



At Ottumwa, Iowa, where he was stationed during World War II, President Nixon gestures as he talks

with a group of women who turned out to meet him. Airport here was a naval air station during the war.

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# Nixon Plugs Aid to Farms

CENTERVILLE (Iowa) — (AP — President Nixon came to the cornbelt yesterday to plug for farm prosperity, dedicate a dam and describe the chances for a peaceful generation as the best since World War II.

Nixon tied it all together in a speech on a sun-drenched knoll beside the two-mile-long, \$26.5 million Rathbun Dam that backs up the biggest manmade lake in Iowa.

As he has many times since he announced his coming visit to Peking, Nixon said it will be a journey of peace.

### Journey For Peace

"The purpose of that journey," he told an applauding audience of thousands from southern Iowa and northern Missouri, "involves not just peace for my generation, but even more, it affects peace for generations to come, because looking far to the future, we cannot have a peaceful world if 800 million of the most creative, able people in the world, one-fourth of all the people in the world, are isolated from the rest of the world."

Nixon said achieving and keeping peace is not easy, but "We are dedicated to that proposition."

The President also said that at home the people on farms and small communities have not been getting their share of progress and prosperity and the better things of life.

### Lauds Heartland

"I can tell you today," he said, "we in Washington are determined to help you change it . . . the way to build a better country is to discover again the grace and beauty of this heartland of America so that people, instead of moving out, will move back here and develop it again."

The President spoke of \$1 billion that has been budgeted for a special revenue-sharing program for rural community development, a 24 percent increase over past levels.

Nixon flew to Iowa after speaking at an annual banquet of the Professional Football Hall of Fame and spending the night at Canton, Ohio.

It was homecoming of a sort when Nixon landed at the Ottumwa, Iowa, airport — which used to be the U.S. Naval Air Station where he got in seven months of duty during World War II.