

Ask the people of New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Indiana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Oregon — and they will tell you of a man who took his case to the people, and put his prestige on the line in every primary.

Ask the people with whom he shared power in Washington, and they will tell you of a man who has the wisdom to comprehend history, and the foresight to anticipate it; the confidence to make hard decisions; the courage to keep cool before one man in Moscow or a mob in Caracas.

Ask the people who have known him throughout his lifetime, and they will tell you of a man of warmth and wit, his perspective enriched by the private years.

Ask the people of this Convention, and they will tell you of a man who helped lead this party to its greatest victories in the past two decades, and who stood by the party and its candidate in their darkest hour.

And when the American people are asked in November, they will speak too:

For a man firm in upholding the law, and determined in the pursuit of justice.

For a man who can negotiate peace without sacrificing life, land or liberty.

For a man who had the courage to rise up from the depths of defeat six years ago — and to make the greatest political comeback in American history.

For the one man whose life gives proof that the American dream is not a shattered myth and that the American spirit — its strength and sense and stability — remains firm.

The final test of a man who seeks the Presidency is not what he promises but what he can do; not what he says, but what he is.

The man I nominate tonight is a President.

When a nation is in crisis, and when history speaks firmly to that nation that it needs a man to match the times — you don't create such a man; you don't discover such a man; you *recognize* such a man.

It is my privilege to place in nomination for the office of President of the United States, the *one* man whom history has so clearly thrust forward — the one whom all America will recognize as a man whose time has come — the man for 1968, the Honorable Richard M. Nixon.