

so nakedly challenged. Let us never for a moment be party to the great deception that our times demand a Machiavellian silence on the failings of government and Madison Avenue saturation to dignify accomplishment. Indeed some delicate affairs of state demand privacy, but when American sons are being sent overseas to a dangerous and demanding assignment, we must be truthfully told why they are going, what they are doing there, and when they might be coming back. I am not questioning the sincerity of our President's personal views on the importance of our struggle in Viet Nam, but I am convinced that the reason we are debating this war so openly and antagonistically is that it was not faithfully described at its outset. It is suspicion and not a lack of patriotism that makes the hawk impatient, the dove resentful.

Truth, that priceless ingredient, must be searched out wherever we believe it to be hidden and exposed for all to see. It is truth that Federal government has become monstrous in its size, enormous in its scope, and devouring in its exercise of power, but it is equally true that state government for long remained static and only recently has begun to reassert its reason for being. As Republicans, we believe that the government closest to the people governs best, but that state and local government must have a talent and a capability and a confidence that looks to itself and not to Washington at the first sign of trouble or for the first hand of help. I am proud to say that the Maryland Legislature, by calling for a Constitutional Convention, reforming the State's tax structure, passing fair housing legislation, and facing up squarely to the most sensitive and strenuous issues of our day, recognized its responsibility to the people and set a record of accomplishment never before matched in our State's history.

Truth is what America wants to hear and truth is what Republicans must declare. The truth that our cities will not be reborn by an act of Congress but by the deliberate and vigorous action of individual initiative and private enterprise.

The truth that the verdict of courts in the advancement of human opportunity and the protection of human liberties is a supplement and not a substitute for what you and I must in good conscience and in the spirit of good citizenship do. The truth that we are only lazy when unworked, only timid when untried, only dependent when unchallenged, and only apathetic when uninspired!

In the words of Harold Lasswell, "The problem is not to drift with the current but to navigate the stream and this calls for correct anticipation of what lies ahead." This is the role our party must assume.