAN THE ONE THAT TURNED AMERICAN AGAINST AMERICAN.

BUT THE UNION SURVIVED THAT TERRIBLE ORDEAL, AND BY 1876 unto

BLICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT WAS FIRMLY IMPLANTED IN

OUR SOIL.

OUR SECOND CENTURY AS A NATION, I WOULD SUGGEST,

HAS BEEN MARKED BY THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF A GREAT INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM. THE PIONEER SPIRIT OF THE EARLY DAYS BEGAN -\ SPANNING THE NATION WITH RAILS, TO CONQUER NEW FRONTIERS TRANSFORMING OUR MANUFACTURING AND MARKETING, OUR CITIES WITH CONCRETE AND STEEL OUR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SO THAT AT THIS VERY MOMENT AN AMERICAN SPACECRAFT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MAN'S HISTORY IS PREPARING TO LAND ON THE PLANET MARS.

THESE HAVE BEEN GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS -- THE

TRIUMPH OF FREE GOVERNMENT IN OUR FIRST CENTURY, THE TRIUMPH

OF FREE ENTERPRISE IN OUR SECOND.

CLIMB AN EVEN HIGHER MOUNTAIN. LET US FULFILL THE DREAMS

OF THE EARLY FATHERS. LET US MAKE THESE NEW ONE HUNDRED

YEARS THE ULTIMATE TRIUMPH FOR OUR PEOPLE - THE TRIUMPH

OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WE HAVE MADE ENORMOUS PROGRESS IN SECURING

AND EXPANDING INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS IN THESE PAST TWO HUNDRED

YEARS - AND MUCH OF THAT PROGRESS HAS COME IN OUR OWN

LIFETIMES - BUT WE HAVE GERTAINLY NOT FINISHED THE JOB.

FULL INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM IN AMERICA MUST MEAN

America has the companion of the resources to meet this challenge.

FREEDOM FROM WANT. \\ SO LONG AS OUR NATION IS BURDENED

WITH HEAVY INFLATION AND HEAVY UNEMPLOYMENT, WE SHALL NOT

BE FREE.

OVER THE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS, DUE IN LARGE MEASURE TO

STOP-START ECONOMIC POLICIES IN WASHINGTON, THE UNITED STATES

ECONOMY HAS BEEN ON A LONG AND DANGEROUS ROLLER COASTER RIDE --

onl

UP GAN YEAR, DOWN THE NEXT.

THE ACCOMPANYING INFLATION HAS NOT ONLY ERODED PERSONAL

INCOME BUT HAS EATEN AWAY AT PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN OUR ECONOMIC

INSTITUTIONS

THE VERY INSTITUTIONS THAT ONCE SERVED TO GIVE

US THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF LIVING ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

THE FIRST ORDER TO GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES

TODAY IS TO PUT THE ECONOMY ON A SMOOTH, UPWARD COURSE AND

TO KEEP IT MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION. THE ENORMOUS SURGE

IN GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GOVERNMENT DEFICITS MUST BE

ENDED; INSTEAD OF CEASELESSLY RAISING THE GOVERNMENT'S

TAX COLLECTIONS

THE ONLY WAY TO HOLD DOWN THE COST OF LIVING THE COUNTRY

IS TO HOLD DOWN THE COST OF GOVERNMENT.

IF I MAY BE PERMITTED A WORD ON A SUBJECT THAT

THIS ORGANIZATION JOIN IN THE STRUGGLE TO ENACT RESPONSIBLE
NEW TAX LEGISLATION IN THE NEXT TEN DAYS.

ON JULY 1, THE TEMPORARY TAX CUT ENACTED LAST YEAR WILL EXPIRE AND, UNLESS THE CONGRESS ACTS PROMPTLY, TAXES WILL AUTOMATICALLY INCREASE. THE CONGRESS SHOULD NOT ONLY EXTEND THE TAX CUT BUT SHOULD INCREASE IT BY 10 BILLION DOLLARS - AND MAKE IT PERMANENT. THERE IS NO

EARNINGS WHEN IT CANNOT JUSTIFY THEIR USE AND ESPECIALLY
WHEN THE CANNOT DOWN

WHEN THEY WILL DO MORE GOOD FOR THE COUNTRY IN YOUR OWN

Let me identify, two specific provisions in the additional #10 billion tax reduction 2 propose & longino must approve to help your family or our lountry.

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FULL INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM IN AMERICA ALSO MEANS

FREEDOM FROM INTRUSIVE, OVERBEARING GOVERNMENT. THIS

IS A FAMILIAR THEME IN OUR HISTORY. THOMAS JEFFERSON

SOUNDED IT IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ITSELF WHERE

HE COMPLAINED THAT HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAD "ERECTED

A MULTITUDE OF NEW OFFICES AND SENT SWARMS OF OFFICERS

TO HARASS OUR PEOPLE."

TODAY WE SEE THE INTRUSION OF OUR OWN FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT IN MANY FORMS - SOME OLD, SOME NEW.

WE SEE IT IN THE MANY REGULATORY AGENCIES THAT

HAVE SPROUTED UP ALONG THE POTOMAC AND HAVE IMPOSED A

MASSIVE REGULATORY BURDEN UPON AMERICAN BUSINESS.

WE SEE IT IN THE WAY THAT SOME OF OUR OTHER

DEPARTMENTS IN WASHINGTON, UNDER REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED

BY THE CONGRESS, HAVE TAKEN OVER MANY OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT

WERE ONCE LEFT TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

WE SEE IT IN THE PAST RECORDS OF SOME GOVERNMENT

AGENCIES THAT EXCEEDED THEIR AUTHORITIES AND SPIED UPON

OR OTHERWISE VIOLATED THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS.

AND WE SEE IT IN THE WAY THAT A FEW OF OUR COURTS HAVE

WANDERED SO FAR INTO THE SCHOOL BUSING CONTROVERSY THAT THEY

ARE PRACTICALLY RUNNING SOME LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS.

THE TIME HAS COME TO ROLL BACK THE WAVE OF

BIG GOVERNMENT IN AMERICA.

a boot by brough to give us everything we have,

WE MUST BRING ORDER AND RESTRAINT TO THE FEDERAL

REGULATORY PROCESS, THROUGH SWEEPING REFORMS ----

IN AIRLINE TRANSPORTATION, IN TRUCKING, AND IN MANY OTHER AREAS.

IN ORDER TO RESTORE GREATER POWERS TO LOCAL AND

STATE GOVERNMENTS - TO PUT DECISIONS BACK WHERE THEY BELONG

WE MUST RE-ENACT GENERAL REVENUE SHARING AND COLLAPSE

COMPLICATED EDUCATION AND HEALTH PROGRAMS INTO NEW BLOCK

GRANTS.

SO THAT THE RIGHTS OF OUR CITIZENS MAY BE PROTECTED

WHILE THE ESSENTIAL INTELLIGENCE FUNCTIONS OF OUR GOVERNMENT

CONTINUE, WE ARE UNDERTAKING REFORMS IN THE INTELLIGENCE

constructive

COMMUNITY AND WE ARE PUTTING INTO PLACE NEW GUIDELINES FOR

THE FBI.

IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, I PLAN TO ANNOUNCE ACTION

IN STILL ANOTHER IMPORTANT AREA — COURT-ORDERED SCHOOL BUSING.

THERE IS NO GOOD REASON WHY WE CANNOT WIPE OUT THE VESTIGES

OF DISCRIMINATION IN AMERICA, ACHIEVE QUALITY EDUCATION

FOR OUR CHILDREN, AND AT THE SAME TIME, MINIMIZE THE

MASSIVE BUSING OF OUR CHILDREN.

UNDERLYING ACTIONS IN EACH OF THESE AREAS IS OUR

FERVENT BELIEF THAT INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY IN AMERICA MEANS

LIBERTY FROM OPPRESSIVE, HEAVY-HANDED, BUREAUCRATIC

GOVERNMENT. THAT IS A GOAL WE CAN ACHIEVE; THAT IS

A GOAL WE MUST ACHIEVE IN OUR THIRD CENTURY.

AMERICANS DO NOT TIE US DOWN WITH RED TAPE, TIE US UP WITH PESSIMISM, OR TIE US INTO A KNOT OF FRUSTRATION AND STAGNATION.

LET ME RE-EMPHASIZE THAT MY VISION OF THE

FUTURE MEANS EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL OF OUR CITIZENS. THE PRINCIPLE OF RACIAL EQUALITY IS INDELIBLY WRITTEN INTO OUR CONSTITUTION AND INTO OUR HEARTS, AND IN ALL THAT WE DO, WE MUST HONOR IT.

WOLFE SPOKE ABOUT AMERICA IN A WAY THAT IS WORTH REMEMBERING,

"TO EVERY MAN HIS CHANCE, TO EVERY MAN REGARDLESS

OF HIS BIRTH, HIS SHINING, GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY. TO EVERY MAN

THE RIGHT TO LIVE, TO WORK, TO BE HIMSELF AND TO BECOME WHATEVER

THINGS HIS MANHOOD AND HIS VISION CAN COMBINE TO MAKE HIM."

"THIS, HE SAID, "IS THE PROMISE OF AMERICA."

THAT IS THE PROMISE WE SEEK TO FULFILL IN THE NEXT ONE HUNDRED YEARS.

WE MUST ALSO RECOGNIZE, AS GEORGE WASHINGTON DID

IN HIS FIRST INAUGURAL ADDRESS, THAT NO NATION ON EARTH OWES MORE

TO PROVIDENCE THAN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

OUR GREATNESS IS BECAUSE OF OUR GOODNESS.

SHOULD WE CEASE TO BE GOOD, WE WOULD SOON CEASE TO BE

GREAT. AMERICANS HAVE SEEN TOO MUCH ABUSE OF THE MORAL

IMPERATIVES OF HONESTY AND OF DECENCY, THE FOUNDATIONS

OF CIVILIZED SOCIETY.

AMERICANS, ESPECIALLY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, CAN

TAKE LITTLE PRIDE IN A SYSTEM THAT IS DISHONORED BY MISCONDUCT,

WHETHER IN THE WHITE HOUSE -- OR IN THE HOUSES OF CONGRESS.

THE ESSENTIAL TASK OF LEADERSHIP, IN BUSINESS,

IN EDUCATION, IN FAMILY LIFE AND IN PUBLIC LIFE, IS TO INSPIRE,

TO TEACH, TO ACT WITH COURAGE, TO LIVE WITH HONOR, AND TO

SHOW THE WAY. PERSONAL INTEGRITY MUST NOT BE A PART

OF NOSTALGIA. IT MUST BE THE LIVING AND LIVED-BY ESSENCE

OF THE AMERICAN CHARACTER.

THERE ARE MANY FREEDOMS THAT WE MUST SECURE

AND EXPAND IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT LET ME MENTION ONLY

ONE OTHER -- FREEDOM FROM WAR.

too many

ON THREE OCCASIONS SINCE THE JAYCEES WERE

FOUNDED, AMERICA HAS SENT HER FINEST SONS TO BATTLEFIELDS

IN FARAWAY LANDS.

PROBABLY MANY OF YOU HERE TODAY

SAW ACTION IN VIETNAM AND DISCOVERED THE HORRORS OF WAR.

IF YOU DID, YOU ALSO KNOW THAT THE FIRST AND

FOREMOST OBJECTIVE OF EVERY PRESIDENT IS TO PRESERVE AND

PROTECT THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES. TODAY THAT

SECURITY IS A PROTECTED. OUR ARMAMENTS ARE

UNSURPASSED. OUR ALLIANCES WITH EUROPE AND JAPAN

HAVE NEVER BEEN HEALTHIER. OUR WILL IS STRONG.

YET LET US ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT WE LIVE IN A WORLD

THAT IS INCREASINGLY HOSTILE TO FREEDOM. ONLY ONE NATION

IN SIX IN THE WORLD TODAY IS FREE AND DEMOCRATIC.

THERE ARE MANY NATIONS THAT OPPOSE OUR INTERESTS.

THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AND CONSTRUCTIVE DIPLOMACY,

WE ARE SEEKING TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF TENSIONS WITH THE SOVIET

UNION. WE SHARE WITH THEM AN INTEREST IN PREVENTING NUCLEAR

INCINERATION. BUT WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS THAT THEY HAVE

CHANGED THEIR POLITICAL OBJECTIVES OR THEIR ESSENTIAL WORLD

OUTLOOK.

| IT IS THEREFORE INCUMBENT UPON US TO MAINTAIN WE |
|--|
| Military Mungth is the best insurance for price have the |
| Military POSTURE. ONE OF MY GREATEST peace we will keep. FRUSTRATIONS AS A CONGRESSMAN WAS TO JOIN WITH THE OCCUPANT |
| A CONTRACTOR AS A CONTRACTOR OF THE COOL AND |
| OF THE WHITE HOUSE - DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN IN THE FIGHT |
| FOR LARGE DEFENSE BUDGETS AND THEN TO SEE THOSE BUDGETS |
| UNMERCIFULLY CUT BY A CONGRESSIONAL MAJORITY ON THE OTHER |
| SIDE. |

IN JUST THE PAST TEN YEARS, THE CONGRESS HAS CUT SOME FIFTY

BILLION DOLLARS FROM THE DEFENSE BUDGET \- OFTEN TO MAKE

ROOM FOR NEW SOCIAL PROGRAMS OF QUESTIONABLE MERIT.

THIS YEAR, I AM PLEASED TO REPORT, WE ARE FINALLY REVERSING THAT

TREND AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG, LONG WHILE, THE CONGRESS

SEEMS READY TO AGREE TO AN URGENTLY NEEDED INCREASE IN OUR

DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT.

ONCE AGAIN, <u>I ASK FOR</u> THE SUPPORT OF THE JAYCEES

ON A CRITICAL ISSUE BEFORE THE CONGRESS. THIS COUNTRY

SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD ANYTHING LESS THAN THE VERY BEST FOR

THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE AND MARINES.

Can 2 court on your support.

AMERICA COVETS NO ONE ELSE'S LAND. WE SEEK NO

ONE ELSE'S TREASURES. INDEED, WE HAVE GIVEN GENEROUSLY

OF OUR OWN WHEN OTHERS NEEDED HELP. BUT WE MUST ALSO

NEVER SHIRK FROM THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROTECTING OUR OWN

INTERESTS AND OUR OWN SECURITY.

IF THE PROMISE OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM IS TO BE

ACHIEVED IN THE COMING CENTURY, IT WILL TAKE A FULL-HEARTED

EFFORT BY ALL AMERICANS.

I KNOW THAT AS JAYCEES, YOU ARE DEVOTED TO

HUMANITY AS THE BEST WORK OF LIVE. YOU ARE NEITHER

WEAK NOR TIMID IN YOUR DEVOTION TO AMERICA. YOU BELIEVE

THAT CITIZENS MUST BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE AFFAIRS

OF STATE AND NATION.

WE HAVE AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY IN AMERICA TODAY.

WE STAND AT THE THRESHOLD OF OUR THIRD CENTURY. WE CAN EITHER

LET THIS TIME SLIP BY WITH NO CLEAR VISION OF WHAT WE WISH TO

ACHIEVE AS A PEOPLE. OR WE CAN SEIZE THIS MOMENT BY RESOLVING

TO FULFILL THE GREAT PROMISE OF AMERICA - TO ACHIEVE FULL

INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM FOR ALL AMERICANS.

A YEAR AGO, THERE WAS A SPECIAL CEREMONY IN

BOSTON AT THE OLD NORTH CHURCH. YOU MAY RECALL

THAT WAS THE CHURCH WHERE TWO LANTERNS WERE HUNG ON THE

NIGHT OF PAUL REVERE'S FAMOUS RIDE.

LAST APRIL THEY HUNG A THIRD LANTERN IN THE OLD

NORTH CHURCH, AND AS THEY DID, THE RECTOR SPOKE BRIEFLY

ABOUT IT.

'THE TWO LANTERNS WHICH WERE SHOWN FROM THIS

| STEEPLE," HE SAID, "LED US TO TWO CENTURIES OF SOME PROGRESS |
|--|
| IN REASON, IN LIBERTY AND IN FAITH BUT NOT ENOUGH; TO SOME |
| FULFILLMENT IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT BUT NOT ENOUGH; TO SOME |
| GAINS IN THINKING, ACTING AND TRUSTING IN F REEDOM BUT NOT |
| ENOUGH. |

"NOW THE STEEPLE OF THE OLD NORTH CHURCH WILL

SHINE WITH A THIRD LANTERN TONIGHT, A NEW SIGNAL THAT WILL

CALL US TO RENEWED EFFORT AND RENEWED HOPE IN OUR THIRD

CENTURY.

"IT WILL SAY: WE WILL YET MAKE THE AMERICAN

PROMISE A REALITY WE WILL YET MAKE IT THE TRUTH

EVERYDAY, EVERYWHERE FOR EVERYONE., WE WILL GO FORWARD

AND WE WILL STUMBLE, BUT WE WILL TRY AGAIN AND AGAIN AND

AGAIN."

MY FELLOW JAYCEES, IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR,

LET US CARRY THAT MESSAGE TO EVERY COMMUNITY ACROSS THE

LAND. LET US, THROUGH OUR OWN ACTIONS, BECOME A BEACON

OF HOPE AND OF PROMISE. AND LET US, WORKING TOGETHER,

LIGHT THE PATH TO A NEW CENTURY OF FREEDOM FOR ALL AMERICANS.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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