

Mr President
Mr Chief Justice
Sect Rep.

Gov Reagan
Sen Kennedy

Your Excellencies

Members of the
President's
Club II

Members of the Armed Forces
our 4 guests from Viet.

(Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force)

RIGHT AND WRONG

President Harry S. Truman

"It isn't polls or public opinion alone of the
moment that counts. It is right and wrong, and leadership --
men with fortitude, honesty and a belief in the right that make
epochs in the history of the world."

(Lately)

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Thank you, Mr. President, ~~(That has a familiar ring, doesn't it?)~~ Before

we begin, I'd like to dispose of the preliminaries. First, is the President here?

Is he on his way? Is he rumored to be on his way? —

Second, are there any people here who are lost or who came to the wrong

meeting? ~~This is the Gridiron Club. If you are at the wrong meeting, please leave~~

~~now.~~

well

You may wonder why I ask this. I have noticed lately that -- at almost

every place I speak -- there are always 50 to 100 people who find they are at the wrong meeting. No sooner do I begin to talk than they get up and walk out.!

I've heard all these things about the Lost Generation. But can that many of them be lost?

Walter Trohan - my wood!
~~Walter Trohan - to my left!~~

You have an upstanding liberal leader of your club in Walter Trohan. Walter is the kind of liberal who had his car shifted to right-hand drive. He doesn't want to be caught on the left side of anything.

But tonight - Walter to my left! - walk out for a net & drinks

CARD #2

I am deeply pleased to be here tonight and visit with the Hell's Angels of American journalism. I keep looking at those hippies in the Democratic number and wondering which girl was Arthur Krock.

↳ You know, I spoke at the National Book Awards ceremony the other evening, and I ~~listed~~ mentioned a number of books and authors which were prophetic. But there was one I forgot. It was book by Andrew Joseph Kennedy, written in 1936, entitled "I am for Roosevelt."

↳ In that book there was a never-to-be-forgotten passage:
"I have no political ambition for myself or for my children."

I understand that an author by the same last name is now preparing a book entitled: "I am for Johnson."

↳ What more authentic, authoritative Assurance could President Johnson want!

CARD #3

The Gridiron is a wonderful institution -- the inmates meet here once a year in white tie and tails to complain about the economy as they dine in frugal humility on terrapin and champagne.

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Cowles

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Another book that has had a great impact has been William Manchester's book.

In fact, it has had such an impact that my friend Mike Cowles ^{is renaming} ~~has renamed~~ his magazine from Look to the Manchester Guardian.

Gridiron Club

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~~Until very recently~~ I had always been puzzled about the Gridiron Club

and these fancy dinners. I am always impressed by the affluence all about me!

And I have always wondered to myself: "Where does all this opulence come from?"

But I wonder no longer! Before coming over here tonight, I got an apologetic

sort of a phone call from Dick Helms -- and I found out I wouldn't be confronting

the private sector tonight, after all.

Welcome aboard fellows
C.H. & Co. Capitalists in Action!

Gridiron Club!

Now that it is all in the family, I feel ~~a good~~ more at ease sharing with you

~~tonight~~ some of the trials and tribulations of the Vice Presidency

Administration!

You'll notice I'm not being critical tonight of Republicans. In fact, I like the road company they've sent in from Hollywood -- Ronald Reagan and George Murphy.

I'm careful about what I say about these fellows although I do wonder at times, now that Ronald and George have left Hollywood. I wonder why Jack Valenti keeps preaching that MOVIES ARE BETTER THAN EVER.

I was surprised to see that Governor Reagan could get here in view of his no-travel ban on state employees.

As you know, Gov. Reagan has only been in office two months and already he has cut out many of the non-essentials of government: George Washington's birthday, A Governor's mansion, the state University.

He has already established himself along with George Washington as a great hatchet man. The Republican slogan is now: Make deadwood out of Redwood'.

The Democrats have their own talent from
the entertainment world. Betty Furness may not have danced
with Shirley Temple, but you can be sure she knows a toaster
when she sees one.

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Administrations

For most Democratic Presidents and Vice Presidents, as you know, the

major source of criticism has come from the business community. Not so for me.

Banker
Pres Johnson

Why, just the other day, I was talking with two outstanding leaders in the business

world -- wealthy, aggressive, hard-driving Texans, deeply concerned about the

status of free enterprise in America. We had a long talk, and I could hardly believe

my ears -- these tough businessmen agreed with almost every point I made. When

they left, I sighed with relief and told my secretary, "Those are good men; make

a note of their names -- Bill Moyers and Jack Valenti!"

Intellectuals

But the major criticism today comes not from businessmen but from ~~the~~

intellectuals, and as I was telling my tong just the other day, that is a situation

~~that must be rectified.~~ ^{yes} The intellectuals, ~~I pointed out~~, are interdicting our lines

of communication, they are terrorizing our spokesmen, I talked this over with

the President. We thought of all the standard remedies: a task force on

intellectuals, a commission on intellectuals, a special department headed by

a secretary of intellectuals, an ambassador to the intellectuals, an embassy for

the intellectuals. We even thought of asking Arthur Schlesinger to become

But the press does provide an invaluable service to those of us in public life. It brings to our attention things we wouldn't know otherwise.

For instance, President Johnson and I have been very interested to read about the split between the President and the Senator from New York.

Just the other day the President said to me:

"Hubert, do you know anything about this feud?" I said:
"Mr. President, what feud was that?"

He said: "My feud with Senator Javits."

I said: "No, Mr. President, I think the feud was supposed to be with the other Senator from New York."

He said: "You mean, Senator Keating?"

I said: "Mr. President, I think it was Senator Kennedy."

He said: "Hubert, you know Senator Kennedy is from Massachusetts."

I said: "No, Mr. President, there is a Senator Kennedy from New York."

He said: "You mean there are two Senator Kennedys?"

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Secretary of State and letting Dean Rusk write the books. *yes, we can* 8 We thought of having

the authors and book publishers come down and having Hubert Humphrey walk out --

but nothing really seemed to hit the spot!

At the President's request, I have studied all the reports from all the sources,

I have spoken to the experts. I took a trip to New York to analyze the intellectuals

at first hand, to talk to those for the intellectuals and to those against the intellectuals

But I have found
But I have been studying a new political technique from Michigan, and I will say this,

and I'll say it as firmly as I can, and put it on the record tonight forcefully

and vigorously before all of you: We don't have a position about intellectuals, but

We do hope to have one before November, 1968!

Until then, we think it is unfair of the press to try to get us to take a position

on the intellectuals.

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~~The Vital Issue~~

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Then there's this business about the 1968 Convention site.

Where should it be?

The President, I know, is holding out for the Houston
Astrodome.

I'm for the St. Paul Auditorium.

We just couldn't agree, so we called Bobby the other
day to ask his preference. Really, I expected him to say the Boston
Garden. But no, he said: "Las Vegas."

Why Las Vegas? The wiretaps are already all installed.

I'm particularly pleased to see so many people here this evening from the CIA. (Pause) Of course, I won't break anybody's cover by naming names.

Actually here in Washington we sometimes forget how things look to others. For instance, the other day I saw Ambassador Dobrynin at a reception. His eyes were gleaming . . . he was smiling and rubbing his hands together. And he said: What about this feud between the CIA and the National Security Agency?

You know, it gets so you never really know what is real and what is not. After all this CIA business -- and all the disclosures -- I got nervous the other day.

We had a Cabinet meeting -- and I looked from left to right around the table with just a little bit of suspicion in my mind.

Nick Katzenbach was sitting in as Acting Secretary of State.

Larry O'Brian was there as Postmaster General.

Stu Udall was there as Interior Secretary

Sarge Shriver was there to give a report.

I guess I lost my head. I jumped up and shouted:

"Mr. President, don't let anybody out of this room!"

LBJ - RFK

~~"Stop the bombing, Bob!"~~

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I know you all want to hear tonight about the President's feud with Senator

now let me give you a disinterested, impartial opinion

Robert Kennedy

As I have analyzed it, the President does have a just cause for

grievance. I'll give you an example. Just last Thursday, the President had

a normal day scheduled at the White House: two speeches, six appointment

announcements, a short press conference, a long-awaited letter from Prime

Minister Kosygin and it was on that very day that Senator Kennedy picked to

make his speech, totally obscuring our news from the front page.

~~But until all is over, I feel sure - of last body speaks for all the Democrats!~~

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and I am particularly pleased to see Governor Reagan here tonight. As you know, the Governor was formerly President of the Screen Actors Guild. Recently ~~As a friend of labor~~ I was reading over this former labor leader's statements ~~last evening~~. It's amazing how a little Democracy ~~prosperity~~ prosperity can change a man's mind.!

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 a Couple of

But

~~Before finishing~~, I do want to welcome Governor Reagan to Washington

as you said

tonight. You know, Governor, it's a city very much like New York, a nice place

to visit, but you wouldn't want to live here!

not even 4 years!

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Tomorrow - 2/22/52

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But now a serious word -- This is the 20th anniversary of the Truman Doctrine.

We still hold today to the historic words of President Truman, spoken ~~these~~
have equal meaning today -

twenty years ago "I believe it must be the policy of the United States to support
free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by
outside pressures."

The Truman Doctrine was formulated to save the peace, and Peace
is our business.

Peace means many things

but it does not mean weakness or indession! (19)

It means Preventing conflict if possible;

-- Assuring that aggression does not succeed,

-- ~~It~~ Peace also means helping nations build the strength and confidence

which makes them invulnerable to aggression; and

-- It means trying with every resource of mind, heart and imagination

to translate a conflict on the battlefield into a negotiation and an honorable settlement,

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L I have spent ^{much} ~~most~~ of today talking with our President, and what we talked

about was all these dimensions of peace.

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L Just about this time a week from now, the President and his senior advisers

will be on their way to Guam,

L ~~He~~ they will be conferring there with Ambassador Lodge, General Westmoreland

and the finest military and diplomatic team this nation has ever developed to

carry forward the struggle against aggression ... to seek an honorable peace,

^{help} and to ~~build the kind of nation~~ ^{build} the people of South Vietnam ~~want~~ for themselves

~~and for their children.~~

their nation in freedom.

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I am sure that he will carry from you -- as he will carry from me --

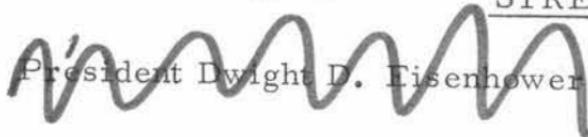
our prayers and good wishes.

Finally, I give you these words of President Eisenhower -- a man of arms

who was also a man of peace:

~~Peace means many things - but it~~
~~does not mean~~

STRENGTH


President Dwight D. Eisenhower

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" . . . history does not long entrust the care
of freedom to the weak or the timid. "

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SACRIFICE

President Dwight D. Eisenhower

↳ We must be willing, individually and as a Nation, to accept whatever sacrifices may be required of us. ↳ A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both."

our Task - To Persevere
to be resolute

~~to be~~
our victory mental!

our cause is
just -
our cause is
right -

When the ADA meets here in town, Walter takes flu shots. He has
NEW REPUBLIC delivered at home in a plain wrapper.

But Mr. Trohan is not the only liberal in the Gridiron. Almost any day,
you can find Mark Childs and Scotty Reston at a corner table in the Metropolitan Club,
worrying about the war on poverty. And later on, I understand the Gridiron members
will have an outing at Williamsburg just to be near the Rockefellers.

You know, I have noticed that it is always customary at these affairs to praise the press . . . to congratulate them for their invaluable role in preserving our free and democratic institutions. . . and all the rest of it.

But I come here tonight to criticize the press . . . especially for overlooking the real news.

For instance, did you know that, at his press conference the other day, the President had three lists in his pocket he was prepared to make public?

The first list was: "Public servants with whom I like to work."

The second list was: "Public servants for whom I have admiration."

The third list was: "Public servants entitled to the public trust."

I know there might not have been too much interest in the first two lists, but I should think at least someone would have been interested in the third one.

PATRIOTISM

Adlai Stevenson

"Patriotism is not the fear of something; it is the love of something . . . Patriotism with us is not hatred of ^{enemies} ~~Russia~~;
it is love of this republic; it is love of the ideal of liberty of man and of mind in which this republic was born and to which it is dedicated."

DUTY

President Theodore Roosevelt

"Much has been given us, and much will rightfully be expected from us. We have duties to others and duties to ourselves; and we can shirk neither."

IDEALS

President Woodrow Wilson

"Sometimes people call me an idealist. Well,
that is the way I know I am an American. "

Sometimes I think we don't have proper reverence
for the public servants . . . for the heroes who made America great.
We need more of the old spirit -- the spirit expressed by H. L. Mencken
when he wrote:

"If George Washington were alive today,
he would be imprisoned under the Mann Act."

Walter Trohan asked me to be funny tonight.

As Ronald Reagan knows, being funny is difficult -- even for the practiced actor.

As Mencken once expressed it:

"A comedian is not an actor. His work bears the same relation to acting properly so called as that of a hangman, a midwife or a divorce lawyer bears to poetry, or that of a bishop to religion."

PATRIOTISM

Adlai Stevenson

What do we mean by patriotism in the context of our times? . . . a patriotism that puts country ahead of self; a patriotism which is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime. These are words that are easy to utter, but this is a mighty assignment. For it is often easier to fight for principles than to live up to them.

PATRIOTISM

President William Howard Taft

" . . . we are prone to make light of exhortations to patriotism, and the forms and symbols through which patriotism finds expression. I think we have gone too far in this direction. Patriotism is a real virtue, and the forms and symbols which suggest it, and by which we recognize its existence and our respect for it, are proper reminders of a serious duty, and keep us in touch with it as an elevating motive."

Run a boy through a Presbyterian Sunday school
and you must police him carefully all the rest of his life, for
once he slips he is ready for anything. -- Mencken.

GREATNESS

President Dwight D. Eisenhower

America is great because America is good -- and
if America ever ceases to be good -- America will cease to be great.

Leftovers

GREATNESS

President Theodore Roosevelt

"It is only through strife, through hard and dangerous endeavor, that we shall ultimately win the goal of true national greatness."



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