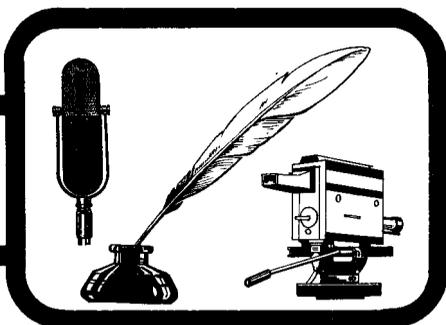


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CONGRESSMAN  
**GERALD R. FORD**  
HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

**NEWS  
RELEASE**

FOR RELEASE AT 6:30 P.M.  
MONDAY, SEPT. 19, 1966

SPEECH EXCERPTS--FRED DUGAN FOR CONGRESS DINNER, NEW YORK 35TH DISTRICT, AUBURN, N. Y.

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It's a full confession by Mr. Johnson that inflation--the swift rise in the cost of living--is continuing on its frightening course and is robbing the people blind.

It's a full confession by Mr. Johnson that his administration touched off this inflationary spiral by turning a deaf ear all this year--until now--to Republican pleas for cutbacks in non-essential federal spending.

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Mr. Johnson has promised to cut federal spending by \$3 billion. I was in Missouri a few days ago, and as the people there say, 'he's going to have to show me.' I just don't believe him.

He may cut the billions that his wild-spending Democrats in Congress are adding to his budget, but I just don't believe he'll make cuts that really count in any fight against inflation. I don't believe he'll cut his own budget, which was advertised as a \$112.8 billion spending sheet but will run to at least \$120 billion in fiscal 1967.

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You know why the 89th Congress with its lopsided Democratic majorities has been running wild, don't you? So wild that the President has to pull on the reins, and even then he can't stop his Democrat friends? It's because the wild-eyed Democrats in Congress were so enthusiastic about Mr. Johnson's sadly mistaken guns-and-butter decision of last January that they not only rubber-stamped all his welfare state proposals but proceeded to lard them with even more fat. And the incumbent congressman in this district played a part in all that.

This is an election year. And the Democrats' formula always has been to spend and spend, elect and elect, tax and tax. You'll notice the taxes always come after

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He'd like to keep it a surprise package. But if the voters are genuinely surprised, I'll be amazed. I just don't believe the American people are that gullible. I think they'll have some surprises for the Democrats on November 8.

The handwriting is on the wall right now. Mr. Johnson has waited too long to cut non-essential federal spending. His present efforts are like swatting at a disease-carrying mosquito after it has already infected its victim.

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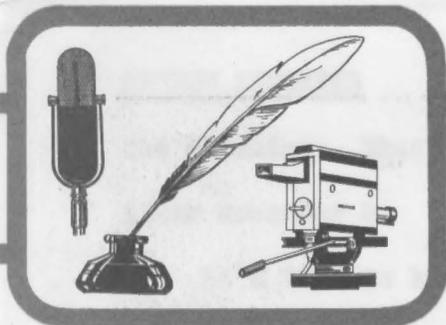
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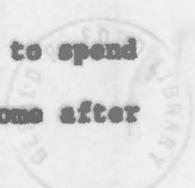
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ABOUT FRED DUGAN  
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Attorney Frederick D. Dugan is the Republican Candidate for Congress from the 35th Congressional District, the second biggest in the State of New York, stretching two-thirds of the way across the state and including the counties of Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Montgomery, Ontario, Otsego, Seneca and Yates.

Fred Dugan was born in the 35th District. And almost all his working life has been spent in the eight counties, except for schooling at Antioch College, where he received a degree in Government, and at Cornell Law School in Ithaca to get his law degree, and periods of service in Washington (with the Wage Stabilization Board) and in Albany on legislative staffs. He knows his eight-county district from one end to the other.

Fred Dugan knows Washington, too. Business trips have taken him there often and he was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States and the Treasury Department. International relations have long interested him. For years he has been building an excellent library on the subject and learns from study trips when he can afford them.

Fred Dugan lives near Penn Yan, in Yates County, where he has law offices--about 25 miles from his birthplace at Canandaigua, in Ontario County. He is now 37, the youngest man ever to run for Congress from the 35th District, although, of course, much older than first-term Congressmen from many other districts.

Fred Dugan's wife, Marcia, breaks the supposed rule: She's "beautiful but bright." Their three children are still youngsters. One is about ready for kindergarten; two are in gradeschool. Marcia Dugan is as active in political organizations and women's groups as her household duties permit. She is now Candidate Dugan's chief campaign aide.

When time and money allow, the Dugans indulge in two hobbies, both of which come natural in their Finger Lakes area. They go sailing in summer and skiing in winter. Fred is a member of the Snowridge Ski Club and the Keuka Lake East Branch Sailing Associations--affiliations of quite a different kind than some of his others, like Phi Delta Phi, International Legal Fraternity, Rotary International or the Experiment in International Living. The Dugans also like to travel and save to do so. On a recent trip to Europe, they preferred Italy. Marcia Dugan, who was brought up in Havana, Cuba, and speaks perfect Spanish, quickly developed an ear for Italian.

Because of his attractive wife and family and his relative youth, Dugan has been called "the Upstate Lindsay." But he says, "I don't know what a Silk-Stocking District is. I think I'm more of a typical 'Upstate New Yorker.'" He also refuses any "liberal" or "conservative" tag. "I'm a Republican," he says, "an advocate of representative government. I believe in serving the people, not dictating to them. I want to serve them in the best way in any given circumstances, so I can't be tied to any rigid 'liberal' or 'conservative' line. Also, most labels are meaningless. People mean everything. I'm pretty sure that not only Republicans but Independents and free-minded Democrats really feel the same way."

As for issues in the campaign, Fred Dugan sees two main ones right now, and a third that is the key to settling the first two, though he will, of course, bring up others.

First, he says, "we have to clear up the confusion over Viet Nam and see what the facts are behind the smokescreen of wild, cover-up statements being made even by my opponent, who is the incumbent Democratic Representative, Samuel S. Stratton. Once the confusion is out of the way and we can all think clearly on the basis of known facts, then both parties and all the people should unite behind a solution we know to be in the best interests of the United States. Those interests should always be a guiding concern and not be lost sight of among all the conflicting problems we face.

Second, we have to do something immediate to stop this really unbearable rise in prices and taxes which hurts everybody and is already causing some actual privation in our District among people living on fixed incomes, including many retired men and women and thousands who work for small enterprises which simply can't afford to raise wages to keep up with the price spiral. Small employers, like farmers and small businessmen, are terribly hurt by this because their taxes and costs go up a lot faster than the prices they can get for what they produce and sell. And, of course, bankers may not lend money to young people just starting out or to small enterprises or people on fixed incomes at a low interest rate any more, because the value of the money they lend goes down monthly and what they get back may not equal in value what they lent. Everybody in the District is caught in this price-tax squeeze.

"I'm not saying that the Washington Administration should just stop spending. I'm not against spending for necessary purposes and for the genuine benefit of people. What I'm against is unnecessary spending, or political juggling of money, or waste, or corruption, or mismanagement of funds. Federal spending, applied where it's needed only, would not be inflationary. In fact, our District has never got its share, in relation to its size and needs, of necessary federal funds."

"We have to spend what is necessary to do the job we set ourselves and of course taxes have to be high enough to cover that spending. But an example of the kind of spending that harms all the people and provokes wild rises in prices and taxes is what Secretary of Defense McNamara has

been doing in his Department. He deferred spending on Viet Nam needs until he has to replenish it all at once, endangering not only our national security but threatening the whole economy. This fiscal year, just to replenish the stockpile, he will have to spend at an annual rate of \$21 billion--five times as much as he earmarked for Viet Nam purposes in the 1965-66 budget. The shock of this great tidal wave of dollars could make prices double and triple. But if he has spent as needs arose, and not resorted to political juggling, the economy could have absorbed the spending better, assuming it would all have been necessary."

"And then, of course, we have another problem coming out of this peculiar confusion and mismanagement and political use of spending. What if peace comes in Viet Nam? We shall all rejoice at peace; but what will happen to an economy puffed up and inflated by McNamara's juggling of expenditures?"

Candidate Dugan feels that the only way to solve these two main issues and several others is to have Congressmen in Washington who will seriously review what the federal government plans, is spending and in taxation especially, and act as they are supposed to under the Constitution, that is, to be the Legislative check against the Executive.

"We simply don't have enough Congressmen in Washington now who feel that this is their duty," Fred Dugan says. "There are about 225 Congressmen who are real captives of the Administration and always vote the way they are told to, regardless of their people's wishes or needs. I'm sorry to say that Rep. Samuel Stratton has been one of these 225 captives for quite a while now. Every time the whip snapped, Rep. Stratton jumped. None of his own bills ever got anywhere. Maybe they were just gestures, because he is worried about being reelected and of course wants the backing of the Administration's propaganda and financial machine, which is one of the few things about it which works with remarkable efficiency. So, to get that, he has to parrot the line in what he says and vote in lockstep. I'm sure he doesn't like that role, and I feel sorry for him."

The Republican Candidate said he would bring these and other issues to the people of the eight counties in the 35th District by every possible means--meetings, mailings, interviews, speeches, person-to-person talks and "whatever will put me in touch with the people. I have an absolute trust in the common sense of people once they know the facts and how to separate them from Administration propaganda." Whenever Marcia Dugan can come along, Fred Dugan hopes to take her with him on his trips through the eight counties. As a housewife, she has a knack for learning quickly what the effect of high prices and high taxes has been on the families in each area and what people feel should be done.

"Most voters already understand that the November elections are crucial to their private futures," Fred Dugan says. "Many have written to me already about business and personal problems caused by economic pressures. I don't want to sound like a Prophet of Doom, because I'm naturally

optimistic. But unless we elect Congressmen that can keep a check on the Administration and oblige it to think of People instead of Politics and Propaganda, a Prophecy of Doom may be in order."

"No country, not even ours, can keep strong and free if elected representatives merely obey Executive orders. That is Authoritarianism. For a strong and free country, we need a strong and free Congress."

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In the New York State Assembly, Counsel to Assemblyman V.S. Blodgett.  
In the New York State Senate, Counsel to the late Senator Dutton S. Peterson of Odessa, N.Y. and to the Senate Committee on Taxation.  
Counsel to Joint Legislative Committee for Appraisal and Assessment of Publicly-owned Lands and the Joint Legislative Committee on Unemployment Insurance.  
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Member of the District Attorney's Association.  
Rotary International, Past-President of Penn Yan Rotary Club.  
Past-Director, Rotary District Handicapped Children's Camp.  
Yates County Young Republican Club, Past-President.  
Junior Chamber of Commerce, Past-Director.  
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Snowride Ski Club.  
Keuka Lake East Branch Sailing Association.  
Penn Yan Central School Parent Teachers Group Council -1961-62.  
Experiment in International Living, Community Ambassador Program.  
American Legion National Oratorical Contest, Alternate Judge - 1960.  
Yates County Red Cross Fund Chairman - 1956-57.  
Isaac Walton League.