

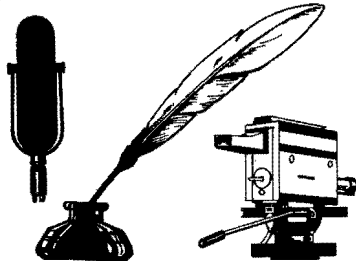
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**NEWS
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Excerpts from a Speech by Rep. Gerald R. Ford, Republican leader, U.S. House of Reps., at a fund-raising dinner for Arthur W. Busch, GOP candidate for Congress from the 22nd District of Texas, Thursday evening, Oct. 1, at the Marriott Motor Hotel, Houston, Tex.

It's getting close to Halloween and the election--the time when make-believe conservatives in the Congress don false faces for the benefit of the voters back home.

It's also time to strip off the masks of the pretend-conservatives--the false conservatives who pretend concern about the taxpayer's dollars but vote for big budget-busting spending bills.

Where does the incumbent 22nd District congressman fit in when we talk about false conservatives? Consider the gentleman's voting record if you will. That is the best test--and it tells a sad story.

The sad story is that this district's incumbent congressman advertises himself as a conservative but he votes for inflation. He votes to cheapen the dollar. He votes to bust President Nixon's budget. Hand in hand with the radical liberals in the Congress, he is promoting a big Federal deficit while Republicans struggle to hold down Federal spending.

The President needs help in fighting inflation--the kind of help he would get from Art Busch. What kind of help has President Nixon received from the radical liberals and phony conservatives? They have irresponsibly inflated the President's budget requests--so much so that the President has been forced to veto four appropriations bills passed by the Democratic-controlled 91st Congress. And what did the incumbent 22nd District congressman do about the President's appeals for fiscal sanity? He responded by voting to override every one of the President's inflation-fighting vetoes.

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

What we don't need are the radical liberals and phony conservatives 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 and phony conservatives who overappropriate--overspend Federal dollars and thus add fuel to inflation.

Make-believe conservatives like the incumbent 22nd District congressman remind

me of the arsonist who not only interfered with firemen fighting the blaze he had set but even threw more kerosene on the fire from time to time to keep it going.

We all know what started and fed the inflation we're fighting right now. It was the reckless spending of the Democratic administrations of the Sixties-- administrations which produced Federal deficits of \$57 billion, aided and abetted by the Democratic Congresses of the last decade.

Now the Democratic-controlled 91st Congress seems determined to touch off another inflationary spiral in this country with a repeat of the wild inflationary spending of the Sixties.

The Joint Committee on Reduction of Federal Expenditures, headed by my good friend George Mahon, recently reported that congressional actions on spending bills and the Congress's failure to act on Presidential revenue recommendations could produce a \$12.8 billion deficit this fiscal year.

If indeed we have such a deficit in fiscal 1971 the fault will lie with the radical liberals and make-believe conservatives in the Congress--and with nobody else.

What we have is an opposition-led Congress which has sought to frustrate the President at nearly every turn in the hope of reaping political advantage.

They have refused to join the President in the fight against inflation. They have refused to join the President with any degree of urgency in fighting crime. They have refused to join the President in fighting water pollution.

That is why America needs men like Art Busch in the Congress, men who will work with President Nixon to move the country toward a solution of its most critical problems, men who will support the President as he lifts this country out of the mess of Democratic inflation and a Democratic war.

What a help Art Busch would be to the President, with his expertise in the field of water pollution control! Congress needs the talents of engineers and educators like Art Busch.

This country has been the victim of extreme partisan activity on the part of the majority party in the Congress.

The President needs a Congress that will work with him. The 22nd District of Texas needs a congressman who will work with the President.

Those who say there is not a dime's worth of difference between the two parties are 100 per cent wrong--and the record of the radical liberals and make-believe conservatives in the 91st Congress is the best proof of that.

To quote someone who is really an expert on the Democratic Party, AFL-CIO President George Meany, the Democratic Party is being taken over by the radical liberals, by the New Left. And I don't think the good people of the 22nd District of Texas want any part of that. I think what they do want are men like Art Busch, men who will do what's right for America.

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