

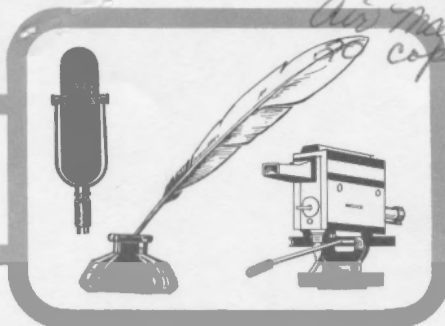
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In the months and years of turmoil preceding the election of Richard M. Nixon as President of the United States, the leaders of various groups talked in militant tones of "turning America around."

Under the Nixon Administration, Republicans are doing exactly that. Slowly but surely we are turning the country around.

We are turning America toward peace...

...toward an end to our involvement in the Vietnam War.

...toward a settlement in the Middle East.

...toward arms control.

...toward strengthening of our deterrence to nuclear war through deployment of the Safeguard Anti-Ballistic-Missile System.

We are turning America toward a sound prosperity...

...by fighting inflation with every reasonable weapon at our disposal.

...by cutting back on Federal spending plans and redirecting available funds into problem areas of greatest human need.

We are turning America toward progress based on justice and order...

...by stepping up the war on crime, on the overlords of crime known as the Mafia and the thugs and other criminal types who make the streets of our great cities pavements of fear.

...by rebuilding our riot-ravaged ghetto areas and establishing an Office of Minority Business Enterprise in the Department of Commerce.

...by seeking to build far better lives for our deprived children from the start through an Office of Child Development in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Under the banner of Richard M. Nixon, we are making progress in all the areas vital to our national well-being -- progress toward peace, progress toward a sound prosperity, progress toward fiscal responsibility, progress toward efficiency in government, progress toward crime control, progress toward tax

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reform, progress toward greater national security, and progress toward rebuilding our cities and our national spirit.

There is a great need for unity in America today, a crying need for national solidarity.

This kind of unity flows from the strength given off by a great national leader and amplified millions of times as it ripples throughout the American people.

America has been blessed with many leaders of tremendous strength, moral men, men of character who strengthened the fiber of the entire nation by their example.

The names ring out in the national consciousness, for these were men of steel. George Washington. Thomas Jefferson, an advocate of Republican principles. Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican President. Theodore Roosevelt, another Republican. Woodrow Wilson, a Democrat. And General of the Armies and 34th President of the United States, Dwight David Eisenhower, who added to the luster imparted to Gettysburg by Honest Abe.

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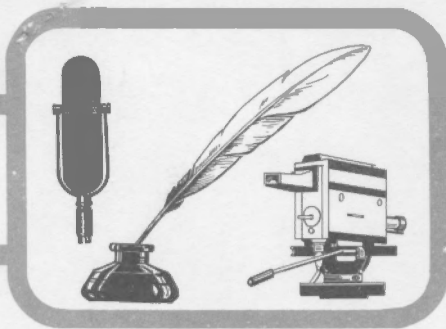
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President Nixon has occupied the Oval Office in the White House for just three months. But I can tell you from my weekly meetings with the President and my analysis of the actions taken by his Administration that America is getting the strong new leadership it needs in a time of great stress.

America will find that President Nixon is the kind of President who will lead us out of turmoil and trouble, chaos and confusion into a new era of reason and reconciliation, peace and prosperity.

In President Nixon the American people have a peacemaker, a crusader and a reformer. Under his leadership we will, as a people, move forward together.

I would add just this. President Nixon needs solid support in Congress to implement his program and build a better America. With a Republican majority in the Congress, he would be assured of the backing he needs to lead us to our goals.



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