

Finally, I would leave with you a few general thoughts. Great countries collapse only when their foundations decay. Today, the footings of America are rotting while most of us stand fretfully by, watching with morbid curiosity. The disease of our times is an artificial and masochistic sophistication — a vague uneasiness that our values are corny — that there is something wrong with being patriotic, honest, moral or hardworking. The sneer of the nonconformist has become an effective weapon for those who cannot achieve within the framework of our society and, therefore, seek to destroy it.

Above all, as Republicans we should adhere to our proven values. I believe we agree that guaranteed employment is preferable to guaranteed income. Private investment is preferable to public spending. Local initiative is more effective than Federal infringement. If America is to have revolution let it be one of ideas and approaches; let it occur in Congress rather than the streets. We cannot stand still for lawlessness and, with progressive laws, we will not stand still.

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There were no opening statements by the Governor.

Questions and Answers

(Republican National Politics)

Q. Governor, Governor Scranton was in to see you today. Would you care to discuss it?

A. We talked about politics and the Republican Party and the condition of the country, and Governor Scranton certainly had some interesting observations to make.

Q. He didn't come as an emissary of Governor Rockefeller?

A. He *did not*.

Q. Is there a specific reason for his stopping by?

A. Well, I think he just wanted to — he's checking around with various Governors about other national representatives, about opinions on the election — taking a poll. He's acting as a catalyst since he's disengaged himself.