

trial revolution, and what should have been a matter of temporary blindness lapsed slowly but surely into a desperate paralysis.

Unable to inspire others we tore upon ourselves, and left so gaping a wound that our own Alf Landon in viewing the wreckage of his own misfortune was to compare Republican disharmony with two undertakers fighting over a corpse. But now the giant stirs, no longer as the Grand Old Party of yesteryear but surely as the vital and viable party of today. And indeed it is our old adversary, the Liberal Establishment, who stirs us to reform what they once thought to be reformed, to bring meaning back to the cause and the spirit of victory to the battle believed over and won.

They call not for an old time conservatism but for a new kind of liberalism, a humanistic Republicanism, a revival of individualism made timely. Now we may set about selling our case, and with it a new image, to the American public.

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 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 its 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 and 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 central 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 too 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, 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.