

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

FUNDRAISER FOR GOVERNOR ART LINK

Jamestown, North Dakota

May 15, 1976

I am very happy to be here tonight, back among my good friends in the State of North Dakota.

And I am happier still to honor my personal friend, a great Democrat and an outstanding Governor -- Art Link.

The people of North Dakota are very fortunate. Art Link is a Governor who knows what he is talking about.

I don't mean that lightly. A governor of this state, or any of the prairie states, has a double responsibility. Like his colleagues in other areas of the country, he has to run an efficient and effective state government.

But to serve North Dakota effectively, he has a special responsibility to understand the land. And I mean really understand it -- from right down where the coal lies buried to up on top where the wheat waves in the wind.

There aren't many men left in America who can do both of those things. But Art Link can and does.

He understands government and how to make it work. And he is no newcomer to it. From the time that he was a young man in McKenzie County, he became active on the School Board, the Township Board and the Welfare Board.

He served you well for 24 years in the State House of Representatives and became one of its most distinguished Speakers in 1965. When you sent him to Congress from the Second District in 1970, he worked hard there -- and there was plenty to be done.

And when you saw fit in your wisdom to put him in the State House in 1972, he accumulated a fine record and a national reputation, and became a widely-respected Governor.

So Art Link knows about government. But equally important, he knows the land as few people can know it.

Art was born on the same farm that his parents homesteaded at the turn of the century, and he lives there still. He has been and is a successful farmer and rancher. And when he talks, people listen -- because he knows what he's talking about.

Art Link's whole life has been lived in partnership with the rolling landscape of this state. He knows what this good North Dakota land means to our people, and what it will continue to mean to our children and their children for decades to come.

He has seen what happened to our Eastern Appalachian states, and how they suffered in the rush to extract the wealth from their soil. He has seen it, and he doesn't like it. And he doesn't want it to happen here.

But he has also seen that our people need jobs and they want to share in the prosperity around them. He is disturbed when young people leave the state for employment elsewhere, and he would like to find ways to keep them here.

The Prairie States are going to face tough questions in the months ahead. And, one way or another, those questions are going to get answered. But when they do, the people of this state will be fortunate to have a spokesman who shares their lives and their love of the land -- Governor Art Link.

Moreover, the whole United States will be facing tough questions for the future this year, even as we are in the midst of celebrating our past.

This year is our nation's Bicentennial.

We honor the daring, pioneering spirit of those early Americans who launched our bold experiment in democracy.

We praise and admire those who defied the established limits of their time, cast aside the comfortable rhetoric of the period and risked the creation of a new political order.

And today, as a nation, we can be justly proud of our accomplishments; among them, the great contributions we have made in the struggle for social justice and human dignity.

At the same time, we must be mindful that the future provides tremendous challenges and opportunities for fulfilling the dreams of our founders.

As we look back on the past seven sad years of Republican control of the White House, it is time to demand an accounting.

All we are getting now is empty rhetoric -- another "cover-up" for disastrous Republican performance.

Let's take a quick look at what it has meant to have Republicans in charge of the White House:

-- From 1961 to 1969, when the Democratic Party was in the White House, we created 13 million new jobs.

We reduced unemployment to 3.6 percent in 1968, with an inflation rate averaging under 2.5 percent.

-- In the last three years, the Nixon-Ford team has been able to increase employment by a mere one million jobs.

They have managed to push the official unemployment rate to an 8.5 percent average in 1975 and higher in state after state.

Since 1972, the Republicans have provided exactly one job for every four new job seekers in our country.

Only one job for every four persons!

-- In the Democratic Sixties, with Presidents Kennedy and Johnson in the White House, the weekly take-home pay of the working man or woman, after inflation, rose by 12.4 percent!

-- In the past three years alone, that same man or woman has experienced a drop of 5.4 percent in the real value of their take-home pay.

Yes, it's a fact: Republican economic mismanagement has pushed the working families of America back ten years to their 1965 income level.

But not everyone has lost since 1969 under the Nixon-Ford team.

The richest 20 percent of our population actually increased its share of the total income of our nation during this period of economic suffering for most Americans.

A shift of about \$20 billion from the pockets of working families to the coffers of the super-rich has occurred as a result of Republican economics.

The Republican record of recession and retreat from the problems of America has forced the party of Grant, Harding and Hoover to develop a new strategy in this Presidential election year.

It's a strategy which runs away from the issues rather than running on a record.

Now, let me ask you -- if you were a Republican, would you admit the incompetence that has characterized the Nixon-Ford Administration?

Of course not!

So, why do you think Ronald Reagan is running against the government? And why do you think the President acts as if he is fresh off the boat and unfamiliar with the Republican record?

These Republicans have made a choice.

They will run against the government, against the Congress, against the Courts, against their own past promises.

Let's look at the promises they made:

-- The Republicans once promised balanced budgets.

But they have given us the highest budget deficits in our history.

-- They once promised jobs and sang the glories of the work ethic.

But they have given us the highest levels of unemployment since the Great Depression and have been content to let welfare rolls swell and job rolls dwindle.

-- They once promised a stable dollar.

But they have given us the highest inflation rate in our 200-year history.

-- They once promised free enterprise, but they have given us more rules and more regulations than ever before, and forced over 12,000 businesses to close their doors in 1975 alone.

-- The Republicans once promised us good government. But they are guilty of more mismanagement and outright corruption than any time since Ulysses Grant and Warren Harding.

-- They once promised law and order, yet they preside over the highest crime rate in the history of the country.

Today, we are seeing and hearing another cover-up! A cover-up of Republican failures! A cover-up of mismanagement and broken promises.

But I say tonight, the Democrats will expose that cover-up and justice will be done in November.

There will be no pardons for the Republicans in 1976.

We must challenge the Ford-Reagan-Republican anti-government, anti-politics propaganda and call it what it really is -- the biggest, best organized case of public deception since Watergate!

But there is an even worse side to this current Republican campaign.

They are leading a mass retreat from our historic decades of progress toward social justice and human dignity.

They tell us what not to do, not what we can and should do.

Mr. Nixon and Mr. Ford, Mr. Reagan and Mr. Simon have devised a blue-print for rolling back progressive social policies and laying waste the hopes of those who look for a more just, more equitable America.

They are attacking the very programs that help people -- education, Medicare, the Job Corps, housing, food stamps, school lunches.

I know that the American people will reject this course, because a new day is dawning across the nation.

We are near the end of our long nightmare of failure, reluctance and retreat.

Our future is in our hands -- yes, and in our votes this year.

But to defeat the Republicans is not enough -- we must win for the people.

And our people in this Bicentennial Year are asking what legacy we will leave to future generations, and they are remembering the kind of goals that were important to the first Americans.

Our forebearers asserted the inalienable rights of people to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. They believed in and trusted the people.

They sought to create a new society that would stand for nothing less than a full measure of human freedom and opportunity.

Those are great ambitions. They challenge all of us, here in North Dakota and across the nation, to consider the kind of America that our children and grandchildren will inherit.

Will they live in a society which refuses to see that adequate health care is available to all?

Will they grow to adulthood without knowing the value of work, because we have too few jobs for them?

Will they learn only to distrust Government and to ask less of themselves in the process?

Will they live in an America that forgets its poor -- its needy -- its less fortunate?

They will not -- if we have the courage to live up to our beliefs.

If we believe in work, we must have a government that offers America a full employment policy that assures decent jobs at decent wages for all Americans.

If we believe in sound administration, we must have a program of long overdue reform to clean up the welfare mess -- yes, and to modernize programs for modern days.

If we believe in the right of every American to a full life, then we need a national health care system that provides quality health services for all at the lowest possible cost.

If we believe in the right of all Americans to pursue excellence, we must support efforts to improve the quality of education and the way it is financed.

If we believe in our cities, we must have effective community development and housing programs -- to replace slums with quality housing, and to establish interest rates that make home ownership a reality for working people once again.

If we believe in fair play, then we must have a tax program that eliminates the glaring tax loopholes that make it possible for the super-rich and the giant corporations to pay little or nothing while the middle-income taxpayer bears the major burden of government expenditures.

If we want to improve the quality of life for all Americans, then we must protect our environment and conserve our resources.

If we believe in an expanding economy, then we must have an energy program that assures America of energy resources for decades to come.

And, most important, we must have national leadership that works with compassion and understanding and is clearly "of, by and for the people."

A favorite quotation of mine summarizes the kind of vision we must offer to the American people.

It comes from the great American poet of the Midwest who seemed to understand the heartbeat and the spirit of this nation.

These are the words of Carl Sandburg. He speaks for me, as I know he speaks for Governor Link and the people of this great state:

"I see America, not in the setting sun of a black night of despair ahead of us. I see America in the crimson light of a rising sun, fresh from the burning, creative hand of God. I see great days ahead, great days possible to men and women of will and vision..."

Yes, as we will it, so shall it be! A nation without a vision shall perish. But a people with hope shall triumph!

Now is not the time to retreat.

It remains only for us to reach out, to risk and to dare greatly.

High hopes -- great dreams. Build, grow, strive -- create!

Whether or not we are fully successful, at least we owe it to ourselves to try!

#

Lloyd Orndahl - (Norwegian)

✓ Art + Grace Link

Bill + Jean Guy

for Robert Honkola

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

Audrey Donegan - (Bob)

} Cochran

FUNDRAISER FOR GOVERNOR ART LINK

Honors Link Appreciation rite

JAMESTOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

Quentin Burdick + Jocelyn
MAY 15, 1976
(Jocice)

Century Club. full house

I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE TONIGHT, BACK AMONG MY GOOD FRIENDS
IN THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA. (James River)

AND I AM HAPPIER STILL TO HONOR MY PERSONAL FRIEND, A GREAT
DEMOCRAT AND AN OUTSTANDING GOVERNOR -- ART LINK.

L THE PEOPLE OF NORTH DAKOTA ARE VERY FORTUNATE. L ART LINK IS
A GOVERNOR WHO KNOWS WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT.

L I DON'T MEAN THAT LIGHTLY L A GOVERNOR OF THIS STATE, OR
ANY OF THE PRAIRIE STATES, HAS A DOUBLE RESPONSIBILITY. L LIKE

~~HIS COLLEAGUES IN OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTRY,~~ HE HAS TO RUN AN
EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE STATE GOVERNMENT. -- Efficient Govt

L BUT TO SERVE NORTH DAKOTA EFFECTIVELY, HE HAS A SPECIAL
RESPONSIBILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE LAND, ~~AND I MEAN REALLY~~

UNDERSTAND IT -- FROM RIGHT DOWN WHERE THE COAL LIES BURIED Coal to the
top soil wheat fields are,
~~TO UP ON TOP WHERE THE WHEAT WAVES IN THE WIND~~

*Buffalo, Civic Center
Shopping Center, new metal
new homes, late industry*

L THERE AREN'T MANY MEN LEFT IN AMERICA WHO CAN DO BOTH OF

THOSE THINGS L BUT ART LINK CAN AND DOES. (*Chamber of Comm*)
Trans

L HE UNDERSTANDS GOVERNMENT AND HOW TO MAKE IT WORK, AND HE

IS NO NEWCOMER TO IT. L FROM THE TIME THAT HE WAS A YOUNG MAN

IN MCKENZIE COUNTY, HE BECAME ACTIVE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD, THE

TOWNSHIP BOARD AND THE WELFARE BOARD.



L HE SERVED YOU WELL FOR 24 YEARS IN THE STATE HOUSE OF

*24 yrs
in state
House of
Reps*

REPRESENTATIVES AND BECAME ONE OF ITS MOST DISTINGUISHED

SPEAKERS IN 1965. L WHEN YOU SENT HIM TO CONGRESS FROM THE

SECOND DISTRICT IN 1970, HE WORKED HARD THERE -- AND THERE



WAS PLENTY TO BE DONE.

L *and then you put him in*
~~AND WHEN YOU SAW FIT IN YOUR WISDOM TO PUT HIM IN THE STATE~~

a fine Record as Governor
HOUSE IN 1972, ~~HE ACCUMULATED A FINE RECORD AND A NATIONAL REPUTATION,~~

AND BECAME A WIDELY-RESPECTED GOVERNOR.

↳ SO ART LINK KNOWS ABOUT GOVERNMENT. ↳ BUT EQUALLY IMPORTANT,
HE KNOWS THE LAND AS FEW PEOPLE CAN KNOW IT, *and the people.*

↳ ART WAS BORN ON THE SAME FARM THAT HIS PARENTS HOMESTEADED
AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, AND HE LIVES THERE STILL. ↳ HE HAS
BEEN AND IS A SUCCESSFUL FARMER AND RANCHER. ↳ AND WHEN HE TALKS,
PEOPLE LISTEN -- BECAUSE HE KNOWS WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT.

① ART LINK'S WHOLE LIFE HAS BEEN LIVED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE ROLLING LANDSCAPE OF THIS STATE. ↳ HE KNOWS WHAT THIS GOOD
NORTH DAKOTA LAND MEANS TO OUR PEOPLE, AND WHAT IT WILL CONTINUE
TO MEAN TO OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR DECADES TO COME.

↳ HE HAS SEEN WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR EASTERN APPALACHIAN STATES,
AND HOW THEY SUFFERED IN THE RUSH TO EXTRACT THE WEALTH FROM
THEIR SOIL. ↳ HE HAS SEEN IT, AND HE DOESN'T LIKE IT. ↳ AND HE
DOESN'T WANT IT TO HAPPEN HERE.

L BUT HE HAS ALSO SEEN THAT OUR PEOPLE NEED JOBS AND THEY WANT
TO SHARE IN THE PROSPERITY AROUND THEM. HE IS DISTURBED WHEN
YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVE THE STATE FOR EMPLOYMENT ELSEWHERE, AND HE
WOULD LIKE TO FIND WAYS TO KEEP THEM HERE,

L THE PRAIRIE STATES ARE GOING TO FACE TOUGH QUESTIONS IN THE
MONTHS AHEAD. AND, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, THOSE QUESTIONS ARE
GOING TO GET ANSWERED. BUT WHEN THEY DO, THE PEOPLE OF THIS
STATE WILL BE FORTUNATE TO HAVE A SPOKESMAN WHO SHARES THEIR
LIVES AND THEIR LOVE OF THE LAND -- GOVERNOR ART LINK.

L ~~MOREOVER~~ THE WHOLE UNITED STATES WILL BE FACING TOUGH
QUESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE THIS YEAR, EVEN AS WE ARE IN THE
MIDST OF CELEBRATING OUR PAST. *the Bicentennial*

Yes, THIS YEAR IS OUR NATION'S BICENTENNIAL.

L WE HONOR THE DARING, PIONEERING SPIRIT OF THOSE EARLY

AMERICANS WHO LAUNCHED OUR BOLD EXPERIMENT IN DEMOCRACY.

L WE PRAISE AND ADMIRE THOSE WHO DEFIED THE ESTABLISHED

LIMITS OF THEIR TIME, CAST ASIDE THE COMFORTABLE RHETORIC OF

THE PERIOD AND RISKED THE CREATION OF A NEW POLITICAL ORDER.

L AND TODAY, AS A NATION, WE CAN BE JUSTLY PROUD OF OUR

ACCOMPLISHMENTS; AMONG THEM, THE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS WE HAVE

MADE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN DIGNITY.

L AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST BE MINDFUL THAT THE FUTURE

PROVIDES TREMENDOUS CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR FULFILLING

THE DREAMS OF OUR FOUNDERS.

Record

L AS WE LOOK BACK ON THE PAST SEVEN SAD YEARS OF REPUBLICAN

CONTROL OF THE WHITE HOUSE, IT IS TIME TO DEMAND AN ACCOUNTING.

Coverup

L ALL WE ARE GETTING NOW IS EMPTY talk Rhetoric -- ANOTHER "COVER-
UP" FOR DISASTROUS REPUBLICAN PERFORMANCE.

L LET'S TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT WHAT IT HAS MEANT TO HAVE
REPUBLICANS IN CHARGE OF THE WHITE HOUSE:

L -- FROM 1961 TO 1969, WHEN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WAS IN THE
WHITE HOUSE, WE CREATED 13 MILLION NEW JOBS.

L WE REDUCED UNEMPLOYMENT TO 3.6 PERCENT IN 1968, WITH AN
INFLATION RATE AVERAGING UNDER 2.5 PERCENT.

L -- IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, THE NIXON-FORD TEAM HAS BEEN
ABLE TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT BY A MERE ONE MILLION JOBS.

L THEY HAVE MANAGED TO PUSH THE OFFICAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE TO
AN 8.5 PERCENT AVERAGE IN 1975 AND HIGHER IN STATE AFTER STATE.

L SINCE 1972, THE REPUBLICANS HAVE PROVIDED EXACTLY ONE JOB
FOR EVERY FOUR NEW JOB SEEKERS IN OUR COUNTRY.

L ONLY ONE JOB FOR EVERY FOUR PERSONS!

L-- IN THE DEMOCRATIC SIXTIES, WITH PRESIDENTS KENNEDY AND
JOHNSON IN THE WHITE HOUSE, THE WEEKLY TAKE-HOME PAY OF THE
WORKING MAN OR WOMAN, AFTER INFLATION, ROSE BY 12.4 PERCENT!

L-- IN THE PAST THREE YEARS ALONE, THAT SAME MAN OR WOMAN
HAS EXPERIENCED A DROP OF 5.4 PERCENT IN THE REAL VALUE OF
THEIR TAKE-HOME PAY.

L YES, IT'S A FACT: REPUBLICAN ECONOMIC MISMANAGEMENT
HAS PUSHED THE WORKING FAMILIES OF AMERICA BACK TEN YEARS TO
THEIR 1965 INCOME LEVEL. !

L BUT NOT EVERYONE HAS LOST SINCE 1969 UNDER THE NIXON-FORD
TEAM.

L THE RICHEST 20 PERCENT OF OUR POPULATION ACTUALLY INCREASED
ITS SHARE OF THE TOTAL INCOME OF OUR NATION DURING THIS PERIOD
OF ECONOMIC SUFFERING FOR MOST AMERICANS.

L A SHIFT OF ABOUT \$20 BILLION FROM THE POCKETS OF WORKING
FAMILIES TO THE COFFERS OF THE SUPER-RICH HAS OCCURRED AS A RESULT
OF REPUBLICAN ECONOMICS.

L THE REPUBLICAN RECORD OF RECESSION AND RETREAT FROM THE
PROBLEMS OF AMERICA HAS FORCED THE PARTY OF GRANT, HARDING AND
HOOVER TO DEVELOP A NEW STRATEGY IN THIS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR.

(X)

L IT'S A STRATEGY WHICH RUNS AWAY FROM THE ISSUES RATHER THAN
RUNNING ON A RECORD.

Run Away - not Run on

NOW, LET ME ASK YOU -- IF YOU WERE A REPUBLICAN, WOULD YOU

want to Run on the Record?
ADMIT THE INCOMPETENCE THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED THE NIXON-FORD
ADMINISTRATION?

9-
Run Against the Govt

OF COURSE NOT!

609
24/1/80
2

So, WHY DO YOU THINK RONALD REAGAN IS RUNNING AGAINST THE
GOVERNMENT? AND WHY DO YOU THINK THE PRESIDENT ACTS AS IF HE IS
FRESH OFF THE BOAT AND UNFAMILIAR WITH THE REPUBLICAN RECORD?

THESE REPUBLICANS HAVE MADE A CHOICE.

THEY WILL RUN AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, AGAINST THE CONGRESS,
AGAINST THE COURTS, AGAINST THEIR OWN PAST PROMISES.

LET'S LOOK AT THE PROMISES THEY MADE:

GOP Promises

-- THE REPUBLICANS ONCE PROMISED BALANCED BUDGETS.

BUT THEY HAVE GIVEN US THE HIGHEST BUDGET DEFICITS IN OUR

HISTORY.

THEY ONCE PROMISED JOBS AND SANG THE GLORIES OF THE WORK

ETHIC.

BUT THEY HAVE GIVEN US THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF UNEMPLOYMENT
SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION AND HAVE BEEN CONTENT TO LET WELFARE
ROLLS SWELL AND JOB ROLLS DWINDLE.

L-- THEY ONCE PROMISED A STABLE DOLLAR.

BUT THEY HAVE GIVEN US THE HIGHEST INFLATION RATE IN OUR
200-YEAR HISTORY.

L-- THEY ONCE PROMISED FREE ENTERPRISE, BUT THEY HAVE GIVEN
US MORE RULES AND MORE REGULATIONS THAN EVER BEFORE, AND FORCED
OVER 12,000 BUSINESSES TO CLOSE THEIR DOORS IN 1975 ALONE.

-- THE REPUBLICANS ONCE PROMISED US GOOD GOVERNMENT. BUT
THEY ARE GUILTY OF MORE MISMANAGEMENT AND OUTRIGHT CORRUPTION
THAN ANY TIME SINCE ULYSSES GRANT AND WARREN HARDING.

L The Promised the government would
not interfere in the sale of American
farm products - but 3 times over bargain!

~~Get Crime of the~~

-11-

-- THEY ONCE PROMISED LAW AND ORDER, YET THEY PRESIDE OVER

THE HIGHEST CRIME RATE IN THE HISTORY OF THE COUNTRY.

Get Crime of the Streets - yes - & Put it on the White House.

L TODAY, WE ARE SEEING AND HEARING ANOTHER COVER-UP! A COVER-UP

OF REPUBLICAN FAILURES! A COVER-UP OF MISMANAGEMENT AND BROKEN
PROMISES.

L BUT I SAY TONIGHT, THE DEMOCRATS WILL EXPOSE THAT COVER-UP
AND JUSTICE WILL BE DONE IN NOVEMBER.

*The American
Jury - find the
offenders*

L THERE WILL BE NO PARDONS FOR THE REPUBLICANS IN 1976.

L WE MUST CHALLENGE THE FORD-REAGAN-REPUBLICAN ANTI-GOVERNMENT,
ANTI-POLITICS PROPAGANDA AND CALL IT WHAT IT REALLY IS -- THE
BIGGEST, BEST ORGANIZED CASE OF PUBLIC DECEPTION SINCE WATERGATE!

L BUT THERE IS AN EVEN WORSE SIDE TO THIS CURRENT REPUBLICAN
CAMPAIGN.

↳ THEY ARE LEADING A MASS RETREAT FROM OUR HISTORIC DECADES OF
PROGRESS TOWARD SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN DIGNITY.

↳ THEY TELL US WHAT NOT TO DO, *Rather than* ~~NOT~~ WHAT WE CAN AND SHOULD DO.!

MR. NIXON AND MR. FORD, MR. REAGAN AND MR. SIMON HAVE DEVISED
A BLUE-PRINT FOR ROLLING BACK PROGRESSIVE SOCIAL POLICIES AND
LAYING WASTE THE HOPES OF THOSE WHO LOOK FOR A MORE JUST, MORE
EQUITABLE AMERICA.

THEY ARE ATTACKING THE VERY PROGRAMS THAT HELP PEOPLE --
EDUCATION, MEDICARE, THE JOB CORPS, HOUSING, FOOD STAMPS, SCHOOL
LUNCHES.

↳ I KNOW THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL REJECT THIS COURSE,
BECAUSE A NEW DAY IS DAWNING ACROSS THE NATION.

↳ WE ARE NEAR THE END OF OUR LONG NIGHTMARE OF FAILURE,
RELUCTANCE AND RETREAT.

L OUR FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS -- YES, AND IN OUR VOTES THIS YEAR.

L BUT TO DEFEAT THE REPUBLICANS IS NOT ENOUGH -- WE MUST WIN

FOR THE PEOPLE,

Why we must win

L AND OUR PEOPLE IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR ARE ASKING

WHAT ~~LEGACY WE~~ ^{we} WILL LEAVE TO FUTURE GENERATIONS, AND THEY ARE

REMEMBERING THE KIND OF GOALS THAT WERE IMPORTANT TO THE FIRST

AMERICANS.

OUR FOREBEARERS ASSERTED THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE
TO LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. THEY BELIEVED

IN AND TRUSTED THE PEOPLE.

L THEY SOUGHT TO CREATE A NEW SOCIETY THAT WOULD STAND FOR
NOTHING LESS THAN A FULL MEASURE OF HUMAN FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY.

L THOSE ARE GREAT AMBITIONS. THEY CHALLENGE ALL OF US, HERE
IN NORTH DAKOTA AND ACROSS THE NATION, TO CONSIDER THE KIND OF
AMERICA THAT OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN WILL INHERIT.

L WILL THEY LIVE IN A SOCIETY WHICH REFUSES TO SEE THAT
ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL?

L WILL THEY GROW TO ADULTHOOD WITHOUT KNOWING THE VALUE OF
WORK, BECAUSE WE HAVE TOO FEW JOBS FOR THEM?

L WILL THEY LEARN ONLY TO DISTRUST GOVERNMENT AND TO ASK
LESS OF THEMSELVES IN THE PROCESS?

L WILL THEY LIVE IN AN AMERICA THAT FORGETS ITS POOR -- ITS
NEEDY -- ITS LESS FORTUNATE? *no*

THEY WILL NOT -- IF WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO LIVE UP TO OUR
BELIEFS.

See to it that
L IF WE BELIEVE IN WORK, WE MUST ~~HAVE~~ A GOVERNMENT THAT OFFERS

has
AMERICA A FULL EMPLOYMENT POLICY THAT ASSURES DECENT JOBS AT

DECENT WAGES FOR ALL AMERICANS. - *Jobs not welfare,
work not relief!*

L IF WE BELIEVE IN SOUND ADMINISTRATION, WE MUST HAVE A PROGRAM

OF LONG OVERDUE REFORM TO CLEAN UP THE WELFARE MESS -- YES, AND

TO MODERNIZE PROGRAMS FOR MODERN DAYS.

L IF WE BELIEVE IN THE RIGHT OF EVERY AMERICAN TO A FULL LIFE,

THEN WE NEED A NATIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES QUALITY

HEALTH SERVICES FOR ALL AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST.

L IF WE BELIEVE IN THE RIGHT OF ALL AMERICANS TO PURSUE

EXCELLENCE, WE MUST SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF

EDUCATION AND THE WAY IT IS FINANCED.

IF WE BELIEVE IN OUR CITIES, WE MUST HAVE EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING PROGRAMS -- TO REPLACE SLUMS WITH QUALITY
HOUSING, AND TO ESTABLISH INTEREST RATES THAT MAKE HOME OWNERSHIP
A REALITY FOR WORKING PEOPLE ONCE AGAIN.

IF WE BELIEVE IN FAIR PLAY, THEN WE MUST HAVE A TAX PROGRAM
THAT ELIMINATES THE GLARING TAX LOOPHOLES THAT MAKE IT POSSIBLE
FOR THE SUPER-RICH AND THE GIANT CORPORATIONS TO PAY LITTLE OR
NOTHING WHILE THE MIDDLE-INCOME TAXPAYER BEARS THE MAJOR BURDEN
OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES.

IF WE WANT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL AMERICANS,
THEN WE MUST PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVE OUR RESOURCES.

IF WE BELIEVE IN AN EXPANDING ECONOMY, THEN WE MUST HAVE
AN ENERGY PROGRAM THAT ASSURES AMERICA OF ENERGY RESOURCES FOR
DECADES TO COME.

If we believe in the family farmer, then we must assure that farmer a fair price with a profit for his work & production.

AND, MOST IMPORTANT, WE MUST HAVE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP THAT

WORKS WITH COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING AND IS CLEARLY "OF, BY
AND FOR THE PEOPLE."

A FAVORITE QUOTATION OF MINE SUMMARIZES THE KIND OF VISION WE MUST OFFER TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,

IT COMES FROM THE GREAT AMERICAN POET OF THE MIDWEST WHO SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND THE HEARTBEAT AND THE SPIRIT OF THIS NATION.

THESE ARE THE WORDS OF CARL SANDBURG. HE SPEAKS FOR ME, AS I KNOW HE SPEAKS FOR GOVERNOR LINK AND THE PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT STATE:

"I SEE AMERICA, NOT IN THE SETTING SUN OF A BLACK NIGHT OF DESPAIR AHEAD OF US. I SEE AMERICA IN THE CRIMSON LIGHT OF A RISING SUN, FRESH FROM THE BURNING, CREATIVE HAND OF GOD. I SEE GREAT DAYS AHEAD, GREAT DAYS POSSIBLE TO MEN AND WOMEN OF WILL AND VISION..."

✓ YES, AS WE WILL IT, SO SHALL IT BE! ✓ A NATION WITHOUT A
VISION SHALL PERISH. ✓ BUT A PEOPLE WITH HOPE SHALL TRIUMPH!

✓ NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO RETREAT.

✓ IT REMAINS ONLY FOR US TO REACH OUT, TO RISK AND TO DARE
GREATLY.

✓ HIGH HOPES -- GREAT DREAMS. ✓ BUILD, GROW, STRIVE -- CREATE!

✓ WHETHER OR NOT WE ARE FULLY SUCCESSFUL, AT LEAST WE OWE IT
TO OURSELVES TO TRY!

####

Reagan - ^{Had} Vanna - Hoover said

So east, old Star, Go East

Reagan - Crab grass of the
Lawn Politics

⊗ Wallace - Not a Candidate -
with Bull Dozer in Indianapolis Speedway

"Know what Elephants do to
peanuts" That Bothers Me!



Minnesota Historical Society

Copyright in this digital version belongs to the Minnesota Historical Society and its content may not be copied without the copyright holder's express written permission. Users may print, download, link to, or email content, however, for individual use.

To request permission for commercial or educational use, please contact the Minnesota Historical Society.



www.mnhs.org