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During the past several weeks, I've been traveling across America. And, as I've been going places, the most vivid impression I get is of an America that's going places.

We've almost taken progress for granted. In America today progress and innovation are the status quo. If you're just moving, you're falling backward. If you're standing still, you're nowhere.

History tells us that, when a society becomes prosperous, it becomes fat and complacent and begins its downhill curve.

But that has not been -- and is not -- true in America.

Today, in the midst of the greatest and widest prosperity any nation has ever known, our nation is filled with more ferment, more ideas, more forward movement than it has ever seen.

And the proof of it is to travel across America and to look through fresh eyes at our cities, our countryside, and our people.

There have been times in our history when movements have sprung up based on reaction, on nostalgia, on the desire to escape from the realities of today and tomorrow. But they have been temporary. They have been rejected, as they were in 1960 and 1964, by a people dedicated to tomorrow.

There are a lot of very sensible people in this state. They showed that by the way they voted two years ago -- many of them breaking with lifelong habit.

They voted for the responsible conduct of both our foreign and domestic affairs, and against policies of nostalgia. And they will do so again.

This year, too, sober and responsible New Hampshire Republicans -- and there are many of them -- need not stay at

home on election day. We Democrats are offering candidates, and records of performance in New Hampshire and in the nation, worthy of their support and their vote.

The people of New Hampshire know Governor King and his record. They like what they know so well that two-thirds of them voted to re-elect him in 1964, and they will do so again.

I have had the privilege of knowing Senator McIntyre in Washington. He is a level-headed, capable, and hard-working Senator who has the respect of his colleagues.

He has staunchly supported measures to maintain our military strength - and to exercise it, prudently and responsibly, to ensure our national security and achieve peace with justice in the world.

He thinks for himself. I was really amazed to hear that some people are calling him<sup>a</sup> "rubber stamp."

You produce many things here, but not rubber stamps. New Hampshire people aren't built that way -- and Tom McIntyre certainly is not.

Tom McIntyre and Ollie Huot have had a full share in writing the record of this Congress and this Administration -- a record that deserves the endorsement of the people of New Hampshire.

That record is one of sustained, vigorous economic growth -- in its 68th straight month. It is a sharp contrast with the eight years up to 1961 -- years of what I called the cha-cha-cha economy: one step forward, two steps back, and a hesitation step in between.

That didn't happen by accident. It happened because government established and maintained an economic framework in which free enterprise could grow and thrive.

Moreover, it's growth in which every section of the country and every element of the economy have shared.

And this is not the result of extravagant federal spending, as some people would have you believe.

Even including the costs of Vietnam, the expenditures for the fiscal year which ended June 30 were the smallest percentage of our gross national product since 1951.

Despite this, we have in the past three years alone more than doubled federal investment in two fields of the utmost importance to America's future - the nation's children and the nation's<sup>1</sup> health.

We have many reasons to be grateful to New England, but I put this above all - that you first took the giant step of establishing universal and compulsory education.

This is by far the most productive investment America ever made. And your forefathers had the good sense to realize it before the experts got out their slide rules and proved it with figures.

More was done for education in this Congress -- of which Tom McIntyre and Ollie Huot are distinguished members -- than in all the previous Congresses put together.

That included the first across-the-board federal aid to elementary and secondary education in our nation's history.

And that aid was pinpointed on two of the most urgent needs of America's schools -- enriching the quality of education and making sure that less-privileged children got their full and fair share of it.

You know what that has meant to New Hampshire. In the last school year, over 1.2 million dollars in federal funds came to this state for the upgrading of the education

of less-privileged children. And almost 6 hundred thousand dollars went to enriching education generally -- including such programs as bringing live theater to elementary schools, establishing a center for psychological services, and running a modern science seminar.

The accent in this Administration hasn't only been on youth. When Medicare went into effect July 1, it lifted a cruel burden of care from the shoulders of your senior citizens.

There's much more that I could say. I could speak of the new public works program -- it has already helped New Hampshire towns to help themselves, in true Yankee tradition. I could talk about rejuvenating our cities ... beautifying our countryside ... making our water more fit to drink and our air more fit to breathe.

The trouble is, there's just too much to talk about in this "can do" Administration and Congress. But that's better than having too little.

In the face of candidates like ours -- candidates like Governor King and Senator McIntyre, like Congressman Huot and Bill Barry who will be elected to represent his district in the Congress -- and a record like ours, I can understand that the opposition is bothered and bewildered. They haven't much to stand on -- or run on -- and they are acting as if they knew it. They remind me of the old verse:

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"When your case leaves room for doubt,  
Wave your arms about and shout."

As for us, we must keep talking sense to the sensible people of New Hampshire -- Republicans as well as Democrats -- and then make sure they get to the polls on November 8th.

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