Here in America's great Northwest there is a wonderful spirit — an optimism and a glowing faith in the future of our country. It is a tremendously stimulating experience every time I come out here to enjoy your whole-hearted hospitality. The inspiring outlook of the people of the Northwest is contagious. Your faith, your confidence in our future — it is in the spirit of these qualities that your next — your Republican Administration will unite America.

Throughout American history, whenever our people have thought of their future they have thought of the West. It is still true today. When we think of new lands, new natural resources and new opportunity, we think of the West. The gloomy prophets of despotism who are going around our country preaching fear and divisiveness ought to come and spend a little time in the Northwest. If they did, they would realize that America is still the land of opportunity — that it is still growing — that its future is limitless. Without being partisan about this subject it does give me great satisfaction and it is a matter of deep pride, that from its very beginning the Republican Party has pioneered in the pioneering of the West.

The Homestead Act of 1862, the establishment of Towsitke Park which marked the beginning of our National Park System, the purchase of Alaska, the establishment and protection of our National Forests, the Reclamation Act itself — all of these are milestones in American progress, and every one of them is the achievement of a Republican Administration. The Republican Party has always believed in the West, because the Republican Party has always believed in a united, growing America. I pledge to you that your next Administration will continue our progress in that great tradition.

We are one people. We are all dependent upon one another. Those who regard the development of the West only as a sectional matter are overlooking a wrong. Those who would split our country and make regional appeals to divide the East against the West, the North against the South for political profit or any other purposes are doing an injustice and an injury to our country. On the broad foundation of National policies designed to strengthen and unite all our people, we can and we must ever
widens the basis of regional growth, local initiative and personal opportunity and security.

Your next Administration will provide that foundation. Then as we go forward
to build and strengthen a greater West, all our people will know that we are building
a stronger and better America.

Here and now of our people are discovering the future that lies here in the
West. In this decade, the population of the Pacific Coast States alone has increased
by more than 40 percent.

Here in Seattle you know what that increase has meant. Your Metropolitan area
has grown by more than 150,000 people in the last 8 years. The new population of
the West is just one of the reasons why its development is so important.

There are other compelling reasons. Our national population is increasing at
the rate of more than a million a year. There will soon be 160 million Americans.
A growing America needs more food from more and more productive soil; it needs
more timber for more homes; it needs more power from our streams and rivers. A growing
America needs more of every good thing that is making here for better living for
all our people.

We know too that our country must be strong and powerful in a nervous world.
Since the end of the war we have not found peace, but only a troubled and mounting
tension.

The Berlin situation has now been formally presented to the Security Council of
the United Nations. And in the hearts of peace-loving people everywhere tonight,
there is a fervent prayer that calmness and wisdom and the firm hand of justice may
resolve this newest crisis.

To nations over again one hope to profit from aggression. Whatever some leaders
do, I am convinced that the peoples of all nations desire peace. My most
dedicated purpose is to spread this conviction among Governments through the influence
and example of our own unity and desire for peace.

Meanwhile, it is imperative that we in America remain strong and grow stronger.
The West has much of the resources we need for a stronger, better America. Be-
cause we are determined to be strong enough to live in peace, it is essential that
the development of the West must go forward with all possible speed.

We are a growing Nation in a hungry world and we will need more food. We need
every acre of usable land. Here in the West are millions of acres that need only
the magic touch of water. With it they will produce a rich bounty of good foods, of
fruits and vegetables that make the variety and nutrition of the American diet the
best in the world. We need more of the miracles that are performed when water is
brought to land that is dead without it.

In 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt signed the Reclamation act. That was the
beginning. Soon after that, the Ohio Valley Project here in Washington was begun. There was little there before, but by 1944, there were 100,000 people living on those lands and they produced crops with a value of $75 million dollars. Four decades ago, a Republican Congress authorized the beginning of this project, and the present Republican Congress authorized the Kennebec Division which looks toward its completion. It was begun under Republicans and it will be completed under Republicans.

As a Republican, I am proud of the fact my Party has played in the development of the resources of our country. And in all fairness, both Parties have made great contributions, and this subject of the future of our country is above all partisanship. It is above partisanship for another reason: Most of this development was made not by the Government, but by the people themselves.

Of the 22 million Western acres which have already been reclaimed, only five million are involved in Federal projects. This means that almost 60 per cent of this wonderful work has been done by the people themselves or through their local governments. Four out of every five acres have been reclaimed by individual or local effort. That is an amazing achievement which is too little known in the Nation and for which our country should be deeply grateful.

We still have a big job ahead of us and in this I want you to know that your next National Administration will have a warm and urgent interest in an active and constructive part.

With 22 million acres already reclaimed, there are at least 22 million more acres which are just waiting the life-giving touch of water. We have at least as much to do in the years ahead as we have already done. In this task, it is my firm purpose to make the Department of the Interior and specifically its Bureau of Reclamation, a more effective and cooperative servant of the people.

Last year Congress became alarmed about this Bureau, that a Republican Congress passed the bill introduced by a Democrat member fixing the qualifications of the head of the Bureau of Reclamation by law.

Of one thing I am assured, it will not be necessary for the Congress to force your next National Administration to appoint able and qualified men to the Bureau of Reclamation or to any other responsible post, and I may add that I am looking forward with great pleasure to appointing a Secretary of the Interior from the West who knows its problems and who has the interest and the future of the West in his mind and his heart.

I am looking forward with great pleasure to cooperating with a Republican Congress in this immensely important labor. The present 60th Congress appropriated $300 million dollars for the Bureau of Reclamation. In view of all the charges and counter-charges on this subject, it is good to remember one other and final fact: That $300 million dollars appropriated by the present Republican Congress was
$6.9 Billion, or 50 percent greater than any other Congress ever appropriated for Reclamation in our history.

With such a dramatic demonstration of good will, I am deeply convinced that with better teamwork between the Executive and the Congress, and better planning in the Bureau, we can get vastly more for our dollar than ever before, and make the kind of progress you and I believe in for America.

The reclamation of arid lands is just one vital aspect in the development of our great river systems. Our country's largest reserve of hydro-electric power is in the mighty Columbia River Basin.

Second only to a river in Africa, the Columbia River, according to the Army Engineers, has the greatest power potential in the entire world. America needs that power and I propose that we get it.

It has been thrilling to visit over the years the great projects at Bonneville and Grand Coulee, and to watch them from their very beginnings to the towering stature they have reached today. They are a symbol of the might of America. They are also a symbol of our future and we must go firmly and steadily forward in the development of more and more power.

If our Nation is to have new factories and the electricity we need to lighten the burden of work in our homes and in our farms, it is estimated that we shall need to spend our power producing capacity by almost 20 per cent during the next five years alone.

To meet these needs, existing power facilities should be expanded wherever possible, and new projects should be developed rapidly. Large scale multiple purpose projects, such as those for the Columbia, the Willamette, and the Missouri, should be completed at the earliest possible date. We need to realize our full power potential and power should be sold at the very lowest possible self-liquidating rate. With hydro-electricity we can expand rural electrification, lessen the pressure on our limited oil reserves, and speed the development of critical light metals which are so necessary for our Nation's security. Just as we needed vast amounts of hydro-electric power to develop the atomic bomb, we now need more power to wage the peace.

The very nature of these river developments makes them public works that must be pressed with vigor in the interest of the whole Nation.

In developing our rivers we must also aggressively maintain and perfect the use of fish ladders, halt the pollution of our streams, increase and improve our fisheries. We can develop adequate power while preserving the natural river conditions which are so essential if we are to protect and increase our supply of fish. We must also start new fish runs in streams unaffected by power developments and follow other sound conservation practices including a broad application of what we
have learned about spanning techniques.

In the development of the Columbia River and the Missouri Valley, I deeply believe that the people of the area should have a strong voice in the planning and the operation of the projects. The Federal Government contributes heavily to the developments, and it must be represented in their Administration. But it would be dangerous to the freedom of our people to entrust their total control to any three men appointed from Washington. This is a major issue of our time and I want to make it very clear where I stand.

I believe in home rule and in the initiative, the referendum, the spirit of the state, the state, the spirit of the people which are annihilated by home rule. In all these great regional developments, authority and control should be fully shared with the people whose lives, whose farms, whose future are largely dependent upon them.

As we go forward in these developments we also need to give our wild life fuller opportunity to maintain itself in abundance. Hunting and fishing are recreational activities that are as American as Thanksgiving Day. Here too, the Federal Government can and will cooperate to the full in State and regional plans to increase our supplies of fish and game.

An integral part of this program is the better use of our forests which, in addition to serving as the home of much of our wildlife, preserve and store precious usable water and serve to protect the land from erosion and floods. We are losing far too much of our timber to insects and tree diseases. The use of our saw timber is still far out of balance with our supply - we are cutting three trees for every two that we are growing.

I propose that our efforts to achieve a sustainable yield of timber be coupled with a broad attack on all our forest problems. Great progress is being made toward this goal through selective cutting practices and tree farms. Even greater progress lies ahead through sound taxing and licensing policies designed to encourage good forest practices. Our Government will be on guard against the dangers of monopoly and be alert to the dangers of creating "ghost towns."

In research in the control of forest diseases, in fuller and more effective use of the timber to be cut, and by steadily improved protection against fire loss, Government can and must make advances for the protection of our wonderful timber reserves.

In keeping with the pioneering tradition of the Republican Party, I pledge to you a new adventure in pioneering in the conservation and development of the resources of our country in the interest of all the people of America. Specifically:

1. We shall press forward in all the services as vital as an expanded, more secure agriculture, including reclamation, drainage, soil conservation and flood control,
We shall encourage the expansion of existing power facilities and move steadily forward in the development of projects for new power to be sold at the lowest self-liquidating rate.

2. To serve agriculture and industry, and in the interests of national security, we shall progressively open up our rivers to ever wider use for navigation.

3. In the management and development of our water resources, we shall be guided by the principles of selective cutting and sustained yield while broadly developing our techniques of protecting and preserving our forests.

4. The federal authorities will duly recognize the long-established principles of Western Water Law.

5. We shall develop our rivers on a regional basis with broad participation by the people of the area affected in the planning and operation of the projects.

6. In every step we take, we shall seek to protect and increase our abundance of fish and wildlife.

7. Your next administration will see to it that government responsibility is placed in charge of capable men and women who will act without bureaucratic red tape in the interest of the greatest good for the greatest number.

As this program moves steadily forward, we shall provide sound, long-range budgetary planning for resource development that will welcome and encourage the views of the people involved and their representatives in the Congress. In all that we do, we pledge to you an administration devoted to teamwork with the Congress and unity among all our people—an administration that will talk less and do more—an administration free to do the best that we know it's doing and do it well. As we go forward in the development of this magnificent Northwest country of ours, we shall reaffirm our faith in the glorious destiny of our free America. History has taught us much about civilizations which have ceased from the face of the earth because they abused the earth. They spent their brief moment of time in the life of mankind and then vanished for lack of vision and failure to care for the abundance that nature had given them.

We shall profit from these lessons of time. They will become an integral part of our broad outlook for tomorrow. With faith in each other and the guidance of divine Providence, we shall go on building on this continent a Nation of free men. We shall go forward with the determination to make the beautiful land that is ours more bountiful for those who are born to live in freedom in the days and years to come.

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