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I. INTRODUCTION

It is an honor to come to California, -- and join you Republicans, -- in celebrating the 141st Birthday Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln.

Glory Hallelujah! His truth marches on.

Under his leadership, -- our Republic was saved, -- when its life hung in the balance. And, -- it will take that kind of leadership, -- the Lincoln leadership, -- to save our Republic now.

The American people are downright worried over the disastrous trend in our domestic and foreign affairs.

They face the hard fact that, -- though they won the war, - nearly 5 years ago, -- they have not yet won the peace.

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They see we are losing the cold war.

They are alarmed by the: --

mounting cost of government, --

deficit-spending, -- and

Administration demands for more taxes.

And, - worst of all, -- they are fearful of losing
their freedom to alien-minded Government spoilers.

II. THE ISSUES

In Lincoln's day, -- the issue was preservation of
the Union.

Today, -- the crucial, - fateful issues are: --

whether we shall preserve in America, --

human liberty, - the dignity of the individual, -

and freedom of choice, --- or surrender them to

an all-powerful government, - which seeks to control

our lives and all of our activities, -- and

whether, - in foreign affairs, - we shall
restore Constitutional procedures, -- with even-
handed justice, --- or continue to see the peace
frittered away by secret agreements, - incompetence, -
and drift.

The people want, - and deserve, - that the issues be
clearly drawn.

The Republican Party adopted a Platform in Washington, -
this week, -- which gives the people a clean-cut choice on the
issues in the 1950 elections.

It is your job in California, -- my job in Nebraska, --
and the job of all Republicans, -- to see to it that candidates
are nominated who stand foursquare on those issues.

Let those who believe in free competition, -- and the
right of the individual, - to make the most of his skill, -

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initiative, - and enterprise, -- come into our corner.

And, let those, -- who are for spendthrift socialism, -
get in President Truman's corner.

In the elections of 1950, -- there can be no compromise.
There is too much at stake.

Liberty and socialism won't mix. One or the other
will be destroyed.

As Lincoln said: --

"this government cannot endure
permanently half-slave and half-free."

During the past few months, -- as I have travelled
across the length and breadth of the land, -- I have been asked
this question, - over and over again; --

"What can we, - as citizens, - do
about it?"

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The answer I gave them, -- is what I say to you now.

You cannot win the fight for preservation of the principles of our Republic, -- by wishful thinking.

You cannot stop inflationary deficit-spending, -- by wishful thinking.

You cannot stop passage of the Brannan Farm Plan to sovietize the American farmer, -- by wishful thinking.

You cannot prevent compulsory health insurance, -- by wishful thinking.

You cannot get rid of communists, - and their fellow-travelers, -- by wishful thinking.

And, - you cannot, -- by wishful thinking, -- win the cold war, - through the Administration's incompetence, - vacillation, - contradiction,^s - and confusion.

Your job, -- as Americans, -- is: --

to enlist in the cause of freedom, --
see that those who represent you, - restore
stability and competence in Government, --
and keep open the doors of opportunity.

These are worth fighting for.

And this time, -- we Republicans are going to fight.

Most of our troubles, -- the secret agreements at
Yalta, -- the armament race, - back-breaking taxes, - inflation, -
and deficit spending, -- stem from a leadership that is tainted
by a concept of government, -- which does not square with the
American heritage.

Is it any wonder that an Administration, -- which
harbors so many radicals at home, -- is tollerant of the
spread of socialism, -- and its twin brother Communism abroad.

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III. FOREIGN POLICY

We all know -- that foreign policy is like a chess game, -- move after move, -- a long series of moves, The decisive moves, -- now being made, -- will determine whether the principles of our Republic will prevail.

The Present Administration's foreign policy line, -- was laid down in 1933, -- when the self-styled New Deal Democrats captured control of our government.

Republican Presidents, - up to that time, - had refused to recognize Soviet Russia, -- because her dictators, - would give no assurance against spreading their propaganda to undermine our Republic.

Unfortunately, -- no such guarantee was demanded and none given in 1933, -- when Soviet Russia was officially recognized, -- and taken into the family of nations.

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At Cairo, - Yalta, - and Teheran, -- through secret agreements, -- the gates of the world were thrown wide-open for the expansion of Russia, - and her Godless communism.

All of these secret deals to remap the world, -- and "freeze" the ultimate peace, -- were ratified and confirmed by President Truman at Potsdam, -- without the knowledge or consent of the American people, - or their Congress.

At Yalta, - with approval at Potsdam, -- the Red rulers of Russia, - were handed Poland, - Czechoslovakia, - and other Balkan countries; -- and China, - our faithful war ally, - was betrayed into the grip of communism.

Even the text of the monstrous Yalta agreement was kept secret by the Truman Administration, -- until the Republican 80th Congress, -- under threat of refusal to authorize Greek-Turkish aid, -- forced publication of its hideous terms.

The terrible consequences of these secret deals, --

bombed the free world into confusion.

Couched in no uncertain language were: --

appeasement of Russia, --

the revengeful Morgenthau Plan to keep
industrial Germany forever an agricultural
state, -- and

the herding of millions upon millions of
human beings, - from one jurisdiction to
another.

When President Truman attempted to put these terms, --
into effect, --- chaos spread around the world.

It was then, -- he called in some Republicans, --
ostensibly, - to initiate and develop a bi-partisan foreign
policy.

But, -- confronted by his own signature at Potsdam, --
he picked and chose his spots for advice, -- leaving out China, -

and other wide fields of foreign affairs.

Already the way had been paved, - for Russia to grab and annex, - into her orbit, -- over 13 million square miles, - and about 800 million human beings.

While Secretary of State Acheson, -- and his pal Alger Hiss, -- were calling the signals in the State Department, -- fourteen men in the Moscow Kremlin, -- captured control of one-fifth of the globe's land surface, -- and one-third of all mankind.

In its conduct of foreign affairs, -- the Administration has broken faith with the Republican Party, - and the nation.

It has by-passed Constitutional procedures.

The Administration has been using the bi-partisan label -- as a pretense to cover up its own mistakes, -- and escape responsibility for its ^{abjectly} ghastly failure to win lasting peace.

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Around the entire Executive Branch of Government, -- the President has an Iron Curtain -- against information going to duly authorized committees of the Congress.

He has issued orders that no department head or bureau chief shall give testimony to Congressional Committees at variance with his views.

He has exerted his powerful influence, - in efforts to smother Congressional exposure of communist spy rings, - that have run through the government like water through a sieve.

When the House Committee on Un-American Activities uncovered the Alger Hiss scandal, -- the President cried, - "red herring."

But, -- he knows differently now. He learned the hard way.

He has ordered withheld from Congress, -- the official

loyalty records of government employes.

Think of it-- fellow-Americans, -- such an attitude, -- when Congress, -- the policy-making branch, -- has the inherent right to all information necessary to the accomplishment of its duties.

That kind of government must end

Instead of suppressing information, - and yelling "red herring", -- the President should give the FBI the "go" sign, -- to get rid of these communists.

And, -- right here, - I just can't help mentioning that your Congressman Richard Nixon, - is doing a great job in the battle against communism. He is a credit to California, - - and the nation.

We need more men like Nixon, -- who have the courage to expose communists, - and their fellow-travelers in our government.

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Since the end of the war, -- wrangling and back-biting have raged in the National Defense Establishment. The President, -- as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, -- long ago, -- could have put an end to this scandalous situation with one forthright order: --

unify, cooperate or get out.

Our defenses in Alaska are woefully weak, - in the light of modern warfare, -- spearheaded by long-range bombing, -- rockets, -- guided missiles, -- atomic bombs, -- and now the hydrogen bomb.

Governor Ernest Gruening of Alaska, -- reported to Congress, --

-- the defenses there are so weak, - that two air-borne divisions could capture Alaska in one day.

The blackest chapter in America's history, -- save one, -- Pearl Harbor, -- is the loss of China to Communist

Russia by appeasement policies of this Administration.

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There is still time to reverse the Red tide in the Pacific.

Your Senator, - Bill Knowland, - has been battling in the front line at Washington, -- prodding and pleading with the Administration to act, -- to do something, - get off dead center, -- and toss overboard its policy of abandoning all China to the Moscow-directed communists.

The first step is to assure China, - and other countries in Asia, - that the United States morally supports their cause.

This should be backed up by economic and military aid, -- wherever feasible.

Most important of all, -- take Acheson's hands off our military strategy, -- and keep the defense and national security in the Department of National Defense where it belongs.

Formosa is the last citadel of freedom-loving people

of China.

Hold Formosa against the Communists, -- and there will be kept alive, - active resistance by millions of Chinese on the mainland who want liberty, -- and are eager to fight for it.

The Chinese nationalists have never asked for American troops to help them hold Formosa. They do desperately plead for military equipment

Surplus military equipment is already in the Pacific, - and should be supplied them.

Congress has authorized this aid, -- and provided the funds, -- but the President refuses to act.

In Europe, -- the American people have been most generous, -- in helping ECA countries recover from the war's devastation.

More than 30 billion dollars, -- 30 billion, -- of

your money, -- and your children's money, -- have been poured into Western Europe in 23 different money-spending schemes.

All the ECA countries have reached goals of productivity far above pre-war levels. The economic problems that now confront them, -- can be solved only by themselves.

But, - ancient nationalistic patterns again are taking shape over there, -- thwarting the intent of Congress in authorizing ECA.

Those countries should be: --

eliminating trade barriers, --

establishing free convertibility of

currencies, -- and

recognizing that Germany's recovery is

vital to the recovery of all Europe,-- and

must have the tools to earn her living.

If these countries are to get any more cash and goods, --

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they should be required to carry out the purposes of the Act.

They should now be looking forward to a return to private channels in commerce, -- rather than depend upon the United States to finance and support them indefinitely.

Our foreign commitments are having a terrific impact upon our domestic economy.

The Administration is bolstering socialism abroad. And, -- when we charge them with socialistic programs for the United States, -- they say we are using scare words.

Well, let's see if these are scare words?

If the Administration's bill, to give the President, -- one man, -- absolute power to put ceilings over prices and wages, --- and floors under prices and wages, -- is not socialism, -- what is it?

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If giving the President, -- one man, -- power to build and operate steel plants and other plants, - in competition with private industry, -- is not socialism, -- what is it?

If federalized education, - thought control, -- is not socialism, -- what is it?

If compulsory health insurance, - managed and directed by the Government, -- is not government control of the lives of the people, -- what is it?

If government, - all taxpayers, - paying part of the construction cost and rental of homes for some of the people, - dictating the design, - size, - and type of house they shall live in, -- is not socialism, -- what is it?

If the making of foreign trade agreements in secret, - and refusal by the President to explain,

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when he cuts tariff rates to ruinous levels for
American industries, - agriculture, - and labor, --
is not socialism, -- what is it?

And, - worst of all, -- is the Brannan
plan, -- a plan to sovietize the farmers. It is
a swindle.

Under it, -- farmers would work for the government.
They would produce surpluses of food so that prices would be
low. The farmers would be paid a production subsidy, -- and
the American taxpayers would pick up the check.

Whenever, the farmers are forced to stand with tin
cups in their hands, - in exchange for their freedom, -- then
a long step toward complete regimentation of the food industry, --
from producer to consumer, -- will have been taken.

IF. THE G.O.P SOLUTION

Fellow Americans, -- the solution of all of these problems-

foreign and domestic, -- is up to all of us, -- every American.

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The road to peace, - security, - prosperity, - and individual freedom is clearly marked in the Republican Platform for 1950.

Your job is to see to it, -- that the people never lose sight of the truth that --

"eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

So, -- let us, -- here and now, -- rededicate ourselves to the proposition: --

"that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Go forward as Modern Paul Reveres and Minute Men!

Carry the facts to the people, --in your business, -- the shops, -- the homes, -- the farms, -- and into every voting precinct.

Ring the doorbells!

Tell the people, -- every voter, -- the fate of the
Nation is in their hands.

Tell them: --

We Republicans offer a new leadership, -
untainted by communism, -- that will win the
peace.

We Republicans insist that the United States
shall not be bound to any course of action, --
unless the spirit and letter of our Constitutional
procedure are followed; -- and that means no secret
agreements bartering away their rights and liberty.

We Republicans stand for a strong policy
against the spread of communism at home and abroad, --
and we insist that the offices of government shall
be purged of those who are disloyal to America.

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We Republicans favor aid to other countries
resisting communism, only: --

if it is essential to our
national security, --

if it is within the total limits
which the American economy can afford, --

if it will be effective, -- and

if there is a well-conceived
program for progressive reduction.

We Republicans favor the promotion of world
trade on the basis of fair competition, -- within
the Republican principles that American industry, -
agriculture, - and labor must be protected against
ruinous importations.

We always have, -- and will continue to
insist, -- that the national defenses be completely

adequate to any emergency.

We are for the Taft-Hartley labor law, -- because it guarantees the right of collective bargaining, - and recognizes unions and the right to strike, - while protecting the rights of union members and the public.

Under this law, -- union membership has increased to new highs, -- and wages have risen to record levels.

We favor amending the law, -- in the light of experience, -- under its fair and just provisions.

We won't stand for any by-passing of the law.

At long-last the President has been compelled by public opinion to enforce the Taft-Hartley Act, in the coal dispute, - after months and months of playing politics with human misery.

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We Republicans, -- true to the example of Lincoln, - the Great Emancipator and co-Founder of our Party, -- believe in the right of equal opportunity to work, -- to vote, -- to advance in life, -- and to be protected under the law, -- should never be limited in any individual, -- because of race, -- religion, -- color, -- or country of origin.

We Republicans believe agriculture is fundamental to a prosperous America.

We favor a fair price for the farmers' products in the market place, -- aided by a system of price supports and tariff protection.

And, -- Fellow-Republicans, -- carry this message to the people: --

Deficit-spending leads to national

bankruptcy

Deficit spending will further cheapen the dollar, -- rob the wage earner, - impoverish the farmer, - and destroy the savings, - pensions, - insurance, - and investments of millions of people, -- winding up in jobless millions, -- and a national poorhouse.

We believe, -- the only sound, - sensible, - thing to do now is:

cut the cost of government, --
balance the budget, --
get on a pay-as-you-go basis, --
cut the debt, -- and
cut taxes.

V. CONCLUSION

Fellow-Republicans:

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All these Republican principles and objectives, --
will build and maintain a strong America, - strong economically, --
strong financially, -- and strong spiritually.

The overwhelming majority of Americans, -- cherish
our heritage of freedom, - and will join us in this crusade to
see that it shall not perish from the earth.

America is the custodian of human liberty.

Let us be worthy of its guardianship.

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