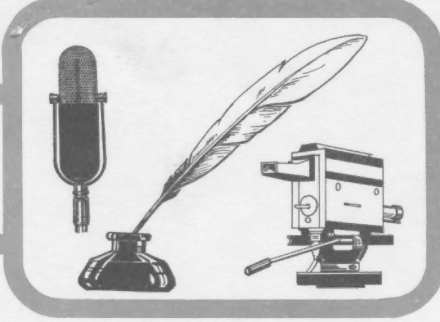


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We have in Bill Abbott a most remarkable young man, the kind of man Republicans in Congress need to help give President Nixon's program a great push forward...a push forward for the good of every man, woman and child in America.

I congratulate Bill Abbott and everyone connected with his 1968 campaign for the tremendous effort shown at that time, an effort that nearly topped the victory mark. The fresh enthusiasm and support you are demonstrating here tonight should put our candidate in the winner's circle in 1970.

You know Bill Abbott's background -- a White House Fellow who went on to become director of our food and agricultural assistance programs in Asia. You know of his abilities as an energetic young attorney and of the dynamic drive that is propelling him toward a seat in Congress.

He reflects the new spirit that we need in this country to keep on building the Republican Party and to rebuild America in the image of leaders who have kept faith with God and country.

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~~This is the spirit that even now is~~ emanating from the White House, 

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What is that spirit? It is a spirit which surrounds Richard Nixon as President of all the people. It is a spirit which clothes him with the armor of peacemaker, crusader and reformer.

Nixon the peacemaker is pursuing a carefully calculated strategy to produce peace in Vietnam.

Nixon the peacemaker is acting to end massive American involvement in the Vietnam War, practicing military restraint to swing world public opinion behind the United States as we make plain our sincere devotion to national self-determination.

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Under the banner of Richard M. Nixon, we are moving toward peace and a sound prosperity and toward a responsive and a responsible society.

Nixon the reformer has taken up the sword against a wide range of problems which continue to plague the American people.

He has personally tackled the thorny problem of tax reform, proposing aid to low-income families by wiping out income taxes for those at the poverty level and urging an end to tax escapism.

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Nixon the reformer has set out to revamp the Nation's welfare system and end the cycle of dependency.

Nixon the reformer is determined to reorganize the Post Office Department and improve mail service for us all.

Nixon the reformer knows that jobs are the foundation of prosperity and so he has greatly expanded the on-the-job training program directed by the National Alliance of Businessmen and has proposed a Job Opportunities in the Public Sector program.

Nixon the crusader has taken up arms against inflation by laying down a responsible tax policy, holding down Federal spending to achieve a strong Federal surplus, and proposing an end to the normal investment tax credit as a fuel that currently is too rich for our dynamic free enterprise system.

Nixon the crusader is blazing a new trail into the jungle of the urban crisis by proposing special tax credits to enlist industry in a large-scale attack on this country's most urgent social problems.

Nixon the crusader also is laying the groundwork for percentage sharing of Federal income tax revenue with the states and local governmental units to give them more financial muscle to fight their most perplexing ills.

President Nixon needs solid support in Congress to implement this far-reaching, far-seeing program and build a better America. With a Republican majority in the Congress, he would be assured of the backing he needs to move America forward.



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