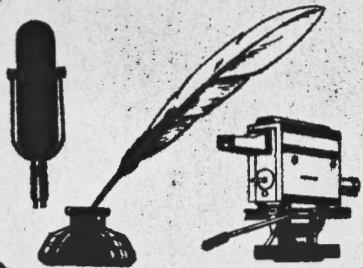


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--FOR RELEASE AT 6:30 P.M. FRIDAY--
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We are in an election year--a crucial election year.

Control of the Congress is at stake. To say it another way, what is at stake is the direction the country will travel in the years ahead.

Finger-pointing has begun. This is the way of politics. It is important for the people to get the facts. Tonight I intend to help them.

There are many major issues in this election--the fight against pollution; the war on crime; inflation; and national emergency strikes.

No greater challenge faces us than cleaning up our environment--making our skies blue again, our waters clear again, and our land a better place in which to live and grow.

This should not be a partisan issue, yet already the other major party has gone in for credit-grabbing by calling for spending programs $2\frac{1}{2}$ times as large as those of the President. This is the old formula of the Democrats--spend more so it will look like you're doing more.

We now have a President--a Republican President--who is vigorously on the side of clean air, clean water and abundant recreation land, and that is what makes the difference as we move now to pay for years of neglect.

For the first time in recent history we have a President who has called for a national commitment to restore our environment and return to the day when our air was pure, our water was clean, and our land was uncluttered.

Look at the eight Democratic years of the Sixties and you see years of minimal effort by the men in the White House. Look now at Richard Nixon, and you see the difference. Look at his 37-point program for cleaning up America, and you see the difference. That difference is Presidential leadership. It is now up to Congress to give the Chief Executive the tools he needs to put his grand cleanup plan into practice.

Let us hope we will not see the kind of delay that has hampered the fight against crime.

The entire first session of the 91st Congress slipped by without that Democratic-controlled Congress enacting a single Nixon anti-crime bill into law. That is absolutely inexcusable.



The Congress has before it a major program aimed at making our streets safe from the criminal, speeding the work of the criminal courts, and improving the correctional systems that too often are only breeding grounds for further lawlessness by released prisoners.

The President's program would beef up the fight against organized crime, double the Federal assistance to states and local communities in the war against crime, and cut down the shocking crime rate in the Nation's capital. Yet the Democratic-controlled Congress has not yet approved this legislation--delay which I think should give every American cause for concern.

The American public should not have to live in fear, and Republicans are determined to see that they don't.

As urgent as the war against crime is, there is no problem greater today than inflation. The inflation plaguing us today began to take hold early in 1965. It was triggered and fueled by the Vietnam War, that war we were taken into by the previous Democratic Administration. And instead of dealing adequately with the problem of inflation when it was more manageable, the previous Democratic Administration accelerated the inflation and let the problem grow larger and larger.

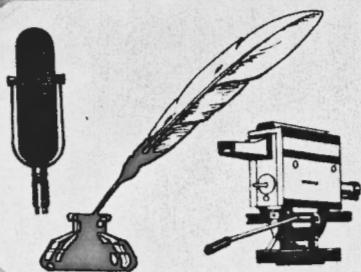
It is tough now to bring inflation under control, but President Nixon is determined to do it. He knows that a major cause of our current inflation traces back to an irresponsible Democratic Congress and a Democratic President who spent a staggering \$57 billion more during the Sixties than the Federal Government took in. And so Republicans are balancing the budget, holding down on Government spending despite the efforts of Democrats to continue overspending on old programs, to preserve the status quo, and to deny the Nixon Administration the fiscal elbow room needed to move forward with the great reforms the President has recommended. Well, we are going to lick inflation in spite of the Democrats in Congress.

One of the great Nixon reforms I have in mind tonight is labor law reform--new legislation to deal with national emergency labor disputes.

The Democrats to date have shirked the responsibility for helping enact major new laws to improve the handling of national emergency labor disputes. When the issue recently was joined with the threat of a nationwide rail strike, all the Democrats did was postpone the strike deadline for 37 days.

By contrast, the President offered a sound way to settle the railroad dispute. And he also laid before the Congress an excellent program of three options for handling such national transportation emergencies in the future. For my own part, I think the President deserves the support of every American who is concerned about the public interest. We must reach a consensus on labor law reform--reform aimed at protecting the national health and safety while promoting collective bargaining as free as possible from government interference.

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