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Notes for Speech St. Louis, Mo.  
July 20, 1967  
 before American Poultry & Hatchery Federation

--Hold up Sunday edition of Washington Post with ~~the~~ page one stories on the Rail Strike, an air battle between Egypt and Israel, the race riot in Newark, and ~~the~~ a rocket attack on the Danang Air Base which was "the worst yet." (Labor disputes, Mideast Crisis, Riots, Vietnam.). The last few days, taxes in the headlines

### 1. On Rail Strike...

Make the point that the strike ~~never~~ never should have occurred, and probably would not have happened, if President Johnson had made good on his promise in his January 1966 State of the Union message to send up legislation to deal with national emergency strike situations...improve the present labor laws in that regard. Make the point that there now should be ~~the~~ followup action to set the wheels in motion to get such legislation passed. This can only be done if the majority leadership acts. ~~Republicans~~ Republicans can urge repeatedly that action be taken--creation of a ~~joint~~ joint select committee to study the problem, or the establishment of a system of labor courts--but nothing will transpire if the majority party refuses to act. Make the point that Congress ~~acted~~ acted ~~responsibly~~ responsibly in approving the President's "mediation to finality" bill but should not be expected to deal with national emergency strikes on a ~~case-by-case~~ case-by-case basis. Republicans are not "just criticizing" in urging ~~followup~~ followup action. They are urging a course that is in the best interests of the Nation--a course they are unable to carry out on their own initiative, however, since they do not have control of the congressional machinery.

## 2/ POULTRY ASSN

--You might point out that 1967 is a year ~~of~~ of serious labor trouble--that ~~roughly~~ roughly 90 per cent of the nation's copper production and a substantial part of its lead and zinc output ~~has~~ has been halted by strikes, that the ~~auto~~ auto industry negotiations now under way could break down and lead to a strike that would ~~seriously~~ seriously damage the economy. Call for ~~stated~~ state-manship on the part of labor leaders and industrialists alike; pray that the public doesn't get caught in the middle.

### 2. On the Mideast Crisis...

Egypt is continuing--with Soviet backing--to maintain a war crisis atmosphere in the Mideast. The Soviet Union has replaced a third or more of the billions of dollars worth of ~~the~~ Arab arms destroyed by Israel in the 5-day Arab-Israeli War and has sent more than a dozen warships to Egypt in a show of force. ~~Meantime~~ ~~the~~ Egypt continues to provoke incidents with Israel at Suez in a deliberate ~~press~~ campaign to ~~bring~~ build up pressure for a UN ~~ex~~ resolution ordering Israel to give up its military gains. Make the point that ~~peace~~ peace with any promise of permanence can come to the Mideast only if the Arab states negotiate directly with Israel. Chances for such direct negotiations are poor because the Soviet Union, which encouraged the Arab states to threaten annihilation of Israel in the first place, is rearming the Arab nations and giving ~~them~~ support to their threats of a resumption of the war. ~~Yet~~ Yet the President speaks of the Spirit of Hollybush, the Spirit of Glassboro. That spirit exists only in Glassboro...unfortunately.

Point up the irony in the fact~~x~~ that the Soviet Union created an empire by force of arms in the ~~1940s~~ 1940s and now is demanding that Israel withdraw to its ~~present~~ old boundaries. You might ask what right the Soviets have to make such demands in the UN if they are not willing to withdraw their ~~forces~~ forces from East Germany, Hungary, the Baltic states and other Soviet-occupied areas. You might point to Republican efforts to ban aid to Egypt and current demands by members of both parties in Congress that aid ~~will~~ be withheld from ~~the Arab countries~~ the Arab countries which have ~~broken~~ broken diplomatic relations with the U.S. (See attached material for details on past aid to Arabs.) The U.S. was saved in the Mideast only by Israel's lightning-swift victory. The record shows that we helped arm the Arab nations as well as Israel.

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Both the Mideast and Vietnam situations are an interesting commentary on U.S.-Soviet relations. The Soviets armed the Arabs and fomented the Mideast ~~trouble~~ trouble; they are supplying North Vietnam with perhaps 80 per cent of its war goods and keeping that war going. Yet the President ~~admits~~ there is a basis for a fundamental accord between the Soviet Union and the U.S. ~~in Vietnam and the Mideast.~~ in Vietnam and the Mideast. The Soviets became interested in ~~the~~ a Mideast truce only when the country they were backing ~~x~~ (Egypt) ~~was~~ gotlobbered. It's reasonable to assume the same would be true in Vietnam. As long as we are being ~~bled~~ white there in a war of creeping escalation, the Soviet Union has no reason to want the Vietnam War to stop.

*These were Russian-made rockets.*

The most recent evidence of Soviet ~~x~~ intentions in Vietnam was the rocket attack on the Danang Air Base, which killed eight U.S. servicemen and wounded 173. After reading of that attack, I became more convinced than ever that the Spirit of Glassboro exists only in Glassboro. This is not to deprecate the President's role as peacemaker. The only intantion is to point out the realities of the situation. It is unproductive to live in a dream world.

### 3. On Vietnam...

The situation there is very discouraging. If McNamara is correct in saying we have stopped losing the ~~war~~ Vietnam War, we have certainly not started winning it. We ~~just~~ have McNamara's hopeful reports on the military situation but he was not so ~~optimistic~~ Pollyannish as to be optimistic about either the pacification program or ~~the~~ prospects for political stability in Saigon. The truth is that without a successful ~~x~~ pacification program, ~~g~~ genuine social reforms and ~~the~~ popular support for the government in Saigon a military "victory" in South Vietnam would be quite meaningless. We would win some battles there but we would lose the war. Our objective of a free Vietnam would elude us. In any case, it is difficult to believe that the military situation is as encouraging as McNamara has ~~x~~ reported. If military prospects are that promising, why would Westmoreland have asked for an additional 100,000 troops or more? The most frustrating aspect of the Vietnam situation is that the President still is not telling the American people what the true picture is there. He is

saying that Westmoreland will get all the ~~troop~~ troops he needs "as we (meaning the President himself) feel it necessary." This means very little. It tells the American people nothing. It is a papering-over of the fact that Mr. Johnson and Mr. McNamara are sharply at odds with Gen. Westmoreland on how many more troops should be sent to Vietnam. All three national news magazines in their latest editions poked holes in the staged press conference at the White House in which Johnson had Westmoreland, Gen. Wheeler and McNamara respond "yes, sir" in turn ~~xx~~ when he said, "The troops that General Westmoreland needs and requests, as we feel it necessary, will be supplied. Is that not true, General Westmoreland?" Jim Reston of the NY Times afterward quoted one of the President's top military advisers as saying, "Sure there is 'progress' (in ~~the~~ Vietnam) ~~that~~ but at the ~~present~~ present rate of infiltration from the North, escalation in the South, and 'progress' on ~~the~~ the battlefield, this war could go on for years." The 20,000 to 30,000 additional troops referred to by McNamara as destined for Vietnam in the next 90 days are not new additions to Westmoreland's forces but men ~~already~~ who had already been scheduled to go to Vietnam. There is good reason to believe that Johnson is just going to do a little more of the same, and that the ~~financial~~ sad state of federal finances has a lot to do with his decision not to beef up our forces in Vietnam ~~by~~ in any great measure. The time certainly is ripe for a new ~~peace~~ peace initiative like the step-by-step de-escalation plan put forward by Brad ~~Morse~~ Morse and ~~other~~ other Republicans. (It is time to begin identifying the GOP ~~as~~ as the Party of Peace with Honor in connexn with the '68 campaign.)

## 6/ POULTRY ASS'N

Johnson's overall financial difficulties as related to the need for more U.S. troops in Vietnam leads into the topic of...

## 4. TAXES...

On this I have nothing to add to the points ~~made~~ made in the statement you issued Wednesday.

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## 5. On Riots...

Make the points ~~xx~~ you cited in your press conference remarks Wednesday. Anti-riot legislation is not a cure-all but it should help. There is good reason to believe that inflammatory statements of the kind made by Stokely Carmichael and other Black Power leaders are a factor in ~~causing~~ igniting riotous actions. Cite the "evidence on high authority" that agitators from another state came into Newark and took part in the rioting there. One piece of evidence is the arrest of New York poet Leroi Jones and other armed Negroes from across the river. Anti-riot legislation should ~~help~~ deter Carmichael and others from making wild and inflammatory statements and from traveling about the country to stir up ~~trouble~~ trouble. ~~An~~ An anti-riot law would supplement the means now available to local ~~and~~ and state law enforcement officials to deal with potential riot situations. Those in positions of authority and influence throughout the Nation--in city and state government as well as in Congress--should seek to eliminate the social conditions that lead to riots. But ~~an~~ an anti-riot law is important ~~in~~ as a deterrent to those ~~who~~ who would exploit anti-social feelings and promote violence, destruction and bloodshed. There are leaders and followers. There can be no followers without leaders. Law and order must be re-established in America.



Make a plea for a business-government partnership to rebuild the cities of America and ~~launch~~ launch new job-creating ~~enterprises~~ industries in the ghetto areas. You might, in this connection, welcome Bobby Kennedy to the club and note that he is now espousing what Republicans have been advocating for a long time--tax incentives to promote the establishment of new industries in the ghetto sections of our cities~~xx~~ and to ~~make~~ provide on-the-job training for the hard-core unemployed or the underemployed.

[ Wind up with the Edmund Burke quotation that "All that is necessary for the forces of evil ~~xxx~~ to win in the world is for enough good men to do nothing."

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