

President says:

Nebraska—'best Nixon state in America'

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Omaha — President Richard Nixon, making a campaign whistle stop for Republican candidates in Nebraska Thursday, called the Cornhusker state "the best Nixon state in America." And the partisan, flag-waving, hand-clapping crowd at Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum, eager to show that the President's statement was true, gave him repeated standing ovations.

Besides praising the top Nebraska Republican candidates, Nixon told the crowd of 10,000 that America's youth "have been getting a bad rap."

He said television reports give the impression that radicals who resort to violence are a majority of American youth.

"The radicals are not a majority and they will not be the future leaders of our country," continued the President. "Let's keep our faith in young Americans. And you young Americans, don't lose your faith in America."

It was speculated that one of the main reasons for Nixon's stop in Omaha was to help the campaign of First Congressional District candidate Charles Thone. However, Nixon only briefly mentioned Thone and instead singled out Sen.

Roman Hruska and Gov. Norbert Tiemann for lavish praise.

"There has not been a man in the Senate more strong, more courageous, and more dependable than Roman Hruska," noted the President. "And with his colleague Carl Curtis they make a great team."

Nixon added, "If there is one man in the Senate or House who should be known as 'Mr. Law Enforcement', it is Roman Hruska."

Claiming that Tiemann has brought new ideas into state government, Nixon said other state governors consider Tiemann as one of the nation's best state chief executives.

Nixon, a noted football fan, also singled out Nebraska's Big Red. "I'm somewhat of a football nut," he said. "But I understand that I have a lot of company here."

Nixon admitted that while

he was in Texas recently he said Texas had the number one football team and during a visit to Ohio he said Ohio State was number one. "While I'm in Nebraska, Nebraska is number one," he said to the delight of the capacity Ak-Sar-Ben crowd.

The President never criticized the Democrats in Omaha Thursday as he has done during recent campaign stops. Instead he reminded the audience of his administration's record on crime, inflation, and the Vietnam War and told them he needs Nebraska Republicans to help his programs in Congress.

Nixon stressed his efforts toward disengaging America from Vietnam. "We're bringing the war to an end," remarked Nixon. "Our objective is to have a full generation of peace for Americans."

He pointed to increased troop withdrawals and lower war casualties as proof that his administration is achieving his goal of peace.

In a prepared statement the President continued his praise for Hruska and Tiemann.

"Senator Hruska has been a clear, courageous, creative voice in our attack against the crime and violence which is threatening our nation," said the President. "He has worked diligently to help stop inflation and the large government

spending that feeds it. And Senator Hruska is helping our nation move through a difficult transition from a wartime to a peacetime economy."

The President concluded by saying, "With men like Roman Hruska in the Senate, the voice of the people will continue to be heard and respected at the highest levels in Washington."

Nixon stated that the new federalism and his administration's emphasis on rural development will demand the highest kind of dedication and ability from the nation's governors. "As a proven leader in these fields, Governor Tiemann will be able to make these initiatives succeed, here in Nebraska and across the nation as well."

Nixon received no heckling Thursday from the crowd and there were only a few anti-Nixon placards in the Coliseum. "Nixon is spiffy" was one of the typical signs that greeted the President.

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