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READING TEXT

Republican Dinner  
Gettysburg, Pa.

October 12, 1965

Since my election as House Republican Leader by a landslide  
vote this year, I've had less time for relaxation on weekends.

As you may know, football is my favorite sport. I'm a politician  
only because of job security!

I have often wondered where I would be now if I had accepted  
an offer to play professional football with the Green Bay  
Packers after my graduation from the University of Michigan----  
perhaps I would have landed on the Supreme Court bench!

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As Minority Leader, I travel quite a bit making speeches. One evening I was a guest at a high school banquet without being scheduled to make a speech. For a change, all I had to do was sit there and enjoy the program.

The toastmaster, like myself, was a graduate of Yale University Law School. For some reason, he decided to call on me to say a few words before the keynote speaker was introduced.

I quickly decided to put in a plug for Yale. I told how

"Y" stands for youth... "A" for appreciation.... "L" for loyalty...

and "E" for efficiency. The words came easily and the clock ticked away.

As I concluded my remarks, someone in the audience said in a stage whisper that carried all over the place... "It's a good thing he didn't graduate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology!"

Gettysburg

*Mr. J. V. ...  
Great, great American*

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George Harding  
Scranton*

When Charles Wolf invited me to be with you tonight, his letter

went something like this:

"Dear Congressman Ford:

"Adams County Republicans by tradition have outstanding speakers

at their meetings."

He listed several distinguished Americans....President Eisenhower,

Governor Scranton, Senators Hugh Scott and Tom Kuchel.

His letter concluded: "I hope you will accept. Up until now

our speakers have been exceptionally outstanding.

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It is a special pleasure to be here tonight. I am borrowing the

Pennsylvania state motto as the basis for my remarks-----

"virtue, liberty and independence."

Each word has a special and extraordinary meaning in this turbulent

era of our Nation's history.

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*J. V.  
Scranton  
Scott*



Adams County  
Republican Dinner



HON. GERALD FORD  
*U. S. Representative of Michigan*

Gettysburg College Dining Hall

GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

*Tuesday, October 12, 1965*

## Program

*Toastmaster* ..... CHAS. W. WOLF

*Invocation* ..... REV. LENA PARR

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*Organ Selections* ..... ALFRED GILBERT

*Introductions* ..... FRED G. PFEFFER

*Comments* ..... KATHARINE MARTINDALE

*Address* ..... HON. GERALD FORD  
Minority Whip, U. S. Representative of Michigan

*Benediction* ..... REV. ALEXIS S. ARNOLDIN

## Menu

FRESH FRUIT CUP GRENADINE

BROILED SIRLOIN STRIP STEAK WITH MUSHROOMS

FRENCH CUT GREEN BEANS

BAKED POTATOES

GARDEN SALAD, ROQUEFORT OR FRENCH DRESSING

CHOCOLATE SUNDAE

HOT ROLLS

BUTTER

COFFEE OR TEA

**OFFICERS**  
**ADAMS COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**

Clark E. Spence .....	Chairman
Mrs. R. J. Brendle .....	Vice Chairman
Charles Bowser .....	Treasurer
Dale Biesecker .....	Secretary
Miss Patricia Mummert .....	Ass't Secretary
Oscar Spicer .....	President, Young Republicans
Mrs. Guyon Buehler .....	President, Women's Council

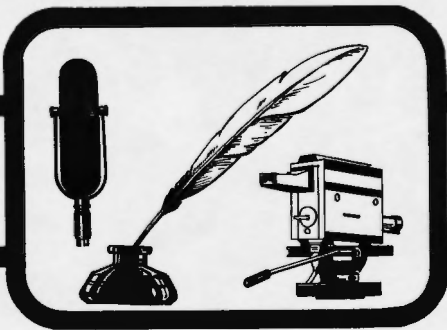
**FUND RAISING DINNER COMMITTEE**

Mrs. R. J. Brendle and Orville Orner .....	Cochairmen
Charles W. Wolf .....	Vice-Chairman
Orville Orner .....	Finance Chairman
W. C. Varian, Jr.	Crosby Hartzell
Cecil Sandoe	Oscar Spicer
Fred G. Pfeffer	S. B. Miller

**HOSTESSES**

Mrs. Oscar F. Spicer	Mrs. James R. Feather
Miss Joyce M. Starry	Mrs. Betty H. Pitzer
Mrs. W. Ross White	Mrs. Janice G. Decker
Miss Patricia G. Mummert	Miss Rebecca Brendle
Mrs. Ruth Fry	Mrs. Jean C. Keller
Mrs. Barbara Aughinbaugh	Mrs. Sara Bucher





CONGRESSMAN  
**GERALD R. FORD**  
HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

**NEWS  
RELEASE**

Speech excerpts  
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The Great Society is a shambles of contradiction.

During the next few months the degree of Federal interference and heavy-handedness in individual affairs will dangerously increase. The voices of the people will be even more muffled and muted. Potomac paternalism--- already stifling and frustrating the states and the people--will grow, expand,

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Democrats play fast and loose with tax dollars and the haunting shadow of inflation creeps over the land. Millions of Americans have less to spend on necessities and slimmer savings accounts while more is arbitrarily taken from their paychecks.

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There is strong reason to believe that much Federal spending is mishandled under the Democrat Administration. At the same time there is a suppression of what should be public records.

In Washington the symbol of the Administration has become known as Uncle Sham. It is, indeed, a sham. More news releases, but fewer facts, are turned out by Administration propagandists than ever before.

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The Republican Party has many issues, including: the Executive Branch's use and misuse of power, the erosion of the rights of states and local governments to conduct their own business without federal control, the loss of the identity of individuals who have little to say when one party controls national government by a 2 to 1 majority, and the combination of inflation and the lack of fiscal responsibility on the part of the Administration.

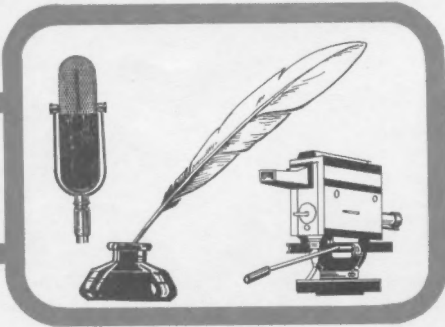
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