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AN ADDRESS BY VICE PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD
AT TINLEY PARK HIGH SCHOOL, TINLEY PARK, ILL.
AT 11 A.M. THURSDAY, FEB. 13, 1974



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DRAFT OF VICE PRESIDENT GERALD FORD'S SPEECH AT
TINLEY PARK HIGH SCHOOL, TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS,
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1974, 11:00 A.M.

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But with the awareness young people now have--with the superior training you are now getting--I am confident you will find the answers.

Young people here in Tinley Park and in other high schools all across our nation will be the ones to find the way to make useful the now largely wasted energy of the sun, pouring into our Earth every hour of the day.



You will find the way to tap the huge amounts of energy and mineral resources in our oceans.

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You will find methods to clean up our air and water and keep them clean. We in the older generations have swung open the door on the road to these achievements. But you will take ~~us down~~ that road.

I am as certain of that as of anything. I know you in the new generation. I know your capabilities.

I know that the greatest energy resource this nation and this world has is our young people.

But you face an even larger task than the problem of finding ways to fit growing energy needs into dwindling resources.

That is the task of achieving world peace.

The most important single^e accomplishment young people can realize is to devise some system so that the diverse peopl~~s~~ pf this earth can meet their needs and settle their differences in a peaceful way.

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I believe that here is your chance. It will take all of you young people here and millions more like you in other communities all over the world, working together, to meet this global challenge.

We in the older generations have started, but you must complete this most vital task.

You can, literally, move mountains, mine the oceans, master the energy of the sun, and climb that highest peak of all - to world peace.

It won't be easy. But the achievements of the Tinley Park Titans weren't won easily, either.

Nothing worthwhile is easy. And the most worthwhile is the most difficult.

You young people have a new world to shape. The sooner you start to work the better for all of us.

Thank you.

VICE PRESIDENT -CHICAGO
14 February 1974

PRESS REPORT



FULL REPORTS COMING FROM CHARLES SMITH TINLEY PARK AND BOB DUJARDIN DUPAGE

ADVANCE PRESS EXTENSIVE - ESPECIALLY WBBM-TV2-CBS: entire dress rehearsal on Wednesday night news

- 12:55 AM WGN-TV9-IND Coverage from airport arrival, deplaning and interview with reporter Jordan ("Mr. VP can you share a moment with some freezing reporters") - about 1 minute.
- 5:00 PM WLS-TV7-ABC First item report on 3000 students at TPHS, long quote "we in Washington must do more, much more for youth..." 4 minutes. WMAQ-TV5-NBC Early item, Jaworski quote from Press Conference on submission of over 700 documents.
- 5:30 PM WBBM-TV2-CBS Nothing on Cronkite
WLS-TV7-ABC Second item on national news with PC quote on Jarworski, about 1 minute.
WMAQ-TV5-NBC About third item on local news for 4 minutes, shots of students on motorcade, mostly young crowd at TPHS, actual arrival at TPHS with voice-over, gym arrival, quote "we in old generation know enough to know ..."
- 6:00 PM WLS-TV7-ABC Five minutes on local news with crowd shots on motorcade, Michigan Fight Song, not major speech as advertised but for young people, long direct quote, voice-over for joke "not one of Ford's better ideas".
WBBM-TV2-CBS Local news about fifth item but ran straight from 6:11 until 6:20: TP 4 minutes - not political but old time college fight speech; 1 minute URF luncheon; PC long economy quote; interview with students after speech and principal; Kurtis-Jacobson comments VP was warm, happy, out-going, received well by crowds.
- 11:30PM WBBM-TV2-CBS Delayed news following movie, third item, another 4 minutes; quote from Leahy Dinner plus short version of 6:11 report.

ATTACHED NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

CHICAGO GAZETTE PHOTO with Black Leaders 12 Feb 74 page 11
CHICAGO DAILY NEWS: Mort 12 Feb FLD, Herguth 13th TPHS -15th Joke; 14th Page 1 arrival photo and TPHS text (Blue Streak), TPHS visit (Red Flash); 15th Page 2 story and two different photos (Red Flash Halas, Late RF autograph).
CHICAGO SUN TIMES: 13 Feb page 46 coming; 15th Page 2 photo, story page 42 second photo at TPHS, 16th page 93 wrap-up on sports page
CHICAGO TRIBUNE: 13 and 14th Condon articles; 15th Page 1 Sports two photos.
CHICAGO TODAY: 14th page 1 photo, page 3 story; 15th page 16 photo and story, page 22 security at S.O.B.
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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
Vice President of the United States
Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Jerry:

Your office has received an invitation to visit Tinley Park High School Tinley Park, Illinois, to address an assembly and especially to eulogize their championship football team.

Tinley Park is an outstanding, growing, progressive community in the District which I am proud to represent, and I would certainly hope you would see fit to include a visit to Tinley Park during the next trip which you will take into the Chicago metropolitan area.

The Tinley Park varsity football team has the longest high school winning streak in the State of Illinois (25 games) and has won the Conference the last three years. In addition, team members are among the outstanding students in the school and in a special group of leaders in extracurricular and scholastic activities, as well as athletics.

Needless to say, any visit from the Vice President into the Chicago metropolitan area will draw extensive coverage and would indirectly be of great benefit to our political public relations in the State. This would be a completely non-political appearance. In addition to the students their parents would be invited to the assembly. The Mayor, Village Board, and Park District officials would also be present since the school has an excellent community relations program and coordinates its efforts very effectively with local government bodies.

Sincerely yours,

Edward J. Derwinski
Member of Congress



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Village President

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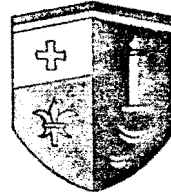
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December 28, 1973

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Dear Mr. Vice President:

On behalf of the citizens of Tinley Park, I should like to invite you to be the keynote speaker at a special presentation honoring the young people of our community, and specifically, our extraordinary championship football team. It is recognized that such a request is unique to a person of your high office, and I should like to explain why it is believed that this uniqueness is justified.

During the past three years our varsity team has maintained an unbroken winning streak leading the conference every year. Each year the citizens of our community have enthusiastically provided ever increasing symbols of our respect for their accomplishments. The current string of unbroken victories which has established a State record in Illinois caused closer analysis of this group of special young men. In reviewing the team, both individually and as a group, it was found that they represent a high percentage of the leading scholars in the junior and senior class. They also are uniformly found in leadership positions on all other athletic teams and as student leaders in extra-curricular groups.

Moreover, as young gentlemen that have received numerous of the highest athletic honors in the Chicago metropolitan area and the State of Illinois, they remain unaffected and symbols of the type of fiber that strengthen our way of life. When not in a classroom or on a training field, you will find them as clerks in local hardware stores and leaders in their church groups.

In my personal experience and in the experiences of my colleagues, we have never seen a more outstanding group of young men. It is our opinion that the team represents the finest standards



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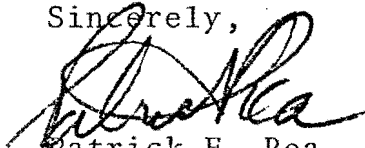
of Young America, and as such, this year our community and region should expand any recognition of the team to include the 1500 students of the entire school and Young Americans in general. This reasoning won the approval and support of Dr. Nelson, Principal of the High School and of the coaching staff.

With that in mind, it was decided that a general assemblage of all students with area leaders from all walks of life would be a most appropriate act. To highlight such a program, and to underscore the academic, athletic and unselfish standards of the team as representatives of American youth, we sought to find a State or National Leader with like standards. Specifically, we sought someone with, (1) an outstanding athletic achievement-- hopefully on the gridiron, (2) a fine academic record, and (3) a proven achiever whose personal standards of achievement and honesty throughout life stand as an example to young people.

Using those standards, certain names were recommended and by far first among those, was yours. Our community was hesitant to provide you with such a request, but after a great deal of mental searching, we respectfully forward our invitation. The program can occur on any day including the weekends during the first calendar quarter of 1974. Appropriate resolutions and proclamations will be prepared by our Village Board as well as special resolutions by the Illinois General Assembly. In addition, all regional leadership from the public and private sectors will be invited to join in the program honoring not only this truly outstanding team, but the truly outstanding young people of our Nation.

Our Village government along with the administration of our High School join in extending a most sincere invitation to you and your family to keynote and underscore this recognition to American Youth and to the exciting and healthy future they represent for our Nation.

Sincerely,



Patrick E. Rea
Trustee, Chairman
Public Safety Committee



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It seems to me that those of us in Washington must do more -- much more -- to point out the accomplishments of this nation's young people. The reports we hear, the news we read, the TV programs we see, all seem to concentrate on the negative -- almost seem to delight in trumpeting the woes of a small minority of the young.

There is a continual drumming on the drug users and the drop-outs. But seldom do we hear about the solid achievements of the majority of young Americans.

We need to shift emphasis. And you -- right here in this room -- are helping to do just that by paying deserved tribute to the Tinley Park Titans. In a larger sense you are also saying to the vast majority of young people in this country -- right on. I am proud to be a part of that testimonial.

I am particularly pleased because we ~~are~~ honoring a championship football team. I have a special admiration for championship football. It stems from the unhappy fact that in my last year at the University of Michigan our football team lost 7 out of its 8 games. That hurt. No one who plays football likes to lose.

But that miserable season did give me a greater appreciation for champions -- and, I think, a ~~deeper~~ deeper appreciation of the feelings of the players on the other 25 teams in the South Intersuburban Conference these past three years in playing the Titans.

But I would be willing to bet that each player -- winner or loser -- really enjoyed each game. I still remember with great relish the times when I was hunkered down in the line, head-to-head with an opponent, each of us trying to outsmart the other. Each

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player faces that challenge to his physical and mental capabilities in every game. The joy of football comes in the satisfaction of meeting and surmounting these tests of one's abilities.



Incidentally, I could never understand those who look down on football players as some kind of stupid monsters, bumbling around like ancient dinosaurs. You and I know that in addition to physical agility, an athlete has to have mental alertness and stability -- or he just wouldn't be a football player.

That is why it was no surprise to me to learn from Dr. Nelson that a good percentage of the leading scholars in Tinley Park High School are members of the football team. And that All-American Kurt Zabaty (Zah-BATE-ee) is also class valedictorian. And that these same football players are leaders in and out of school. The qualities that help them become championship players also help them in scholarship and leadership.

These are the qualities we need to help our nation meet the many challenges it faces today.

But, I don't want to create the impression that football, by itself, can develop these qualities.

When we honor the Tinley Park Titans, we must also pay tribute to Tinley Park High School itself...to the guidance and inspiration of the coaching staff...to the wisdom and experience of each member of the High School faculty. And most importantly, we must honor the parents and the citizens of Tinley Park who have made it all possible. We honor the parents for helping establish the personal values which provide the foundation for everything else, and for working with the faculty and coaches.

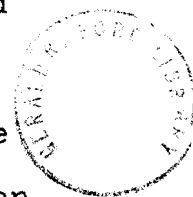
And we honor every citizen of Tinley Park for providing the support without which the school could not exist.

In a very real sense, the contribution of every Tinley Park citizen, the wisdom and experience of each member of the Tinley Park High School faculty and the inspiration of every Tinley Park father and mother have helped this team achieve a championship.

It is a most positive demonstration of the value of our uniquely American system of education. In every community across the land this partnership helps build better citizens. This is a

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partnership in which teachers, parents and citizens of each community plan and work with students to develop educational and extra-curricular programs that are best for that individual community. We have an educational system which has produced the builders of a mighty nation. And -- most importantly -- it is an educational system which continues to improve.



It seems to me the most striking improvement in the schools of today, compared with those of my generation, is that today's schools are shaping students with a far greater awareness of the rest of the world. You in young America today know far, far more about the rest of the world than those of my generation.

I firmly believe that this awareness of the world and of its problems, this widely expressed concern of youth as to how to meet and overcome the challenges of our world, is THE great promise for our future -- our future as a nation, and as a small number of the human passengers aboard Spaceship Earth. You young people sitting out there are now face-to-face with difficult problems, with problems so new that we in the older generations have just begun to appreciate their severity.

We in the older generations know enough to be certain that the solutions we have tried in the past won't work today.

But with the awareness young people now have -- with the superior training you are now getting -- I am confident you will find the answers.

Young people here in Tinley Park and in other high schools all across our nation will be the ones to find the way to make useful the now largely wasted energy of the sun, pouring into our earth every hour of the day.

You will find the way to tap the huge amounts of energy and mineral resources in our oceans.

You will find a way to unlock a tremendous new source of atomic energy without radiation dangers, through controlled thermonuclear reactions.

You will find methods to clean up our air and water and keep them clean. We in the older generations have swung open the door on the road to these achievements. But you will take us down that road.

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I am as certain of that as of anything. I know you in the new generation. I know your capabilities.

I know that the greatest energy resource this nation and this world has is our young people.

But you face an even larger task than the problem of finding ways to fit growing energy needs into dwindling resources.

This is the task of achieving world peace.

The most important single accomplishment young people can realize is to devise some system so that the diverse peoples of this earth can meet their needs and settle their differences in a peaceful way.

I don't want to minimize the difficulties involved. You here will have to reach out to young people elsewhere in the world who firmly believe their own way of life is superior, who believe that their economic system will work better, who believe that their system of government is more workable.

But peace is possible. We in the older generations have opened a few doors. We have taken the first step in helping the Arabs and Israelis settle their differences peaceably. We have hopes of reaching a second strategic arms limitation agreement with the Russians. We are constantly improving our relations with the People's Republic of China.

But this is only a beginning. The rest is up to you. You must reach out to the youth of other lands.

When I visited the People's Republic of China in the summer of 1972 I went into some areas where Americans had not been seen for 20 years, where the only picture of Americans had been the official classification of us as imperialist warmongers.

But as we inspected this village project or that communal farm, I was struck by the friendly curiosity and interest in the eyes of the youths who crowded around us, in the number of friendly smiles. And I thought then that this reservoir of friendly curiosity and interest is our great chance for world peace.

I believe that here is your chance. It will take all of you young people here and millions more like you in other communities all over the world, working together, to meet this global challenge.

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We in the older generations have started, but you must complete this most vital task.

You can, literally, move mountains, mine the oceans, master the energy of the sun, and climb that highest peak of all - to world peace.

It won't be easy. But the achievements of the Tinley Park Titans weren't won easily, either.

Nothing worthwhile is easy. And the most worthwhile is the most difficult.

You young people have a new world to shape. The sooner you start to work the better for all of us.

Thank you.

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TINLEY PARK HIGH SCHOOL SALUTE

BACKGROUND

The Vice President has accepted the invitation of the citizens of the Village of Tinley Park, Illinois, to join them in paying tribute to, specifically, their outstanding high school football team and, generally, the youth of America. This affair has the total commitment of all the citizenry and extensive preparations are well underway. In short, this tribute will manifest itself in two activities: a downtown public motorcade and a special assembly at the high school.

MOTORCADE

In order for the thousands of elementary school children and other citizens to view the Vice President, a public motorcade down the main street of town has been planned for the last dozen blocks prior to reaching the high school. The Knights of Columbus and the American Legion have purchased 2,000 American flags that will be distributed. With the majority of the city's schools located in walking distance of the main street, all schools will be dismissed to allow the elementary school children to see (greet) the Vice President.

Several sites will be selected along the route at which the motorcade can be stopped in order that the Vice President can depart from his car and greet the children. These stops will remain unannounced, primarily for security reasons.

Transportation problems preclude staging a crowd at one site and the locals have already informed the school children that they will get a chance to see the Vice President.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

On reaching the high school, the Vice President will participate in a special assembly of 2,000 persons. 1500 are "Titans" of Tinley Park High School. 200 are student leaders from every high school in Cook County, and 300 will be school administrators and local legislators.



CONGRESSIONAL PARTICIPATION

Senator Adlai Stevenson III (D-Ill) has expressed a desire to the Tinley Park planners that he be included in the dais guests at the high school. The locals have passed this information onto Warren Rustand before reaching a commitment. It is suggested that Senator Charles Percy (R-Ill) also be invited if Senator Stevenson does attend.

In view of the fact that a motorcade is planned, consideration might be given to having the Vice President invite Congressman Derwinski to join him in his vehicle to ride with the Vice President from the Marriott Hotel to the high school. It is anticipated that some good press coverage will be developed during the crowd portion of the motorcade.

Approve Invitation _____ Disapprove _____

EVERETT DIRKSEN 500 LUNCHEON

BACKGROUND

The Everett Dirksen 500 is a division of the United Republican Fund. One of the mainstays of their calendar year is a series of luncheons at which prominent speakers are guests. The last speaker to address the group was former Governor John Connally.

Their luncheons are extremely informal and usually have an attendance of between 50 to 100 persons. This session at the Marriott Hotel will mark the first time that a luncheon has been held at a location other than the "loop", so it is possible that attendance may be on the lower side due to the distance from the heart of the city. The location of the luncheon was changed at the request of the Secret Service.

Due to the very informal nature of this event and the professional atmosphere, it is recommended that an advanceman not get involved in the specifics of this event.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

PRESS COVERAGE

Traditionally, this luncheon is "off the record" and the press is barred from attendance. The event planners feel this affords the guest speaker more freedom and can allow for frank answers during the "question and answer" period following the remarks.



A speaker's table will be set-up for four persons.

FRANK LEAHY AWARDS DINNER

BACKGROUND

Approximately 1,000 persons are expected to attend this annual affair. Attire for the dais is Black Tie, with Black Tie optional for all others. Tickets are sold at \$50.00-a-plate with the proceeds accruing to the DuPage County Cancer Society. As has been the case in the past, most of the event volunteers are associated with Sears, Roebuck and Co.

If desired, Suite 1207-8 will be available for the Vice President's use.

RECEPTIONS

All dinner guests are invited to a general reception in the same room as the dinner itself. In view of this configuration, it is felt best that the Vice President attend the private reception (approximately 150 persons) of those persons who have contributed most heavily to the Cancer Society.

PROGRAM

Unfortunately, it is felt that the number of Sports luminaries, etc. tend to make the event very similar in nature to the Touch-down Club and the Heisman Trophy Dinners. In short, the likelihood of the program running late is greater than desired; although every effort will be made to ensure that it finishes on time.

Linley Park Trip

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PRESS MANIFEST FOR KY., ILL., NEB. TRIP

- 1- Phil Jones.....CBS-TV
- 2- Ralph Santos....." "
- 3- Charlie Franks....." "
- 4- Harry Lee Clark....." "
- 5- Bill Zimmerman.....ABC-TV
- 6- George Romilly....." "*6. Dick Madden*
- 7- Lewis Maddox....." "*- N.Y. Times*
- 8- Francis Peter....." "
- 9- Dave Kennerly.....Time Magazine ✓
- 10- Bonnie Angelo....." " ✓
- 11- Tom De Frank.....Newsweek ✓

~~12- Jack Conrad of Washington Star News will join us in Chicago and travel with us the rest of the way.~~

~~Remilly, Maddox and Peter will drop off after the Frank Leahy Dinner in Chicago, but Zimmerman will continue with us the rest of the way.~~

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