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Republican Dinner
Chemung County, Elmira, New York
October 6, 1965

Among many extra-legislative activities as Republican Leader of
the House is traveling. Since January 4th I have been in more than
30 states. Before the year ends, I will have visited possibly a
dozen more.

Usually, I have time to prepare speeches. Rarely do I have an
opportunity to attend a dinner without being called upon to say
something.

On what I thought was to be one of those rare occasions, it turned
out otherwise.

The toastmaster—like myself—was a graduate of Yale University.
Before he got around to introducing the speaker, for some reason he
decided to call on me to say a few impromptu words.

The audience was bi-partisan. There were a large number of young
people in the audience who had just graduated from high school.
I quickly decided to discuss a safe subject——Yale University.

Warming up to the advantages of the place where I coached football while getting a law degree, I told how "Y" stands for you... "A" for appreciation... "L" for loyalty... and "E" for efficiency.

The words came easily and the clock ticked away.

As I concluded my speech, someone in the rear of the auditorium said in a loud voice, "It's a good thing he didn't graduate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology!"

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The invitation to speak with you tonight came from Howard Robison, my colleague in the House, and Don Cole, your County Chairman.

The letter went something like this:

"New York 33rd District Republicans by tradition have outstanding speakers at their dinner-meetings."

Several excellent orators were then listed.

The letter concluded: "We hope you will accept. Up until now we have had very fine programs."

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I'm sure we have all heard many speeches and cannot remember what
was said. I have an exception.

When I was a Navy officer stationed near Chicago, I heard a man speak
who left a strong impression.

In a speech he said: "A government big enough to give you everything
you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you
have."

This sound comment has affected my views politically and on many
legislative matters during the past 16½ years I have been in Congress.

Another quote from his speech has stayed with me. He said: "You can't
make footprints on the sands of time by sitting down."..... This
is good advice for anyone.

Tonight I will discuss the government I described a few moments ago
and how the situation offers the Republican Party a golden opportunity.
That is the state of our government today with Lyndon B. Johnson riding hard on a Congress his political empire controls by a 2 to 1 majority.

We have big government... a leviathan government... a government that really doesn't care about the common man, his hopes, his dreams, his frustrations, his disappointments, his troubles.

The Great Society promotes programs dressed in purity of name. It is operated by two-fisted, political platoons. It is a sham... a contradiction.

I am being optimistic, not pessimistic, about the state of our federal government today. Its condition, its weaknesses and terrifying strength, its heavy-handed ruler in the White House, its strangle hold on American cities, townships, counties, communities and the 50 States offer the Republican Party one of the great opportunities in many years.

I sense a gradual awakening in the American electorate to the dangers of the alleged Great Society.
America—and some Democrats in Congress—are beginning to see these dangers.

They are learning that the Great Society's far-out dreams are built on foundations of sand...that misuse of political power in high places is frightening...that the Democrats are more interested in being popular than they are in true progress.

Yes, the Democrat record is extremely vulnerable.

Democrats demonstrate they want to concentrate all power in central government. They dodge responsible dissent and dialogue in Congress.

They bow to the will of the White House.

They live by the creed—big, bigger, biggest. Take more and the government spends more. Borrow against tomorrow and spend it all today.

Fatten the federal payroll. Tax, tax, tax...spend, spend, spend.

Democrats work to create a general welfare state. Republicans are interested in the state of the general welfare.

However there is hope. We Republicans are gaining allies. Senator Mansfield, the Democrat majority leader, raises vital questions.
Vice President Humphrey describes "the huge legislative tonnage dropped on our doorstep."

I subscribe to the general theme of his remark. However, I would replace the word "dropped" with the word "shoved."

That huge legislative tonnage the Vice President talks about is among the reasons for our national debt being sky high and headed for the moon.

The national debt is NOT the $320 billion appearing on the record. Actually, it is $800 billion in commitments for future spending that require no new laws or programs.

Meanwhile, the Great Society claims progress.

Well, what is progress?

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Is it progress to slip away from the principles of the Constitution?

Is it progress to perpetuate poverty for political exploitation and political 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 weed in the wind when the President huffs and puffs from the White House?

The President predicts that this Congress "will leap into history as the most effective and most rewarding...for all the people in all the history of America."

Where has it leaped?

It is "rewarding" the American taxpayers when they have less to spend on necessities, slimmer bank accounts, and more taxes arbitrarily taken from their paychecks?

Is it "effective" to have state and local governments crumbling in the iron clutch of federalism?

Is it rewarding to be under the shadow of inflation?
Is it "effective" to have a steady growth of direct and hidden taxes?

Do we want history to record this era as one which marked the beginning of a one-party system?

Do we call it "success" to have Americans losing their identity in an alleged Great Society that sets a record for escalating bureaucracy?

Democrats ignore the wisdom of Abraham Lincoln, who said, "the best rule, after all, is to let the people do pretty well as they please with their own business."

The issues are clear. They come more sharply into focus every day. They are creating an uneasiness, some deep fears, and growing unrest across America.

During the next few months the degree of federalism will dangerously increase because of the tragedy of the past election. The voices of the people will be even more muffled. Potomac paternalism will expand.

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Our Party moves into a crucial campaign armed with several hard-hitting issues, which I described earlier as being clear-cut.

The first is President Lyndon Johnson—his use and misuse of power.

The second is the erosion of the rights of states and local governments to conduct their business without federal control.

The third is the loss of identity of individuals who have little to say when one party controls national government by a 2 to 1 majority and the Executive branch gags Congress with iron-fisted despotism.

The fourth issue is a combination of inflation and the lack of fiscal sanity on the part of the Administration.

This is our ammunition. How do we use it?

How do we return balance to government, strengthen the Congress, have a Republican in the White House who will put statesmanship ahead of personal popularity in conducting the business of the Executive branch?
First, I ask that we forget 1964. Let's become once again one Republican Party. This does not mean a huge monolithic political organisation. Certainly, we can have responsible disagreement. We should have intelligent dialogue.

 Unless we leave the splintering to the Democrats and become the Republican Party, America will have one-party government. All the greatness of the Constitution will go down the drain. The system of checks and balances will be replaced by a system of federalism. That so-called "one party" dominating our beloved country will be that of big city political bosses, power-hungry labor dictators, and theoretical way-out liberals.

 We must win Republicans victories in the state houses, counties and townships. From this foundation will come resurgence on the national level of Republicanism.

 We must enlist knowledgeable, personable, articulate candidates... build strong organisation in all areas...establish a record that earns the respect of the electorate...raise more funds. (more)
We must conduct a neighbor-to-neighbor crusade telling the electorate what is wrong and how the Republican Party will change the situation.

In conclusion, I see the lopsided Democrat strength, the power in the White House, and the imbalance of government as the Goanna Goliath—the towering giant, the bully.

I see our Republican Party as David...small, out-numbered, facing a giant task with courage, a strong will to win, and fighting on the side of freedom.

In 1966 we will—like David—unleash our sling-shot against the political Goliath now dominating America.

And, like David.... we will win victory!

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