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## Detroit Rally Speech

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DETROIT, MICHIGAN

OCTOBER 27, 1984

BLESS YOU BOYS . . . . AND GIRLS.

I WANT TO THANK MAYOR YOUNG FOR THAT VERY KIND INTRODUCTION. EVERYONE IN DETROIT IS LUCKY TO HAVE A MAYOR LIKE COLEMAN YOUNG FIGHTING LIKE A TIGER FOR DETROIT.

LET ME ALSO THANK THE MEMBERS OF LOCAL 58 OF THE IBEW.

IT'S GREAT TO BE IN THE CITY OF CHAMPIONS. YOUR TIGERS DID SOMETHING PRETTY UNUSUAL THIS YEAR. THEY STARTED OUT IN THE LEAD, AND STAYED THERE ALL THE WAY. YOU'VE PROBABLY NOTICED THAT WALTER MONDALE AND I HAVE A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT STRATEGY THIS YEAR.

BUT LET ME TELL YOU, THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO WIN. AND YOU SEEM LIKE A FAIRLY OBJECTIVE BUNCH TO ME, SO LET ME CONDUCT MY OWN SCIENTIFIC, OBJECTIVE SURVEY.

ARE WE GOING TO WIN IN NOVEMBER?

ARE WE GOING TO SEND WALTER MONDALE TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND RONALD REAGAN BACK TO THE RANCH?

YOU BET WE ARE.

*Letdy Mr. Reagan has been going around the country portraying  
his self as a his fan of democratic heroes.*

PEOPLE DO FUNNY THINGS IN CAMPAIGNS. A FEW WEEKS AGO, MR. REAGAN TOOK OUT HARRY TRUMAN'S PULLMAN CAR AND RODE AROUND IN IT FOR A WHILE. AND HE LOOKED JUST GREAT. WHAT BETTER SYMBOL COULD RONALD REAGAN GIVE US OF HIS ADMINISTRATION? THERE HE WAS, FACING BACKWARDS, WITHOUT A CLUE ABOUT WHO WAS AT THE CONTROLS, OR IN WHAT DIRECTION HE WAS GOING.

HE HELD A CEREMONY FOR ELEANOR ROOSEVELT. WHY DOESN'T HE STAND, AS SHE DID ALL HER LIFE, FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL RIGHTS FOR AMERICAN WOMEN? THAT'S A BETTER WAY TO HONOR THAT OUTSTANDING AMERICAN.

HE WENT TO WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT, AND RECALLED JOHN KENNEDY'S CANDIDACY WITH NOSTALGIA. IF MR. REAGAN REALLY WANTED TO HONOR THAT GREAT PRESIDENT'S MEMORY, HE WOULD CHALLENGE THE RUSSIANS TO SIT DOWN WITH HIM, AS JOHN KENNEDY DID, AND NEGOTIATE AN ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT.

HE JUST HELD A CEREMONY IN HONOR OF HUBERT HUMPHREY. WHY DOESN'T HE SUPPORT CIVIL RIGHTS, AS HUBERT HUMPHREY DID, INSTEAD OF HELPING SEGREGATED ACADEMIES?

THE FACT IS, THIS PRESIDENT HAS OPPOSED EVERY DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRINCIPLE. AND HE'S WORKED TO DEFEAT EVERY DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. YOU CAN'T CHANGE A QUARTER CENTURY OF OPPOSITION WITH THREE MONTHS OF RHETORIC. I WISH HE WOULD STICK TO HIS OWN HEROES, LEAVE OURS ALONE, AND QUOTE HERBERT HOOVER, SPIRO AGNEW AND RICHARD NIXON.

REAGAN IS SAYING TO US, LET'S PRETEND I'M A DEMOCRAT. HIS FRIENDS SAY, LET REAGAN BE REAGAN. I SAY, LET REAGAN BE RETIRED.

THERE IS A CHOICE THIS YEAR. WE ARE IN A FIGHT FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY.

WHEN I TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR MY SECOND TERM AS VICE PRESIDENT, I WANT TO SWEAR TO UPHOLD A CONSTITUTION THAT INCLUDES THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT.

RECENTLY, MR. REAGAN CONGRATULATED OUR OLYMPIC ATHLETES, INCLUDING MANY WOMEN. BUT BACK IN WASHINGTON, HE SIDED WITH THOSE WHO WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST WOMEN IN SPORTS.

I, TOO, CONGRATULATE OUR ATHLETES. BUT I DON'T WANT TO JUST PAT WOMEN ON THE BACK AS THEY CROSS THE FINISH LINE. I WANT TO OUTLAW DISCRIMINATION AND HELP THEM GET TO THE STARTING BLOCK.

LET ME ADD, I'M NOT JUST SPEAKING TO WOMEN. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A WOMAN TO BE OFFENDED BY DISCRIMINATION. MOST MEN ARE TOO.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE POOR TO HATE POVERTY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE BLACK OR HISPANIC TO LOATHE BIGOTRY. ALL AMERICANS SHOULD, AND MOST AMERICANS DO.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A SOLDIER TO WANT PEACE. THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IN THIS CAMPAIGN.

MR. REAGAN IS THE FIRST PRESIDENT SINCE HERBERT HOOVER NOT TO MEET WITH HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART. HE IS THE FIRST PRESIDENT SINCE THE DAWN OF THE NUCLEAR AGE NOT TO NEGOTIATE AN ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT.

WALTER MONDALE AND I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO NEGOTIATE A MUTUAL, VERIFIABLE NUCLEAR FREEZE. WE WILL FIGHT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON THIS EARTH, AND WE WILL WORK TO KEEP THE ARMS RACE OUT OF SPACE.

LET'S SAY, THE SKY IS THE LIMIT. LET'S SAY, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. LET'S HAVE A PRESIDENT WHO WILL CALL ON THE SOVIETS TO NEGOTIATE AN ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT ON HIS FIRST DAY IN OFFICE, NOT ON THE FIRST DAY OF HIS RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

NOT LONG AGO, WE CELEBRATED THE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY OF ELEANOR ROOSEVELT. SHE ONCE SAID (QUOTE), "YOU MUST DO THE THING YOU THINK YOU CANNOT DO."

LET THE REPUBLICANS SAY THAT WHEN OUR PRODUCTS DON'T SELL, IT'S THE WORKERS' FAULT. I SAY, IF WE JUST INVEST IN EDUCATION AND NEW EQUIPMENT, AND GIVE PEOPLE THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO DO THE JOB, AMERICAN WORKERS CAN OUTPRODUCE, OUTCOMPETE, AND OUTSELL ANY OTHER WORKER ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

LET OTHERS SAY THAT <sup>people not trying hard enough to find jobs:</sup> ~~WORKERS~~ ARE LAZY. IN THE HEIGHT OF THE RECESSION, THIS PRESIDENT TOLD THE UNEMPLOYED TO READ THE WANT ADS. THE PROBLEM WAS, THE UNEMPLOYED DON'T GET ALL THOSE FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS WHERE THEIR JOBS ARE NOW BEING ADVERTISED.

LET OTHERS TRY TO DIVIDE OUR COUNTRY, REGION AGAINST REGION. I WAS JUST IN SILICON VALLEY IN CALIFORNIA, SPEAKING TO THE EMPLOYEES OF A COMPUTER COMPANY. AND I TOLD THEM WHAT I WANT TO SAY TO YOU: WHEN IT COMES TO BUILDING A MORE COMPETITIVE ECONOMY, WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.

AS THE AUTOWORKERS OF MICHIGAN KNOW, WHEN ONE SEGMENT OF THE ECONOMY COLLAPSES, IT TAKES OTHER SEGMENTS DOWN WITH IT. WHEN ONE KIND OF INDUSTRY IS IN TROUBLE, ALL KINDS ARE THREATENED. OUR OWN SELF-INTEREST TELLS US THAT THE SUNBELT CANNOT FORSAKE THE FROSTBELT, AND HIGH TECH CANNOT FORGET SMOKESTACK.

IN MY BOOK, IT'S NOT A COMPLETE RECOVERY UNTIL WORKERS HAVE RECOVERED THEIR JOBS. AMERICA IS NOT BACK AND STANDING TALL UNTIL THE AUTOWORKERS, THE STEELWORKERS, AND THE FARMERS OF OUR COUNTRY ARE ALSO STANDING TALL.

SOME PEOPLE SAY, THE ONLY WAY TO BRING JOBS BACK IS BY BRINGING UNIONS TO THEIR KNEES -- EVEN WHILE THEY PRAISE THE UNION MOVEMENT IN POLAND. WE ALL SUPPORT SOLIDARITY IN POLAND. THE DIFFERENCE WE HAVE WITH MR. REAGAN IS, WE'RE ALSO FOR SOLIDARITY AND UNIONS HERE AT HOME.

LET OTHERS SAY WE CANNOT CLEAN UP TOXIC WASTE DUMPS. REMEMBER, THIS IS THE ADMINISTRATION THAT GAVE US JAMES WATT ONCE AND ANNE BURFORD TWICE. I SAY WE MUST NOT ONLY CLEAN UP THOSE DUMPS, WE MUST MAKE POLLUTERS PAY FOR IT. LET'S HAVE AN ADMINISTRATION THAT TAKES POLLUTERS TO COURT, NOT TO LUNCH.

LET OTHER SAY WE CANNOT KEEP FAITH WITH SENIOR CITIZENS. I SAY, SOCIAL SECURITY IS A CONTRACT, AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET THE REPUBLICANS LAY A FINGER ON IT.

LET OTHERS SAY DISCRIMINATION CANNOT BE STOPPED. I SAY WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., (QUOTE) "INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE." IN THIS ADMINISTRATION WE FACE AN ADVERSARY. BUT WE HAVE FACED ADVERSARIES BEFORE AND THIS ONE TOO WE SHALL OVERCOME.

LET OTHERS SAY WE CANNOT TRUST PEOPLE TO MAKE CHOICES ABOUT THEIR OWN LIVES. I SAY NO PRESIDENT, AND ESPECIALLY NOT RONALD REAGAN, SHOULD MAKE THOSE CHOICES FOR ME.

I WANT A GOVERNMENT THAT STAYS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND OUT OF OUR HOMES, OUR CHURCHES, AND OUR SYNAGOGUES.

I WANT THE NEXT SUPREME COURT TO BE CHOSEN BY WALTER MONDALE, AND NOT JERRY FALWELL.

LET OTHERS SAY EDUCATION IS NOT A NATIONAL PRIORITY. RONALD REAGAN'S IDEA OF HELPING EDUCATION IS TO LAUNCH A TEACHER INTO SPACE. I SAY LET'S HELP STUDENTS AND TEACHERS HERE ON EARTH.

LET OTHERS SAY THERE IS NO WAY TO STOP THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE. I SAY, IF THIS PRESIDENT WON'T STOP EXCHANGING INSULTS, AND START EXCHANGING SERIOUS NEGOTIATING PROPSALS, THEN IT'S TIME TO EXCHANGE HIM FOR ONE WHO WILL.

I CAN READ THE POLLS. AND I'VE HEARD WHAT THE REPORTERS SAY. THEY TELL ME PEOPLE ARE GOING TO VOTE FOR MR. REAGAN, EVEN THOUGH THEY OPPOSE HIS POLICIES, BECAUSE THEY LIKE HIM.



WELL, LET ME SAY SOMETHING TO THOSE PEOPLE. MR. REAGAN MAY BE CHARMING, FUNNY AND PLEASANT. BUT THERE'S NOTHING CHARMING ABOUT THE COVERT WAR IN NICARAGUA. THERE'S NOTHING FUNNY ABOUT TOXIC WASTE THAT CAUSES CANCER. AND THERE'S NOTHING PLEASANT ABOUT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND MINORITIES. ~~THOSE ARE THE POLICIES THAT LIE BEHIND THAT FRIENDLY SMILE. IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE THEM, RONALD REAGAN'S YOUR MAN.~~

THINK ABOUT IT. IF YOU VOTE FOR RONALD REAGAN, YOU'RE VOTING TO EXTEND THE ARMS RACE INTO SPACE AND TO RETREAT FROM HUMAN RIGHTS.

BUT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THAT, IF YOU WANT TO STOP THE COVERT WAR, END THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, PRESERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT, STRENGTHEN THE UNION MOVEMENT, ENFORCE CIVIL RIGHTS, STAND FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY, AND KEEP GOVERNMENT OUT OF OUR PERSONAL AND RELIGIOUS LIFE -- THEN VOTE FOR WALTER MONDALE.

THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING ELECTION DAY. I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING. I'M VOTING FOR YOU, FOR MY CHILDREN, AND FOR MY CHILDREN'S CHILDREN.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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