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REMARKS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
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AT 2:25 P.M. EDT

Dick Rosenbaum, thank you very much, and his Honor the Mayor. I want to thank the mayor and Malcolm Wilson, our former governor of this great State. And this wonderful group from the university are only here because the Republican Party built that university.

(Applause)

They wouldn't be here today if I hadn't been governor. That's right.

I want to tell you, you have gotten further to my right.

(Laughter)

This is a democracy, ladies and gentlemen. If they don't like it here, they can always go to the Soviet Union just like Solzhenitsyn came to the United States.

(Applause)

Now, we are in Binghamton, New York. We have got the second most powerful man in the State right here in Binghamton, the majority leader of the Senate, Warren Anderson.

What Warren Anderson has done for this State and for Binghamton, you ought to be so grateful, and I am so grateful.

You talk about leftists. Let's take a few things Warren Anderson has done. He worked for all of the people of the State, and I want to tell you, I am proud of him. I am thrilled to be in the same party.

All right. Let's go back to SUNY. That's where you have got to take the rest of your college education, if you get through.

He believes in freedom of speech. I have got the right to speak just like you have.

You know, if this country every loses the right of freedom of speech, then we have lost all our values. So don't you try and take away the right of freedom of speech. That is the answer to America. You wait. Give us time to speak. Let us speak now and you speak later. Hold it until later. You can have your own rally. Okay? Let me have my time now. I have got a job to do here.

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You are a lovely young lady, but --

Put the sign in front of her face, yes.

(Laughter)

I am thrilled to be here to kick off this Ford-Dole rally in the southern tier of New York State, one of the great spots in America. And I want you to know that the wife of our Vice Presidential candidate came from New York State, upstate New York, her grandfather, her father.

It is a great country, ladies and gentlemen. I want you to know, my great-great-grandfather came up here from Massachusetts. He was headed to Michigan, and he had 11 children. He got this far in a covered wagon, and you know what happened? His wife said she couldn't take it any further. So they settled down here in Tioga County with 11 children, and they called it Michigan Hills, because they were headed for Michigan.

I told President Ford I might not have been able to be with him on the ticket before because I might have been a Michigander instead of a New Yorker, even though I was born in Maine. But, never mind, we won't get into that.

I want to just say that I would like to make a prediction that President Ford and Vice President Dole are going to be elected in November.

(Applause)

There are two reasons. One is because of the extraordinary job he has done in the last two years. He came in in a period of disillusionment in this country, loss of confidence in government. He has restored that confidence in America. That is right, yes. He has restored that except for a small handful of SUNY students. Otherwise, the country has enjoyed that.

Now, not only has he got the economy going again, stopped inflation, with 3,800,000 new jobs in the last 18 months, but the economy is growing, going to get more jobs. Things are going to roll.

Confidence in this country is restored in the world. I want to tell you, it is a great day. The United States is back on top. That is the way we want to keep it.

In addition, the American people have got confidence in this man, and they trust this man. When they get into that booth at the polls in November, who are they going to vote for? Someone they trust, someone they believe in, someone they have confidence in. And they are going to vote for Ford and Dole.

(Applause)

Let me tell you, what we have to recognize is he has done this fantastic job without the cooperation of a two-to-one dominated legislature in Congress. The

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President has done this by himself. They have not passed his legislation. He has had to veto a whole series of things to stop inflation. He has done it.

We need more Republicans in Congress. We need Jim Buckley back in the Congress in the Senate of the United States. That is right. He has great understanding, believes in the individual, believes in the American enterprise system.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, we want in Congress more Republicans -- Bill Harter, 29 years old, brilliant, a teacher, minister.

You ought to get that teacher and minister, yes. You need help.

He started in the Middle East, ladies and gentlemen, the hot spot of the world, troubled land. He is a friend of Israel, has made great contributions as a member of the State Commission for Mental Health.

I think we have got a problem with mental health over here, right over here.

Down at the State level, ladies and gentlemen, not only do we need Warren Anderson back in the Senate to strengthen that Republican leadership, but we need to get Zip Boland in the Assembly, a great Assemblyman. I want to tell you, we have worked together in the battles all the way through. He has expert knowledge of labor and industrial needs and is a great, strong candidate to recapture that State.

And we need to get Zip Boland there. It is time he got back to work for the people. Okay, Zip, we need you.

We need Greg Thompson in the Senate, an outstanding leader.

I want to tell you, Binghamton always gets its supply of candidates, and maybe someday you will produce a candidate, too. I don't know what it will be for, but we won't speculate right now.

(Applause)

At the local level we need Ed Crawford, County Executive. I want to tell you, he has got a record of achievement that is a mile long, ladies and gentlemen -- a memorial arena, a community college, better flood control and much more, ladies and gentlemen, that he has done.

But I came here today not only to talk about the State and local candidates, but I want to introduce to you -- this is my great thrill and privilege -- the next Vice President of the United States.

(Applause)

Wait until I tell you about Bob Dole. He knows government from the local level right up to the top. He

was a county attorney. He was a State legislator, He has been a Congressman. He has been a Senator. And I want to tell you, he spent three-and-a-half years in World War II defending freedom in the world so that these young people have a right to yell at this rally here.

(Applause)

And he lost his arm in the process. He is a great hero. This is the kind of man America needs.

And let me tell you about this man. He has got character.

That is what you need to develop -- character.

I want to tell you, they need character. And he has got courage, ladies and gentlemen.

Wait a minute. This is very important. I need quiet for this. I want to tell you something very important. Even more important, he has a brilliant and beautiful wife, Elizabeth. I want to tell you, she is a member of the Federal Trade Commission. She is a Harvard Law School graduate, an outstanding woman. That's right.

And you believe in women's lib. I can tell by looking at you. See, here is a women's libber. She succeeded on her own.

So we get two for one, ladies and gentlemen, a Vice President and a member of the Federal Trade Commission. What more can you ask?

Now let me go on. He is a man of compassion, a champion of civil rights all the way through.

I have got the mike and you haven't, so I have got an advantage.

(Laughter)

He supported the food stamp program for those deserving needy and to get those deadbeats off the roll. I want to tell you, he is a champion of the handicapped, because he is handicapped himself. He lost one arm serving this country. You can't ask for more. And he didn't do it yelling. He did it fighting for America, fighting for freedom. That is what we need in America, let me tell you.

(Applause)

And let me tell you young people, when you get Solzhenitsyn having to come to America to get a chance to speak -- he had to come to America. He is coming here to live for freedom of speech. We want to keep it.

If they don't like it, they ought to go to the Soviet Union. That is where they can get it.

I am talking about our Vice Presidential candidate, a staunch supporter of Israel. He believes in

the American enterprise system. He believes in fiscal integrity. And I want to tell you, ladies and gentlemen, he won't equivocate, and he will not, as Malcolm Wilson would say, obfuscate. The word is a little hard for me to grasp, but not you who know big words.

There will be no double-talk with this man, and he will not give the opposition the luxury of fuzzing issues.

Ladies and gentlemen, most important of all, he will be a valuable aid to the President in running the country and fully prepared to take over if fate willed, God forbid.

It is my privilege to give you the next Vice President of the United States, Senator Bob Dole.

(Applause)

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(AT 2:40 P.M. EDT)