

00:00 – Nixon: You say you're the juvenile league?

[Undecipherable crosstalk]

Nixon: Now I recall, didn't I recall you in a famous picture, aren't you a captain or something at one point?

Lloyd Nolan: Oh yes, back to the high seas there, [crosstalk],

Nixon: Wasn't that a great performance? Of course, there's some people here old enough to remember that!

[Laughter and crosstalk]

00:30 – Nolan: Caroline Waters of 631 West Acacia, "After years of Vice President, do you feel that the Alger Hiss case was one of your most difficult periods of your political career?"

Nixon: Yes it was. The Alger Hiss case involved my taking on first the communist conspiracy. That however was not the major problem.

01:00 – The trouble was that I couldn't get cooperation from my own government in doing so. The Justice Department, Mr. Truman, the President of the United States, others in the Congress opposed that investigation, not because they were communists but because they just couldn't believe that Alger Hiss, who was with President Roosevelt at Yalta, who was one of the architects of the United Nations, that he could have been

01:30 – a communist espionage agent. And so, it was a very lonely battle. I was a relatively young man at the time, thirty-four, and consequently had a lot of steam and saw it through. But I would say looking back on all the things that I went through in public life, my brush with communists in South America which almost resulted in death, my meeting with Khrushchev, my travels around the world, that the Hiss case

02:00 – was perhaps the greatest challenge of all because it is difficult enough in fighting the battle with the communists when you've got your own people on your side. But when they are throwing roadblocks in your way for the wrong reasons then it makes it terribly difficult. I must say that I, a lot of people have criticized me for following through on that case and I've been paying the price ever since. The communists have been smearing me, the fellow travelers have been doing it and they're doing it

02:30 – in this campaign. The People's Daily World hardly goes by without some reference to my alleged malfeasances in office and in private life but I can say that I'm glad I fought that battle and I am going to continue to fight it as long as I am in public life or private life because it's the great battle of our time.

Nolan: From Barbara Sanks, a hundred and fix—a hundred and one hundred thirty-six Soledad, Salinas, “What is

03:00 – Nixon going to do about the high taxes?”

Nixon: My answer is that Brown isn’t going to do anything except increase spending, which uh, as John Busterud pointed out, our candidate for state treasurer, about an hour ago, in his opinion will lead to higher taxes. My view is that taxes in California today are the highest in the nation. That’s one of the reasons that business is not coming into this state in sufficient quantity to reduce unemployment.

03:30 – That’s one of the reasons why we have to reduce expenditures in government so that we can hold the line on taxes and then reduce taxes. We’ve got to make California competitive with the rest of the nation, not only so that we can reduce the burden on the individual taxpayer, that is vitally important, but so we can have jobs, enough jobs for our expanding population. And when people who are trying to invest in a new business now look at California and New York, for example, they find that our

04:00 – per capita tax rate is \$144, New York’s is \$129. And when they’re figuring those prices out, the tendency is to go to New York rather than California. And the proof of it, last year, three times as many businesses, new businesses, set up plants in New York as they did in California. We’ve got to stop this trend. So I’m gonna do something about taxes for those reasons.

Nolan: Mrs. John Batish, 627

04:30 – Orchard, eh, Orchard, Watsonville: “Does the book ‘Masters of Deceit’ by Edgar Hoover scare you?”

Nixon: Well the book “Masters of Deceit” doesn’t scare me, I would say that I would urge everybody to read it if he hasn’t, it is a very, very fine treatment of Mr. uh, by Mr. Hoover of the communist conspiracy, and it is one certainly that should be required reading for anybody who wants to become an expert in this field. The reason that is doesn’t scare me

05:00 – is this: the only thing that should frighten us about communism is failing to recognize the danger, failing to know its tactics, and failing therefore to be able to deal with it. America is immensely stronger than the Soviet Union, freedom is a much stronger concept than communism. Our ideals are right, we’re on the right side. But many times in the course of history superior ideas have gone down before

05:30 – inferior ones because of a lack of determination and a drive and of knowledge about the threat that was presented. And today that is one of the reasons why I am supporting a program at both the adult and the student level, of more knowledge about our enemies in the world, so that America will do what is necessary, effectively, at home and abroad, to meet that threat. “Masters of Deceit” is required reading. Don’t be frightened when you read it, just learn

06:00 – what the danger is and once you have a knowledge you will do what is necessary to deal with it.

Nolan: This question is from Mrs. Christine Oliver, 1428 Nichols Avenue, Salinas: “As governor what could be done in the event of a reoccurrence of riots such as the one in San Francisco when the house committee met there?”

Nixon: Well, as governor of this state, it would be known throughout this nation and known in California

06:30 – that I back the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House and the committee at the state level investigating communist activities, and that I would use all of the influence of my office in cooperation with the local law enforcement officials to see that such disgraceful situations do not occur. And second, a second thing I would say: after such riots did occur I would do what Governor Brown did not, under no circumstances would I allow

07:00 – one of the men who instigated the riots, Mr. Frank Wilkinson, then go over and appear on the University of California campus after he had also refused to answer questions on the grounds of self-incrimination. I don’t believe in taking a man who defies the law of the land, who refuses to cooperate with the government agency that is attempting to expose and uncover a conspiracy against this country, and then take him over to one of our tax-supported institutions and give him the respectability

07:30 – of a forum. Governor Brown says that he thought that he was right in letting him speak. When I’m governor, we aren’t going to give that kind of comfort to that kind of attitude.

[Applause]

Rex May: Lloyd, if you wouldn’t mind giving up your chair for our next guest?

Nolan: I’d be most happy to.

May: Thank you very much. Pat, welcome back. Here she is, Dick.

[Applause]

08:00 – Nixon: Well it’s, obviously, those of you who have just tuned in may not recall but Pat was on very early in the show and she’s been visiting some of the homes in which there’ve been listening parties for this program, so uh, could you give us a quick report, you see they couldn’t all be in those homes, how many places did you get to, two or three or?

Pat Nixon: We went to three places and we met a lot of folks who are listening, they were all enjoying the program, and I had some surprises along the way,

08:30 – I met some of the young people who had their sleepers on, and one little boy crawled up in my lap and watched the television with me, so it was lots of fun to visit the homes here in Salinas, and I certainly do appreciate all the people who invited me and I hope I get to come back very soon and visit the others that I could not visit tonight.

Nixon: Well you see what a trooper Pat is now, she's, and incidentally y'know the story about the little boy and the sleepers is, reminds me of

09:00 – some of our own campaign experiences in that respect, I recall for example over in Susanville earlier in the campaign, we were visiting there and after I had my meeting I went over to a supermarket to shake a few hands and one boy, I guess he was about ten or eleven years of age, was watching the proceedings from a distance, he didn't apparently recognize me,

09:30 – most people do, but he didn't in this instance, and he walked up afterwards and he asked me some questions, and he looked up a minute and said "Are you the president?" He thought he'd seen me someplace I guess, I said no, Mr. Kennedy's the president, and he paused a minute and says "Are you the vice president?" I said no, I said Mr. Johnson's the vice president. Well by this time I was feeling a little bit let down, and his next question reassured me because he said, "Are you the governor?"

10:00 – He didn't know Brown either!

[Laughter and Applause]

Nixon: Well that, after tonight I want to say that the people in this audience, in Salinas and Monterey and San Luis Obispo and Santa Cruz and all of the places represented, they're gonna know both Dick Nixon and they're gonna know of my Pat, that's for sure.

[Applause]

May: Would you both just stay here for a moment? I'd like to bring back once again,

10:30 – go ahead Pat, your wonderful helpers for the evening aside from this main helper whom you have all the time, Connie Moore.

Connie Moore: Thank you, Rex.

Pat Nixon: Thank you so much, Connie, I've watched you on television—

[Applause and crosstalk]

May: Mr. Lloyd Nolan.

[Applause]

Nolan: Dick, I think you are,

11:00 – you were so energetic and to the point tonight you tired out that Democratic fly.

[Laughter]

May: And Mr. John Payne

[Applause and crosstalk]

May: Now Pat and Dick, if you would like to sit down, if you care to answer any more questions go right ahead and do so. Our time that we had allotted is at that point if you just want to say goodnight—

Nixon: —how much time do we have left?

11:30 – May: About four minutes time.

Nixon: Well I'll take a couple of questions here. "What chance does a young man to enter politics if he has to have some group such as labor or business back him and then has to abide with their wishes in many ways?" Well the answer is this: If the cost of running for office is losing your ability to call the issues as you see them then don't run. It is very easy and sometimes very tempting to

12:00 – run for public office, to accept support from some group that says, "look, we'll support you if you do what we say." I have never done that in my political life and sometimes I have not had support that I otherwise would have. But I can assure everyone in this audience, all the young people listening that you sleep much better at night when you have made decisions, whether in voting on bills or making speeches or anything that site or any such thing of that sort which would...which were your own and in which

12:30 – you were not a rubber stamp or any pressure group, whether it's in business or labor or any other type at all. I think this is vitally important, particularly for whoever leads a state like California, that we have a governor who can say when he is elected that he was elected by all the people, that he therefore will represent all the people and that he will never consider that he has to be one-hundred percent or any one pressure

13:00 – group. The people, above all, are those he was sent to represent. I guess this is all that we can have at the present time and since we have a moment left I think both Pat and I would like to use this moment to thank all of you who have been here, and I particularly want to express my appreciation to those on the telephones over there, they've begun to calm down some, and to our audience out here in

13:30 – the studio, the seats have remained filled all night long, we know that those aren't the softest seats in the world so that means that you must be really gluttons for punishment. But your enthusiasm and also all of your assistance has been deeply appreciated. If I could just conclude

this broadcast with, perhaps, it seems to me the most important issue of all, when we consider for example the things we've been talking

14:00 – about tonight as you will note, we've had questions ranging from what happened in Cuba clear down to questions about who's going to win, the Dodgers or the Giants? I've tried to answer them all as honestly and as objectively as possible. I want to say however that the great question before the people of California is this: forget for the moment whether you're a Democrat or Republican. Think only of the fact that you're a Californian,

14:30 – and then ask yourself this question: are you satisfied with the leadership this state has been getting? Are you satisfied that the governor of this state is giving the kind of leadership that makes California's government the best state government in America? If you're not satisfied, then I offer you a program that will move this state forward. It is not a program of big promises that I won't be able to keep. But it is one that is

15:00 – going to be full of performance. It is one in which I took tell you very frankly that I'm not going to spend one cent of your money in Sacramento that I think you can better spend at home. It is one in which I'm going to provide the leadership which will mean the best schools, the best jobs, the best highways of any state in the union. The best welfare program, but in which not one cent is wasted for chiselers or inefficient

15:30 – help if that possibly can be avoided. And it is leadership above all which has faith in the American system, and by the American system I mean dedication to progress not through bigger and bigger government but progress through more and more opportunity for a hundred and eighty million free Americans. It's this that I have stood for from the time I entered public life and it's this that I am fighting for in this campaign. And I ask you tonight

16:00 – if you've waited this long, be you a Democrat or Republican—join me in this fight. It is not just my fight, it is not just my party's fight, but this is a fight for a greater California. And as California is great, so America will also be much greater. Thank you very much.

[Applause]

16:47-16:57 – [Silence]