

peace throughout the world. The Republican Party offers the American people a fresh path to peace through principle, not compromise forged from past failures.

We live in the best of times and the worst of times. Our problems are deep and desperate. Yet we have available greater resources and more knowledge than any people at any time in the history of the world. With new leadership to interpret change and inspire policy, we shall have a new perspective. I do not underestimate the determination of the American people. We may be temporarily confused by overwhelming circumstances, but we will not collapse. We will not surrender to the forces of communism abroad or chaos at home.

But our national confidence will only return when we can honestly see and say "we are in command" — that we are acting upon and not reacting to intolerable conditions. The present Democratic Party leadership has lost the nation's confidence but this does not imply that the Republican Party will automatically win it.

We must work for it and we will need every hand available. No one can afford to sit this election out — particularly you, our Republican women. We may on occasion, in well-meaning gallantry, emphasize your good looks or charm or the glamour you give to a campaign as comprising your *greatest* contribution. But I can tell you right now — we don't mean it for a moment. We value your strength, your endurance, your endless dedication to all the vital functions necessary to keep a campaign running smoothly. We need the office volunteer, the strategist, the precinct captain and the tactician whose service is inspired by conviction. And this is you. This year, as never before, your help is needed, not only to support a great party but a great cause. This year victory is imperative not only to serve the interests of our party but our nation.

Perhaps our chance has never been greater but neither has our challenge. And I do not mean just the challenge and the chance to win. I mean the challenge to propose creative, impressive alternatives to present national policies — and the chance to change the tragic course our country has taken.

In the 1968 election, I believe the stake is nothing less than survival — not of the Republican Party — but of America as "one nation, under God, *indivisible*, with liberty and justice for all."