

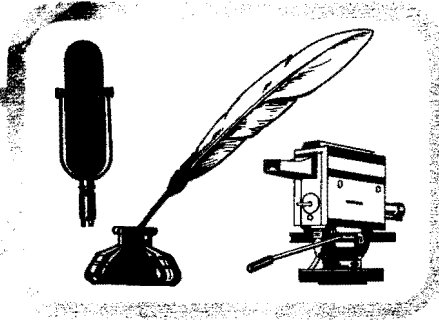
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Monday, September 28, 1970

Excerpts from a Speech by Rep. Gerald R. Ford, R-Mich., at a Republican Fund-Raising Dinner at Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, N.C., delivery expected about 8:30 p.m. Monday

The central issue of the 1970 congressional campaign is--a Responsible Congress.

What is plaguing the President of the United States in this year of Our Lord 1970 is the lack of a Responsible Congress--the presence in the Congress of irresponsible radical liberals who endanger the President's Vietnamization policy by embracing a cut-and-run policy and who undermine the President's fight against inflation by voting for huge, budget-busting spending bills.

Where does the incumbent congressman who now represents the Fourth District of North Carolina fit when we talk about a Responsible Congress? Where does the present Fourth District congressman belong when we talk about radical liberals in the Congress?

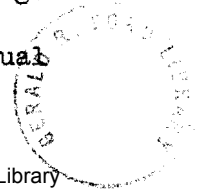
Consider the gentleman's voting record if you will. That is the best test--and it tells the story.

The present incumbent is one of just two congressmen from the South who voted in favor of the Cooper-Church Amendment, which would have tied the hands of the President in dealing with the Communist enemy in Vietnam. In fact, he has introduced legislation which is almost identical with the so-called "End The War Amendment." Incidentally, I believe the End the War Amendment should more accurately be called the Lose the Peace Amendment.

There is no question that all of us want out of the Vietnam War as fast as possible and, surely, most of all the President of the United States. If anyone thinks differently, he must be out of his mind. Whatever dispute there is, it is not about whether to get out of the war. It is about how to do so. Jack Hawke and I believe that President Nixon is ending the war in the right way.

Some people, like the incumbent Fourth District congressman, say "cut and run" this instant to "stop the killing." That is fine. But what about the 11 million South Vietnamese, perhaps half of whom the North Vietnamese regime would liquidate if they could get their hands on them. What about the 1,500 American POW's in enemy hands? Cut-and-run wouldn't help to bring them home. And what about our treaty obligations in Southeast Asia? Running out on Vietnam would encourage the Communists to move in on any or all of the countries with whom we have mutual security treaties.

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Let's return to the fight against inflation. The President knows--and Jack Hawke knows--that the way to fight inflation is to hold down Federal spending. We can't hold down prices at home unless we hold down spending in Washington.

But what kind of help has President Nixon received from the radical liberals in the Congress--the incumbent Fourth District congressman among them? They have irresponsibly inflated the President's budget requests--so much so that the President has been forced to veto four appropriations bills. And what did the incumbent Fourth District congressman do? He responded by voting to override every one of those inflation-fighting vetoes.

That's the kind of irresponsible behavior we have come to expect from the present Fourth District congressman. Small wonder that he also voted for the voting rights legislation which makes a target of the South and ignores the rest of the country! Small wonder that he refused to sign the congressional petition urging the U.S. Supreme Court to reject forced busing to achieve racial balance.

I said at the outset that the central issue of the 1970 congressional election is the electing of a Responsible Congress.

I repeat--what we need in America is a Congress which will help President Nixon achieve an honorable peace in Vietnam. And that means we need men like Jack Hawke.

What we need in America is a Congress which will help President Nixon turn the tables on inflation and guide this country through the transition from a wartime to a peacetime economy. And that means we need men like Jack Hawke.

What we don't need are the radical liberals who drive this country into dangerous budget deficits which force up prices, interest rates and taxes.

What we don't need in Congress are radical liberals who overappropriate--overspend Federal tax dollars and thus add fuel to inflation.

Radical liberals like the incumbent Fourth District congressmen remind me of the arsonist who not only interfered with the efforts of firemen to fight the blaze he set but even threw more kerosene on the fire from time to time to keep it going.

President Nixon needs a Responsible Congress. He needs a Republican Congress. He needs men like Jack Hawke.

The people of the Fourth District of North Carolina are fortunate indeed to have Jack Hawke as a candidate for Congress. He is familiar with the workings of Congress and the Federal Government. He is extremely knowledgeable on national issues. He is a dynamic, articulate young man on the move. Send Jack Hawke to Congress.

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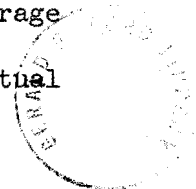
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