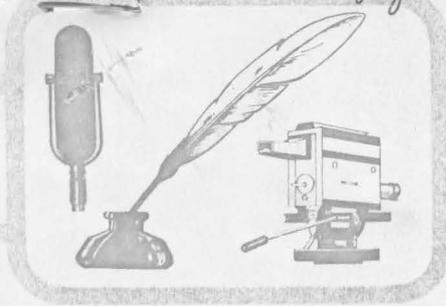


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The choice is clear. The choice is between widely differing political philosophies. The choice is between the progressive policies of a clear-eyed statesman, Richard M. Nixon, and the wild ideas of a fuzzy-thinking extremist, George McGovern.

What do Americans want as they stand on the threshold of this election?

I feel sure they want the steady progress of the Nixon Administration, not the on-again, off-again schemes of his opponent. I don't think we need the polls to tell us the American people don't like McGovern.

They want peace through strength, not a dangerous excursion into isolationism.

They want an honorable peace in Vietnam, not a peace we beg for -- peace on the enemy's terms.

They want prosperity based on sound economic policies, not a phony prosperity tied to make-work projects bought with tax dollars.

They want genuine reform of the scandalous welfare system, not a new escalation of welfare tied to redistribution of income.

They want a President who will hold down Federal spending and keep the lid on Federal levies, not one who would wildly expand the Federal government and double the average citizen's taxes.

They want a President they can be proud of, not one who preaches retreat abroad and radicalism at home.

I think, too, they want this President they're proud of to have enough troops in Congress to carry out his policies.

That's why the people of New York's 26th district are going to send Ben Gilman to the U.S. House of Representatives.

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I don't think the people of the 26th district want a McGovernite representing them in Congress.

They don't want a man who stands for the policies and views George McGovern stands for.

They want a man of Ben Gilman's stature and ability -- a man who represents their point of view and will get things done, as Ben has in the State Assembly.

But we won't put Ben Gilman in a congressional seat just by wishing for it. We've got to work for it.

Let's roll up our sleeves. Let's pitch in and see that Ben Gilman gets the majority he needs to take his place in Congress.

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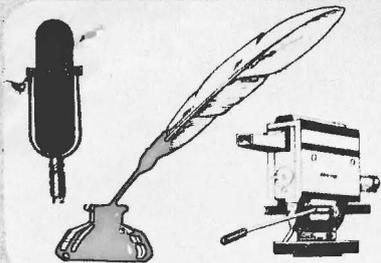
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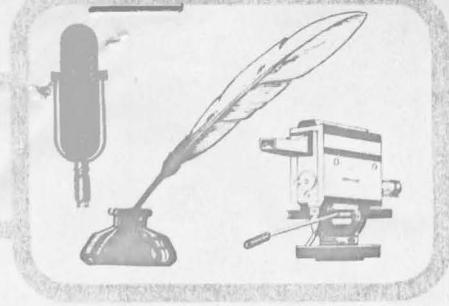
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