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TUESDAY, OCT. 23, 1973, SPONSORED BY THE DAUPHIN COUNTY GOP COMMITTEE,

THE EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEKEND HAVE BEEN MOST UNFORTUNATE -- AND THE CAUSES OF THOSE EVENTS HAVE BEEN, I BELIEVE, GREATLY MISUNDERSTOOD.

THERE HAS BEEN TOO LITTLE APPRECIATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S POSITION, HIS DECISION THAT TO RELEASE THE TAPES WOULD BE TO DESTROY THE PRINCIPLE THAT THERE MUST BE CONFIDENTIALITY BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ADVISERS.

NOT MANY OFFICES CAN OPERATE WITHOUT CONFIDENTIALITY BETWEEN THE TOP MAN AND HIS STAFF. THIS IS TRUE IN BUSINESS AS WELL AS IN GOVERNMENT.

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IF ONE WERE TO CONCEDE THIS -- AND I THINK IT MUST BE CONCEDED -- THE QUESTION THEN BECOMES HOW TO SERVE THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE AND TRUTH IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL TAPES. I SUBMIT THAT THE COMPROMISE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SENATORS ERVIN AND BAKER DID EXACTLY THAT -- SERVED THE TRUTH WHILE PRESERVING THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S CONVERSATIONS WITH HIS STAFF SHOULD REMAIN BASICALLY CONFIDENTIAL.

NOW, AS TO THE OTHER UNFORTUNATE EVENTS THAT TRANSPIRED AFTER THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THE COMPROMISE AGREED TO BY SENATORS ERVIN AND BAKER . . . THE FACTS ARE THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO DISCHARGE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR ARCHIBALD COX.



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IN FACT, LAST WEEKEND WAS A "NO CHOICE" WEEKEND. THE PRESIDENT FELT HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FIRE COX. ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARDSON AND DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL RUCKELSHAUS FELT THEY HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO RESIGN.

THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES DOES HAVE A CHOICE -- WHETHER TO EMULATE SENATORS ERVIN AND BAKER AND ACCEPT THE TAPES COMPROMISE OR TO PRECIPITATE A GOVERNMENTAL CRISIS OF THE GREATEST MAGNITUDE BY CHALLENGING THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION IN DISCHARGING COX.



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I HOPE THAT SOUND MINDS AND PRUDENT COUNSEL WILL PREVAIL IN THIS MOMENT FRAUGHT WITH GREAT DANGER FOR THE STABILITY OF OUR REPUBLIC.

I FEEL SO MUCH ATTENTION IS BEING FOCUSED ON CERTAIN UNFORTUNATE EVENTS THAT AMERICANS ARE BEGINNING TO LOSE SIGHT OF WHAT'S RIGHT WITH THEIR COUNTRY AND WHAT THIS NATION'S RELATIONSHIP IS TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.

WE HAVE OUR TROUBLES, DF COURSE, APART FROM THE ISSUE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL TAPES.

FOR INSTANCE, INFLATION HAS BECOME WORSE IN RECENT MONTHS. BUT THE RATE OF RISE IN PRICES IS NOW TAPERING OFF. AND THE FACTS ARE THAT INFLATION IS BEING KEPT UNDER BETTER CONTROL IN THE UNITED STATES THAN IN ANY OTHER MAJOR INDUSTRIAL NATION IN THE WORLD. THE RECENT RISE IN THE COST OF LIVING, ON AN ANNUALIZED BASIS, IS 5.5 PER CENT IN THE UNITED STATES; 6.9 PER CENT IN FRANCE; 7.5 PER CENT IN WEST GERMANY; 9.6 PER CENT IN BRITAIN; 11.3 PER CENT IN JAPAN; AND 11.8 PER CENT IN ITALY. I PREDICT WE WILL SEE A MARKED MODERATING OF PRICES IN THE UNITED STATES



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IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1974.

WHAT ABOUT PROGRESS IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE PURSUIT OF PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD?

PRESIDENT NIXON'S ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE BEEN TREMENDOUS, AND WE MUST NOT LET THOSE ACHIEVEMENTS BE ERODED BY THE CURRENT CLAMOR OVER WATERGATE.

FIVE YEARS AGO WE HAD OVER A HALF A MILLION MEN IN VIETNAM, WITH 300 DYING EVERY WEEK. THIS NATION AND CHINA FACED

EACH OTHER OVER A GULF OF HOSTILITY AND IGNORANCE WHILE RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES CONTINUED A SPIRALLING ARMS RACE WHICH WAS HEADED TOWARD NUCLEAR DISASTER.

TODAY, THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE MOVED SO FAR TOWARD DETENTE THAT THEY ARE WORKING CLOSELY TOGETHER TO ARRANGE A CEASE-FIRE IN THE MIDDLE EAST -- A CRUCIAL AND SUCCESSFUL TEST OF JUST HOW MEANINGFUL THAT DETENTE IS. THE FACT THAT U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE HAS SURVIVED THE TEST OF THE LATEST ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT GREATLY ENCOURAGES



ME TO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE INDEED LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

TODAY, FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1945, THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR IS DIMINISHING, NOT INCREASING.

TODAY, ALL OF OUR MEN AND OUR POW ARE HOME FROM A VIETNAM WHICH IS ALMOST AT PEACE.

TODAY, NOT ONE AMERICAN IS BEING DRAFTED INTO THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.



THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS A GREAT PARTY. ITS GOALS ARE EMBRACED BY THE VAST MAJORITY OF AMERICANS -- EVEN THOUGH MILLIONS OF AMERICANS DECLINE TO AFFILIATE THEMSELVES WITH MY POLITICAL PARTY.

HOW CAN WE ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE? WE CAN ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES BY ELECTING TO CONGRESS PEOPLE LIKE YOUR FINE CONGRESSMAN, HERMAN SCHNEEBELI -- PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN OUR PARTY'S FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES.



WE HAVE TO MOVE IN NEW DIRECTIONS. WE HAVE TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S NEW FEDERALISM -- AWAY FROM CENTRALIZATION OF POWER IN WASHINGTON AND TOWARD THE MAKING OF MORE LOCAL DECISIONS. WE NEED YOUR HELP. WE CAN DO IT, IF WE TRY.

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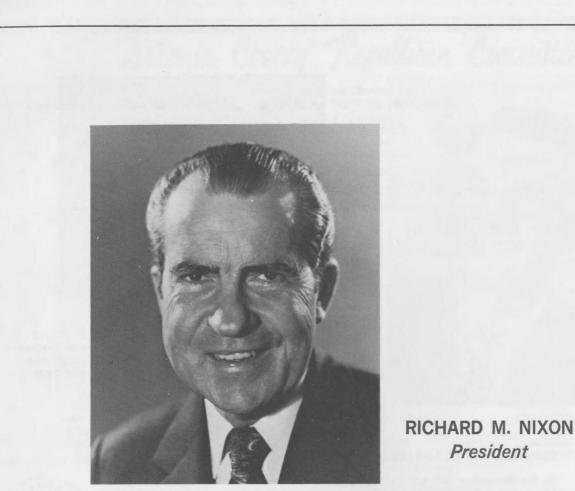
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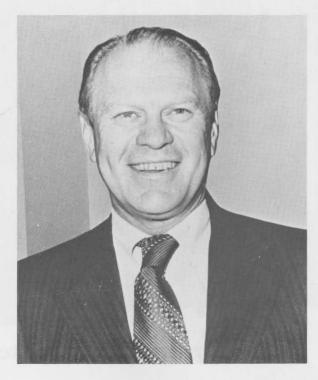
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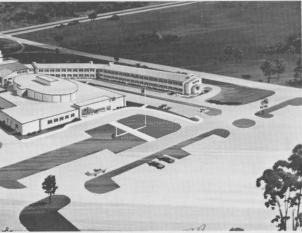
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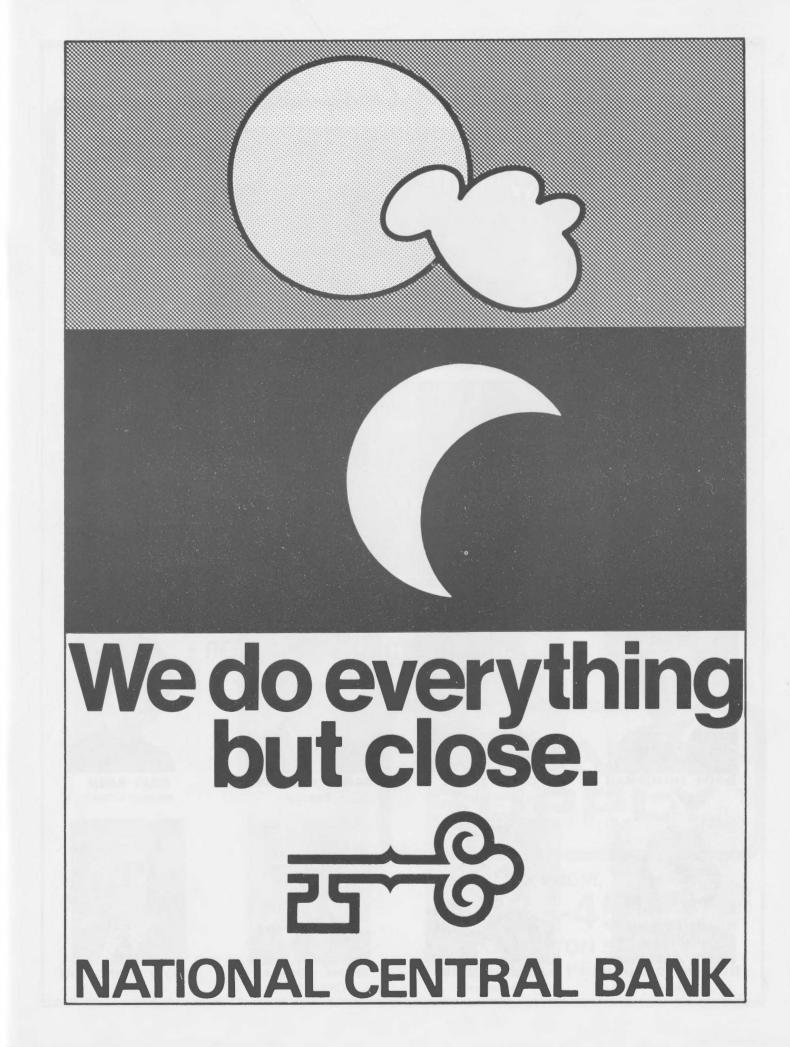
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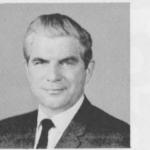
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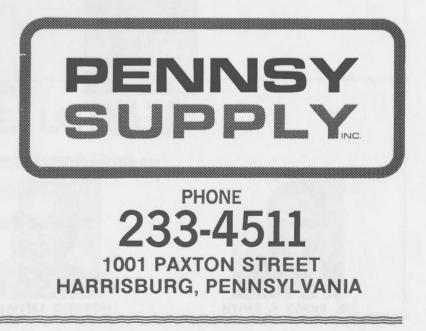
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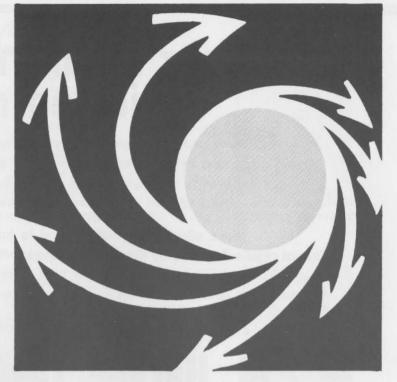
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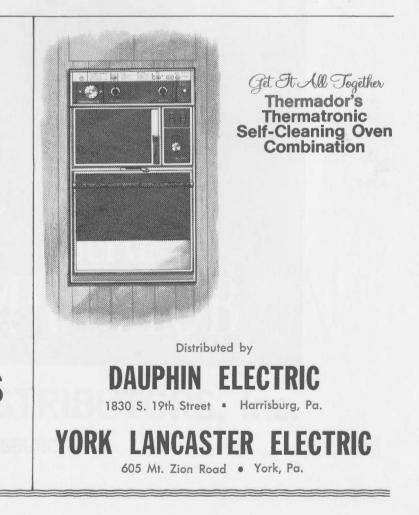
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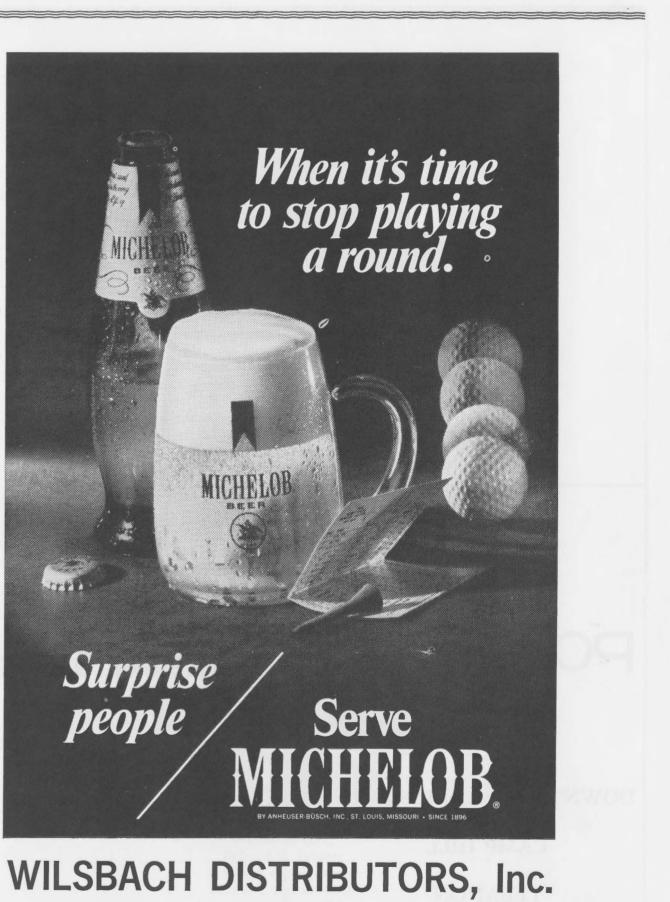
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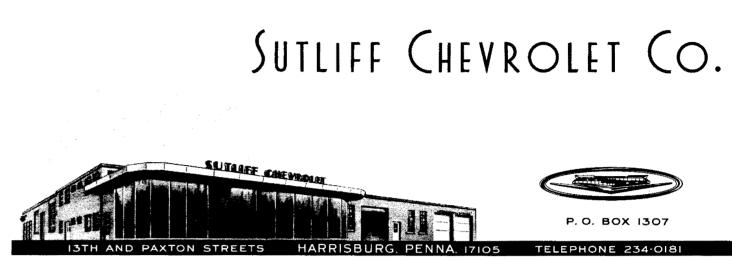
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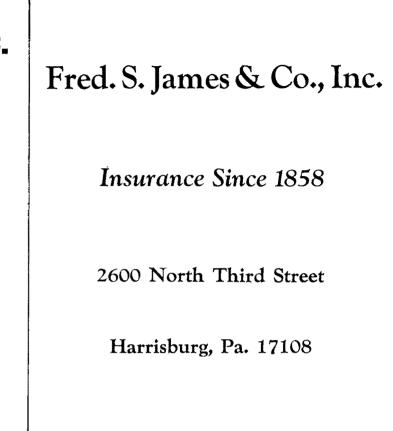
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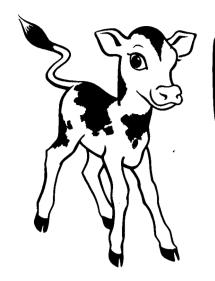
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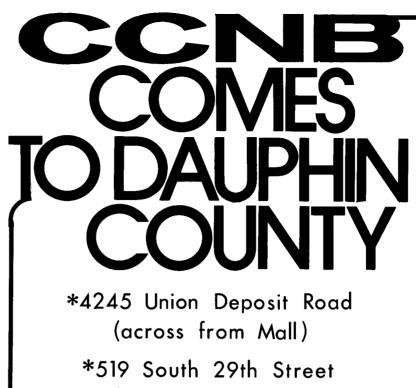
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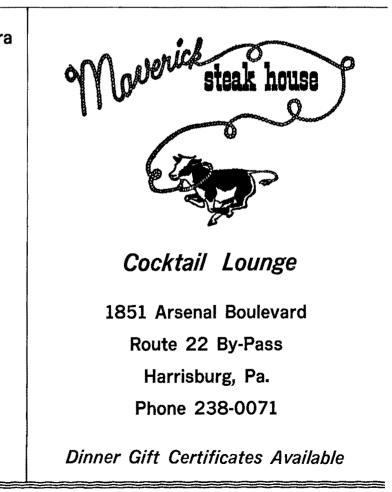
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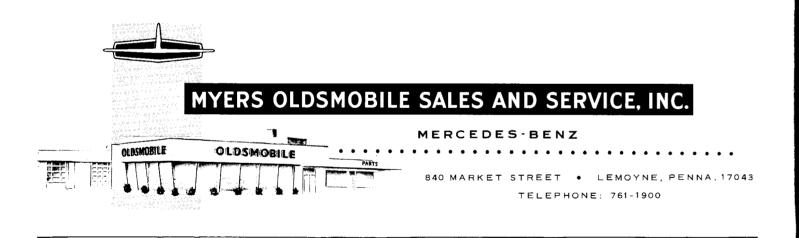
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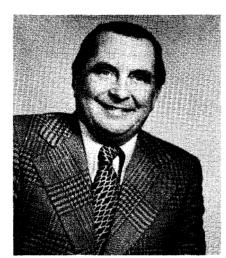
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This Association has been formed to expand the party's financial base and further the objectives, principles and activities of the Republican Party of Dauphin County.

As a good Republican, you may be making contributions to the National and State Republican organizations. If so this is fine, as these organizations are important. However, most important to you is your County Organization which not only must maintain its headquarters and staff year-round necessary to provide service to its membership, but also has the responsibility for seeing that the party is adequately financed, in order to help maintain the polls on election day, and most importantly, for conducting the costly campaigns for Republican Party nominees on the local, city, and county levels, including your city and county officials, state legislators, senator, and congressman.

Membership dues to the Association will not be used to finance a primary election.

Please fill out the enclosed card indicating category of membership desired and return with check payable to "Dauphin County Republican Finance Association", Box 1025, Harrisburg, Penna. 17108.

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W. CRAWFORD MURDOCH, JR. Chairman, Dauphin County Republican Committee



AN ADDRESS BY CANDIDATE ALBERT S. SCHMIDT ON THE OCCASION OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY REPUBLICAN FUND RAISING DINNER, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1 9 7 3

VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE, MR. FORD; DAUPHIN COUNTY CHAIRMAN, MR. MURDOCH; REVEREND CLERGY; HONORABLE JUDGES; COUNTY AND CITY OFFICIALS; DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND FELLOW REPUBLICANS :

I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COMING OUT TONIGHT TO SHOW YOUR DETERMINATION TO HELP US BUILD THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN DAUPHIN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF HARRISBURG. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF OUR CITY COUNCIL TEAM -- PAUL "TIM" DOUTRICH, STAN LAWSON, MIM MENAKER, CORKY GOLDSTEIN, AND FOR CONTROLLER, FRANK HOLLINGER -- WE ARE A TEAM, AND I ASSURE YOU WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER IN HARMONY TO ACCOMPLISH AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FOR THE CITIZENS OF HARRISBURG. ALSO, WITH THE SAME GOAL IN MIND, OUR SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR CANDIDATES ARE: HORATIO LEFTWICH, REV. GERALD STUTZMAN, DR. BIGGS SMITH. OUR COUNTY CANDI-DATES ARE: FOR PROTHONOTARY, ROBERT FARINA; JURY COMMISSIONER, GERMAINE BOWMAN; CORONER, DR. THOMAS FRITCHEY.

I WANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR COUNTY CHAIRMAN, CRAWFORD MURDOCH. HIS DILIGENCE AND UNTIRING EFFORT ON BEHALF OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND ITS CANDIDATES SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED, AND PERHAPS ALSO HIS FORESIGHT IN SCHEDULING OUR VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE AS OUR SPEAKER FOR THIS EVENING.

I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT IT WAS OUR REPUBLICAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND OUR REPUBLICAN CITY COUNCIL WHO REDUCED TAXES THIS YEAR.

WE ARE GOING TO WIN ! WE HAVE TO, IF OUR CITY IS TO SURVIVE, AND, INDEED GROW.

WE HAVE NO LEADERSHIP NOW IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE. THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION IS NOT FULFILLING THE NEEDS OF OUR CITIZENS IN PROVIDING SAFETY, HOUSING, JOBS AND RECREATION. WE ADOPTED A STRONG MAYOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR HARRISBURG. WE HAVE YET TO SEE A STRONG MAYOR WHO CAN DO THE JOB REQUIRED. I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT AS A REPUBLICAN MAYOR, WORKING WITH A REPUBLICAN COUNCIL AND A REPUBLICAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT, WE CAN PROVIDE STRONGER LEADERSHIP WITH THE // DESIRED RESULTS. WE NEED A FULL "ALL OUT" EFFORT INVOLVING EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY YOU.

I ENVISION THE ELECTION OF A REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR NEXT YEAR AND WITH MYSELF AS THE REPUBLICAN MAYOR, I AM SURE COOPERATION WOULD BE FORTE-COMING WITH STATE OFFICIALS.

BY NOW YOU ALL KNOW MY STAND ON CRIME AND MY DETERMINATION TO BRING SAFETY TO THE STREETS OF OUR CITY SO THAT YOU CAN LEAVE HOME WITHOUT FEAR OF BEING BURGLARIZED, AND SO THAT YOU CAN WALK OUR STREETS WITHOUT FEAR OF BEING ROBBED OR BEATEN.

I STAND WITH THOSE WHO WANT TO SEE THE BEST IN HOUSING FOR EVERYONE, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR INCOME.

I STAND WITH THOSE WHO WANT TO BE SURE THERE ARE JOBS FOR ALL THOSE WHO CAN WORK AND WHO WILL FIGHT TO MAINTAIN HARRISBURG'S ECONOMIC BASE.

I STAND WITH THOSE WHO WANT SOLID BUSINESSLIKE ADMINISTRATION FOR THIS CITY.

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I STAND WITH THOSE WHO HAVE A VISION OF THE FUTURE AND PLAN FOR IT AND WORK FOR IT.

I STAND WITH THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH IN THE PEOPLE OF HARRISBURG ... IN OTHER WORDS, I STAND WITH YOU !

LET'S WORK !

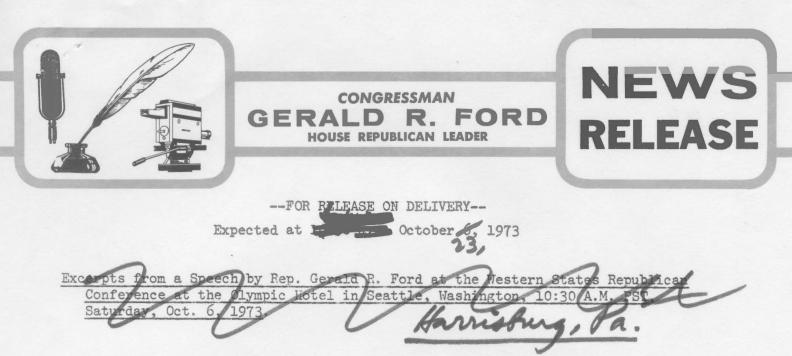
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WE CAN DO IT !

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as famous as Penhsylvanias other hero, Den Fanplin, Federich a member of the Constinents Corpers, then Jester of the Pennylvania House of Representatives, and then the First Iplane of the Federal House A Representatives when the new Constitution

GIARA So every lay I and they have been caluting Federich Muhlenberg and wishing DO were Speaker, when I suppose I should have been paying more attention to John adams of Massadusetts. But then, I post of till towards Penneylvania x



There is a new spirit at work in this country today, and it promises to strengthen and revitalize America.

Republicans call it the New Federalism.

You know what had been going on in this country in the past--the uninterrupted flow of power and decision-making from the states and local communities to the bureaucrats in Washington. There has been a mushrooming growth in funds and authority which have resulted in an overcentralized and bureaucratized Federal Government.

Worst of all, much of the power--and with it the initiative and the creativity--of our local government had been allowed to atrophy. And although the Federal establishment was growing by leaps and bounds, it was largely failing in its attempts to solve some of the nation's most pressing social and economic problems.

This is changing. Under the present Administration with its concept of revenue sharing, the flow of power and resources is being reversed. It is flowing back to the states and local communities.

Listen now to the philosophy of the New Federalism. Instead of alienation, people back home will experience the power that a real sense of purpose gives. Instead of the much-discussed feeling of rootlessness, they will rediscover the sense of community and pride of place that were once a primary source of America's greatness.

Instead of the "I-just-don't-want-to-get-involved" attitude, our people will find their instincts for democratic action and obligation whetted by the feeling that they can indeed exercise some real, effective control over the forces that shape their lives.

We have enacted general revenue sharing to give states and local communities more financial muscle. But something else needs to be provided if

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We should also enact special revenue sharing legislation which would help bring decision-making closer to home in the fields of education, law enforcement, manpower training and urban redevelopment.

We must do more than simply return power and revenue to our cities and states. We must also insure that, given the power and the money, they develop the leadership and the decision-making machinery to use that power and money wisely in managing change, in reaching our great goals.

The key to meeting that need is local involvement, the kindling of a desire on the part of people at the local level to be a part of problem-solving in this country, to become a part of the leadership that is always required if we are to achieve our national goals.

What is needed now is firm faith in the American system of government and in our two-party political system.

What is needed now, at all levels of government, is strong Republican leadership aimed at getting on with the people's business.

We in the Congress must work together to find the answers to the questions that are plaguing the American people.

We must find ways to stabilize our economy so that the price of food comes down.

We must care for our elderly and our veterans.

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We must strengthen our foreign policy through trade, educational and cultural exchanges, building on the strong new base of our friendship with Mainland China and the Soviet Union that has been a great initiative of the Nixon Administration.

We must solve the energy crisis.

We must improve our schools and make our cities livable again.

There are some 30 important bills pending before the Congress. Among them are reforms in trade, pensions and taxes;

support for these major efforts to improve the economy and the quality of life in America.

We Republicans must look to tomorrow. We must work at the local level, the state level and the national level to strengthen our party and to work toward the solution of our national problems. We must shape and structure in this country a new destiny, and the leadership which will emerge to provide new solutions to the problems we face.

I think many of those solutions will come through the New Federalism, the movement now afoot to decentralize the Federal Government and return dollars, power and decision-making to the local level.

Meantime, don't let anyone tell you this country is stalled on dead center. The wheels of progress are beginning to turn. We are making progress toward fighting inflation, difficult though that may be to see. We are making progress toward peace throughout the world. We are making progress toward genuine prosperity--prosperity without war.

So let us lift ourselves up and have faith and belief in ourselves--and faith and belief in the Republican Party. If we all work together, we can prevail. ###

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Excerpts from a Speech by Vice President-designate Gerald R. Ford at a \$25-a-plate Republican dinner at the Penn Harris Motor Inn, Harrisburg, Pa., Tuesday, Oct. 23, 1973, sponsored by the Dauphin County GOP Committee.

Advance for release on delivery expected at 8:50 p.m.

The events of the past weekend have been most unfortunate--and the causes of those events have been, I believe, greatly misunderstood.

There has been too little appreciation of the President's position, his decision that to release the tapes would be to destroy the principle that there must be confidentiality between the President and his advisers.

Not many offices can operate without confidentiality between the top man and his staff. This is true in business as well as in government.

If one were to concede this--and I think it must be conceded--the question then becomes how to serve the cause of justice and truth in connection with the Presidential tapes.

I submit that the compromise worked out between the President and Sens. Ervin and Baker did exactly that--served the truth while preserving the principle that the President's conversations with his staff should remain basically confidential.

Now, as to the other unfortunate events that transpired after the President announced the compromise agreed to by Sens. Ervin and Baker...the facts are that the President had no other choice but to discharge Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox.

In fact, last weekend was a "no choice" weekend. The President felt he had no choice but to fire Cox. Attorney General Richardson and Deputy Attorney General Ruckelshaus felt they had no choice but to resign.

The Congress of the United States <u>does</u> have a choice--whether to emulate Sens. Ervin and Baker and accept the tapes compromise or to precipitate a governmental crisis of the greatest magnitude by challenging the President's action in discharging Cox.

I hope that sound minds and prudent counsel will prevail in this moment fraught with great danger for the stability of our republic.

I feel so much attention is being focused on certain unfortunate events that Americans are beginning to lose sight of what's right with their country ans what this nation's relationship is to the rest of the world. We have our troubles, of course, apart from the issue of the Presidential tapes.

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For instance, inflation has become worse in recent months. But the rate of rise in prices is now tapering off. And the facts are that inflation is being kept under better control in the United States than in any other major industrial nation in the world. The recent rise in the cost of living, on an annualized basis, is 5.5 per cent in the United States; 6.9 per cent in France; 7.5 per cent in West Germany; 9.6 per cent in Britain; 11.3 per cent in Japan; and 11.8 per cent in Italy. I predict we will see a marked moderating of prices in the United States in the second half of 1974.

What about progress in foreign affairs, the pursuit of peace throughout the world?

President Nixon's achievements have been tremendous, and we must not let those achievements be eroded by the current clamor over Watergate.

Five years ago we had over half a million men in Vietnam, with 300 dying every week. This nation and China faced each other over a gulf of hostility and ignorance while Russia and the United States continued a spiralling arms race which was headed toward nuclear disaster.

Today, the United States and the Soviet Union have moved so far toward detente that they are working closely together to arrange a cease-fire in the Middle East--a crucial and successful test of just how meaningful that detente is. The fact that U.S.-Soviet detente has survived the test of the latest Arab-Israeli conflict greatly encourages me to believe that we are indeed laying the foundation for peace throughout the world.

Today, for the first time since 1945, the threat of nuclear war is diminishing, not increasing.

Today, all of our men and our POW's are home from a Vietnam which is almost at peace.

Today, not one American is being drafted into the armed forces of the United States.

Look at the Nixon Administration's record of the past five years. We have much to be proud of. This nation is free from war. Racial rioting is only a bad memory. Our college students now are more interested in learning than burning. Crime rates are down. Employment is at a record level, and unemployment is at its lowest level in 3 years. We are creating jobs at an unprecedented rate, and with less damaging environmental impact than ever before. Americans are living better today---and, surely, they must know it.

The Republican Party is a great party. Its goals are embraced by the vast majority of Americans--even though millions of Americans decline to affiliate themselves with my political party.

How can we accomplish the goals of the Republican Party and the American people? We can achieve these objectives by electing to Congress people like your fine congressman, Herman Schneebeli-people who believe in our Party's

fundamental principles.

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We have to move in new directions. We have to move in the direction of President Nixon's New Federalism--away from centralization of power in Washington and toward the making of more local decisions. We need your help. We can do it, if we try.

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CONGRESSMAN GERALD R. FORD

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Over the years one of the extraordinary aspects of American life has been our eagerness to strive for betterment of American society. This has been true from the very beginning of this nation, almost t steadily down to the present day.

Toward the end of the Sixties, however, this striving for betterment seemed to be lost in America. It became lost in the confusion generated by governmental permissiveness, revolutionary strife, and afforeign policy which lacked strong direction.

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Rioting wracked our cities. The cry we heard was "burn, baby, burn." Fully one-half of the women in this country were afraid to walk in their own neighborhoods at night. Even b reathing the air and drinking the water were becoming dangerous.

Today we have the leadership of a Republican president. And today, for the first time since 1945, the threat of nuclear war is diminishing, not increasing.

Today not me one American is being drafted into the armed forces of the United States.

Today all of our men and POW's are home from a Vietnam which is almost at peace.

Today there is a conflict in the Middle East but the detente which the Nixon Administration has achieved with the Soviet Union is surviving the test of the latest Arab-Israeli fighting and is laying the foundation for peace.

On the domestic front, crime rates are down. Employment is at a record level of over 83 million, and unemployment is at its lowest level in 3 years. We are creating jobs at an unprecedented rate, and with less damaging environmental impact than ever before.

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The Republican Party--like most Americ ans--believes in fiscal restraint, fully aware of the horrendous impact of deficit financing on the people's pockeytbook in the form of either increased taxes or increased inflation.

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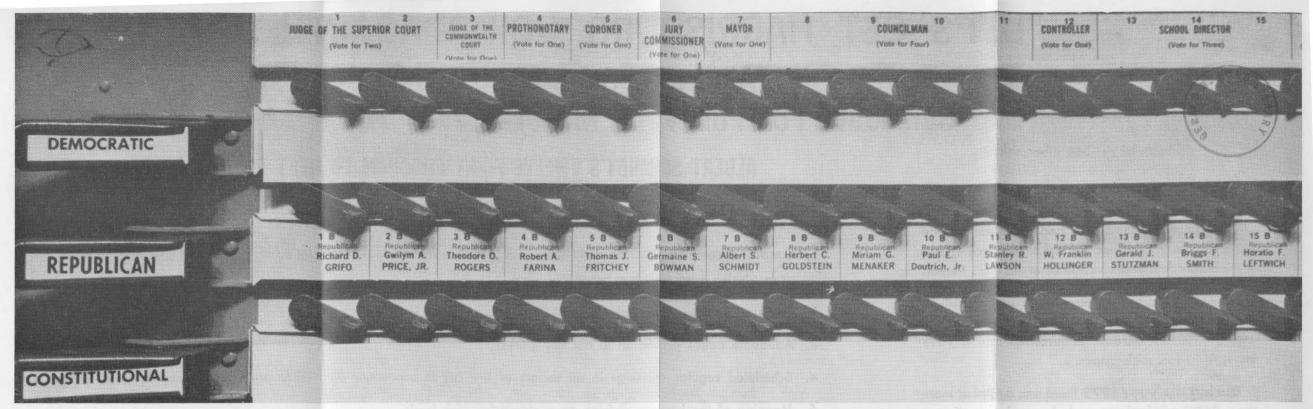
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Now, how can we accomplish these great goals of the Republican Party and the American people? We can achieve these objectives by electing **Example** to Congress people like your congressman, Herman Schneebeli--people who believe in these fundamental goals and principles.

There are, of course, Democrats who share the Republican Party's ideals. Their thinking coincides with Republican philosophy--and so I would welcome them aboard. They, like John Connally, would feel much more comfortable in the Republican Party than in the party of the New Deal, the Fair Deal, the New Frontier and the Great Society. They feel downright uncomfortable in a party which stands for centralization of all power in Washington.

We have to move in new directions. We have to move in the direction of President Nixon's New Federalism--away from centralization of power in Washington and toward the making of more local decisions. All of us can help. Let's bring government back to the people. We can do it, if we all try.

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PULL THE REPUBLICAN LEVER TO VOTE FOR THE ENTIRE TEAM. LET'S GET HARRISBURG GOING AGAIN!!

By Albert S. Schmidt

Candidate for Mayor

I am pleased to present to you an actual photograph of a voting panel showing the names of my fellow candidates as they will appear with me to the right of the REPUBLICAN LEVER.

This is the Team which will help me to get Harrisburg Going Again.

My request of the Voters of Harrisburg to elect me as their Mayor is based on my desire to do the job necessary to be done, my willingness to meet the challenge of planning and hard work and my years of experience in civic, business and governmental operations. The knowledge I have gained over the years has given me a great feeling for the needs of people and an ability to understand their requests.

I feel also that I have the ability to make important decisions with great conviction.

I am keenly aware of the necessity to review and adopt new methods and policies applicable to all departmental operations including techniques for the allocation and distribution of personnel throughout the city government structure.

TO GET HARRISBURG GOING AGAIN WE MUST FIRST HAVE A SAFE CITY!! As your candidate for Mayor, I want you to know that MY PRIMARY CONCERN IS YOUR SAFETY, SAFETY OF YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR PROPERTY IN ALL AREAS OF THE CITY. I am convinced that this will necessitate the placement of uniformed foot patrolmen back on corners where they will be available to you and will be a deterrent, by their very presence, to law violators. I will vigorously support the police in prosecutions. (Continued on reverse side) My Grandfather, Bernard Schmidt, started our family bakery business, Capital Bakers, in 1891. During the past 27 years, I have been a principal in the management of this business and have had experience in production, sales, purchasing, transportation, personnel and engineering. Our company has been fortunate to be able to furnish steady employment to many Harrisburg people. Obviously, I and my family, believe in Harrisburg and have a great stake in the past, present and future of this great city.

I have been involved in many civic activities because I am interested and concerned about our city and all of its people. My part in these organizations speaks for itself.

My service in Government includes 3½ years as a member of City Council and as Chairman of the Council's Budget and Finance Committee.



ALBERT S. SCHMIDT CANDIDATE FOR FULL TIME MAYOR LEVER 7B Native of Harrisburg Veteran World War II Married — 4 children

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LET'S GET HARRISBURG GOING AGAIN !! By Albert S. Schmidt Candidate For Full Time Mayor—Lever 7B

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WE MUST FIRST HAVE A SAFE CITY

The present Mayor, my opponent, has, in spite of his campaign promises, **failed to control crime** in the almost four years he had been this city's Mayor.

During the past four years of his administration, there has been a 300%+ increase in murders as well as 300%+ increase in larcenies and a 90% increase in forceable rapes.

During the year 1972 there was a total of more than 2500 violations and drug related offenses and vandalism in our city of Harrisburg. THIS MUST STOP!!

80% of our crime rate is traceable to the abuse of drugs and alcohol. The drug pusher is our public enemy #1 and as Mayor of this city I will do everything in my power to put him out of business.

A number of police personnel have approached me and told me they agree with my 12 point program and that the greater majority of police personnel are convinced that my plan will reduce crime in our city of Harrisburg.

Therefore, I submit to you, my fellow voters of Harrisburg, my twelve point program as follows, to meet the challenges of our crime predicament.

ALBERT SCHMIDT'S <u>TWELVE POINT PROGRAM</u> TO MEET THE CHALLENGE

OF OUR CRIME PREDICAMENT:

- 1. Conduct a comprehensive analysis of our "High Crime Areas" so that we can deploy uniformed personnel to those areas during peak problem hours.
- 2. Foot patrolmen on the regular beat.
- 3. Adequate police protection in our city parks.
- 4. Scheduled regular meetings in all sectors of the city in connection with crime problems existing in those areas.
- 5. Manning of the juvenile division on a round-the-clock basis.
- 6. Replacement of outdated, outworn lighting on "High Crime" streets.
- 7. Freeing available desk-bound police officers for street duty without jeopardizing office support of the men on the beat.
- 8. Appointment of a qualified, effective public safety director who will have firm backing from the office of the Mayor.
- 9. Restoration to the police and fire chiefs of the authority to actually run their departments.
- 10. Reassignment of available uniformed police personnel at major school crossings.
- 11. Better cooperation with city council in the application and utilization of the police and fire Budget and Exploration of the continuing availability of relevant state and federal programs.
- 12. A special trained police unit available round-the-clock for special emergencies in all areas of the city in which the safety and welfare of our citizens and their property are in jeopardy.