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REMARKS AT PENDLETON PUBLIC RALLY

PENDLETON, OREGON

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1976

HAPPY CANYON ARENA ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

~~THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN~~

THANK YOU, VICTOR. (Victor Atiyeh introduces you.)

MY OLD FRIEND, LEN JORDAN. AND LEN, I WANT TO THANK YOU
FOR BRINGING A NUMBER OF PEOPLE OF IDAHO TO GREET
ME HERE AT PENDLETON. I ONLY WISH I HAD MORE
TIME ON THIS TRIP SO I COULD VISIT YOUR GREAT STATE.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

FELLOW AMERICANS

AT THE OUTSET, LET ME THANK YOUR FINE PENDLETON BAND.

YOU'RE GREAT! AND I APPRECIATE YOUR PARTICIPATION
VERY MUCH.

A.

I FLEW OUT HERE YESTERDAY MORNING TO SPEND
FOUR DAYS CAMPAIGNING ON THE WEST COAST, AND MY VERY
FIRST STOP WAS RIGHT HERE IN OREGON.

I'M GLAD TO BE HERE. I KNOW YOU'RE ALWAYS

GLAD TO BE HERE. THIS IS GOD'S COUNTRY.

B.

SOME STATES HAVE MOUNTAIN RANGES. SOME

BORDER ON THE OCEAN. SOME HAVE FERTILE AND PRODUCTIVE

LANDS, BROAD FORESTS AND SPARKLING RIVERS. IN SOME

YOU CAN SKI - IN OTHERS YOU CAN SWIM.

BUT HERE IN OREGON, YOU'VE GOT IT ALL.

MY MESSAGE TODAY CAN BE SUMMED UP

IN JUST A FEW WORDS:

AS MUCH AS I BELIEVE IN A STRONG AND
PROSPEROUS AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY, I HAVE COME
HERE TO SAY THAT THIS YEAR - THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO
REASON TO TRADE IN YOUR RELIABLE FORD - FOR A FLASHIER
MODEL•

LET ME TELL YOU WHY I AM ASKING YOU | --

MY FELLOW AMERICANS -- FOR YOUR SUPPORT. ~~BECAUSE~~

I HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB UNDER TOUGH CIRCUMSTANCES.

achieved +
~~BECAUSE~~ WE HAVE MAINTAINED THE PEACE, MOVED AMERICA ON

THE ROAD TO PROSPERITY AND RESTORED CONFIDENCE AND

TRUST IN THE PRESIDENCY. *ask you for* I ~~WANT~~ A MANDATE FROM OREGON

AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO FINISH THAT JOB.

PEACE, PROSPERITY AND TRUST ARE MY RECORD

OF PERFORMANCE SINCE I BECAME PRESIDENT. IT IS A RECORD

ACHIEVED AGAINST WHAT SEEMED LIKE INSURMOUNTABLE

OBSTACLES -- ~~NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH WAS A SO CALLED~~

~~VETO PROOF CONGRESS.~~

CONSIDER FOR ~~A MOMENT~~ WHERE WE WERE

IN THE VERY FIRST MONTHS OF MY PRESIDENCY. YOU WILL RECALL

SOME WELL-KNOWN ECONOMISTS, LABOR AND POLITICAL LEADERS

WERE PREDICTING THAT WE WERE HEADING INTO A DEEP DEPRESSION,

THAT UNEMPLOYMENT WOULD SOON EXCEED TEN PERCENT,

THAT ONLY MASSIVE ^{spending} ~~ACTION~~ BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

COULD AVERT CATASTROPHE.

INFLATION HAD SOARED TO AN ANNUAL RATE

OF OVER TWELVE PERCENT.

INTEREST RATES WERE GOING

THROUGH THE ROOF.

FAR TOO MANY AMERICANS WERE LAI
OFF

AND COULD NOT FIND NEW JOBS.

JUST ABOUT A YEAR AGO WE HIT THE BOTTOM

OF OUR WORST RECESSION IN FORTY YEARS. MANY WERE URGING

THAT WE PUSH THE PANIC BUTTON. IN THE CONGRESS,

THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN SET OFF A CLAMOR FOR HUGE EMERGENCY

FEDERAL SUBSIDIES FOR MORE AND BIGGER GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

AND HIGHER DEFICIT GOVERNMENT SPENDING.

THE PROPHETS OF DOOM WERE WRONG --

AND I KNEW THEY WERE WRONG.

WE DID NOT PANIC.

I NEVER LOST SIGHT OF A BELIEF I HAVE HELD FOR ALL OF MY

POLITICAL LIFE: THAT A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU

EVERYTHING YOU WANT -- IS A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH

TO TAKE FROM YOU EVERYTHING YOU HAVE.

WE RESISTED BIG SPENDING SCHEMES THAT WOULD HAVE
CAUSED LARGER FEDERAL DEFICITS AND EVEN MORE DESTRUCTIVE
INFLATION. WE REJECTED THE DISCREDITED TECHNIQUES OF THE OLD
POLITICS OF 'TAX AND TAX, SPEND AND SPEND, ELECT AND ELECT.'
INSTEAD, WE PURSUED A CALM, STEADY POLICY TO INSURE
AMERICA'S ECONOMIC HEALTH -- NOT FOR JUST AN ELECTION YEAR,
BUT FOR THE LONG, LONG PULL.

WE HAD FAITH THAT THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE WOULD REGAIN ITS STRENGTH•

AS A RESULT, WE MEET TODAY NOT IN THE GLOOM OF A

RECESSION -- BUT IN THE FULL SURGE OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY•

ONE MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE STRONG

ECONOMIC RECOVERY WE ARE EXPERIENCING IS THE SUCCESS

OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE -- AND THE STATE OF OREGON

HAS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THAT SUCCESS.

IN SUCH AREAS AS BEEF PRODUCTION, WE STILL
HAVE A WAY TO GO BEFORE EVERYTHING IS WHERE IT SHOULD BE
AND WHERE WE WANT IT TO BE. BUT OVERALL FARM EXPORTS
ARE BEING TRADED IN RECORD VOLUME. FARM INCOME IS AT
AN ALL-TIME HIGH. WE HAVE REACHED A MAJOR AGREEMENT
WITH THE SOVIET UNION WHICH WILL ENSURE A SIGNIFICANT
SOVIET MARKET FOR OREGON WHEAT FOR YEARS TO COME.

*Last year we exported \$2.2 billion
dollars of agricultural products. This
year we will sell ^{4 more} more from products
overseas.*

TO MAKE SURE THAT GOOD OREGON WHEAT AND OTHER
FARM PRODUCTS ARE PRODUCED IN FUTURE GENERATIONS, I HAVE
PROPOSED LEGISLATION RAISING THE ESTATE-TAX EXEMPTION
FROM 60,000 TO 150,000 DOLLARS, STRETCHING OUT THOSE
ESTATE-TAX PAYMENTS AT LOW INTEREST OVER A 25-YEAR PERIOD,
AND MAKING THE TRANSFER OF ASSETS BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE
TAX-FREE.

THAT WILL HELP NOT ONLY THE FAMILY FARMS OF OREGON,

BUT FAMILY BUSINESSES AS WELL.

wonderful

THERE IS NO REASON THESE FAMILY ENTERPRISES

SHOULD BE SACRIFICED JUST TO PAY THE TAX COLLECTOR,

~~AND~~ IF I HAVE MY WAY, THEY WON'T BE.

family

THESE ENTERPRISES HAVE HELPED US TURN OUR ECONOMY

AROUND IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION OVER THE PAST 21 MONTHS.

AMERICA'S NEW PROSPERITY CUTS ACROSS EVERY SEGMENT

OF OUR ECONOMY.

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EIGHTY-SEVEN MILLION, 400 THOUSAND AMERICANS

ARE ON THE JOB TODAY -- THAT IS AN ALL-TIME RECORD.

WE WILL CREATE MORE JOBS BY FOLLOWING YOUR

FINE LOCAL EXAMPLE ⁱⁿ ~~AND~~ GENERATING NEW JOBS IN PRIVATE

ENTERPRISE -- WHERE FIVE OUT OF EVERY SIX JOBS ARE FOUND

IN AMERICA.

INFLATION HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF DURING THE PAST

21 MONTHS, AND WE WILL KEEP THE PRESSURE ON SO THAT

IT WON'T EVER THREATEN OUR ECONOMIC STABILITY AGAIN.

*For the first
4 months
1976 - 3/10*

I VETOED 49 BILLS THAT THE CONGRESS SENT ME,

AND 42 OF THOSE VETOES WERE SUSTAINED, SAVING

THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER 13 BILLION DOLLARS.

THAT'S ABOUT 200 DOLLARS FOR EVERY FAMILY

IN AMERICA -- AND IF THE CONGRESS KEEPS SENDING ME

THESE BIG-SPENDING, BUDGET-BUSTING BILLS, I WILL USE MY

VETO AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN•

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT TO SPEND YOUR MONEY

THE WAY YOU WANT TO SPEND IT, INSTEAD OF LETTING THE

CONGRESS SPEND IT FOR YOU•

I AM DETERMINED THAT YOUR TAX DOLLARS

WORK AS HARD FOR YOU AS YOU WORKED FOR THEM.

~~WHEREVER POSSIBLE~~, I WANT THE GOVERNMENT

TO SPEND LESS AND TAX LESS. LAST YEAR WE REDUCED

That was sound public policy.

FEDERAL INCOME TAXES. THIS YEAR I PROPOSED ANOTHER

TEN BILLION DOLLAR TAX CUT TO BEGIN ON JULY FIRST

WHICH WOULD RAISE THE PERSONAL EXEMPTION ON YOUR

INCOME TAXES FROM 750 TO 1,000 DOLLARS.

RIGHT NOW, IT LOOKS LIKE THE CONGRESS WOULD

RATHER SPEND THAT TEN BILLION DOLLARS -/ AND ALMOST

EIGHT BILLION MORE -/ RATHER THAN LET YOU KEEP IT.

LET ME ASSURE YOU I WILL FIGHT THE CONGRESS

EVERY STEP OF THE WAY TO GET YOU THE TAX RELIEF YOU

DESERVE.

It will be good for America.

I APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE YOU

~~TODAY~~ AND TALK ABOUT THE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE RETURNED

PEACE, INCREASING PROSPERITY AND TRUST TO AMERICA.

TODAY AMERICA IS AT PEACE.

THERE ARE NO

AMERICAN BOYS FIGHTING ANYWHERE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH

AND I INTEND TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.

OUR MILITARY STRENGTH REMAINS UNSURPASSED•

WE HAVE THE BEST EQUIPPED, { BEST-TRAINED, \ BEST LED FIGHTING

FORCE IN THE WORLD -- AND THEY ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS•

YOUR SONS AND HUSBANDS ARE NOT BEING DRAFTED•

I WILL MAINTAIN THE PEACE, \ SECURE THAT

PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH AND PERSEVERANCE, \ AND LEAVE THAT

LEGACY OF PEACE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN.

I WILL CONTINUE MY POLICIES OF CUTTING YOUR TAXES,

EXPANDING THE PRIVATE ECONOMY, REDUCING BUREAUCRACY

AND USELESS REGULATION, AND RESTRAINING FEDERAL SPENDING.

MY POLICIES HAVE BROUGHT US FROM THE DEPTHS OF RECESSION

TO A SUSTAINED RECOVERY, AND WILL ENSURE THAT RUNAWAY

INFLATION NEVER AGAIN ROBS US OR OUR LOVED ONES OF THE

REWARDS OF HONEST WORK AND LIFETIME SAVINGS.

FINALLY, I WILL FINISH MY MOST IMPORTANT JOB --

RESTORATION OF TRUST IN THE PRESIDENCY ITSELF.

~~I DID NOT SEEK THIS OFFICE BUT NEITHER WILL I SHIRK IT.~~

AS YOUR PRESIDENT, I WILL PROMISE NO MORE

THAN I CAN DELIVER, AND I WILL DELIVER EVERYTHING THAT I

PROMISE.

I NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO ENSURE PEACE, PROSPERITY

AND TRUST FOR THE FUTURE.

THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO COME AFTER US•

AMERICANS HAVE ALWAYS WANTED LIFE TO BE

BETTER FOR OUR CHILDREN THAN IT WAS FOR US - BECAUSE

LIFE FOR US HAS BEEN BETTER THAN IT WAS FOR OUR PARENTS•

WHAT DO I SEE AHEAD FOR THIS WONDERFUL COUNTRY

OF OURS?

I SEE A STRONG AND CONFIDENT AMERICA,

SECURE IN A STRENGTH THAT CANNOT ALONE BE COUNTED IN MEGATONS

a nation

AND REJOICING IN RICHES THAT CANNOT BE ERODED BY INFLATION

OR TAXATION.

I SEE AN AMERICA WHERE LIFE IS VALUED FOR ITS QUALITY

AS WELL AS ITS COMFORT, WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL IS INVIOLATE

IN HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, WHERE THE GOVERNMENT SERVES

AND THE PEOPLE RULE•

THANK YOU VERY MUCH•

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