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"EAGLES" MEET IN NATION'S CAPITAL

Women Leaders Inspire And Inform

More than 300 "Eagles" from 35 states (including Alaska and Hawaii) gathered for luncheon on April 16 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C. at the invitation of Phyllis Schlafly. Titled "Party and Politics," the luncheon was a sellout and, regretfully, many without reservations were turned away.

The principal speaker was Congressman John Ashbrook, the well-known and articulate conservative leader and ranking Republican on the new House Internal Security Committee (formerly the House Committee on Un-American Activities). Congressman Ashbrook has always raised high the banner of conservatism, and his splendid speech thrilled his enthusiastic and admiring audience.

The second part of the program was devoted to the reports of the twelve Distinguished Guests who were listed on the original invitation: Bobbie Ames, Alabama National Committeewoman; Eleanor Ring, California National Committeewoman; Paula Hawkins, Florida National Committeewoman; Mary Ising, Wisconsin National Committeewoman; Ann Bowler, California Regional State Vice Chairman; Ruth Jackson, Hawaii Federation President; Hazel Watson, Illinois Federation President; Katharine Kennedy Brown, Ohio Federation President; Lorene Maddox, Oklahoma Federation President; Kate Hoffman, Illinois Federation Secretary; Alyse O'Neill, Chairman, Women's Action Council, Miami; Ruth Murray, Wisconsin Federation Past President.

The reports given by the Distinguished Guests showed a great variety of talent and interests. Katharine Kennedy Brown gave a report on the women appointees of the Nixon Administration, and then described some of the ingenious plans originated by Ohio clubs for keeping track of the voting records of elected officials. Alyse O'Neill described her very successful Republican Women's Action Council in Miami. Ann Bowler proposed that the Eagles set up a strategy committee to make decisions on future women's activities.

Phyllis Schlafly's speech concerned the role of women in politics and the urgent need to back President Nixon's proposal to build the anti-ballistic missile, which she called a decision of "crucial military and political importance."

The most inspirational part of this Eagle gathering was that it demonstrated the abundance of talented, capable, courageous,

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Cong. Ashbrook Says U. S. Is In Conservative Mood

The Honorable John Ashbrook, distinguished Ohio Congressman who keeps being reelected even though he has been redistricted three times, told the 300 guests at the Eagle luncheon in Washington on April 16 that "the American public is in a conservative mood." He cited as evidence the growing tax protests all over the country.

Calling attention to how "completely correct the American conservative movement has been over the years," he stated: "It is the liberals who have left us the legacy of debt, defeat, disorder, and dishonor—not the conservatives."

Here are additional excerpts from Congressman Ashbrook's speech, which was repeatedly interrupted by applause from his enthusiastic audience of women from 35 states:

The greatest mistake being made in the councils of the Republican Party at the present time is the idea that the Republican Party must accommodate itself to the militants, to the socialists, to the appeasers and the do-gooders. These groups are not in the mainstream of American thinking. The Republican Party has been conservative and should stay conservative.

But quite frankly, we are plagued with the same old liberal tactics. The conservatives provided the votes, and now the liberal minority wants to move in, make the policy decisions, and take over the Administration. We conservatives must keep our noses to the grindstones and make sure this does not happen. We must make sure that the Republican Party is true to its convictions and true to its conservative principles. We must cut down on unnecessary spending, redirect the foreign policy in such a way that we will no longer be a doormat throughout the world, and bring about the changes we have promised the voters.

If we do this, we can be the majority party. If we do not do this, we are not going to be the majority party. The Republican Party can only be the majority party as the conservative party in America. Our country already has a liberal, socialistic party. The American people are crying out for a real change. They are crying out for the type of policies which conservatives have been offering for years.

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Congressman John Ashbrook

I believe in working for my Party, but for Republicans to take the position that what was wrong under Johnson and Kennedy is all right now that Republicans are in office, is an absolute prescription for

defeat. The American people are intelligent enough and politically aware enough to hold Republicans accountable unless we make every possible effort to implement the program and philosophy we have urged for years, as well as the campaign promises we made last year. If a policy was wrong under the Johnson and Kennedy Administrations, it is wrong under the Nixon Administration. There are minuses in the new Administration such as some of the appointments, particularly in HEW, and some mistakes in the State Department.

Certainly one of the pluses we have had since the Nixon Administration took office is in the character of the President. I don't know anyone I run into anywhere in the country who does not feel that, as compared to President Johnson, we now have a much more dedicated, a much higher character, a much more morally-inclined man in the White House than we did before. This is good. In any comparison of Johnson the man, against Nixon the man, I think the American people have benefited and the Republican Party has benefited.

The last time I spoke with President Nixon, he asked me how things are going, and I replied, "I'll tell you when you clean out the State Department." We should remind the Administration and our Party officials that one of the basic promises made to the American people was a wholesale cleaning of the State

Department, and we must insist that we get it.

Another one of the pluses of the Nixon Administration is the change that has taken place in the Justice Department. Under previous Administrations, specific orders came down from the Justice Department to U.S. marshals confronted with student disorders in California and elsewhere that said: Even if you see a felony committed in your presence, make no arrests. This is the type of attitude which we are now removing from Washington. We are going to use the laws to punish people who are lawbreakers. We have a new atmosphere of law and order.

The conservative mood of the public is auspicious for what conservatives are trying to do, and (turning to the chairman of the Eagle Luncheon, he added), Phyllis, I hope you will continue your good work.

Prayer For Eagles

May the everlasting truth penetrate each heart and mind—recognizing that the weapons of our warfare are mighty, through God, to the pulling down of strongholds and the thwarting of evil minds and plans to destroy our blessed country. We come to Thee to claim Your exceedingly great and precious promises that you will supply all grace to Thy children. We ask a special benediction upon President Nixon, his Cabinet and the Congress, that they—as well as each of us—will seek Thy wisdom and guidance. We cry unto Thee, as the patriots of old cried unto You, to cause us to become once again a God-fearing nation for the sake and glory of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

This Benediction was given at the Eagle Luncheon in Washington by Maxine Charlton of Ohio.

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reliable, attractive women from all parts of America who are accepting the responsibilities of leadership in politics. Often it seems that women are expected merely to sit and listen to hours of canned speeches, and then plod along doing the drudgery of politics. The Eagle Luncheon demonstrated that Republican women are a great source of ideas, ingenuity, and leadership. The Republican Party will be the loser if it does not make use of these talents before they are diverted into other worthwhile causes.

Planned as a "participating political luncheon" to involve every one who attended, the Distinguished Guests and other designated women leaders served as Hostesses for individual tables, conducting political discussions during lunch.

Among the other dignitaries present at the luncheon were General Bonner Fellers, Chairman of the Citizens Foreign Aid Committee, Mrs. James Reed of Missouri (whose late husband was one of the most courageous of all U. S. Senators), and Barbara Wells, National Director of the Teen Age Republicans (the TARs).

The luncheon was also memorable for its beauty. Staged in the gold State Room of the Mayflower, the tables were all in blue and featured dolls handmade by Kate Hoffman. Ruth Jackson brought a baby orchid from Hawaii as a favor for every guest, plus fresh leis for the VIPs.

Phyllis Schlafly expresses her grateful thanks to all those who contributed to the success of this meeting.

Communist Press Leads Opposition To ABM

Seldom have the Communists concentrated on a single issue as strongly as they have done for the past two months against President Nixon's proposed anti-ballistic missile system (the ABM). The Communist newspaper, the *Daily World*—which instructs Party agents where to direct their activities—has been filled with articles designed to organize mass opposition to the mere thought of the U.S. deploying a defensive system to protect America against a Russian or Chinese nuclear attack.

The Communist press reveals that the number-one Red objective today is the defeat of all anti-missile proposals, including President Nixon's limited ABM called the Safeguard. The *Daily World* editorial of March 18 gives this directive to all Party members: "It is urgent that every union and other people's organization renew its demands on Congress and the White House" that the ABM "be abandoned."

Even the Vietnam War has taken second place on the Communist propaganda priority list in order to make room for such three-inch-high *Daily World* anti-ABM headlines as these: "CITIES MENACED BY MISSILE SITES" (Feb. 6), "CONGRESS DUCKING MISSILE PROTESTS" (Feb. 7), "SCIENTISTS ENTER FIGHT ON MISSILES" (Feb. 8), "ARMY PRODS LABOR TO BACK MISSILES" (Feb. 12), "EUROPE OPPOSES U.S. SENTINEL" (Feb. 15), "DIXIECRATS STALL MISSILE HEARINGS" (Feb. 18), "STOP-MISSILE LOBBY RALLIES AT CAPITOL" (Feb. 28).

In the last three weeks of March, the front page of ten out of fifteen issues of the *Daily World* was splashed with screaming anti-ABM headlines. Here are a few examples:

"STOP THE PENTAGON'S MISSILE STEAMROLLER!" (Mar. 8), "MISSILE PROTEST AT WHITE HOUSE" (Mar. 11), "PRESIDENT WARNED: ABM PERILS PEACE" (Mar. 14), "NIXON OKAYS ABM, STEPS UP COLD WAR" (Mar. 15), "PEACE GROUPS ACT TO DEFEAT ABM" (Mar. 18), "ABM MENACES ALL—THE REAL TRUTH" (Mar. 19), "ABM WILL SET OFF US-USSR ARMS RACE" (Mar. 21), "SENATE DOVES RAP ABM RED SCARE" (Mar. 22), and "LABOR, SENATORS URGE FIGHT ON ABM" (Mar. 26).

During February and March, the

Daily World attacked the ABM in 61 significant articles, twelve editorials, and two clever cartoons.

Here is a summary of the principal arguments used in these Communist articles in the *Daily World*:

1. "The ABM will escalate the arms race." (See especially the Communist editorials of Mar. 14 and 25 and news article of Mar. 8.) Other Communist publications have also displayed their keen interest in persuading the United States to reject the ABM. *Pravda*, the Kremlin's most authoritative daily, charged that President Nixon's ABM proposal "is a desire to deliberately mislead American society, to once more fan up an arms-race psychosis." *Sovetskaya Rossiya* complained that the Nixon Administration "is continuing the old policy of the arms race."

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"HERE'S OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE WAR ON POVERTY!"



The fact is that it is ridiculous to say that the U. S. will "escalate" the arms race by building an ABM system—when for the past three years the Soviets have been deploying their own ABM system! Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird testified that the Soviets are presently spending \$3.70 on defensive nuclear weapons for every \$1 the U.S. is spending; and that, since the gross national product of the Soviet Union is only half that of the U.S., the Soviets are thus devoting seven times more of their national product to defensive nuclear weapons than the U.S.

2. "The ABM is a danger to the people living in the area." (See especially the Communist editorials of Feb. 6 and Feb. 15 and news articles of Feb. 6 and Mar. 19.)

The fact is that the danger from accidental explosion of the anti-missile is practically non-existent. Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird pointed out on Feb. 13 that, in handling about 15,000 nuclear weapons all over the world, the United States has never experienced an accident which resulted in a nuclear explosion. In mid-February, the Pentagon also disclosed that it had atomic warheads on Nike-Hercules anti-aircraft missiles stationed around 85 metropolitan areas from 1958 to 1968—and there was never a single accident or near-accident.

3. "The high cost of the ABM will divert money from poverty programs and other social needs." (See especially the Mar. 21 Communist cartoon reprinted on this page and news articles of Mar. 18 and 25.)

The fact is that the ABM system proposed by President Nixon will cost only \$5 per person per year. Isn't your life worth \$5? If we fail to repel or deter a nuclear attack, most Americans won't be alive to enjoy any money spent on other projects. Our most urgent social objective must be to enable America to survive as a nation. The ABM could be the cheapest life and property insurance we ever bought.

4. "All scientists oppose the ABM." (See especially the Communist editorials of Feb. 15 and 28 and news article of Feb. 8.)

The fact is that the most-esteemed scientist in the country today, Dr. Edward Teller, said on Apr. 1: "It is absolutely necessary that we deploy the ABM system that President Nixon has proposed." Nearly all the scientists who have worked on the ABM support its deployment. It is only those who are not skilled in the ABM who oppose it.

Even if the majority of scientists say the ABM will not work, this does not prove they are correct. The majority of scientists falsely believed that the H-bomb would not work. Columnist Joseph Alsop pointed out that, in the debate in the late-1940s about the development of the H-bomb, "the prime arguments against the H-bomb that were used by Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer were precisely the arguments now being used by the ABM's scientist-opponents. Oppenheimer said: a) that the H-bomb would not work; b) that it would be inordinately expensive to develop; c) that development would only increase the instability of the world balance of power. . . . As anyone can now see, he was nonetheless dead wrong on all

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three points. Later, he admitted as much." Also later asked Oppenheimer why he had been so wrong in saying that the H-bomb would not work, and Oppenheimer replied: "I guess I concluded it wouldn't work because I wanted it so much not to work."

5. "The ABM is wanted only by what President Eisenhower called the 'military-industrial complex.'" (See especially the Communist news article of Feb. 15 and the cartoon of Mar. 26.)

The fact is that the American military-industrial complex produced nearly all the weapons that freed Europe and Asia from Nazi and Japanese domination. Since World War II, it has provided the free world with an umbrella of protection against Communist aggression. It is essential to our freedom.

Furthermore, it is a gross libel on President Eisenhower to imply that he opposed a strong national defense or would have opposed the ABM. Every nuclear weapon which protects our country today was built or ordered under the Eisenhower Administration, including the Minuteman missiles, the Titan II missiles, the Polaris submarine-launched missiles, and the B-52 strategic bombers.

The power of Communist propaganda lies in the number and influence of non-Communists who can be persuaded to parrot the Red line, either knowingly or unknowingly. When you hear these same arguments from the mouths of prominent Americans, or on the pages of your daily newspapers, or from the screens of your television, remember that the number-one current objective of the Communist apparatus is the defeat of the anti-missile system. Why? So America will be a 'sitting duck' for Soviet nuclear blackmail or attack from the more than 200 Soviet SS-9 missiles--weapons whose destructive power is 25 times that of 95 percent of U.S. missiles.

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Club Resolution On ABM

Whereas, on April 18, 1969 President Richard Nixon said: "I'm going to fight as hard as I can for the anti-ballistic missile system because I believe it is absolutely necessary to the security of the country," and

Whereas, Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird provided ample evidence for this decision, in his testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee in March 1969, to wit:

- 1) the Soviets "are going for a first-strike capability";
- 2) the Soviets now have more than 200 "accurate" missiles of 20 to 25 megatons (which are 20 to 25 times the size of 95% of United States missiles);
- 3) the Soviets have caught up with and passed the United States in numbers of land-based nuclear missiles, and are continuing to deploy more at a rapid rate;
- 4) in slightly more than two years, the Soviet nuclear missile force has increased more than threefold, while the size of the United States nuclear missile force has been frozen;
- 5) the Soviets have "deployed" and "launched" orbital bombs (the FOBS), which could be equipped with nuclear warheads;
- 6) at the present time, the United States has no installed anti-missile defense, but the Soviets have been deploying their anti-missile system for the last three years, and are currently spending \$3.70 on defensive nuclear forces to every \$1.00 spent by the United States;
- 7) the Soviets are "going forward with the deployment" of Polaris-type nuclear submarines at the rate of seven per year and it is anticipated that they will be "comparable" to our Polaris fleet by 1971-74;
- 8) our Polaris-Poseidon submarines will be vulnerable to a Soviet attack in about three years because of Soviet weapons advances;

RESOLVED, that the Godfrey Women's Republican Club declare its full support of President Nixon's proposed Safeguard anti-ballistic missile system and urge the Congress and the Defense Department to proceed with the rapid deployment of ABM defenses to protect our nation from any Soviet or Red Chinese nuclear attack.

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