He Forgot To Remember

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..Here is the text of President Nixon's inaugural address delivered January 20, 1969. He noted, "The greatest honor history can bestow is the title of peacemaker. I have taken an oath today in the presence of God and my countrymen. I shall consecrate my office, my energies, and all the energies I can summon. Our destiny offers not the cup of despair but the chalice of opportunity."

Washington, Jan. 20, 1969 — The text of President Nixon's inaugural address:

Mr. Chief Justice, President Johnson, my fellow citizens of the world community:

I ask you to share with me today the majesty of this moment. In the orderly transfer of powjr, we celebrate the unity that keeps us free.

Each moment in history is fleeting time, precious and unique. But some stand out as moments of beginning, in which courses are set that shape decades or centuries.

This can be such a moment. forces now are converging that make possible, for the first time, the hope that many of man's deepest aspirations can at last be realized.

NEW HORIZONS

The spiraling pace of change allows us to contemplate, within our own lifetime, advances that once would have taken centuries.

In throwing wide the horizons of space, we have discovered new horizons on earth.

For the first time, because the people of the world want peace and the leaders are afraid of war, the times are on the side of peace.

Eight years from now America will celebrate its 200th anniversary as a nation. Within the lifetime of most people now living, mankind will celebrate that great new year which comes nly once in a thousand years — the beginning of the third millennium.

What kind of a nation we will be, what kind of a world we live in, whether we shape the future in the image of our hopes, is ours to determine by our actions and our choices.

HONOR BECKONS

The greatest honor history can bestow is the title of peacemaker. This honor now beckons America — the chance to help lead the world out of the valley of turmoil, and onto that high ground of peace man has dreamed of since the dawn of civilization.

If we succeed, generations to come will say of us now living that we mastered our moment, that we helped make the world safe for mankind.

This is our summons to greatness.

I believe the American people are ready to answer this call.

The second third of this century has been a time of proud achievement. We have made enormous strides in science and industry and agriculture. We have shared our wealth more broadly than ever, and learned at last to manage a modern economy to assure its continued growth.

We have given freedom new reach, and we have begun to make its promise real for black as well as for white.

We see the hope of tomorrow in the youth of today. I know America's youth. I believe in them. We can be proud that they are better educated, more committed, more passionately driven by conscience than any generation that has gone before.

No people has ever been so close to the achievement of a just and abundant society, or so possessed of the will to achieve it.

Because our strengths are so great, we can afford to appraise our weaknesses with candor and to approach them with hope.

Standing in this same place a third of a century ago, Franklin Delano Roosevelt addressed a nation ravaged by depression and gripped in fear. He could say in surveying the nation's troubles: "They concern, thank God, only material things."

Our crisis today is the reverse.

We have found ourselves rich in goods, but ragged in spirit; reaching with magnificent precision for the moon, but falling into raucous discord here on earth.

We are caught in war, wanting peace. We are torn by division, wanting unity. We see around us empty lives, wanting fulfillment. We see tasks that need doing, waiting for hands to do them.

To a crisis of the spirit, we need an answer of the spirit.

To find that answer, we need only look within ourselves.

DECENCY, LOVE

When we listen to "the better angels of our nature," we find that they celebrate the simple things. and the basic things — such as goodness, decency, love, kindness.

Greatness comss in simple trappings.

The simple things are the ones most needed today if we are to surmount what divides us, and cement what unites us.

To lower our voices would be a simple thing.

In these difficult years, America has suffered from a fever of words; from inflated rhetoric that promises more than it can possibly deliver; from angry rhetoric that fans discontents into hatreds; from bombastic rhetoric that postures instead of persuading.

No man can be fully free while his neighbor is not. To go forward at all is to go forward together.

This means black and white together, as one nation, not two. The laws have caught up with our conscience. What remains is to give life to what is in the law: To insure at last that as all are born equal in dignity before God, all are born equal in dignity before man.

As we learn to go forward together at home, let us alos seek to go forward together with all mankind.

Let us take as our goal: Where peace is unknown, make it welcome; where peace is fragile, make it strong; where peace is temporary, make it permanent.

After a period of confrontation, we are entering an era of negotiation.

Let all nations know than during this administration our lines of communication will be open.

We seek an open world — open to ideas, open to the exchange of goods and people, a world in which no people, great or small, will live in angry isolation.

NEW ADVENTURE

We cannot expect to make everyone our friend, but we can try to make no one our enemy.

Those who would be our adversaires, let us invite to a peaceful competition — not in conquering territory or extending dominion, but in enriching the life of man.

As we explore the reaches of space, let us go to the new worlds together —not as new worlds to be conquered, but as a new adventure to be shared.

With those who are willing to join, let us cooperate to reduce the burden of arms, to strengthen the structure of peace, to lift up the poor and the hungry.

But to all who would be tempted by weakness, let us leave no doubt that we will be as strong as we need to be for as long as we need to be.

Over the past 20 years, I have visited most of the nations of the world.

I have come to know the leaders of the world, and the great forces and the ancient fears and hatreds that divide the world.

I know that peace does not come through wishing for it — that there is no substitute for days and evey years of patient and prolonged diplomacy.

I also know the people of the world.

I have seen the hunger of a homeless child, the pain of a man wounded in battle, the grief of a mother who has lost her son. I know these have no ideology or race. I know America. I know the heart of America is good.

I speak from my own heart, and the heart of my country, the deep concern we have for those who suffer, and those who sorrow.

SHARED GLORY

I have taken an oath today in the presence of God and my countrymen. To that oath, I add this sacred commitment: I shall consecreate my office, my energies and all the wisdom I can summon, to the peace among nations.

Let this message be heard by strong and weak alike:

The peace we seek to win is not victory over any other people, but the peace that comes "with healing in its wings"; with compassion for those who have suffered; with understanding for those who have opposed us; with the opportunity for all the peoples of this earth to choose their own destiny.

Onky a few short weeks ago, we shared the glory of man's first sight of the world as God sees it, as a single sphere reflecting light in the darkness.

As the Apollo astronauts flew over the moon's gray surface on Christmas Eve, they spoke to us of the beauty of earth — and in that voice so clear across the lunar distance, we heard them invoke God's blessing on its goodness.

In that moement, their view frmm the moon moved poet Archibald MacLeish to wirte: "To see the earth as it truly is, small and blue and beautiful in that eternal silence where it floats, is to see ourselves as riders on the earth together, brothdrs on that bright loveliness in the eternal cold — brothrrs who know now they are truly brothers."

GATHER LIGHT

In that moment of surpassing technological triumph, men turned their thoughts toward home and humanity — seeing in that far perspective that man's destiny on earth is not divisible: telling us that however far we reach into the cosmos, our destiny lies not in the stars but here on earth itself, in our own hands and our own hearys.

We have endured a long night of the American spirit. But as our eyes catch the dimness of the first rays of dawn, let us not curse the remaining dark. Let us gather the light.

Our destiny offers, not the cup of despair, but the chalice of opportunity. So let us seize it, not in fear, but in gladness — and "riders on the earth together," let us go forward, firm in our faith, steadfast in our purpose, cautious of the dangers; but sustained by our confidence in the will of Yod and the promise of man.

IN HAPPIER DAYS — President Nixon, who had to decide in August whether to resign or fight impeach-ment, is shown with wife Pat, and their two daughters, Julie (2nd l) and Tricia, with their husbands, David Eisenhower (l) and Edward Cox (r), on the Florida White House lawn Easter morning 4-22-74. (UPI)

Here is what he said in 1951

Here is what Sen. Richard M. Nixon said May 29, 1951 when he addressed the Young Republican National Federation in Boston, Mass.

Note this highlight which perhaps he has by now forgotten:

..**"Wherever we find immorrality, wherever we find a breach of public trust, those who are guilty should be removed from the positions they hold whether they are in our party or in the other party."**

The entire statement is as follows:

"We have had corruption before in our history, but never before in our history have we seen corruption defended and condoned by those in high places. If they won't recognize or admit that corruption exists, how can we expect them to clean it out?

"Can the Republicans do a better job? We can; and we must. Our greatest responsibility when we come to power is to restore again the moral integrity of our national government.

..**"And let me say this, that wherever we find immorality, wherever we find a breach of public trust, those who are guilty should be removed from the positions they hold whether they are in our party or in the other party.**

"Let's begin by declaring right now that the Republican Party will not ask for and will not accept any political contributions from questionable sources.

"There are plenty of honest God-fearing Americans who have a vital enough interest in getting a new administration in Washington that they will make the contributions necessary to put on an effective campaign...

"In establishing the standard of conduct for officials of our administration, let us as Republicans recognize this principle — that the greatness of a free people depends not upon whether its public servants meet the legal minimums for conduct set by the law, but it depends upon the extent to which public servants exceed those minimum standards in their conduct.

"If we raise such a standard, we shall restore again the faith of the people in the honesty, moralfty, and integrity of their government officials, and we shall set an example for all the world to see of the heights free men can reach in governing themselves."

NEW YORK electronic news display on Allied Chemical Building in Times Square tells the story as President Nixon weighed the possibility of resigning rather than fighting impeachment. The display reads: "Reports of President Nixon's imminent resignation sweep Washington." UPI Photo.

IN DAYS GONE BY — President Nixon hugs Sammy Davis Jr. as Bob Hope and band leader Les Brown look on at the White House gala for returned prisoners of war, last year. The entertainers put on a show for the POW's following dinner. During the show, Sammy made a joke about the picture showing him hugging the President during the Republican National Convention. Many black citizens were critical of the star for the political convention hug. (UPI Telephoto)

That day in August-what kind of a day was it?

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HUCKSTERS made their merry rounds throughout Baltimore, with little care as to what was happening in the world of politics so far away. (AFRO Staff Photo by Roman Hankewycz)

The day the curtain fell

By Donald Lambor

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott said Wednesday President Nixon could no longer be presumed innocent in a senate trial and the only question to be decided in such an event would be Nixon's "degree of accountability."

In his first direct statement since Nixon disclosed Monday that he had sought to limit the FBI investigation of the Watergate burglary, Scott noted that he had said often in the past that Nixon was entitled to be presumed innocent in any Senate trial.

"His own statement has removed the presumption," Scott said. "But he has left us with the question of the degree of accountability."

Scott's comments were the latest indication of the crumbling of Nixon support among his strongest defenders. A number of leading republicans in the senate have asked that he resign.

Scott and other GOP leaders arranged to meet this afternoon to discuss the possibility of sending a delegation to the White House to relay their feeling to the president. A morning caucus sidestepped the question and concentrated instead on naming members to a new congressional budget committee.

GRIMSVILLE

Scott did not say what he meant by "degree of accountability" but presumably it would be the question whether Nixon's acts warranted his removal from office.

Scott's democratic counterpart, Mike Mansfield, said today the senate should go ahead with an impeachment trial, provided the House recommends it, even if Nixon resigned.

"It's gone so far now that I think we'd better carry it through to a conclusion," Mansfield said. Mansfield said it was a personal statement and did not necessarily represent the views of the Democratic leadership.

Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., a former republican national chairman, said today that "with the exception of a very few senators, he's (Nixon) on his own for the time being" although minds could be changed if "something happens that deserves support."

"Many of us feel let down," Dole said.

Dole, interviewed on CBS-TV's morning news, said he told Nixon's Chief White House Aide, Alexander M. Haig, Tuesday that "this is Grimsville" and Haig had indicated to him that "the president is aware of that."

Republicans met in closed session Aug. 6 to discuss Nixon's possible resignation.

Julie, family stick until the end

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Nixon's family gathered around him as the threat of impeachment grew and his most vocal defender, daughter Julie Eisenhower, opposed resignation.

A White House official said Wednesday that the first lady and her two daughters, Julie and Tricia Cox, recently have remained silent and out of the public eye because "they do not want to see their names in print at this time."

But the official, who has been in contact with Julie, said that she is "sticking by her father" and does not want him to quite under fiere.

The family members all have stayed extremely close to the family quarters.

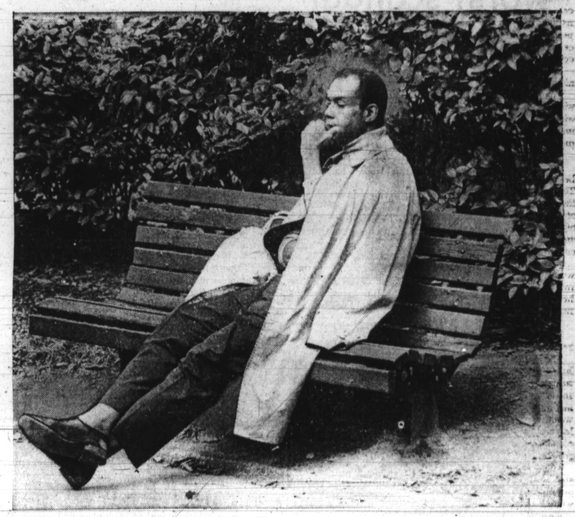
Tricia came here from her home in New York last weekend and decided to stay. Her husband, Edward Cox, went back to New York Monday.

Julie, an editor for the Saturday Post who lives in Washington, has been visiting the White House frequently and told a friend last weekend that "everything is going to be alright."

Mrs Nixon has been preoccupied with the 200 to 300 letters she has been receiving daily, most of them expressing support. She has been reading the letters and either answering them herself or instructing her staff to respond.

An aide said Mrs. Nixon has been going about her life as if things were normal. "she is even planning events for this fall," the aide said.

After releasing new evidence implicating him in the early stages of the Watergate cover-up, Nixon Monday night went for a cruise on the presidential yacht Sequola with his wife, daughters and son-in-law David Eisenhower.



THE THINKER—Johson Lawur, 40, of Emanuel C. C. Church, sat pondering thoughts, perhaps of lighter things than President Nixon. (AFRO Staff Photo by Roman Hankewycz)

LETTING THE REST OF THE WORLD go by were several Baltimoreans caught taking it easy on cool benches in Druid Hill Park. (AFRO Staff Photographer Roman Hankewycz)

Goldwater knew

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The American Broadcasting Co. quoted Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., Wednesday as saying President Nixon indicated to him that he planned to resign.

A spokesman for Goldwater said as far as he was concerned, the ABC report was without foundation.

The spokesman said he conferred with Goldwater at 3:10 p.m. and the senator denied that he was the source of a Phoenix Gazette story indicating that Nixon would resign Wednesday.

The spokesman said he also asked Goldwater "directly" whether he had told anyone that the President would be resigning soon.

"He said no," the spokesman said.

Meanwhile the phones in Goldwater's office were ringing constantly as three confused secretaries stated repeatedly to each caller that the senator has made no such statement, he has not seen the President and to their knowledge has not talked to the White House by telephone.

KEEPS ON RUNNING ALONG—It was a hot summer day, previewed by rains which followed the July drought. This was the scene at Mt. Vernon Place, as the Running Boy Fountain presented a cool and relieving sight. (AFRO Staff Photo by Roman Hankewycz)