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AMERICAN APPAREL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION AMERICANA HOTEL, NEW YORK, NEW YORK TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1974

I AM VERY PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL MEETING BREAKFAST OF THE AMERICAN APPAREL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION HELD THIS MORNING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OPENING OF TEXPO '74 --- THE FIRST AMERICAN FASHION TEXTILES EXPOSITION.

Senator Serito Mandal Company Company

THE APPAREL AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES ARE TO BE COMMENDED

FOR DEMONSTRATING THROUGH TEXPO '74 THE GROWTH AND PROGRESS OF THE

UNITED STATES AS THE LEADER OF WORLD FASHION. NEVER BEFORE HAS OUR

NATION OFFERED SUCH A DRAMATIC DEMONSTRATION OF THE AMERICAN LIFESTYLE

IN FIBER, FABRICS AND APPAREL. I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT

MORE THAN A SCORE OF COUNTRIES HAVE SENT REPRESENTATIVES TO VIEW OUR

NEW PRODUCTS AND NEW CONCEPTS.



A LOT HAS HAPPENED IN AMERICAN FASHION -- AND IN THE

WORLD -- SINCE I SPOKE AT A MEETING OF THE APPAREL MANUFACTURERS

ASSOCIATION IN DALLAS, TEXAS IN 1967.

Neven you later

TODAY I WANT TO DISCUSS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO

KINDS OF FABRIC --- THE <u>FABRIC</u> USED SO CREATIVELY BY THE APPAREL INDUSTRY AND THE FABRIC OF WORLD PEACE.



YOUR THEME THIS YEAR, "LIFESTYLE USA," HELPS US TO

REAFFIRM OUR BELIEF IN OURSELVES. THE APPAREL AND TEXTILE

INDUSTRY EMPLOYS 2.4 MILLION PERSONS --- APPROXIMATELY ONE IN

EVERY 8 ENGAGED IN AMERICAN MANUFACTURING. THIS INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

IS THE LARGEST EMPLOYER OF MANUFACTURING LABOR IN THE UNITED STATES.

ADD FIBER PRODUCERS --- COTTON, WOOL, AND MAN-MADES --- AND MILLIONS

MORE ARE INVOLVED.



VIABILITY OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY. YOU ARE REAFFIRMING HERE AT

TEXPO '74 THAT OUR PRODUCTIVITY REMAINS A MODEL FOR THE WORLD. YOU

ARE REASSERTING THE INDUSTRY AND GENIUS OF AMERICA THAT OTHER

NATIONS HAVE SOUGHT TO EMULATE. YOU ARE SHOWING THAT WE CONTINUE

TO SET THE PACE FOR STYLE AND FASHION, THAT THE LABEL, "MADE IN USA,"

IS PROUDLY WORN, AND THAT YOU ARE A PART OF WHAT'S RIGHT WITH AMERICA.



YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO OUR DOMESTIC CAPABILITIES --ESPECIALLY THE JOB SECURITY OF AMERICAN WORKERS. A MULTILATERAL

APPAREL-TEXTILE-FIBER TRADE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY SOME 50 NATIONS
IN GENEVA LAST DECEMBER. IT ESTABLISHED A FRAMEWORK FOR THE ORDERLY

GROWTH OF WORLD MARKETS IN APPAREL AND TEXTILES.

In not talking about.

MANY OF THE AMERICAN WORKERS WHOSE JOBS WERE MADE MORE

SECURE BY THIS AGREEMENT WERE THOSE LEAST ABLE TO SURVIVE LAYOFFS

AND CURTAILED WORKWEEKS CAUSED BY LOW-WAGE COMPETITION FROM ABROAD.

I SPEAK OF THE SPECIAL CATEGORY OF WORKERS THAT THE APPAREL

INDUSTRY EMPLOYS IN INCREASING NUMBERS. AMONG THEM ARE HANDICAPPED

PERSONS, FARM WORKERS WHO FIND SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT, AND PERSONS ON

WORK-RELEASE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS TO HELP THEM BECOME PRODUCTIVE

AND USEFUL MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

YOUR INDUSTRY DESERVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR ITS SOCIAL CONCERNS.

DESPITE THE LABOR-INTENSIVE NATURE OF APPAREL MANUFACTURE

AND RISING PRODUCTION COSTS, U.S. WORKERS RECEIVE AN AVERAGE OF

8 TO 10 TIMES THE WAGES OF THEIR COUNTERPARTS ABROAD. THIS IS A

TRIBUTE TO THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM.

OUR NATION'S 23,000 APPAREL PLANTS HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED AS

THE MOST COMPETITIVE INDUSTRY REMAINING IN AMERICA TODAY. COMPETITION

HAS KEPT PRICES RELATIVELY LOW COMPARED TO OTHER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.

MANY SMALLER COMPANIES HELP PERPETUATE A FREE AND OPEN MARKETPLACE

WHICH THIS ADMINISTRATION IS STRIVING TO PRESERVE.

WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT THE TEXTILE AND APPAREL INDUSTRY

IS DEMONSTRATING HERE IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK WHAT THEY CAN DO FOR

THEMSELVES AND FOR OUR NATION. YOUR LEADERSHIP LOOKS TO THE DEVELOPMENT

OF EXPORT MARKETS TO IMPROVE OUR BALANCE OF TRADE. YOU ARE SELLING

MORE THAN OUR PRODUCTS --- YOU ARE SELLING OUR LIFESTYLE.

THROUGH LEADERSHIP IN FASHION AND CREATIVE MERCHANDISING,
YOUR INDUSTRY IS NOT ONLY SURVIVING BUT GROWING. YOU MUST CONTINUE
YOUR CREATIVITY IN DESIGN, TECHNOLOGY, AND MARKETING. AND THE
GOVERNMENT MUST FACILITATE MARKETING ABROAD BY CONTINUING EFFORTS TO
REDUCE FOREIGN RESTRICTIONS ON OUR PRODUCTS AND BY OPENING NEW
MARKETS SO WE MAY COMPETE ON A FAIR BASIS.



MAN," HE ADVISED NOT ONLY ON FASHION BUT IN THE VERY SAME PASSAGE

ISSUED SOME GUIDELINES ON DIPLOMACY. SAID SHAKESPEARE, "GIVE EVERY

MAN THY EAR, BUT FEW THYYVOICE; TAKE EACH MAN'S CENSURE, BUT RESERVE

THY JUDGMENT."

THIS IS PRECISELY HOW SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER

PROCEEDED IN NOT ONLY RESTORING THE BADLY-TORN FABRIC OF PEACE IN THE

MIDDLE EAST BUT IN DESIGNING A NEW PRODUCT THAT CAN BE WORN WITH

PRIDE BY BOTH SIDES. HE HAS MADE PEACE FASHIONABLE.



2 am prod LET ME TELL YOU HOW PROUD I AM TO BE A CITIZEN OF A NATION

THAT COMMANDS RESPECT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD NOT ONLY FOR OUR PRODUCTS

AND LIFESTYLE BUT ALSO FOR OUR IDEALS AND OUR HONESTY. DESPITE OUR

DETRACTORS AT HOME AND ABROAD, LET US OBSERVE THAT IT WAS THE

REPUTATION AND GOOD NAME OF THE UNITED STATES --- AND THE AMERICAN

FLAG ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S AIRCRAFT --- THAT ENABLED THE SECRETARY

TO NEGOTIATE SO EFFECTIVELY FOR PEACE.



JUST AS YOUR PRODUCTS PROUDLY BEAR THE LABEL, "MADE IN USA," SO IT IS THAT A NEW ERA IN WORLD HISTORY, AN ERA OF NEGOTIATION AND RECONCILIATION, WAS "MADE IN USA."

SO MUCH ATTENTION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON CONTROVERSIAL

EVENTS IN WASHINGTON, I FEAR WE ARE LOSING SIGHT OF THE NIXON

ADMINISTRATION'S CREATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.



SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MOST RECENT MISSION WAS FACILITATED
BY THE NEW CLIMATE THAT EXISTS WORLDWIDE. THIS IS THE CLIMATE THAT
ENSUED FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HISTORIC INITIATIVES IN VISITING MOSCOW
AND PEKING AND IN UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED THERE AND IN SUBSEQUENT
EXCHANGES. THIS IS THE CLIMATE THAT FLOWS FROM PRESIDENT NIXON'S
MASTERFUL EXTRICATION OF THE AMERICAN ARMED FORCES FROM THE WAR IN
VIETNAM, THE FREEING OF OUR POW'S, THE TERMINATION OF THE DRAFT,
AND OTHER GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

I HAVE SAID BEFORE --- AND I REPEAT TODAY --- THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAS INNOVATED AND CARRIED FORWARD A BOLD AND COURAGEOUS FOREIGN POLICY THAT HISTORY WILL CREDIT IN DUE PERSPECTIVE. IT WAS PRESIDENT NIXON WHO CHOSE AND SUPPORTED SECRETARY KISSINGER AND GAVE FULL CONFIDENCE AND SCOPE TO OUR DISTINGUISHED SECRETARY OF STATE. I WOULD BE LESS THAN CANDID IF I DID NOT SAY TODAY, SHORTLY BEFORE PRESIDENT NIXON'S DEPARTURE OVERSEAS TO CONSOLIDATE AND STRENGTHEN THE BRIDGEHEAD OF PEACE, THAT REGARDLESS OF OUR VIEWS ON DOMESTIC CONTROVERSIES IN WASHINGTON, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SPEAKS FOR ALL OF US WHEN HE SEEKS PEACE ABROAD.



OUR NATION AND OUR WORLD MUST MOVE FORWARD TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF INFLATION, OF SHORTAGES OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, OF FOOD SHORTAGES, OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, OF PROVIDING MEANINGFUL EDUCATION, HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, MEDICAL CARE. THIS IS THE WAY TO PRESERVE THE FREEDOM AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN INDIVIDUAL. TO MOVE AHEAD WE MUST LEARN TO LIVE TOGETHER IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE CAN NO LONGER CONSIDER WAR AS JUST ANOTHER EXTENSION OF FOREIGN POLICY. THAT IS WHY THE PURSUIT OF PEACE BY THIS ADMINISTRATION IS SO IMPORTANT.

IT WAS WITH A DREAM OF PEACE THAT ALBERT EINSTEIN

CAME TO AMERICA FROM GERMANY. EINSTEIN BROUGHT MORE THAN THE

GENIUS THAT INTRODUCED THE NUCLEAR AGE. HE ALSO BROUGHT THE

INSIGHT THAT WE MUST EVOLVE A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS IN WHICH ALL MANKIND

ASCENDS TO HIGHER LEVELS OF HUMAN COMPASSION, IMAGINATION, AND

COOPERATION.

PEACE CAN ONLY BE CREATED BY UNDERSTANDING.



ANOTHER VISIONARY CAME TO THE UNITED STATES FROM GERMANY.

HE IS HENRY KISSINGER, WHOSE DIPLOMATIC GENIUS IS BRINGING

FULFILLMENT TO ALBERT EINSTEIN'S DREAM.

HENRY KISSINGER'S HANDIWORK HAS ONCE MORE RELIEVED A

DANGEROUS GLOBAL PRESSURE POINT. ONLY A FEW MONTHS AGO HE BROUGHT

ABOUT A DISENGAGEMENT OF ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN FORCES. GUNS ARE NOW

SILENT ALONG THE SUEZ CANAL. MEN ARE NO LONGER DYING, MOTHERS NO LONGER

CRYING.

EACH SIDE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY OUT THE SUEZ

AGREEMENT IN SUCH MANNER AS TO INSTILL CONFIDENCE IN THE OTHER SIDE

THAT AGREEMENTS CAN SUCCEED AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING OF PEACE.

NOW SYRIA AND ISRAEL HAVE AGREED TO A SIMILAR DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES.

GUNS THAT ROARED DAY AFTER DAY HAVE BEEN UNLOADED. SYRIANS AND

ISRAELIS ARE NO LONGER DYING.

ALL THE CREDIT DOES NOT BELONG TO AMERICAN DIPLOMACY. A

LARGE SHARE ACCRUES TO THE COURAGE, GOODWILL, AND VISION OF THE LEADERS

OF EGYPT, SYRIA AND ISRAEL. I SALUTE THEIR STATESMANSHIP.



SECRETARY KISSINGER'S GENIUS WAS IN NARROWING THE DISTANCE
BETWEEN THE PARTIES WITHOUT IMPOSING A SETTLEMENT. HE ACTED AS A

TIRELESS GO-BETWEEN FOR THE TWO SIDES. THIS WAS FAR BETTER THAN

COERCION. IT ENHANCES AMERICA'S MORAL STANDING WITH BOTH PARTIES,

INCREASES OUR INFLUENCE FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE AND DECREASES THE

CHANCES OF GREAT POWER CONFRONTATION.



I AM CONVINCED THAT THE BITTER DISPUTE BETWEEN ARAB AND ISRAELIS CAN BE TRANSCENDED JUST AS WE HAVE MOVED FORWARD IN OUR OWN RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. ACCORDINGLY, WE LOOK TOWARD THE CONTINUED MOMENTUM OF ARAB-ISRAELI SETTLEMENT. BOTH SIDES NOW HAVE MUCH TO GAIN BY NOT PERMITTING THE SITUATION TO STAGNATE WHERE IT IS, BUT TO TRANSLATE IT INTO STEADY PROGRESS TOWARD FURTHER AGREEMENTS ENCOMPASSING THE REMAINING ISSUES, RESULTING IN A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.



THIS IS A TEST FOR THE PARTIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED AS WELL

AS FOR ALL POWERS WITH INTERESTS IN THE AREA, AND ALSO FOR THE

UNITED NATIONS FORCES ENTRUSTED WITH PEACEKEEPING BY THE WORLD

COMMUNITY.

THE ISRAELI AND SYRIAN FORCES ARE NOW PHYSICALLY DISENGAGING, WITH THE U.N. FORCES TO SERVE AS A BUFFER IN BETWEEN. BOTH SIDES HAVE THE CHANCE TO EMULATE THE PEACEFUL TRANSITION IN THE SUEZ ZONE.



all of us are

I WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED AT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR RELEASE

OF THE ISRAELI AND SYRIAN PRISONERS OF WAR. WE RECALL ALL TOO VIVIDLY
THE TORMENT OF AMERICANS OVER THE FATE OF OUR OWN POW'S IN NORTH
VIETNAM.



SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER JUDGED VERY ASTUTELY THE MOMENT WHEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL WERE EQUALLY READY TO GO FROM A STATE OF PERMANENT HOSTILITY TO A STATE OF POSSIBLE ACCOMMODATION. HE CONVERTED THAT READINESS INTO A FORMULA THAT BOTH SIDES COULD ACCEPT. WE PRAY THAT THE ORDERLY PROCESS OF PEACE WILL PROCEED WITHOUT BEING JEOPARDIZED BY THE TERRORIST EXTREMISM THAT CANNOT BE TOLERATED BY CIVILIZED HUMANITY.



IT IS OUR INTENTION TO HONOR OUR COMMITMENT TO HELP ISRAEL MAINTAIN AN ARMS BALANCE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY DEFENSE CAPABILITY. WE ARE MINDFUL OF THE CONTINUING FLOW OF SOVIET ARMS TO THE MIDDLE EAST. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT JUST AS WE SEEK AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON SALT AND OTHER EFFORTS FOR ARMS REDUCTION, THE ARABS AND ISRAELIS CAN TURN THEIR RESOURCES TO MORE FRUITFUL USES. INSTEAD OF A MIDDLE EAST POLARIZED BY AN ENDLESS ARMS RACE, WE ENVISAGE NORMALIZED RELATIONS WITH ALL THE STATES OF A PEACEFUL AND COOPERATING REGION.

A PROCESS OF AWAKENING HAS STARTED IN THE AREA WHERE

FEAR AND DEATH HAVE STALKED FRONTIERS FOR OVER A QUARTER CENTURY, And was not it has come at a terrible cost. I am very proud of the role our country has taken. The president will continue to work in every way to encourage a permanent settlement acceptable to all sides.

It is my fervent hope that from such a peace will flow a spirit of greater cooperation not only between the arabs and israelis but among all peoples.

OUR ENEMIES ARE NOT OTHER NATIONS OR PEOPLES DIFFERENT

FROM OURSELVES. OUR ENEMIES ARE HUNGER, DISEASE, POVERTY, IGNORANCE,

HOPELESSNESS, FEAR, AND HATRED. OUR GREAT CHALLENGE IS NOT IN

MILITARY CONFRONTATION BUT IN HARNESSING THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND

INDUSTRIAL GENIUS OF HUMANITY TO ASSURE BETTER LIVES FOR ALL AMERICANS

AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY OF MAN.



THE GREAT RELIGIONS OF THE WESTERN WORLD, CHRISTIANITY

AND JUDAISM, EMERGED IN THAT HOLY LAND WHICH IS AT LONG LAST ON THE

THRESHOLD OF PEACE. THAT LAND IS ALSO SACRED TO THE BELIEVERS

IN THE MOSLEM FAITH. ALL OF US --- CHRISTIAN, JEW, AND MOSLEM --
SHARE THE SAME SUPREME CREATOR.



IN THAT SPIRIT, I PRAY THAT GOD WILL BLESS OUR COUNTRY,

THAT IT MAY EVER BE A STRONGHOLD FOR PEACE, AND THE ADVOCATE OF

PEACE IN THE COUNCIL OF NATIONS. MAY HE STRENGTHEN THE BONDS OF

FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP AMONG THE INHABITANTS OF ALL LANDS.

I THANK YOU.





OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT WASHINGTON

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

NEW YORK CITY

June 4, 1974

Remain overnight.

MILITARY AIDE: Cmdr. H. Kerr G. Gowen ADVANCEMAN: ARRIVE Andrews AFB. Board Air Force II 9:55 pm WHEELS UP en route La Guardia Airport, Marine 10:00 pm Air Terminal, New York City [flying time: 1 hour] [no time change] ARRIVE La Guardia Airport. Proceed to motorcade 11:00 pm DEPART La Guardia via motorcade en route Americana 11:05 pm Hotel [driving time: 35 minutes] ARRIVE Americana Hotel. 11:40 pm Proceed to suite



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT WASHINGTON

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

NEW YORK CITY

June 4, 1974

ADVANCEMAN:

G. Gowen

MILITARY AIDE: Cmdr. H. Kerr

7:35 am

DEPART suite en route Regency Foyer, Americana

Hotel, for head table reception

EVENT NO. 1

HEAD TABLE RECEPTION

ATTIRE: Business suit

7:40 am

ARRIVE Regency Foyer

NOTE: You will be greeted by James Chamberlain, incoming President of the American

Apparel Manufacturer's Association

Mingle

Attendance: 50

7:55 am

Dais guests line up for entrance to Georgian

Ballroom

EVENT NO. 2

AMERICAN APPAREL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST

ATTIRE: Business suit

8:00 am

ARRIVE Georgian Ballroom

Proceed to head table

Seated at the head table will be:

Sen. Jacob Javits

James Chamberlain, incoming President

William Flanigan, outgoing President

9 members of the American Apparel Manufacturer's Association

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page two June 4, 1974 Proposed schedule

8:05 am	Invocation
8:10 am	Breakfast is served
8:12 am	Introduction of the head table
8:45 am	Flanigan presents gavel to James Chamberlain
8:50 am	Chamberlain introduces the Vice President
8:55 am	Vice Presidential remarks begin
	FULL PRESS COVERAGE
9:15 am	Vice Presidential remarks conclude
9:16 am	DEPART Georgian Ballroom en route holding room
9:18 am	ARRIVE holding room
9:30 am	DEPART holding room en route motorcade
9:32 am	DEPART Americana Hotel via motorcade en route La Guardia Airport, Marine Air Terminal
	[driving time: 45 minutes]
10:17 am	ARRIVE La Guardia Airport, Marine Air Terminal.
	Board Air Force II
10:25 am	WHEELS UP en route Andrews AFB.
	<pre>[flying time: 55 minutes] [no time change]</pre>
11:20 am	ARRIVE Andrews AFB. Proceed to motorcade

REMARKS OF VICE PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD AMERICAN APPAREL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION AMERICANA HOTEL NEW YORK, NEW YORK JUNE 4, 1974



FOR RELEASE ON DELIVERY AT 8:55 A.M. TUESDAY

I am very pleased to participate in the Annual Meeting

Breakfast of the American Apparel Manufacturers Association held
this morning in conjunction with the opening of TEXPO '74 --- the
first American Fashion Textiles Exposition.

The apparel and textile industries are to be commended for demonstrating through TEXPO '74 the growth and progress of the United States as the leader of world fashion. Never before has our Nation offered such a dramatic demonstration of the American lifestyle in fiber, fabrics and apparel. I am particularly pleased that more than a score of new countries have sent representatives to view our products and new concepts.

A lot has happened in American fashion -- and in the world --- since

I spoke at a meeting of the Apparel Manufacturers Association in Dallas, Texas,
in 1967.

Today I want to discuss the relationship between two kinds of fabric --- the fabric used so creatively by the apparel industry and the fabric of world peace.

Your theme this year, "Lifestyle USA", helps us to reaffirm our belief in ourselves. The productivity of the apparel and textile industries employs 2.4 million persons --- approximately one in every 8 engages.

in American manufacturing . This industrial complex is the largest employer of manufacturing labor in the United States. Add fiber producers --- cotton, wool, and man-mades --- and millions more are involved.

Aspirations for world peace rest upon the strength and viability of the American economy. You are reaffirming here at TEXPO '74 that our productivity remains a model for the world. You are reasserting the industry and genius of America that nother nations have sought to emulate. You are showing that we continue to set the pace for the style and fashion, that the label, 'made in USA,' is proudly worn, and that you are a part of what's right with America.

You have contributed to our domestic capabilities --- especially the job security of American workers. A multilateral apparel-textile-fiber trade agreement was signed by some 50 nations in Geneva last December. It established a framework for the orderly growth of world markets in apparel and textiles.

Many of the American workers whose jobs were made more secure by this agreement were those least able to survive layoffs and curtailed tworkweeks caused by low-wage competition from abroad. I speak of the special category of workers that the apparel industry employs in increasing numbers. Among them are handicapped persons, farm workers who find seasonal employment, and persons on work-release rehabilitation programs to help them become productive and useful members of society.

Your industry deserves special tribute for its social concerns .

Despite the labor-intensive nature of apparel manufacture and rising production costs, U.S. workers receive an average of 8 to 10 times the wages of their counterparts abroad. This is a tribute to the free enterprise system.

Our Nation's 23,000 apparel plants have been described as the MOST

prices relatively low compared to other products and services. Many smaller companies help perpetuate a free and open marketplace which this Administration is striving to preserve.

We are very pleased that the textile and apparel industry is demonstrating and here in New York this week what they can do for themselves for our Nation.

Your leadership looks to the development of export markets to improve our balance of trade. You selling more than our products our are selling our lifestyle.

Through leadership in fashion and creative merchandising, your industry is not only surviving but growing. You must continue your creativity in design, technology, and marketing. And the Government must facilitate abroad by continuing efforts to reduce foreign restrictions on our products and by opening new markets so may compete the on a fair basis.

When Shakespeare wrote that "the apparel oft proclaims the man!" he advised not only on fashion but, in the very same passage dissued some guidelines on diplomacy. Said Skakespeare, "Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice; Take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment."

This is precisely how Secretary of State Henry Kissinger proceeded in not only restoring the badly-torn fabric of peace in the Middle East but in designing a new product that can be worn with pride by both sides. He made peace fashionable.

Let me tell you how proud I am to be a citizen of a Nation that commands respect throughout world not only for our products and lifestyle but also for our ideals and our honesty. Despite our detractors at home and abroad, let us observe that it was the reputation and good name of the United States --- and the American flag on Secretary Kissinger's airgraft --- that enabled the Secretary to negotiate so effectively for peace.

Just as your products proudly bear the label "made in VSA" so it is that *** a new era in world history, an era of negotiation and reconciliation was "made in USA".

So much attention has been focused on controversial events in Washington I fear we are losing sight of the Nixon Administration's creative relationship with the rest of the world.

Secretary Kissinger's most recent mission was facilitated by the new climate that exists worldwide. This is the climate that ensued from the President's historic initiatives in visiting Moscow and Peking and in understandings reached there and in subsequent exchanges. This is the climate that flows from President's extrication of the American armed forces from the war in Vietnam, the freeing of our POW's, the termination of the draft, and other accomplishments.

I have said before --- and I repeat today --- that President Nixon has innovated and executed a bold and courageous foreign policy that history will credit in due perspective. It was President Nixon who chose and designated Secretary Kissinger and who encouraged, authorized, supported,

and distinguished Secretary of State . I would be

less than candid if I did not today, shortly before President Nixon's departure for all overseas to consolidate and strengthen the bridgehead of peace, that provides in Washington and the President speaks for allywhen he seeks peace abroad.

Our Nation and our world must move forward to meet the challenges of inflation, of shortages of energy and natural resources, of food shortages, of environmental problems, of providing meaningful education, housing, employment, medical care. This is the way to preserve the freedom and dignity of the human individual. To move ahead we must learn to live together in the knowledge that we can no longer consider war as just another mode of preserve foreign policy. That is why the peace this Administration is so important.

It was with a dream of peace that Albert Einstein came to America from Germany. Einstein brought more than the genius that introduced the nuclear age. He also brought the insight that we must evolve a new consciousness in which all mankind ascends to higher levels of human compassion, imagination, and cooperation.



Einstein knew that peace cannot be achieved by force. Peace can only be created by understanding.

Another visionary came to the United States from Germany. He is Henry Kissinger, whose diplomatic genius is bringing fulfillment to Albert Einstein's dream.

Henry Kissinger's handiwork has once more relieved a dangerous global pressure point. Only a few months ago he brought about a disengagement of Israeli and Egyptian forces. Guns are now silent along the Suez Canal.

Men are no longer dying, worthers no longer dying the opportunity to carry out the Suez agreement

Each side the opportunity to carry out the Suez agreement in such manner as to instill confidence in the other side that agreements can succeed and contribute to the building of peace. Now Syria and Israel have agreed to a similar disengagement of forces.

Guns that roared day after day have been unloaded. Syrians and Israelis are no longer dying.

All the credit does not belong to American diplomacy. A large share accrues to the courage, goodwill, and vision of the leaders of both /// Syria and Israel. I salute their statesmanship.

Secretary Kissinger's genius was in narrowing the distance between the parties without imposing a formula from outside. He acted as a tireless go-between for the two sides. This was far better than coercion. It enhances America's moral standing with both parties, increases our influenced and decreases the chances of American military embroilment?

The new agreement strengthens the hand of the President when he



goes later this month to Moscow to seek, among other things, international cooperation in minimizing remaining tensions in the Middle East.

I am convinced that the bitter dispute between Arab and Israelis can be transcended just as we have moved forward in our own relations with the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China. Accordingly, we look toward the continued momentum of Arab-Israeli settlement.

Both sides now have much to gain by not permitting the situation to stagnate where it is, but to translate it into steady progress toward further agreements encompassing the remaining issues, resulting in a just and durable peace in the Middle East.

This is a test for the parties directly involved as well as for all powers with interests in the area and also for the United Nations forces entrusted with peacekeeping the world community.

The Israeli and Syrian forces are now physically disengaging themselves, with the U.N. forces to suffer as abuffer in between.

Both sides have the chance to emulate the peaceful transition in the Suez zone.

I was particularly pleased at the arrangements for release of the Israeli and Syrian prisoners of war. We recall all too vividly the torment of Americans over the fate of our own POW's in North Vietnam.



Secretary of State Kissinger judged very astutely the moment when

Syria and Israel were equally ready to go from a state of permanent hostility to
a state of possible accommodation. He converted that readiness into a

formula that both sides could accept. We pray that the orderly process
of peace will proceed with all parties cooperating to suppress the

terrorist extremism that cannot be tolerated by

civilized humanity.

It is our intention to honor our commitment to help Israel

maintain an arms balance to provide the necessary defense capability.

We are mindful of the continuing flow of Soviet arms to Symia and Egypt.

It is our hope that just as we seek agreement with the Soviet Union of SALT and other efforts for arms reduction, the Arabs and Israelis can turn their resources to more fruitful uses. Instead of a Middle East polarized by an endless arms race, we envisage normalized relations with all the states of a peaceful and cooperating region.

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cost. I am very proud of the role our country has taken. We will continue to work in every way to encourage a permanent settlement acceptable to both sides. It is my fervent hope that from such a peace will flow a spirit of greater cooperation not only between the Arabs and Israelis but among all peoples.

Our enemies are not other nations or peoples different from ourselves.

Our enemies are hunger, disease, poverty, ignorance, hopelessness, fear, and hatred. Our great challenge is not in military controntation but in harnessing the natural resources and industrial genius of humanity to assure better lives for all Americans and the entire family of man.

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The great religions of the Western world, Christianity and Judaism, emerged in that holy land which is at long last on the threshold of peace.

That land is also sacred to the believers in the Moslem faith. All of us --Christian, Jew, and Moslem --- share the same supreme Creator.

In that spirit, I pray that God will bless our country, that it may ever be a stronghold for peace, and the advocate of peace in the council of nations. May He strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship among the inhabitants of all lands.

I thank you .



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A lot has happened in American fashion — and in the world — since I spoke at a meeting of the Apparel Manufacturers Association in Dallas, Texas, in 1967.

Today I want to discuss the relationship between two kinds of fabric — the <u>fabric</u> used so creatively by the apparel industry and the <u>fabric</u> of world peace.

Your theme this year, "Lifestyle USA," helps us to reaffirm our belief in ourselves. The apparel and textile industry employs 2.4 million persons — approximately one in every 8 engaged in American manufacturing. This industrial complex is the largest employer of manufacturing labor in the United States. Add fiber producers — cotton, wool, and man-mades — and millions more are involved.

Aspirations for world peace rest upon the strength and viability of the American economy. You are reaffirming here at TEXPO '74 that our productivity remains a model for the world. You are reasserting the industry and genius of America that other nations have sought to emulate. You are showing that we continue to set the pace for style and fashion, that the label, "made in USA," is proudly worn, and that you are a part of what's right with America.

You have contributed to our domestic capabilities — especially the job security of American workers. A multilateral apparel-textile-fiber trade agreement was signed by some 50 nations in Geneva last December. It established a

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framework for the orderly growth of world markets in apparel and textiles.

Many of the American workers whose jobs were made more secure by this agreement were those least able to survive layoffs and curtailed workweeks caused by low-wage competition from abroad. I speak of the special category of workers that the apparel industry employs in increasing numbers. Among them are handicapped persons, farm workers who find seasonal employment, and persons on work-release rehabilitation programs to help them become productive and useful members of society.

Your industry deserves special recognition for its social concerns

Despite the labor-intensive nature of apparel manufacture and rising

production costs, U.S. workers receive an average of 8 to 10 times the wages of
their counterparts abroad. This is a tribute to the free enterprise system.

Our Nation's 23,000 apparel plants have been described as the most competitive industry remaining in America today. Competition has kept prices relatively low compared to other products and services. Many smaller companies help perpetuate a free and open marketplace which this Administration is striving to preserve.

We are very pleased that the textile and apparel industry is demonstrating here in New York this week what they can do for themselves and for our Nation. Your leadership looks to the development of export markets to improve our balance of trade. You are selling more than our products — you are selling our lifestyle.

Through leadership in fashion and creative merchandising, your industry is not only surviving but growing. You must continue your creativity in design, technology, and marketing. And the Government must facilitate marketing abroad by continuing efforts to reduce foreign restrictions on our products and by opening new markets so we may compete on a fair basis.

When Shakespeare wrote that "the apparel oft proclaims the man," he advised not only on fashion but in the very same passage issued some guidelines on diplomacy. Said Shakespeare, "Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice; Take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment."

This is precisely how Secretary of State Henry Kissinger proceeded in not only restoring the badly-torn fabric of peace in the Middle East but in designing a new product that can be worn with pride by both sides. He has made peace fashionable.

Let me tell you how proud I am to be a citizen of a Nation that commands respect throughout the world not only for our products and lifestyle but also for our ideals and our honesty. Despite our detractors at home and abroad, let us observe that it was the reputation and good name of the United States — and the

American flag on Secretary Kissinger's aircraft — that enabled the Secretary to negotiate so effectively for peace.

Just as your products proudly bear the label "made in USA," so it is that a new era in world history, an era of negotiation and reconciliation, was "made in USA."

So much attention has been focused on controversial events in Washington

I fear we are losing sight of the Nixon Administration's creative relationship with
the rest of the world.

that exists worldwide. This is the climate that ensued from the President's historic initiatives in visiting Moscow and Peking and in understandings reached there and in subsequent exchanges. This is the climate that flows from President Nixon's masterful extrication of the American armed forces from the war in Vietnam the freeing of our POW's, the termination of the draft, and other great accomplishments.

I have said before — and I repeat today — that President Nixon has innovated and carried forward a bold and courageous foreign policy that history will credit in due perspective. It was President Nixon who chose and supported Secretary Kissinger and gave full confidence and scope to our distinguished Secretary of State. I would be less than candid if I did not say today, shortly before President Nixon's departure overseas to consolidate and strengthen the bridgehead of peace, that regardless of our views on domestic controversies in Washington, the President of the United States speaks for all of us when he seeks peace abroad.

Our Nation and our world must move forward to meet the challenges of inflation, of shortages of energy and natural resources, of food shortages, of environmental problems, of providing meaningful education, housing, employment, medical care. This is the way to preserve the freedom and dignity of the human individual. To move ahead we must learn to live together in the knowledge that we can no longer consider war as just another extension of foreign policy. That is why the pursuit of peace by this Administration is so important.

It was with a dream of peace that Albert Einstein came to America from Germany. Einstein brought more than the genius that introduced the nuclear age. He also brought the insight that we must evolve a new consciousness in which all mankind ascends to higher levels of human compassion, imagination, and cooperation.

Einstein knew that peace cannot be achieved by force. Peace can only be created by understanding.

Another visionary came to the United States from Germany, He is (more)

Henry Kissinger, whose diplomatic genius is bringing fulfillment to Albert Einstein's dream.

Henry Kissinger's handiwork has once more relieved a dangerous global pressure point. Only a few months ago he brought about a disengagement of Israeli and Egyptian forces. Guns are now silent along the Suez Canal. Men are no longer dying, mothers no longer crying.

Each side has the opportunity to carry out the Suez agreement in such manner as to instill confidence in the other side that agreements can succeed and contribute to the building of peace. Now Syria and Israel have agreed to a similar disengagement of forces. Guns that roared day after day have been unloaded. Syrians and Israelis are no longer dying.

All the credit does not belong to American diplomacy. A large share accrues to the courage, goodwill, and vision of the leaders of Egypt, Syria and Israel. I salute their statesmanship.

Secretary Kissinger's genius was in narrowing the distance between the parties without imposing a settlement. He acted as a tireless go-between for the two sides. This was far better than coercion. It enhances America's moral standing with both parties, increases our influence for peaceful change and decreases the chances of great power confrontation.

I am convinced that the bitter dispute between Arabs and Israelis can be transcended just as we have moved forward in our own relations with the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China. Accordingly, we look toward the continued momentum of Arab-Israeli settlement. Both sides now have much to gain by not permitting the situation to stagnate where it is, but to translate it into steady progress toward further agreements encompassing the remaining issues, resulting in a just and durable peace in the Middle East.

This is a test for the parties directly involved as well as for all powers with interests in the area, and also for the United Nations forces entrusted with peacekeeping by the world community.

The Israeli and Syrian forces are now physically disengaging, with the U.N. forces to serve as a buffer in between. Both sides have the chance to emulate the peaceful transition in the Suez zone.

I was particularly pleased at the arrangements for release of the Israeli and Syrian prisoners of war. We recall all too vividly the torment of Americans over the fate of our own POW's in North Vietnam.

Secretary of State Kissinger judged very astutely the moment when Syria and Israel were equally ready to go from a state of permanent hostility to a state of possible accommodation. He converted that readiness into a formula that both

sides could accept. We pray that the orderly process of peace will proceed without being jeopardized by the terrorist extremism that cannot be tolerated by civilized humanity.

It is our intention to honor our commitment to help Israel maintain an arms balance to provide the necessary defense capability. We are mindful of the continuing flow of Soviet arms to the Middle East. It is our hope that just as we seek agreement with the Soviet Union on SALT and other efforts for arms reduction, the Arabs and Israelis can turn their resources to more fruitful uses. Instead of a Middle East polarized by an endless arms race, we envisage normalized relations with all the states of a peaceful and cooperating region.

A process of awakening has started in the area where fear and death have stalked frontiers for over a quarter century. It has come at a terrible cost. I am very proud of the role our country has taken. The President will continue to work in every way to encourage a permanent settlement acceptable to all sides. It is my fervent hope that from such a peace will flow a spirit of greater cooperation not only between the Arabs and Israelis but among all peoples.

Our enemies are not other nations or peoples different from ourselves.

Our enemies are hunger, disease, poverty, ignorance, hopelessness, fear, and hatred. Our great challenge is not in military confrontation but in harnessing the natural resources and industrial genius of humanity to assure better lives for all Americans and the entire family of man.

The great religions of the Western world, Christianity and Judaism, emerged in that holy land which is at long last on the threshold of peace. That land is also sacred to the believers in the Moslem faith. All of us — Christian, Jew, and Moslem — share the same supreme Creator.

In that spirit, I pray that God will bless our country, that it may ever be a stronghold for peace, and the advocate of peace in the council of nations. May He strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship among the inhabitants of all lands.

I thank you.