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~~REMARKS~~ REMARKS *BY*

~~VICE PRESIDENT~~ VICE PRESIDENT *GERALD R. FORD*

AT

THE LARRY HOGAN ~~DINNER~~ *DINNER*

ADULT EDUCATION CENTER

UNIVERSITY PARK, MARYLAND

7:30 p.m., MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1974

*FOR RELEASE TUESDAY AM*  
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*That* Larry Hogan leaves his opponents stripped of any hope of success, *against* him,

*And* that Larry Hogan is not afraid to bare completely his entire political and personal record for comparison with that of any other in Maryland.

And it is *most* ~~an~~ impressive record ~~my good Republican friends~~

I speak from a position of considerable knowledge of Members of the House of Representatives. During the nearly *9* years that I was minority leader I found no Member who worked harder for his constituency than Larry Hogan. *During Larry's* ~~in his~~ *3* terms in the House, I got to know *him* ~~Larry~~ well.





~~That's the kind of winner we Republicans need.~~ The record of a Member of the House can be measured by the faithfulness with which he administers to the needs of his constituents. ~~That's the kind of winner we Republicans need.~~ Larry Hogan takes second place to no one in that regard.

But you know that as well as I. The fact that we have Republicans here from all over the State of Maryland is proof of the fine reputation of Maryland's 5th District Congressman. So is the fact that he is a three-time winner in a District with a three-to-one Democratic registration.

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In the last few weeks we've had 3 tough defeats in Congressional races. One was a particularly personal blow to me because it happened in my old District in Michigan.

As a result, the political pundits -- who love to magnify pin-pricks into death blows -- are predicting the demise of the Republican party. They are labeling 1974 a disaster year for the GOP.

Well, that is nonsense! The purest sort of hogwash!

Our real danger comes only if we start believing such ridiculous bunkum. If we ~~kid~~ ourselves into believing we can't win. You and I know that such negative thinking is self-defeating.

So I'm here tonight to accentuate the positive.

We Republicans have a multitude of positive accomplishments to take to the voter.

The biggest accomplishment of all is peace.

No Americans fighting and dying in Vietnam. Peace.





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Peace.

~~FORMERLY~~

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The United States negotiating with Russia about <sup>an</sup> arms limitation. Peace.

The United States talking and trading with the world's most populous nation <sup>(—)</sup> China. Peace.

Peace is wonderful. And ~~it is particularly wonderful~~  
~~that~~ a Republican Administration brought it all about.

I'm proud to be a part of that Administration, And proud to carry its peaceful message to the voter.

Another great accomplishment that too many have overlooked is Revenue Sharing. We Republicans have dramatically reversed the Democrats' concept that Big Government should control everything. We've turned that idea completely around.

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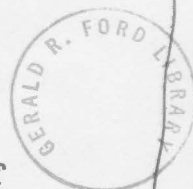
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Bill Bullett  
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*Revenue Sharing*



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