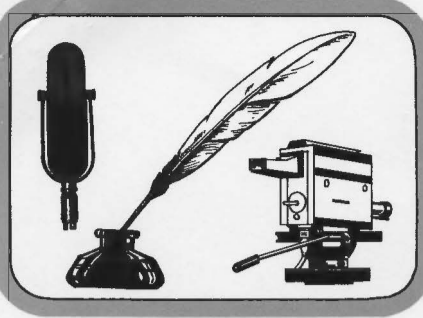


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--FOR RELEASE AT 6:30 P.M. SATURDAY--
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It is always a pleasure for me to be in George Goodling's company because George is one of the really solid members of the U.S. House of Representatives, a man who is keenly attentive to the needs of his congressional district and an honest spokesman for the people there. I can assure all of the voters of the 19th Pennsylvania District that George Goodling is doing a great job on the House Agriculture Committee and that nobody excels him as a conscientious and hard-working legislator.

If anyone knows what's best for this congressional district, George Goodling does. He is looking out for his people every minute of the day. And he handles every dollar of the taxpayer's money just as though it were coming out of his own pocket. I can personally testify to the fact that George Goodling is a great champion of government economy, and the record of the votes he cast in the 90th Congress will bear me out.

We need men like George Goodling in the Congress--men who will turn over a tax dollar at least twice before they spend it and then try to make it go twice as far; legislators who believe ours is a government of laws and not of men and who will never turn our country over to the forces of anarchy; men who love the tillers of the soil and all those who work hard and are proud of working for a living; legislators who believe that the states and local communities should be strong and vigorous units of government and not appendages of the federal bureaucratic octopus.

Yes, we badly need men like George Goodling in the House of Representatives, and so I ask you tonight to do everything possible to return George to Washington next January. Dick Nixon will need a Republican Congress to carry out his program. He needs men like George Goodling in Congress.

Tonight I would like the people of Pennsylvania's 19th District to ask themselves these questions:

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Which political party is it which spent this Nation into a financial crisis without solving the people's problems?

Which party is it which poured billions of dollars into the problems of the cities only to have them erupt in riots snuffing out 123 lives and costing nearly a billion dollars just in the last year and a half?

Which party is it which pumped billions of dollars into a War on Poverty-- in which the opening gun was fired just before the 1964 election--only to have the Poor march on Washington four years later and threaten to turn the Nation's capital upside down?

Which party is it which has bogged this Nation down in a massive land war in Vietnam, where more than 32,700 Americans have lost their lives and some \$70 billion of our wealth has been dissipated?

Which party is it which has imposed an income tax increase on the American people to offset its extravagant federal spending?

The National Democratic Party not only has failed to solve America's problems, it has created crushing new ones.

I ask the people of this district to look at what has happened to America in the last seven years.

We have become involved in a no-win war halfway around the world.

The cost of living has raced upward by nearly 20 per cent and while it used to be said that a fool and his money are soon parted, now this tragedy happens to all of us under Democrat inflation.

The national crime rate has jumped 89 per cent while our population has increased 10 per cent.

Our paper money has become exactly that--because the Johnson-Humphrey Democratic Party has removed the 25 per cent gold backing from our currency.

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This is the kind of bankrupt government that Hubert Humphrey would like to sell the American people for another four years--a party that has already plunged the Nation into bankruptcy in foreign affairs and near-bankruptcy in its financial affairs.

The American people are coming to realize that the National Democratic Party has mismanaged our foreign affairs and our domestic affairs and brought this Nation to the brink of ruin. I am confident they will turn to the Republican Party in November.

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This is what the Nation desperately needs--a change in national leadership, Republican leadership that will steer this country in a New Direction, away from \$25 billion deficits and away from the permissiveness that breeds riots, away from a rising national crime rate and the philosophy that whatever you can get away with is all right.

We all want a better society. You know and I know that we can build a better society only if we have a lawful society.

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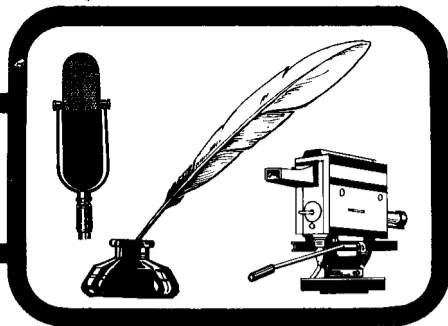
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