

Address of Senator Richard M. Nixon,  
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SENATOR NIXON: Thank you very much, Attorney-General Goldstein, for a very generous introduction to this fine meeting on Sunday afternoon in New York City. I want you to know that it is a very heart-warming thing to find a gathering of citizens together at this time to give me an opportunity to get acquainted with you and to discuss one of the basic issues of this campaign.

Let me say that as we enter the final weeks of the campaign, we usually find that the issues become somewhat crystallized. I think that in American political campaigns we all have come to expect that they will be tough, that they will be hard hitting, that we will have the candidates on both sides expressing their views more and more vigorously, shall we say, as the campaign goes along. And this one has been no exception, let me say.

But I also feel that in American political campaigns we recognize that there are some matters which are issues which should be discussed honestly and directly so that the American people can make the intelligent choice that must be made for the good of the country, and other issues which are above partisan politics, on which all Americans, Democrats and Republicans, should have no disagreement whatever. And the one that I want to discuss today is one of those issues.

In other words, I say that where we are confronted with a problem which goes right to the root of America's greatness, then it is essential that Democrats and Republicans alike not make a political football out of that problem. And I think that as we consider the problem

