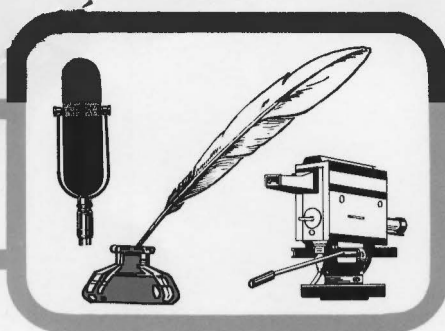


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A Republican Clambake is bound to be a happy affair this year, and I am delighted to see that the Dutchess County Clambake is living up to that promise.

We have good reason to be happy. The polls are running in favor of Dick Nixon and Ted Agnew, and there is an excellent chance that Republicans will win a majority of the seats in the U.S. House of Representatives in November. I might add there is also an excellent chance that Hamilton Fish Jr. will help to make up that majority.

I think what the polls reflect is this: The American people desperately yearn for peace--peace at home and peace abroad. And they are convinced--rightly so--that the Republican Party can best achieve those precious goals.

Order is the number one issue in America today--order at home and order in the world.

America does not have the capacity, singly, to maintain order in the world but certainly the American people have the capacity to keep order among themselves.

When I speak of order at home, I talk of order, with justice, under law--as does any decent American.

I speak for the overwhelming majority of Americans who want to live at peace with their fellowmen and to get ahead in this world.

I speak for all the law-abiding Americans who are shocked by violence in the streets and on the campuses and by the 89 per cent rise in the national crime rate in the last seven years.

I speak for all of those Americans who know that blind repression is not the answer to violence in America but that permissiveness likewise is no solution.

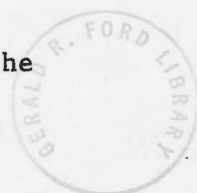
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I speak of all those Americans who believe that anyone who breaks the law should pay the appropriate penalty.

I speak for all those Americans who believe it is wrong for anyone, including a Vice-President of the United States, to say at any time that if he had to live under slum conditions he could "lead a mighty good revolt" himself.

This is not to excuse slum conditions. We must attack social ills with the

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same dedication and fervor with which we seek order in this country. Progress and order go hand in hand.

But order is the first requisite, because there can be no progress without order. There can be no progress under conditions of chaos, confusion and destruction.

This is the year of change in American politics. It is the year of change because the American people know they must have a new kind of leadership to meet the challenge of America's problems. The old kind of leadership has been tried and found sorely wanting. The old politics--offered the voters of New York's 28th congressional district in the persons of Hubert Humphrey and the incumbent congressman--has produced more problems than it has solved.

I believe the people will elect a Republican President and a Republican House of Representatives on Nov. 5--and there are many reasons why.

The people want to win the peace in Vietnam and restore domestic tranquillity at home. They want a strong leader, a man of reason and responsibility who knows how to deal with the Communist leaders of the world and the apostles of violence in America.

They want to improve the moral tone of our society, to erase the attitude that whatever you can "get away with" is all right, the atmosphere of governmental permissiveness and self-permissiveness. They want a disciplined society in America, and they know that will require a strong leader. They know that the LBJ Society has become the LSD Society--license, sin and destruction--and that just elevating the No. 2 man to the top spot wouldn't change a thing.

I think the people know, too, that a new Republican President will need a Republican House of Representatives to work with him--to implement a sensible war on poverty, fight crime effectively and not just talk about it, clean up our air and streams, make real problem-solving partners of our cities and states by sharing federal income tax revenue with them, rebuild our central cities and the people of the inner cities by using tax credits to enlist industry in a war against slummism, stop federal government waste and give the taxpayers their money's worth, and in time cut taxes so people can keep more of what they make.

A Republican House working with a Republican President will keep these promises. And we need Hamilton Fish to help us make good on them. Won't you help him?

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