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San Jose, Calif. May 22 (luncheon)

INTRODUCTION..... New job, additional title, more problems with fewer numbers--
but with fringe benefits fully discussed by the Nation's press.

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Got Minority Leader job by landslide 73 tp 67..nevertheless
am a politician because of job security!

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Football...Mich. beat Oregon ^{late} by 27 points in Rose Bowl..
3 days later Ford won by only 6 points...maybe chose wrong
profession...wonder about accepting pro ball offer..perhaps
on the Supreme Court.

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After 16 years in Congress learned this isn't such a bad world after all---once
you learn to be nervous about everything.

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Despite rumors..not true Lyndon Johnson plans change name of Nation's Capitol
to Austin-East....also not true that Internal Revenue Service plans to
print on income tax returns next year the message "The Eyes of Texas are
Upon You."



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Republicans in the House have at least five major duties and responsibilities:

1. Must exert our influence in a positive manner to help guide Nation toward freedom, security, peace--within framework of fiscal responsibility and the Constitution.
2. Must expose any failures of Johnson Administration to keep promises made during 1964 election campaign.
3. Should support Administration when it is right, oppose when it's wrong,..(alternative proposals) (*Viet Nam*)
4. Establish strong 2-party system..overcome imbalance of power
5. Maintain and strengthen unity in ranks.



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Must EARN respect of American people

Increase ~~active~~ ^{active} membership: Women...Young GOP...farmers,...
working men...business.. industry..

Must still be Party of principle..not party of political expediency

Must persuade voters in all segments that we are concerned about their problems

Must make this Nation a place where a man can live deeper, reach higher, see farther, think bigger and grow greater than anywhere else on earth.

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REPUBLICAN SPEECH OUTLINE

As a minority party, our task is to carry the torch of dissent responsibly and constructively.

We look forward, not backward. Our people are rest less and impatient with problems too long unsolved and too often compounded by bad laws and bureaucratic failings.

Congress turns to its part in the always unfinished task of making America united, strong, and free.



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Three types of problems:

1. How to increase jobs and output without inflation
2. How to move ahead toward equality for all citizens
3. How to improve government and its services

EDUCATION

While there are courses of actions that strike at each of these problems, there is a common remedy that effects all three..... education.



Problem of unemployment is particularly the problem of the young, inexperienced, unskilled person of inadequate schooling.

More and better schooling will reduce racial tensions and speed the Negro's economic and social progress.

Improved education will help to solve the problems of government by enlightening both the electors and the elected.



Every youth must be encouraged to pursue his education as far as his talents will take him.

Drop-outs must be encouraged to go back to school for an education or training to fit their ability.

Curricula must be enriched....People already working should be given chance to retrain and upgrade their skills and earning power...Vocational Rehabilitation for the handicapped must be expanded.



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This cannot, and should not, be done by Federal government alone.

But there is much that the national government can do to promote this effort without the heavy hand of federal control.

For example, Congress should ease the financial burden of going to college.

Doors of education must be opened wide.

(Discuss Republican proposal for federal income tax credit for college students and their parents.)



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COMPASSION WITH COMPETENCE

Must liberate the War on Poverty from waste, controversy, and bad odor of political bossism....must combine compassion with competence.

This nation can afford what is necessary to help the less fortunate to help themselves. Children of poor must have highest priority.

How many of poor actually received any of \$23 hundred million taxpayer dollars from present war on Poverty? Tragically, very few.

(poverty cards)



Poverty examples

These are a few stunning examples of poor management of the war on poverty:

In Newport, Rhode Island, enrollees in the Youth Corps included the sons of a surgeon, businessmen, an executive, a school official, a lawyer, and Naval officers.

The New York Times reported that in our largest city the Harlem Youth Project had overspent \$2 million in funds contributed to the program by taxpayers.

The director of the Camp Breckinridge, Ky., Job Corps training center was fired when it was learned his wife and the wives of 51 other middle management employees were on the payroll. The camp had 350 staff members for the 358 trainees.

It was disclosed in Omaha, Nebraska, that 90 percent of the youths employed in a neighborhood poverty project were not from low-income families.

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Poor themselves must have important role in policy decisions at community level.

States should be partners in war on poverty. It is time poverty fighters stopped fighting each other.

Republicans will offer specific proposals to redirect this program to achieve goals without waste, scandal and bureaucratic infighting.

Without such changes, the good will fall with the bad under fiscal pressures created by Viet Nam and massive new domestic spending programs.



America long waged effective war on poverty through genius of private enterprise cooperating with government.

We urge enactment of Republican proposed Human Investment Act...

will bring private enterprise more effectively to bear on problem of creating productive jobs for the poor.

Through 7 % tax credit will encourage business and labor to employ and train people with limited skills and education.



EXECUTIVE REFORM

Executive branch needs reform....not Presidential repatching and piecemeal creation of new departments.

Now 42 separate Federal agencies involved in education alone

252 welfare programs

57 job training programs

65 federal programs to improve health

During 5 Dem-controlled Congresses, Federal employees increased 175,000

and Federal spending by \$57 billion



Executive branch is bureaucratic jungle....need to cut back wild growth.

Urge new independent Commission patterned after two distinguished Hoover Commissions to recommend reforms in Executive branch.

COST OF LIVING

Must be price stability....today threat of inflation...Eisenhower dollar worth 90 cents.... cost of living 2 percent higher than year ago....price rise is a secret sales tax silently stealing millions from pockets of American people



IBJ inflationary policies have major impact on living cost. Administration uses double standard. One hand creates upward pressure on prices and with other bludgeons workers and businessmen for responding to that pressure.

Real villain is Administration which will increase cost of Federal govt. by \$26 billion in a two-year period.

Most direct and effective weapon for national govt to halt inflation is to curb Federal spending.... requires President and Congress to set priorities....



President must in his budget classify spending plans according to necessity and urgency. .. ~~Unfortunately~~ Congress and people not been given a straight-forward and realistic assessment of federal budget problems. Republicans will give LBJ's budget a searching examination. *Truth in Budgeting.*

Whatever needed --really needed--for national security must be provided.



Urgent domestic programs that contribute to real economic growth, advance cause of equal opportunity need not be sacrificed...believe \$55 billion proposed by LBJ on non-military spending can be and must be reduced.

TAXES

Laws passed last year--supposedly cutting taxes, have increased them \$3½ billion. LBJ now wants more tax burdens to finance costs at home and abroad.

With prudent restraint on spending, no new taxes are needed.



AGRICULTURE

Farm parity ratio in 1965 was below level of five years ago.

At home we seek free and prosperous agriculture by encouraging operation of a healthy market economy... GOP will resist Administration efforts to artificially depress market prices of farm commodities and to control farmers.

Urge extension of Eisenhower Food for Peace program

Urge enactment of law to establish U.S.-World Food Study and Coordinating Commission... to begin closing growing food gap on our planet.



POLITICAL REFORMS

Surprised and pleased when LBJ touched on political reforms..he didn't go far enough.

Ways must be found to eliminate vote fraud, curb cost of political campaigns, expand the franchise. Republicans propose:

- * to guard against abuses in raising and use of political funds;
- * to raise ceiling on political spending to realistic levels;
- * to bar political contributions from corporations and unions



* to require meaningful reporting of political contributions and expenditures.

STATES OF THE UNION

Nation has thrived on diversity and distribution of powers embedded in Constitution.

Administration believes in centralizing authority, ignoring and bypassing and undermining State Responsibilities in almost every law passed.

So..constitutional structure today in dangerous disrepair.

States are vital cornerstone of federal system...headlong plunge toward centralization of power in Washington must be halted.



(Salute gallant fight of Senator Dirksen against repeal of 14-B)

* Urge tax sharing plan to return to states a fixed percentage of personal income tax with Federal controls

These funds will lighten load of local taxation, spur solution of vexing problems, revitalize programs in education, health and welfare at local level.



UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Changes are needed, particularly to provide standby protection against the contingency of a substantial rise in number of workers without jobs.....need constructive suggestions worked by by State Unemployment Compensation administrators. We oppose Administration's bill that would substitute federal judgment for state determination in matters such as standards and benefits.



CIVIL RIGHTS

Making real for all Americans the equality to which Nation is committed still urgen national concern.....Recent progress encouraging, but not enough.... No citizen should be satisfied merely with the expectation of a better tomorrow. Constitution should be put in force everywhere now.

Congress enacted four civil rights acts since 1957...Now need to review those laws and tighten those designed to prevent violence and intimidation of citizens who exercise their constitutional rights.



Hesitant administration of existing laws makes them less effective... LBJ has even failed to make the Community Relations Service the effective instrument Congress intended....

There cannot be two kinds of justice...one for whites, another for Negroes. Nor can there be tolerance of riots, looting, violence, and disorder. These impede progress sought by overwhelming number of Americans.



President has chided Americans who believe we cannot fight a war 10,000 miles away with setting priorities at home.

He asked: Whom will they sacrifice?...the poor?

Our answer is a resounding NO.... we will not sacrifice poor people.

We will sacrifice poor programs, poorly conceived and poorly carried out.

...will sacrifice poor administrators.

... will sacrifice poor arithmetic in public accounting.

Any sacrifices we call for cannot be compared with those being made by thousands of Americans in Viet Nam.



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What of sacrifices of their families at home who ~~share~~ share ~~unequally~~ in the promises of the Great Society?..... we urge more adequate housing and benefits for our fighting men and their families. We spearheaded a new GI Bill of rights, which the President refused to consider.

We won't sacrifice future of Americans whose lifetime savings and modest pensions are being nibbled away by inflation.

Outnumbered 2 to 1 in Congress, but will still speak out...will not sacrifice our ideals...nor the sacred right of loyal dissent. Our duty to America,



Viet Nam ①

As President Johnson directs the war, Republicans support a position of strength against Communist aggression. We will oppose those Democrats in the Congress who support a policy of appeasement, a weakness which led to World War II.

Republicans have long supported bipartisanship in foreign policy, and most especially at a time when the lives of Americans are at stake. But, bipartisanship is a two-way affair. It does not involve accepting decisions without first demanding a full, frank and public disclosure of the facts upon which those decisions are made.

As the late Senator Arthur Vandenberg once said, a fundamental prerequisite for a truly acceptable bipartisan policy is that "total information must be made available to Congress and the country and that Congress must completely explore and approve the measures by which the President's policy is to be implemented."

From the public viewpoint, there has not been this completeness of disclosure during the Viet Nam struggle.

Viet Nam ②

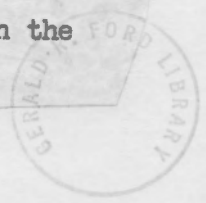
The American people were not told in 1964 of the Hanoi peace overture. They were not fully advised of the degree and duration of the buildup of United States participation in the Viet Nam ground war.

Not until the 1966 State of the Union Message was there full, official Presidential indication of the distressing possibility that shedding American blood in Viet Nam could well last "for years."

Whereas Republican Congressional leaders were invited to meet with the President prior to his decision to resume bombing of North Viet Nam, there was not the same degree of communication when the President decided to order an extended pause in such bombings.

Y.M. / Honolulu

As Senator Vandenberg said upon another occasion: "We'll stand by you on the crash landings but would like to be consulted at the take-off."



Excerpts from a speech by Rep. Gerald R. Ford (R-Mich)
San Jose, Calif. May 22, 1965

This Nation has been described as a place where a man can live deeper, reach higher, see farther, think bigger and grow greater than anywhere else on earth.

The Republican Party---starting at this moment--- must be dedicated to preserve America as just that.

To accomplish the task, we need far more members in the ranks, more unity in the Party, courage, resourcefulness, creative ideas and readiness to work and earn our way.

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There have been strong indications of unity in the Congressional ranks of the Republican Party in recent weeks. It has been evident in the votes we have had since the start of the 89th Congress.

Republican Party shoulder-to-shoulder unity provides some counter-weight to the imbalance of power between the executive and legislative branches of our government, both of which are overwhelmingly dominated by the same political party.

This imbalance must be redressed through the establishment of a strong two-party system to insure Constitutional checks and balances.

Republicans are vastly outnumbered in this Congress, but we can still speak with the voice of a dedicated majority.

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While the President has been badgered by some strong Democrats to withdraw from Viet Nam, he has received strong support from the Republican leadership in both the House and the Senate.

In bargaining with the Communist nations, our country constantly gives much and gets little or nothing in return.

Until we and our allies agree to a "no concession-no deal" policy, we can expect more Koreas and Viet Nams---an ever-widening circle of Communist subversion around the earth.

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At times, Republicans in Congress will oppose both the aims and the methods of the Administration. However, we will not oppose for the sake of opposition. We will continue to support the Administration when it is right, and oppose it when it is wrong.

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The record the minority party will write in the 89th Congress will result in widespread Republican victories in 1966.

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