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NEW HAMPSHIRE RALLY, MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1972.

*a man of total integrity -
a man of complete dedication
a man who works his re-election based on performance not promises*

I'M REALLY GLAD TO BE IN
NEW HAMPSHIRE. AFTER THE MILD WEATHER
WE'VE HAD IN WASHINGTON, I'VE FORGOTTEN
WHAT WINTER IS LIKE.

IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS I'VE BEEN
TRAVELLING AROUND THE COUNTRY GIVING A
SPEECH ENTITLED "1971 -- YEAR OF
SURPRISES." YES, THE PRESIDENT SURPRISED
A FEW PEOPLE LAST YEAR, AND I'LL BET
NOBODY WAS MORE SURPRISED THAN THE
DEMOCRATS.

THE DEMOCRATS NOW ARE LOOKING
SO HARD FOR AN ISSUE, THEY'VE GONE BACK TO
DIGGING UP THE NEW DEAL. SERIOUSLY, WHEN
THEY TALK ABOUT HOW THEY WOULD DEAL WITH
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LISTEN TO ALL OF THE
HALF-ASPIRANTS FOR THE DEMOCRATIC
PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION. THEY DON'T
REALLY HAVE A PROGRAM OF ANY KIND. IT'S
MORE LIKE AN X-RATED MOVIE. YOU NEVER
KNOW WHAT'S COMING OFF NEXT.

THE OTHER DAY AN ADMINISTRATION
SPOKESMAN SAID, "WE ARE POSITIVE THE
NATION IS ON THE ROAD TO PROSPERITY."
A DEMOCRATIC SPOKESMAN REPLIED. "ONLY
FOOLS ARE POSITIVE." THE REPUBLICAN SAID,
"ARE YOU SURE?" AND THE DEMOCRAT REPLIED,
"I'M POSITIVE."


THE DEMOCRATS ARE CONCERNED
ABOUT THE ISSUES, OF COURSE, JUST AS WE
ARE. DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE DEMOCRATIC
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WHO IS SO WORRIED
ABOUT AIR POLLUTION THAT HE CANCELLED HIS
NEXT SIX SPEECHES?



THERE ARE REALLY ONLY TWO MAJOR
ISSUES IN THIS MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION
YEAR OF 1972. THOSE ISSUES ARE PEACE AND
PROSPERITY. AND THAT SUMS UP THE
PRESIDENT'S AGENDA FOR THE NATION -- PEACE
AND PROSPERITY.

THE TRUTH IS THE PRESIDENT
ALREADY HAS MADE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS
TOWARD THOSE GOALS OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY
AND WE ARE CONTINUING TO MOVE AHEAD. THERE
IS ONE TRUTH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE GET
THROUGH TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN 1972
AND THAT IS THE GREAT RECORD OF THE
NIXON ADMINISTRATION -- BECAUSE IT IS A
GREAT RECORD. LET'S LOOK AT IT.

IT WAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION
THAT REVERSED THE COURSE OF THE VIETNAM
WAR AND IS ENDING U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THAT
WAR IN AN HONORABLE WAY.



IT IS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT BROUGHT ABOUT A CEASE-FIRE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND HAS HELPED PREVENT A FRESH OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING THERE.

IT IS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT IS ENGAGED IN STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS WITH THE SOVIET UNION -- TALKS THAT PROMISE A NEAR-FUTURE AGREEMENT.

IT WAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT REACHED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON ACCESS TO BERLIN.

IT WAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT BROUGHT ABOUT RATIFICATION OF THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

IT WAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT RENOUNCED BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS AND THE FIRST USE OF CHEMICAL WARFARE.

IT WAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT ACHIEVED A TREATY PROHIBITING THE EMPLACEMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE WORLD'S SEABEDS.



IT IS PRESIDENT NIXON WHO TRANSFORMED THE WORLD SCENE FROM ONE OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE MAJOR POWERS TO ONE OF NEGOTIATION -- WHO HAS BEEN IN CHINA ON A MISSION FOR PEACE.

IT IS PRESIDENT NIXON WHO HAS DEVELOPED A NEW STRATEGY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD CENTERED AROUND THE DOCTRINE OF HELPING THOSE NATIONS WILLING TO HELP THEMSELVES.

-----THESE, OF COURSE, ARE ALL ACTIONS AIMED AT PROMOTING PEACE ABROAD. WHAT ABOUT PROGRESS AT HOME?

IT WAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT REORDERED OUR NATIONAL PRIORITIES BY DEVOTING A GREATER PART OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET TO HUMAN NEEDS THAN TO DEFENSE.

IT WAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT ACHIEVED THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE IN OUR ENTIRE HISTORY.



IT WAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT BROUGHT ABOUT A MASSIVE INCREASE IN OUR MANPOWER PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE WORK EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF ALL RACES.

IT WAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT QUADRUPLED MINORITY HIRING FOR GOVERNMENT JOBS IN HIGHER GRADES AND EXPANDED AID TO MINORITY ENTERPRISES BY MORE THAN HALF -- AND HAS SINCE PROPOSED AN EVEN GREATER EXPANSION OF SUCH AID.

IT WAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT TRIPLED FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR THE NEEDY FROM \$1.1 MILLION TO \$3.5 MILLION A YEAR.

IT WAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION WHICH PROPOSED \$1.5 BILLION IN FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF LOW INCOME FAMILIES AND THE DOUBLING OF AID TO BLACK COLLEGES.

IT WAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION WHICH REFORMED OUR DRAFT LAWS TO MAKE THEM MORE EQUITABLE AND BEGAN MOVING TOWARD AN ALL-VOLUNTEER ARMY.



IT WAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT ACTED TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT BY CREATING A NEW COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND A NEW ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

IT WAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT WON PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE ON-THE-JOB SAFETY FOR AMERICA'S WORKING MEN AND WOMEN.

IT WAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT PUT TOGETHER AN ORGANIZED ASSAULT AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME AND TURNED THE SYNDICATE INTO AN EMPIRE IN DEEP TROUBLE.

IT WAS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT TREBLED FEDERAL AID TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURT IMPROVEMENTS AND CUT BACK THE RISE IN CRIME.

IT IS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT HAS LAUNCHED THE MOST PROGRESSIVE AND MOST COMPREHENSIVE FEDERAL ATTACK ON DRUG ABUSE EVER UNDERTAKEN IN THE UNITED STATES.



NOW WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE. WE
LOOK FOR MORE PROGRESS -- PROGRESS TOWARD
PEACE AT HOME AND ABROAD, AND PROGRESS
TOWARD PROSPERITY IN PEACETIME.

WITH THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP WE
HAVE IN RICHARD NIXON, WE CAN ACHIEVE
THAT PROGRESS. WE CAN MOVE FORWARD
TOGETHER.

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REMARKS BY REP. GERALD R. FORD, R-MICH.
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AT A NEW HAMPSHIRE RALLY

MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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The Democrats are concerned about the issues, of course, just as we are. Did you hear about the Democratic presidential candidate who is so worried about air pollution that he cancelled his next six speeches?

There are really only two major issues in this most important election year of 1972. Those issues are peace and prosperity. And that sums up the President's agenda for the Nation--peace and prosperity.

The truth is the President already has made tremendous progress toward those goals of peace and prosperity and we are continuing to move ahead. There is one truth that I would like to see get through to the American people in 1972 and that is the great record of the Nixon Administration--because it is a great record. Let's look at it.

It was the Nixon Administration that reversed the course of the Vietnam War and is ending U.S. involvement in that war in an honorable way.

(more)

It is the Nixon Administration that brought about a cease-fire in the Middle East and has helped prevent a fresh outbreak of fighting there.

It is the Nixon Administration that is engaged in strategic arms limitation talks with the Soviet Union---talks that promise a near-future agreement.

It was the Nixon Administration that reached agreement in principle with the Soviet Union on access to Berlin.

It was the Nixon Administration that brought about ratification of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

It was the Nixon Administration that renounced biological weapons and the first use of chemical warfare.

It was the Nixon Administration that achieved a treaty prohibiting the emplacement of nuclear weapons in the world's seabeds.

It is President Nixon who transformed the world scene from one of confrontation between the major powers to one of negotiation--who has been in China on a mission for peace.

It is President Nixon who has developed a new strategy for peace in the world centered around the doctrine of helping those nations willing to help themselves.

These, of course, are all actions aimed at promoting peace abroad. What about progress at home?

It was the Nixon Administration that reordered our national priorities by devoting a greater part of the Federal Budget to human needs than to defense.

It was the Nixon Administration that achieved the most significant improvements in unemployment insurance in our entire history.

It was the Nixon Administration that brought about a massive increase in our manpower programs to provide work experience and training for young people of all races.

It was the Nixon Administration that quadrupled minority hiring for government jobs in higher grades and expanded aid to minority enterprises by more than half--and has since proposed an even greater expansion of such aid.

It was the Nixon Administration that tripled food assistance programs for the needy from \$1.1 million to \$3.5 million a year.

It was the Nixon Administration which proposed \$1.5 billion in funding for school districts with a high concentration of low income families and the doubling of aid to black colleges.

(more)

It was the Nixon Administration which reformed our draft laws to make them more equitable and began moving toward an all-volunteer Army.

It was the Nixon Administration that acted to protect the environment by creating a new Council on Environmental Quality and a new Environmental Protection Agency.

It was the Nixon Administration that won passage of legislation to improve on-the-job safety for America's working men and women.

It was the Nixon Administration that put together an organized assault against organized crime and turned the syndicate into an empire in deep trouble.

It was the Nixon Administration that trebled Federal aid to local communities for law enforcement and court improvements and cut back the rise in crime.

It is the Nixon Administration that has launched the most progressive and most comprehensive Federal attack on drug abuse ever undertaken in the United States.

Now we look to the future. We look for more progress--progress toward peace at home and abroad, and progress toward prosperity in peacetime.

With the kind of leadership we have in Richard Nixon, we can achieve that progress. We can move forward together.

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