Seth Sukapia 03/10/16 Dr. Kassem 2nd hour

RE-Eisenhower's Farewell Address

Text

"I wish the new President, and all who will labor with him, Godspeed. I pray that the coming years will be blessed with peace and prosperity for all." Commentary

To the eye untrained in politics, one would not know the significance to a statement of this sort. For someone who fervently studies politics such as myself, I realize how uncommon it is for someone to wish their rival or successor goodwill. It seems nowadays, politicians take position to do their work, promote their ideals, help themselves, and leave office with less a care in the whole world. Nowadays it would seem odd, backwards almost, that a politician would care for the people after their term. I feel ashamed of myself that I would be surprised that a leader of our country would care for and be concerned about the people of his own country.

Text

"Our people expect their President and the Congress to find essential agreement on questions of great moment, the wise resolution of which will better shape the future of the nation."

Commentary

It seems like ages ago when people would expect anything to get done between the President and Congress. I would give anything to take back the time when people did not care about what party you were in, or what mistakes you have made in the past, but cared only about your interest for helping the people of your own country, and the common belief in prosperity for all, not only for yourself. It seems that in today's vocabulary, there exists no such word as Compromise. People want things to work for themselves primarily, without a care for the people and ideas they swore to uphold.

Text

"Throughout America's adventure in free government, such basic purposes have been to keep the peace; to foster progress in human achievement, and to enhance liberty, dignity and integrity among peoples and among nations."

Commentary

I do not lie when I say that I have never heard a more beautiful description of the ideals and purpose of government. What is government other than a means to peace and prosperity for its people?

And to not ?