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Cheyenne Lincoln Day - 2/12/59

Introduction -

- ① Longhorn story
Great, great man story
- ② Keith Thomson -
- ③ Wyoming - personal connection
 - a). relatives - Rawlston
 - b). Yellowstone

State Problems - I am proud to say - I'm from a great state.
I am glad " " - I'm in a great state's

Wyoming + Michigan

a). Similarities

State wide offices

State Senate

Republicans left both states solvent.

b). Contrasts

- ① { Michigan - 10 yrs under Dem Gov.
Wyoming - Just beginning Dem regime

- ② { Michigan - broke + bankrupt after
10 yrs of a Dem Gov.
Wyoming - solvent + an excellent
banking facility
under Republicans.



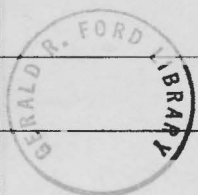
- ③ Michigan's problem - U.S. News, p. 49
 In 1948 Michigan had \$100 surplus.
 - a). Last fiscal yr - - \$21 million
 - b). This " " - -89 "
 - c). To pay current bills
 - 1). Legist Commission
 - 2). Veterans Trust Fund.
 - 3). 23 ^{public} Corporations
 - d). Unpaid obligations
 - 1). Universities
 - 2). Teachers retirement
 - 3). Contractors
 - e). Annual Spending from \$500 million to a billion

④ In speaking to some of your Legislators today I find that some of the fiscal problems confronting you ^{today} are similar to those that faced our Republican Legislature in Michigan a few years back.

Republican Legislature tried to hold down spending - Democratic Governor always wanted more.

Democratic Governor - took credit for any additional spending + made Legislature "whipping boy" for all that was bad.

The Republican position in Michigan has been SOUND but hasn't been sold. I urge that you take sound position + sell it.



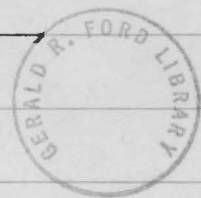
Lincoln's Birthday - 150 yrs ago today.

Our first Republican president
elected in 1860.

Abe stood for principles
Our Party stood for Principles

In 1952 + in 1956 the
Republican Party stood for
PRINCIPLES & the
voters elected another
great Republican, Dwight
D. Eisenhower, our President

In 1960 if the Republican
Party stands for PRINCIPLES
we will elect another
Republican President &
regain control of the Congress.



Three (3) Basic Principles

- a). Modern, ready & powerful defense program
- b). Fiscal Responsibility
- c). A firm & morally right foreign policy.

① National Security -

This program -
LONG PULL

- Army - { pre Korea + today
Natl Gd + Reserve
- Navy - { atomic subs. ^{North} _{Atlantic} states
Nuclear missiles
Carriers

Air Force - modernized from
propeller driven to
jets & now to
Missiles -

Democrats now say we aren't
spending enough.

LET'S LOOK AT THE RECORD

Dems - feast + famine
{ peaks + valleys

1). Pre Korea - ^{\$13 billion} Air Force research
Truman + Eisenhower
\$940 million expended

2) Pre Sputnik - \$2.5 billion

3). 1958 - \$45 million
out of Space Program.

This program - sound because it will deter war. Russia
knows we can annihilate & win any war. Russian is both



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① Fiscal Responsibility

Republicans have always stood for, fought for & have a better record of accomplishment on the issue of Fiscal Responsibility.

Republicans balanced budget 2 times in 5 yrs & He has submitted a balanced budget for next yr & the Republicans in Congress will fight to preserve it.

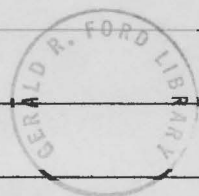
Democrats - 3 balanced budgets in 20 yrs & in 2 of those 3 yrs the Republicans controlled the House & Senate.

National Debt -

Roosevelt - \$30 to \$233 - \$233

Trouman - \$233 to \$266 - \$33

Eisenhower - \$266 to \$285 - \$19



Inflation + Fiscal Responsibility

Inflation ~~is~~ the poor
subverts our morality & integrity
challenges our free enterprise
system.

Because the Democrats were
specifically responsible with
a fondness for deficit financing
& no apparent concern for a
rising National debt, the
value of the Dollar lost
48¢ cents in purchasing power

Because the Republicans are
specifically responsible inflation
has been checked & in 6 years
the purchasing power of the
Dollar lost only 4¢.

Tapes - At this point no one can
honestly categorically promise federal
tax relief.

But historically Republicans can
show - 14 out of 15 tax increases - Dem
7 " " 10 " decreases - Rep



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③ Foreign Policy - G.O.P.

1). Timid

2). Morally Right

3). Kept the Peace.

Many Democrats including the Democratic Policy Committee seem to advocate "peace over surrender & appeasement to the communists."

a). Doubted the wisdom of the President's forthright action in handling the trouble in the Middle East

b). Criticized the firm U.S. attitude when the Chinese Communists threatened the Free World in 1958.

Conclusion:

Republicans can win in 1960 if

- a). Espouse sound principles
- b). Unite behind these principles + leave aside our party differences
- c). And, work intelligently + diligently for a cause which was the salvation of the Union in 1860 + which will be the salvation of our Nation + the Free World in 1960.

