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DES MOINES REPUBLICAN FUNDRAISER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1974

YOU KNOW, WHEN I SAW THIS GRAND OLD BALLROOM,
IT BROUGHT BACK SO MANY HAPPY MEMORIES OF TOMMY DORSEY,
WOODY HERMAN, BENNY GOODMAN. WHEN BETTY AND I WERE
COURTING WE USED TO GO OUT DANCING TO THE MUSIC OF THESE
BIG BANDS. WE HAD A PROBLEM THOUGH.

BETTY HAD STUDIED MODERN DANCE AND I WAS A FORMER FOOTBALL
PLAYER. SHE NEVER REALLY CAME RIGHT OUT AND SAID I WAS A
POOR DANCER. SHE'S MUCH TOO KIND FOR THAT. BUT SHE DID
HAVE A RATHER INTERESTING THEORY AS TO WHY I PLAYED CENTER RATHER
THAN QUARTERBACK. SHE SAID ^{*center is*} ~~IT'S~~ ONE OF THE FEW POSITIONS ON
A FOOTBALL TEAM WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE TO MOVE YOUR FEET.

SOMEHOW IT SEEMS VERY APPROPRIATE TO BE HOLDING THIS
POLITICAL LUNCHEON IN A BALLROOM. YOU MIGHT CALL THIS EVENT
THE CONGRESSIONAL SQUARE DANCE. EVERY TWO YEARS WE CHANGE
PARTNERS. AND IF YOU STOP TO THINK ABOUT IT, GOOD DANCERS
DO HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON WITH GOOD CONGRESSMEN AND GOOD
SENATORS. THEY HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO TAKE THE RIGHT STEPS.

AND WHEN IT COMES TO FACING THE HARD ISSUES AND PROBLEMS OF

TODAY, THERE IS ONLY ONE STEP OUR GOOD REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

AT THIS TABLE DON'T KNOW -- AND THAT'S THE SIDE-STEP! THEY FACE

THE PROBLEMS AND THEY SOLVE THEM!

YOU KNOW, WHILE I HAVE A NEW OFFICE, I HAVE FOUND
IT DIFFICULT TO SHED OLD HABITS. ONE OF THOSE HABITS OVER THE
LAST 26 YEARS HAS BEEN CAMPAIGNING FOR MY FELLOW REPUBLICANS.
WHILE MY JOB IS DIFFERENT, THE CALL IS THE SAME.

THERE IS ONE MAJOR DIFFERENCE FROM THE PAST TEN YEARS.
THIS YEAR NO ONE CAN ACCUSE ME OF CAMPAIGNING TO BECOME SPEAKER
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN THIS COUNTRY AND

IN THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA. IN THE LAST YEAR, I HAVE TRAVELED

ALL OVER OUR ^{great} LAND, THROUGH 42 STATES AND OVER 128,000 MILES.

HERE IS WHAT I FOUND: THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE IN AMERICA.

THAT IS WHY I AM HERE -- TO SEEK YOUR SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMS I

HAVE PROPOSED TO THE CONGRESS TO MEET OUR PRESSING PROBLEMS --

THE PROBLEMS OF INFLATION AND ENERGY OVERUSE AT HOME AND PEACE

ABROAD.

I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE THE ELECTIONS COMING IN

12 DAYS ARE WHAT AMERICAN DEMOCRACY IS ALL ABOUT. IT IS A TIME

TO DECIDE WHO SHALL SPEAK FOR YOU IN WASHINGTON AND IN DES MOINES.

THERE IS NO FORCE SO POWERFUL AS THE QUIET DECISIONS

MILLIONS OF AMERICANS MAKE IN THE PRIVACY OF VOTING BOOTHS.

I KNOW THAT IOWANS UNDERSTAND THAT POWER AND HAVE USED IT WISELY --

AND WILL USE IT WISELY ON NOVEMBER 5TH.

YOUR GOVERNOR, BOB RAY, IS PROOF OF YOUR WISE USE
OF THE VOTE. HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE WELL-KNOWN AROUND THE
COUNTRY. HIS REPUTATION IS THAT OF A CHIEF EXECUTIVE WHO IS
A PROBLEM-SOLVER, A MAN OF ACTION. HE IS THE KIND OF REPUBLICAN
LEADER I LIKE AND YOU NEED AS GOVERNOR.

AS YOU KNOW, DAVE STANLEY IS CAMPAIGNING

VIGOROUSLY FOR THE UNITED STATES SENATE. HE IS TIRELESS,

IMAGINATIVE AND EXPERIENCED, A MAN COMMITTED TO SQUEEZING THE

LAST BIT OF WASTE OUT OF SPENDING THE TAXPAYER'S DOLLAR.

YOU HAVE SENT THE CONGRESS SUCH MEN AS H. R. GROSS --

AND I WILL MAKE THIS PREDICTION TO YOU NOW: THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES WILL NEVER BE THE SAME WITHOUT HIM. HE HAS BEEN

THE CONSCIENCE OF THE HOUSE FOR MORE THAN A QUARTER CENTURY

AND THE SAVIOR OF MILLIONS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS. WE NEED

MORE REPRESENTATIVES LIKE HIM IN WASHINGTON.

BILL SCHERLE AND WILEY MAYNE ARE TWO HIGHLY
REGARDED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. THEY ARE STRONG VOICES FOR
FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND FOR THE RESTORATION OF THAT ELUSIVE
GOAL -- A BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET. I STRONGLY URGE THE PEOPLE
OF THE FIFTH AND SIXTH DISTRICTS OF IOWA TO SEND BILL SCHERLE
AND WILEY MAYNE BACK TO CONGRESS.

YOU HAVE A GREAT SLATE OF CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES --

LIKE JIM LEACH, CHARLES GRASSLEY, TOM RILEY AND CHARLES DICK,

WHO ARE OUT CAMPAIGNING HARD. THEY NEED YOUR HELP. YOU NEED

THE KIND OF REPRESENTATION THEY CAN PROVIDE IN WASHINGTON.

LET ME EXPLAIN WHY WE NEED TIGHT-FISTED MEMBERS IN

THE U. S. CONGRESS TO HELP US IN THIS FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION.

INFLATION MEANS MONEY STOLEN OUT OF YOUR POCKETBOOK
BY A THIEF AS REAL AS A PICKPOCKET. THE RISING COST OF LIVING
IS A PROBLEM WHICH IS NOT MATCHED IN MAGNITUDE NOR EQUALLED IN
ITS IMPACT ON OUR FUTURE.

I DID NOT COME ALL THIS WAY TO TELL THE PEOPLE OF IOWA
ABOUT A PROBLEM THEY KNOW MORE ABOUT THAN MOST POLITICIANS.
I CAME BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO FIND SOME ANSWERS.

AS WE SEARCH FOR THE RIGHT ANSWERS, WE HAD BETTER UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS NOT TIME TO POINT THE FINGER OF BLAME AT JUST A FEW PEOPLE OR AT A FEW INSTITUTIONS. MOST INSTITUTIONS AND MOST PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED IN THE INFLATIONARY PROCESS. AND MUCH RESPONSIBILITY LIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C. THAT IS ONE THING WE LEARNED IN THE RECENT ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETINGS. WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.

I CAME TO SEVERAL OTHER CONCLUSIONS AFTER THOSE

IMPORTANT MEETINGS:

(1) THERE IS NO QUICK FIX OR EASY CURE TO OUR

INFLATIONARY ILLNESS. IT WILL TAKE TIME AND PATIENCE. *+ work.*

2) VICTORY OVER INFLATION IS GOING TO REQUIRE

SOME SHORT-TERM SACRIFICE, TO SERVE OUR LONG-TERM WELL-BEING.

AS I HAVE TRIED TO STATE IN MY 31-POINT RECOMMENDATION TO

CONGRESS AND MY DAILY DOZEN SUGGESTIONS TO INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS,

THE BURDEN WILL BE DISTRIBUTED EVENLY. IT WILL NOT BE BORNE

BY THOSE WHO CAN LEAST AFFORD IT.

3) THERE MUST BE A CUT IN THE AMOUNT OF FEDERAL

SPENDING. I HAVE ASKED FOR A 300 BILLION DOLLAR BUDGETARY
CEILING, A REDUCTION OF 5 BILLION DOLLARS FROM THE ESTIMATE
LAST JANUARY.

4) FINALLY, WE ARE NOW IN A BATTLE WHERE NATIONAL

UNITY IS EVERY BIT AS IMPORTANT AS IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST NATIONAL

CRISES. IF WE DO NOT MARCH TOGETHER, WE WILL FALL BY THE WAYSIDE

ONE BY ONE.

I AM DETERMINED TO WIN THIS FIGHT. I KNOW I HAVE
MADE SOME PEOPLE UNHAPPY. I HAVE MADE SOME POWERFUL
INTERESTS UNHAPPY. BUT I HAVE TO MAKE THESE TOUGH DECISIONS,
OR NOBODY WILL.

THIS PROBLEM HAS ALREADY WAITED TOO LONG.

IT WILL NOT GO AWAY.

THE FIRST SHOT FIRED IN THE WAR AGAINST INFLATION IS

will
~~GOING TO~~ COME OUT OF THE BALLOT BOX ON NOVEMBER 5TH. LET THAT

BE A SHOT HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD -- AT LEAST, AROUND THE COUNTRY.

WHAT CAN YOUR VOTE ACCOMPLISH? IT CAN SEND TO THE

CONGRESS MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE NOT BIG SPENDERS. WE NEED

MEN AND WOMEN IN THE CONGRESS WHO CAN SAY "NO" TO PROGRAMS AND

PROJECTS WHICH ARE UNNECESSARY AT THIS TIME, WHICH WE CAN GET

ALONG WITHOUT. WE DO NOT NEED MEN AND WOMEN IN THE CONGRESS

WHO TALK ABOUT HALTING INFLATION OR CUTTING SPENDING IN THEIR

HOME STATES AND DISTRICTS AND VOTE THE OPPOSITE WAY IN CONGRESS.

THE NEXT CONGRESS NEEDS MEMBERS WHO WILL RISE ABOVE
SHORT-TERM THINKING -- REPRESENTATIVES WHO RECOGNIZE THAT THE
RED-INK ROUTE WE HAVE TRAVELED FOR 19 OUT OF THE LAST 25 YEARS IS
A LOSING GAME. NOBODY BENEFITS FROM INFLATION | NOT BUSINESS,
NOT LABOR, | NOT RICH NOR POOR. NOT ANYBODY. IT IS A LOSING
PROPOSITION CLEAR ACROSS THE BOARD. EVERYONE GETS HURT.

IT IS EASY TO YIELD TO THE TEMPTATION TO GIVE PEOPLE

some politicians think

WHAT THEY WANT.

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BUT A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO GIVE US

EVERYTHING WE WANT IS A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO TAKE FROM US

EVERYTHING WE HAVE.

THE FOUNDATION OF OUR ECONOMY IS STRONG. IT HAS

BEEN THE MOST PRODUCTIVE ECONOMY IN THE HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION.

WE HAVE A BUNDANCE BEYOND THE WILDEST IMAGINATION OF OUR PARENTS

AND GRANDPARENTS. WE ARE ABLE TO SHARE OUR GREAT WEALTH

WITH THE POOR OF OUR OWN NATION AS WELL AS THE POOR OF THE WORLD.

BUT WE MUST DEFEND THE ECONOMY FROM THE ATTACKS WHICH ERODE IT.

SOME OF MY FRIENDS IN THE OPPOSITION SEEM TO THINK
THAT WHAT IS NEEDED IS A VETO-PROOF CONGRESS. THE FACT OF THE
MATTER IS THAT IT WAS HEAVY·DEMOCRATIC MAJORITIES OVER THE
YEARS WHICH HELPED CREATE MOST OF THE PROBLEMS WE ARE FACED
WITH TODAY.

WE DO NOT NEED TO MAKE CONGRESS IMMUNE FROM VETOES.

WE DO NEED TO MAKE OUR NATION SAFE FROM INFLATION. WHAT WE
NEED IS NOT A VETO-PROOF CONGRESS -- BUT AN INFLATION-PROOF CONGRESS.

THAT IS WHY YOU NEED -- WHY I NEED -- IN WASHINGTON

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO WILL JOIN ME IN MAKING DECISIONS --

DECISIONS TO CUT SPENDING, TO CUT THE BUDGET, TO CUT THE RED TAPE

AND, AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, TO CUT THE MUSTARD! WITH THAT KIND

OF TEAMWORK, WE WILL DO WHAT WE HAVE PROMISED. WE WILL WHIP

INFLATION. WE WILL EFFECT SAVINGS IN ENERGY AND OUR RESOURCES.

AND WE WILL BE ON THE WAY TO OUR 200TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN

1976 STRONG AND STABLE AND PROSPEROUS IN A WORLD AT PEACE.

MY FRIENDS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE AISLE MAKE PROMISES
AT ELECTION TIME TO BE FISCAL WATCHDOGS AND KEEPERS OF THE TREASURY.
BUT WE CAN SEE BY THE WAY THEY SPEND YOUR MONEY THAT THEY HAVE
FAILED. THE PROBLEMS WE ARE FACED WITH TODAY WERE SPAWNED OVER
THE PAST 42 YEARS BY PROGRAMS AND POLICIES OF THE OPPOSITION
PARTY WHICH HAS CONTROLLED THE CONGRESS FOR ALL BUT FOUR OF
THOSE YEARS -- AND FOR THE PAST 20 STRAIGHT YEARS.

THE QUESTION I WANT YOU TO PONDER TODAY IS THIS:

ARE YOU -- ARE WE -- GOING TO CONTINUE DOWN THE SAME ROAD WHICH

PRODUCED THESE PROBLEMS IN THE FIRST PLACE -- PROBLEMS OF

EVER-RISING PRICES, | OF PILING MORE CENTRALIZATION OF POWER ONTO

WASHINGTON - | OF UNDERMINING OF OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS WITH

HANDCUFF-LIKE RESTRICTIONS ON THE POLICIES OF THE PRESIDENT AND

THE SECRETARY OF STATE?

WE MUST DO BETTER THAN THAT TODAY. WHAT HAPPENED

IN THE PAST WAS LARGELY THE FAILURE OF LEGISLATIVE DICTATORSHIP

BY A PARTY SO SMUG IN ITS SENIORITY ^{*of power*} THAT IT NO LONGER RESPONDED
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TO THE TRUE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE.

I URGE YOU TODAY -- I URGE ALL AMERICANS -- TO VOTE

WITH YOUR HEADS AS WELL AS YOUR HEARTS. BUT MOST IMPORTANT --

VOTE! DON'T LET THE MOST PRECIOUS LIBERTY EVER DEvised BY MAN

DISAPPEAR FOR LACK OF USE.

PULL THE LEVER AND CAST YOUR VOTE A WEEK FROM TUESDAY

FOR CANDIDATES OF THE PARTY THAT BROUGHT PEACE TO THIS COUNTRY

AND STABILITY TO THE WORLD -- FOR THE PARTY THAT WILL, WITH A

COOPERATIVE CONGRESS, RESTORE STABILITY TO AMERICA'S ECONOMY

AND INJECT COMMON SENSE INTO ITS GOVERNMENT. AND WITH GOD'S

HELP AND YOUR HAND, WE WILL GO DOWN THAT PATH TOGETHER WITH

CONFIDENCE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE GREATNESS THAT STILL LIES

BEFORE US.

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