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Testimonial Dinner

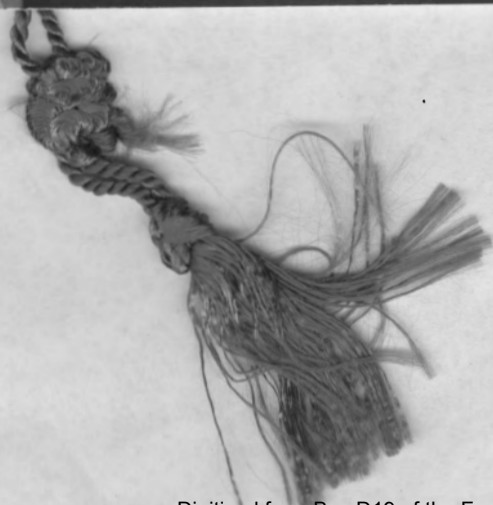
THE HONORABLE CHARLES RAPER JONAS

MEMBER OF CONGRESS

EIGHTH DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA

PARK CENTER

OCTOBER 1, 1965





The Great Seal of the United States

Menu

SHRIMP COCKTAIL

ROAST RIB EYE OF BEEF

BAKED IDAHO POTATO BLUE LAKE CUT GREEN BEANS

TOSSED GREEN SALAD

GERMAN'S CHOCOLATE CAKE

HOT ROLLS

BUTTER

COFFEE TEA MILK

ALTERNATE ENTREE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

Program

Presiding.....JOHN L. STICKLEY

Invocation.....DR. WARNER L. HALL

TESTIMONIES

.....Anson County
CHARLES MCBRYDE..... Lee County
WILLIAM MORRISEY..... Lincoln County
BRANSON MCRAY.....Montgomery County
DAVID A. DREXEL.....Moore County
DR. JAMES HEMPHILL.....Richmond County
WILLIAM A. ENGLISH..... Union County

Introduction of Principal Speaker—

THE HONORABLE JAMES T. BROYHILL
Member of Congress, 9th District

Principal Speaker..... THE HONORABLE GERALD FORD
Minority Leader
U. S. House of Representatives

Introduction of Guest of HonorDR. GEORGE D. HEATON

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JOHN L. STICKLEY, *Chairman*

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JAMES PLYLER
JOE SIBLEY
LINDBERG DENNIS
MRS. ESTHER CHAPPELL
JOHN E. HODGE
DONALD D. COOKE
WALLACE O'NEAL
ROY HAYES
GRANT WHITNEY

GEORGE DOWDY

READING TEXT

Republican Dinner
Charlotte, N. C.
October 2, 1965

In a recent speech, the man we salute tonight described a

conservative as "one who is happy in his own country."

He quoted with approval and adopted as his own the following

description of a conservative: "A loyal citizen... ~~represents~~ a person

profoundly grateful to the land he loves, who is eager to repay a

tithe of what he has received by passing on his heritage to future

generations...who is not in favor of change for its own sake...and

who wants to maintain America's best traditions."

Charles Jonas could have added another description. He could have

said that a conservative is someone who believes there should be

more than one television station in Austin Texas.

I was particularly impressed by Charlie's comment when he said:

"We know that adjustments must be made to changing conditions, but in

order to make those adjustments we do not think it is necessary to

repudiate fundamental principles."

Y. J. M. - OSU - 1965
Gov. of Virgin Island
Bureau of Internal Revenue
Great, great man.

I am very grateful for this opportunity to join you in saying

"thank you" to Charlie for his dedicated service to everyone,

regardless of party affiliation.

Having served with Charlie on App. - Anne Elliott

Charlie certainly has the attributes for a successful politician

as pictured in this description:

"To live long in politics, you must possess the hide of a
rhinoceros, the memory of an elephant, the persistence of a
beaver, the native friendliness of a mongrel pup. You need the
heart of a lion and the stomach of an ostrich. And, it helps to
have the humor and ubiquity of the crow. But all these combined
are not enough---unless when it comes to matters of principle,
you also have the stubbornness of an army mule!"

-more-

*I believe all of you feel as I
do that Charlie has done a fabulous job
for his District,
your state
Our Nation
but I add this footnote
I hope we can have him
doing this job*

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Tonight I will share with you some of my views on where we stand as a Nation with Lyndon B. Johnson as the heavy-handed ruler in the White House.

His Great Society is a shambles of contradiction. His programs are dressed in purity of name. They operate under his hard-core political platoons.

His far-out dreams are built on foundations of sand. His Potomac paternalism reaches into the states. His use and misuse of power as a total politician is awesome. Behind the facade of the Great Society, he is actually more interested in being known as the most popular President in history than he is in true progress. There is a great difference between popularity and statesmanship. We need again a President with the courage to be unpopular at times by refusing to bend to pressures exerted by special interest groups.

There are many instances of the White House attempting to crush all opposition to his scheme to concentrate all power in central government. The President attempts to abolish responsible dissent in Congress. He asks---"come, let us reason together." What he really means is "come and I'll reason."

He rode into office on a landslide characterized by pre-empting without justification the middle of the road, the mainstream of American political sentiment; by the promotion of a glittering scheme with an appealing name; by capitalizing on the weakened emotions of a Nation in sorrow.

Big, bigger, biggest---that's Lyndon Johnson. Take more and the government spends more. Borrow against tomorrow and spend it all today. Fatten the federal payroll---one employee for every hundred Americans.

The goal of his Administration is the general welfare state. There should be a broader interest. On our side of the aisle we are concerned with the state of the general welfare.

Unfortunately for the Nation, the President has a headlock on the runaway 89th Congress. Even his close political friends are concerned about his control, and the results.

Senator Mansfield, the powerful majority leader, recently proposed that the next session of Congress "spend less time on new legislation and more time correcting oversights in legislation we have just passed."

The distinguished Senate leader noted that the Congress has "passed a lot of major bills, some of them very hastily." That may be the understatement of the year.

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Vice President Humphrey has mentioned "the huge legislative tonnage dropped on our doorstep." I question his choice of the word "dropped." With his boss at the controls, the word "shoveled" might be more appropriate.

The "tonnage" the Vice President speaks of ---the legislation aimed at pushing the Great Society---is burying taxpayers, their wallets and savings accounts.

This year, 20 major public laws sponsored by the White House in the Great Society's name authorize NEW spending of an estimated \$16,767,300,000 in fiscal 1966. That's just the beginning. Our national debt is NOT the \$320 billion appearing on the record, but actually \$800 billion in commitments for future spending that require no new laws or programs.

You can see why Lyndon Johnson needs all those fountain pens---they will be used to sign all the blank checks handed to him by the Congress he controls with terrifying political power.

He claims his Great Society makes progress.

What is progress?

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

Is it progress to perpetuate poverty for political exploitation and purpose? Is it progress to destroy incentive? Is it progress to take one man's taxes to pay another man's rent? Is it progress to have Congress bend like a soggy noodle when the President pushes his weight around?

The President--when he isn't making profound announcements in the White House rose garden or sounding off on Texas weekends between boat rides and sight-seeing---is a master of the silent treatment.

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One of the most brazen uses of gag rule--with Lyndon Johnson calling the shots---was the restriction clamped on debate on the proposal to repeal Section 14-B of the Taft-Hartley Act.

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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?

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The major issues are found in the answers to these questions. They are the almost limitless power in the hands of one man--Lyndon B. Johnson; and the erosion of the rights of states and local governments to follow the advice of Abraham Lincoln---"the best rule, after all, is to let the people do pretty well as they please with their own business."

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