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REMARKS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
AT THE COFFEE RALLY
CRYSTAL BALLROOM, EXECUTIVE MOTOR INN
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AT 9:03 A.M. EDT

Thank you for your generous words, Dick.

I have to tell you, he is a good friend of mine. He is prejudiced. That is why he says such nice things. I am very fond of him, too.

I would like to say to Ned, my old friend, and Tom how thrilled I am to be back here in Erie County and to have the chance of participating in the first kickoff rally of the Ford-Dole campaign, the winning campaign for this November. And believe me, it is right here in Erie County that that is taking place, and I am thrilled to be here with you.

(Applause)

Now, President Ford has asked me to bring his greetings to every one of you. He wishes he could be here today with you himself. He has also asked me to express his very great and deep appreciation to the members of the New York State delegation which supported him at the convention. It was a tremendous thing. And New York State has been with him and for him and in back of him and has had a very important role to play.

And he wants also to have me to say to this gathering right here today how grateful he is to Dick Rosenbaum and also not only to Dick but to Eunice Whittlesey and Phyllis Kelly for what they did in leading the fight for Ford all the way up through the primaries to the convention. So he is very grateful and wanted me to have this opportunity to express that.

Now, I would like to say there are two reasons why the Ford-Dole ticket is going to win in November. The first reason is because of the extraordinary record of President Ford during the past two years.

Now, some of us tend to forget that two years ago things in this country were in rough shape, ladies and gentlemen. The country was torn apart by Vietnam, by Watergate, by all of the problems we had, the emotional problems. We were going into a depression. We had inflation, almost 12 percent. We had unemployment growing. We had difficulties in the world, even danger of war. Of course, we did have war at that point in various parts and danger coming in other parts.

In two short years a man who wasn't seeking the office then, who was called into office, turned this country around, restored confidence of the American people

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in their government, trust and confidence. He has cut inflation in half. In the last 18 months there are 3,800,000 new jobs in this country, a record for that period of time.

Sure there is a lot more that is needed, but we have a growth rate now, ladies and gentlemen, that is going to give us that opportunity, good jobs in private enterprise. These are the ones people want that have got stability.

On top of that, ladies and gentlemen, he has restored confidence and respect for the United States in the world. Now, that is a record that this country can be proud of.

(Applause)

And the second reason he is going to be elected is because -- and it is a very important, basic reason -- people have trust and confidence in President Ford. And these are essentials.

Now, let's take the candidate of the opposition party, the Democratic candidate. He has had no national experience. He has had no international experience. He vacillates on the issues, and people are beginning to get worried, even frightened, as to what he might do if he became President, because they really don't know.

Therefore, I just have that basic intuitive feeling that when the voters get into the booths in November, that they are going to say, who do we feel will best represent us and our problems and our interests and our hopes and aspirations and our fears at this moment of great opportunity but also problems? And I think they are going to say to themselves, we know President Ford; we trust President Ford; let's keep President Ford. And that is what is going to happen.

(Applause)

Now, a very interesting thing that you want to note -- and I am so glad there are this many young people here, because, I'm telling you, it is your future we are talking about. We in office are just the trustees of your future. If we don't do a good job, you will not have that opportunity you deserve. That is what Jim Buckley was talking about.

President Ford has made this record despite the lack of support of the two-to-one Democratic majority in the Congress of the United States. They didn't give him support. They haven't passed his programs. He sent up programs, one after another, to deal with the problems on a positive basis. They haven't acted on them.

He has had to veto programs to prevent inflation and to cut it back. He has done those things. So what we need is a better balance in the Congress. We need more Republicans in Congress. We need Jim Buckley back in the Congress of the United States.

(Applause)

Of course, I have got to say to you, because this is a very sophisticated electorate in New York State, that we have got a party that isn't afraid of different points of view. I can't say to you that Jim and I always agree on everything. And not always does Jake Javits agree with him. That is the strength of the Republican Party. We like to have different points of view, argue out the differences and come to a conclusion. That is the strength of our system, and that is what we have got.

Jim is a man of tremendous integrity. That is very important. I want to tell you, there is nothing tricky about Jim. He is a man of great integrity and is widely respected in the Congress of the United States by both sides of the aisle.

He is a champion of the individual, and that is what democracy is all about. That is what America is all about. He is a champion of the American enterprise system, and he believes in a strong America, to preserve freedom not only for us in this country but for freedom in the world.

(Applause)

We need him back there.

We have got a great House of Representatives, ladies and gentlemen, but we have got a two-to-one Democratic control there, too. We need Jack Kemp back in the House of Representatives.

(Applause)

He is a strong man. He is a top vote-getter. He is an enemy of unnecessary spending, and he is a friend of the taxpayers and a good, strong friend. That is right.

(Applause)

I have got to say also he is a man of the future and he is going to be looking ahead. We need people of the future, so we have got to get Jack back there.

But we also want to get some other Congressmen who are standing here. Dr. Ralph Argen, we need him. Here is a doctor who is giving up his career in the medical field to go serve the people of this country. We want him down there. He wants more responsibility for people and less big government in Washington. And I agree with him. We need him there, ladies and gentlemen.

(Applause)

And we need Cal Kimbrough there, too. Here is a brilliant new face on the political scene here in Buffalo. Now, that is the kind of man we need, who knows the problems of the city. He is articulate, attractive. He is a journalist. He has specialized in urban problems and their solutions. So we need him. This is a great group from Erie County.

(Applause)

We have been talking about Washington. Now let's come to the State government. I want to tell you, we have got a great State in New York, and we want to keep it that way. And we need more Republicans in the State Senate and under the brilliant leadership of Warren Anderson.

I want to tell you, ladies and gentlemen, Warren Anderson is right down here at the end of the line. He is the majority Republican leader of the Senate, and he has saved more things from happening that would have been disastrous in this State in the last couple of years because he has been the majority leader of the Senate. He has been the bastion of Republican strength during this period.

We want to thank you, Warren, for what you have done and we want to say that we want to see you down there.

Jim McFarland, your great State Senator. Jim where are you?

(Applause)

He is out there getting votes, ladies and gentlemen. Here he comes.

And Dale Volker, where is he? We want him back there.

Now, we have got to get back control of the Senate and the Assembly. We want to see that Assembly come back under Republican leadership.

Ron Tills is here, great Assemblyman. We want him. And he has got a team of ten who are now with him. So we need him. Here he is.

(Applause)

And, I tell you, not only is it State government, but we have to think of local government. You have got a great man in Ken Braun running for sheriff. He will make a great sheriff, and we want him.

(Applause)

He has got his star on already. I'll bet he has got handcuffs on his belt, too.

(Laughter)

Now, ladies and gentlemen, my greatest pleasure is being here and having the honor to present to you Senator Robert Dole, who has been selected by the convention as the candidate for the Vice President of the United States with President Ford.

I am going to tell you a little bit about Bob Dole. He is an extraordinary man. He is our kind of man. He has had experience in local government. This is important. This is his record. He was a county attorney; then he was a State legislator; then he was a Congressman; then he was a United States Senator. He spent five-and-a-half years in World War II. He is a member of the

congressional Budget Committee, which is a key committee. He is a member of the Senate Finance Committee.

I want to tell you, he brings to the ticket character, courage and, ladies and gentlemen, in addition, a brilliant and beautiful wife.

(Applause)

We know that she is a woman with a career in her own name, and she is a member of the Federal Trade Commission right now. So we have got two for one here, ladies and gentlemen.

But in addition, I would like to say this about Bob. He is a man of compassion, a champion of civil rights all his life. He is a supporter of the food stamp program for the deserving needy, and he was a cosponsor with McGovern of the bill to reshape the food stamp program.

He is a champion of the handicapped, because he suffered the loss of one arm in World War II, and he understands, and he has been one of the great champions of the handicapped.

He is also a staunch supporter of Israel and the American enterprise system and fiscal integrity. As I already mentioned, he is a war hero.

Let me say there is never any doubt about where Bob Dole stands. He will not equivocate, and, as Malcolm Wilson will say, he will not obfuscate. That is a word a little beyond me. Look it up in the dictionary.

(Laughter)

He will not double-talk, and he will not give the opposition the luxury of fuzzing the issues either. That is that peach stuff here.

(Laughter)

And most important, he will be invaluable to the President in running this great country of ours and fully prepared, should fate will it, God forbid, to lead America.

I give you the next Vice President of the United States, Senator Robert Dole.

(Applause)

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(AT 9:17 A.M. EDT)