

for unbroken continuity. These principles together create freedom, a freedom built not on the quicksand of adolescent defiance but on the bedrock of ethics and law.

I believe that Republicans at both ends of our party's spectrum share this sentiment. This is the common point at which the streams of liberal and conservative Republicanism merge, creating the mainstream which allows a Mark Hatfield from Oregon, a Chuck Percy from Illinois and an Edward Brooke from Massachusetts to join with established leaders like Kuchel of California, Javits of New York and Morton of Kentucky in the Senate of the United States.

In identifying Republican conservatism with a twentieth century America, let us not, while so doing, demand unconditional surrender from the *Liberal Establishment* or exclude them from the cause of saving America from suffocating mediocrity. Indeed, we must welcome them to our ranks with the thought that blending originality with practicality, new ideas with firm ideals, will strengthen and not destroy us. If our goal is to "find the best answer to each problem as it arises without fixed regard for previous practises and theories," as Yale's David Potter insists it should be, then we must certainly consult and enlist the intellectualism presiding in great numbers within the liberal community if our search is sincerely for the best answer and not simply for the one bearing our label.

With conservatism made timely and Republicanism extended to include men of books and letters, who were for so long looked upon with suspicion by certain elements within our party, we may now set about selling our case, and with it a new image, to the American public.

But first we must do some unselling. We must lay to permanent rest the notion that our party is partner to special privilege, wealth and parochialism. We must unsell the idea that we are more concerned with the public ledgers than we are with the public good. We must correct the impression that we regard big government as at all times bad, or massive spending as in every instance evil. We must refuse to tolerate the role of a minority party, the yesterday party, the protest party, the white Anglo-Saxon party, the rural America party, the standpat party.

Once we are cleansed of undeserving images we may set about purifying American society. And the very first thing we must do is to make a sacred covenant with the people that we will tell the truth, the whole truth and at all times, the truth. Never before in our history has leadership had its credibility so seriously questioned or its integrity