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SPEECH NOTES FOR THE PRIME MINISTER  
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FOR THE GOULBURN COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION  
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1. IT WAS A PLEASURE TO BE INVITED TO ADDRESS THIS STUDENT BODY AND SEE YOUR NEW COLLEGE. THE COLLEGE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1970 AS THE GOULBURN TEACHERS' COLLEGE. A MONTH AGO - ON 8 AUGUST - IT BECAME THE GOULBURN COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION. IT IS ALREADY PLAYING AN ACTIVE, LIVELY ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY. IT HAS ALREADY MADE ITS MARK AS A VIGOROUS AND EFFICIENT INSTITUTION.
  
2. NOTHING SO ENRICHES AND INVIGORATES THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL LIFE OF A CITY, A TOWN, OR A REGION AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TERTIARY EDUCATION FACILITIES. ONE OF THE STRONGEST FORCES FOR DECENTRALISATION, FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HAS BEEN THE SPREAD OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO REGIONAL CENTRES. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT WHEN YOU LIVE CLOSE TO A CITY AS LARGE AS CANBERRA. THIS COLLEGE REINFORCES THE DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER AND IDENTITY OF GOULBURN.
  
3. THE ARGUMENT IS OFTEN HEARD THAT AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FUNDING OF TERTIARY EDUCATION - OR OUR FUNDING OF ANYTHING, FOR THAT MATTER - MEANS SOME KIND OF CENTRALIST OR BUREAUCRATIC CONTROL. THERE COULD BE NO BETTER REPUTATION OF THIS THEORY THAN THE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF THIS COLLEGE.

I HAVE DRIVEN HERE THIS MORNING FROM CANBERRA IN LESS THAN AN HOUR. WE ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY CLOSE, BUT NO ONE SERIOUSLY BELIEVES THAT YOUR PROXIMITY TO CANBERRA, OR YOUR RELIANCE ON AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FUNDS, LIMITS YOUR AUTONOMY OR YOUR POWER TO MAKE LOCAL DECISIONS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. YET THE IDEA PERSISTS THAT BECAUSE THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS AND ASSERTS A PROPER RESPONSIBILITY IN SUCH FIELDS AS EDUCATION, IT IS IMPOSING SOME CENTRALIST, BUREAUCRATIC CONTROL.

4. LET ME DEVELOP THIS POINT FOR A MOMENT. THE BEST RESPONSE TO THIS TALK ABOUT THE PERNICIOUS INFLUENCE OF THE CANBERRA CENTRALISTS IS TO LOOK AT THE MAP OF NEW SOUTH WALES. WE FIND THAT MOST OF THE IMPORTANT RURAL POPULATION CENTRES, THE BIG COUNTRY TOWNS, ARE CLOSER TO CANBERRA THAN THEY ARE TO SYDNEY. FOR THE PEOPLE HERE IN GOULBURN, CANBERRA IS PROBABLY A MORE NATURAL 'CAPITAL', A CLOSER AND MORE ACCESSIBLE URBAN AND ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, THAN SYDNEY. APART FROM WOLLONGONG AND THE NORTHERN CITIES THIS IS TRUE FOR MOST OF THE POPULATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES. WITHIN 150 MILES OF CANBERRA WE FIND DOZENS OF CITIES AND TOWNS, LIKE GOULBURN, CLOSER TO CANBERRA THAN THEY ARE TO SYDNEY. I LIST THE PRINCIPAL ONES: COWRA, PARKES, FORBES, WEST WYALONG, CROOKWELL, YOUNG, GRENFELL, TEMORA, NARRANDERA, JUNEE, WAGGA, GUNDAGAI, ALBURY, COOMA, QUEANBEYAN, TUMUT, MORUYA, BEGA. IT IS DIFFICULT TO ARGUE THAT GOULBURN, OR ANY OTHER PROVINCIAL CENTRE, SHOULD FEEL A CLOSER KINSHIP TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT THAN IT DOES TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

5. WHAT WE ARE SEEKING - IN CITIES AND TOWNS LIKE YOURS - IS NOT STATE CENTRALISM OR CANBERRA CENTRALISM BUT TRUE REGIONALISM. THE PROGRAM UNDERTAKEN BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS MEANT A GREATER DEGREE OF INVOLVEMENT BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN MATTERS LIKE SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, WELFARE AND CITIES THAN HAD HITHERTO BEEN ACCEPTED IN AUSTRALIA. THE UNDERLYING PHILOSOPHY IS THIS: IN MODERN COMMUNITIES, EVEN THE WEALTHIEST FAMILY CANNOT PROVIDE ITS MEMBERS WITH THE BEST EDUCATION, WITH THE BEST MEDICAL TREATMENT, THE BEST ENVIRONMENT, UNAIDED BY THE COMMUNITY. INCREASINGLY, THE BASIC SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES WHICH DETERMINE THE REAL STANDARD OF LIFE OF A FAMILY OR AN INDIVIDUAL CAN ONLY BE PROVIDED BY THE COMMUNITY AND ONLY TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE COMMUNITY IS WILLING TO PROVIDE THEM. EITHER THE COMMUNITY PROVIDES THEM OR THEY WILL NOT BE PROVIDED AT ALL. IN THE AUSTRALIAN CONTEXT, THIS MEANS THAT THE COMMUNITY, THROUGH THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, MUST FINANCE THEM OR THEY WILL NOT BE FINANCED AT ALL. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED THAT THESE SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE PROVIDED AND THAT THEY WILL BE FINANCED.

6. OUR NATIONAL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ARE INTENDED TO REPLACE THE EXISTING STATE CENTRALISM WITH GENUINE REGIONAL INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION. THE PROGRAMS PROVIDE FOR, OR RATHER, POSITIVELY REQUIRE A LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT AND INITIATIVE BY GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE SEEKING THIS PARTICIPATION PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF SOCIAL WELFARE, CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE CITIES AND TOWNS IN WHICH WE LIVE.

7. LET ME ILLUSTRATE SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO GOULBURN. THE AUSTRALIAN ASSISTANCE PLAN IS A PIONEERING EXPERIMENT IN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE IS TO SEEK OUT AND MEET AREAS OF SOCIAL NEED HITHERTO EITHER IGNORED OR UNIDENTIFIED BY THE EXISTING WELFARE AGENCIES - NATIONAL, STATE, LOCAL OR VOLUNTARY. ITS ESSENTIAL CHARACTERISTIC IS THAT ITS WORK IS BASED ON REGIONS, ON REGIONAL COMMUNITIES AND THAT ITS WORK AND PLANNING IS TO BE DONE BY GENUINELY INDEPENDENT, GENUINELY COMMUNITY BASED GROUPS OF CONCERNED CITIZENS WHO KNOW THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY OF WHICH THEY ARE A PART. REGIONAL COUNCILS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SET UP IN THIRTY-SIX REGIONS THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA, INCLUDING THE SOUTH EAST REGION OF NEW SOUTH WALES. THE COUNCILS ACT AS A COMMUNITY FORUM FOR DISCUSSION AND A COMMUNITY INSTRUMENT FOR ACTION IN IMPROVING EXISTING WELFARE SERVICES AND PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT IN THE LONG RUN, EXPERIMENTING IN NEW FORMS OF WELFARE.

8. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A CHILDREN'S COMMISSION. AGAIN, WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF INVOLVING THE COMMUNITY IN THE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE COMMISSION. THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION WILL PROVIDE HELP FOR A WIDE RANGE OF IMAGINATIVE AND FLEXIBLE PROGRAMS DEVOTED TO LOOKING AFTER CHILDREN BEFORE THEY REACH SCHOOL AND CARING FOR OLDER CHILDREN OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS. A NUMBER OF PILOT PROGRAMS ARE ALREADY BEING SET UP AND WILL BE FUNDED BY THE COMMISSION. AMONG THEM IS A COMMUNITY CARE PROJECT SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES IN GOULBURN.

THE IDEA IS TO MAINTAIN FAMILY GROUPS IN THEIR OWN HOMES WITH DAY CARE, CRISIS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES. THE PROGRAM WILL COST AN ESTIMATED \$60,000 A YEAR AND WILL COMMENCE NEXT FEBRUARY WITH A THREE-YEAR FUNDING PROGRAM. THROUGH THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT IS PROVIDING RECURRENT ASSISTANCE TO THE LADY MCKELL CHILD CARE CENTRE AT GOULBURN. THE CENTRE HAS RECEIVED OVER \$27,000 TO DATE.

9. THE AREA IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IS INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN NOMINATED REGIONS THROUGH PROJECTS DETERMINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE REGION. A FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPT IS THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN MAKING DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEIR REGION AND THEIR WAY OF LIFE.

THE AIP HAS BEEN OR EXERCISE IN CO-OPERATIVE FEDERALISM WITH STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BEING INVOLVED CLOSELY IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT IS PROVIDING \$14.1 MILLION IN 1974-75 FOR AREA IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS. THE SOUTH EAST REGIONAL OF NEW SOUTH WALES RECEIVED GRANTS TOTALLING \$750,000 IN 1974-75 AND WILL RECEIVE A SIMILAR AMOUNT IN 1975-76. THE GOULBURN CITY COUNCIL RECEIVED \$88,000 IN 1974-75.

10. THROUGH THE GRANTS COMMISSION, THE GOULBURN CITY COUNCIL RECEIVED \$150,000 LAST FINANCIAL YEAR AND WILL RECEIVE \$200,000 THIS FINANCIAL YEAR - AN INCREASE OF 33 PER CENT. THESE GRANTS COME WITHOUT STRINGS. THE COUNCIL IS FREE TO SPEND THEM AS IT WISHES. THEY DO NOT REDUCE ANY NORMAL INCOME THE COUNCIL MAY RECEIVE FROM TRADITIONAL SOURCES.

11. THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM PROVIDES HEALTH SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE LIVE OR WORK AS DISTINCT FROM THOSE AVAILABLE IN HOSPITALS AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS. COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES HELP PEOPLE MEET THEIR HEALTH AND WELFARE NEEDS AT CONVENIENT LOCATIONS AND TO RETURN HOME AFTER ATTENDENCES. THIS LESSENS DEPENDENCE ON INSTITUTIONS AND FREQUENTLY PRESENTS AN ALTERNATIVE TO GOING TO HOSPITAL.

THE GOULBURN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE IN MONTAGUE STREET WAS OPENED IN APRIL LAST YEAR. IT IS READY TO HELP EVERYONE WITHOUT RESTRICTION OR COST. IT COOPERATES WITH, BUT DOESN'T DUPLICATE, OTHER HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCIES. IT SEEKS TO INVOLVE THE PEOPLE IN MAINTAINING GOOD HEALTH AND HYGIENE. THE CENTRE COST \$57,000 LAST YEAR. WE HAVE \$65 MILLION IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET FOR OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS.

12. THERE ARE OTHER PROGRAMS HELPING GOULBURN AND THIS DISTRICT. UNDER THE NATIONAL SEWERAGE PROGRAM WE PROVIDED \$100,000 LAST FINANCIAL YEAR FOR THE GOULBURN TREATMENT WORKS. THE RED SCHEME, WHICH WE ARE NOW SCALING DOWN, HAS HELPED 16 LOCAL PROJECTS. WE HOPE TO EXTEND THE AUSTRALIAN LEGAL AID OFFICE TO GOULBURN BY USING THE SERVICES OF A LAWYER FROM CANBERRA.

13. I PASS NOW TO SOME COMMENTS ON EDUCATION BECAUSE IT IS YOUR CHIEF CONCERN AS STUDENTS AND IN MANY WAYS IT HAS BEEN OUR CHIEF CONCERN AS A GOVERNMENT. SINCE MAY 1973 WE HAVE HAD FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FUNDING OF ALL COLLEGES OF ADVANCED EDUCATION AND TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS. MANY PEOPLE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S REFORMS IN EDUCATION HAVE BEEN CONFINED TO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ALONE. THAT IS NOT SO. IT IS TRUE THAT OUR FIRST PRIORITY WAS IN THESE AREAS BECAUSE THESE WERE THE AREAS OF GREATEST NEED. OUR PLANS, HOWEVER, ARE DIRECTED ACROSS THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF EDUCATION. WE REGARD ALL LEVELS AND SEGMENTS OF EDUCATION AS PARTS OF A CONTINUING AND ALL-EMBRACING PROCESS. MOREOVER, THERE HAS BEEN NO SLACKENING IN OUR EFFORTS. WE HAVE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. OUR BUDGET IS REDUCING THE GROWTH OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE. BUT OUR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION IS UNIMPAIRED AND UNDIMINISHED. WE ARE KEEPING FAITH WITH THE TEACHERS, THE STUDENTS, THE CHILDREN, THE EDUCATORS WHO LOOKED TO THIS GOVERNMENT FOR GREAT AND PERMANENT REFORMS IN AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION. OUR TOTAL OUTLAYS FOR EDUCATION IN THIS BUDGET ARE \$1908 MILLION - AN INCREASE OF \$237 MILLION OVER LAST YEAR.

14. I QUOTE FROM THE TREASURER'S BUDGET SPEECH:  
 "IN THE FIRST FULL YEAR OF OFFICE OF THIS GOVERNMENT,  
 AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION ALMOST  
 DOUBLED. LAST YEAR, IT ALMOST DOUBLED AGAIN.

WE HAVE THEREFORE ALMOST QUADRUPLED EXPENDITURE  
 ON EDUCATION IN THESE TWO YEARS, AND WE ARE MAINTAINING  
 IN 1975-76 THE HIGH LEVEL OF EXPENDITURE NOW REACHED.  
 THIS ADVANCE SINCE 1972-73 REFLECTS OUR DETERMINATION  
 TO MAKE GOOD THE RELATIVE NEGLECT OF EARLIER YEARS.

OUR INITIATIVES INCLUDE PRONOUNCED INCREASES  
 IN EXPENDITURE ON SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS COLLEGES;  
 EXPANSION OF TECHNICAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION; ACCEPTANCE  
 OF FULL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION  
 THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA; ABOLITION OF FEES FOR TERTIARY  
 AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW  
 STUDENT ASSISTANCE MEASURES; AND INCREASED ACADEMIC SALARIES  
 ADOPTED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ACADEMIC SALARIES  
 TRIBUNAL, WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1974."

15. IN OUR APPROACH TO EDUCATION WE ARE TREATING  
 COLLEGES OF ADVANCED EDUCATION AND INSTITUTES OF  
 TECHNOLOGY IN A MORE ENLIGHTENED WAY - RECOGNISING THEIR  
 UNIQUE AND INDISPENSABLE PLACE IN THE EDUCATIONAL  
 CONTINUUM AND DISPELLING FOREVER THE IGNORANT IMPRESSION  
 THAT THEY WERE POOR RELATIONS OF UNIVERSITIES.



16. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ESSENTIAL QUALITY OF A DYNAMIC AND DEMOCRATIC EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IS DIVERSITY - BUT A DIVERSITY OF EQUAL AND RELATED PARTS. EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE TO THE FULL IN THE TYPE OF EDUCATION THAT SUITS HIM BEST. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN EDUCATION DOES NOT MEAN THAT EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME EDUCATION OR THAT EVERYONE SHOULD WANT THE SAME EDUCATION. ONE OF OUR MISTAKES IN THE PAST WAS TO PLACE TOO HIGH A SOCIAL PREMIUM ON CERTAIN KINDS OF EDUCATION AT THE EXPENSE OF THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MEANS THAT THE SAME STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE, OF PROFESSIONAL DEDICATION, OF MATERIAL ENDOWMENT, OF TEACHING SKILLS SHOULD APPLY IN WHATEVER INSTITUTION AN INDIVIDUAL CHOOSES. OF COURSE PEOPLE SHOULD BE FREE TO CHOOSE THE KIND OF EDUCATION THEY WANT, BUT THIS CHOICE MUST BE ONE BETWEEN SYSTEMS AND COURSES; BUT BETWEEN STANDARDS, NOT BETWEEN A GOOD EDUCATION AND A BAD ONE, AN EXPENSIVE EDUCATION OR A POOR ONE, A SOCIALLY ESTEEMED EDUCATION OR ONE THAT IS SOCIALLY DOWNGRADED. THE PURPOSE OF MY GOVERNMENT'S REFORMS HAS BEEN TO ENTRENCH THIS GENUINE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, NOT IN A NARROW FINANCIAL SENSE, BUT AS A BROAD PHILOSOPHICAL PRINCIPLE BINDING ON US AND ON ALL FUTURE GOVERNMENTS.

17. OUR OPPONENTS GIVE A SPECIAL, NARROW DEFINITION TO "EQUAL OPPORTUNITY". EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN EDUCATION FOR THEM MEANS THAT EVERYONE HAS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS OR UNIVERSITIES IF THEY CAN AFFORD IT. OUR OPPONENTS HAVE SAID THAT THE BUDGET PENALISES THOSE WHO WANT TO PROVIDE A DIFFERENT KIND OF EDUCATION FOR THEIR CHILDREN. WHAT IN FACT THE BUDGET DOES IS REMOVE A TOTALLY UNJUSTIFIED SUBSIDY FROM THE WHOLE COMMUNITY FOR A MINORITY WHO ARE WEALTHY ENOUGH TO ATTRACT THE SUBSIDY. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR US MEANS JUST THAT: EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT TO THE BEST SECONDARY EDUCATION AND THE BEST TERTIARY EDUCATION, WHATEVER HIS FINANCIAL MEANS. MY GOVERNMENT HAS ABOLISHED FEES FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION OF ALL KINDS AND HAS PROVIDED MUCH MORE GENEROUS STUDENT ALLOWANCES. UNDER A LABOR GOVERNMENT THERE WILL NEVER BE ANY RESTRICTION ON ANYONE SEEKING TERTIARY EDUCATION WHOSE ABILITIES EQUIP HIM FOR SUCH A COURSE.

18. IT IS NOT ONLY IN EDUCATION THAT THE WHOLE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY - THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE BEHIND ALL MY GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMS - IS UNDER THREAT. MEDIBANK IS THREATENED. A FAIR AND EQUITABLE TAX SYSTEM GIVING REBATES OF EQUAL VALUE TO EVERY TAXPAYER, IS THREATENED. THE COMMUNITY AID PROGRAMS I HAVE ALREADY DESCRIBED TO YOU ARE THREATENED. THE AUSTRALIAN LEGAL AID OFFICE IS THREATENED. MANY OF OUR PROGRAMS FOR SPECIAL REGIONAL ASSISTANCE - FOR GRANTS TO SPORT, RECREATION, THE ENVIRONMENT, THE NATIONAL ESTATE, FOR CHILD CARE, FOR A HOST OF PROJECTS ARE UNDER CHALLENGE IN THE COURTS BY THE ANTI-LABOR STATES.

THE STATES CHALLENGED THE REDS SCHEME IN THE COURTS. WE HAD THE FARCIAL SITUATION THE OTHER DAY OF PREMIERS COMPLAINING AT THE SCALING DOWN OF THE REDS PROGRAM WHICH THEY THEMSELVES HAVE SOUGHT TO DEMOLISH BY A COURT CHALLENGE. THEY WANT US TO CONTINUE A SCHEME WHICH THEY HAVE TRIED TO DESTROY.

19. As a GOVERNMENT WE OWE A DEBT TO THE STUDENTS OF THIS COUNTRY. STUDENTS AND THE LABOR PARTY HAVE LONG BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS. IT WAS STUDENT CONCERN, STUDENT ACTIVISM, STUDENT PROTEST, THAT HELPED DRAMATISE MANY GREAT POLITICAL ISSUES AND BRING THEM TO PUBLIC ATTENTION. MY GOVERNMENT'S VICTORIES IN 1972 AND 1974 WERE DUE IN LARGE PART TO THE SUPPORT OF STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE. WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SUPPORT. NO GOVERNMENT HAS DONE MORE FOR THE YOUTH OF THIS COUNTRY - IN GIVING THE VOTE TO 18-YEAR-OLDS, IN ABOLISHING CONSCRIPTION, IN SUPPORTING THE ARTS, IN REMOVING ALL FEES FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION, IN UPGRADING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES OF EVERY KIND. THESE WERE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF A VIGOROUS GOVERNMENT, A GOVERNMENT OF ACTION AND IDEALISM. WE NEED THE SAME VIGOUR AND IDEALISM AMONG STUDENTS OF TODAY. THE GREAT ISSUES OF CONSCIENCE ARE BY NO MEANS ALL BEHIND US. ONE VERY GREAT ISSUE REMAINS: IT IS NOTHING LESS THAT THE SURVIVAL OF OUR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, THE THREAT TO THESE INSTITUTIONS FROM CONSTANT ATTACKS ON CONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICE AND DEMOCRATIC CONVENTIONS. THE CONSCIENCE OF AN ALERT STUDENT COMMUNITY MUST ~~REVOLT AT~~ **REJECT** THESE THREATS TO DEMOCRACY.

I HOPE STUDENTS EVERYWHERE WILL REMEMBER THEIR GREAT  
TRADITIONS OF DISSENT AND JOIN US IN RESISTING THREATS  
TO DEMOCRACY FROM WHATEVER SOURCE, IN WHATEVER GUISE,  
THEY MIGHT COME.

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