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Woodward speaks in Fargo

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FARGO — Watergate happened almost 40 years ago, but the indignation is fresh as Bob Woodward's voice when he talks about the American president he helped bring down. "It's appalling what went on in the Nixon White House," Woodward said Thursday, speaking before a crowd of more than 700 people at an event hosted by the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber.

Woodward, an author and Washington Post reporter whose stories about the Watergate scandal were instrumental in Richard Nixon's 1974 resignation, said to this day he will sometimes listen to taped recordings of Nixon in meetings with underlings. "And Woodward's impression of the 37th president is the same every time."

"It's the smallness of Nixon," he said. "No one (in the recordings) ever asked, 'What would be good for the country?'"

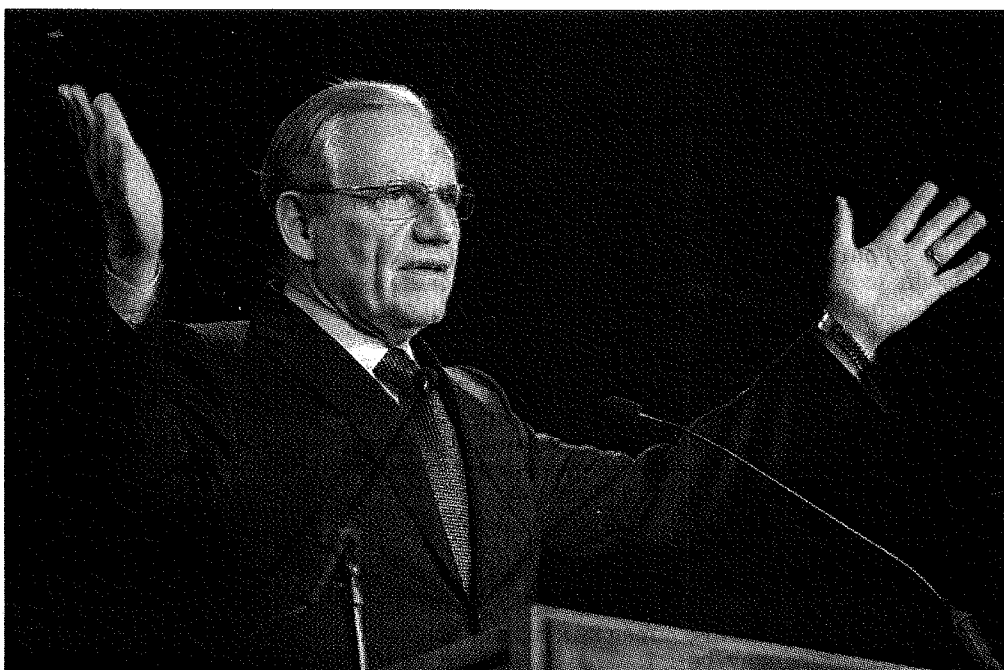
Woodward, who has written books about Nixon and presidents since, is often asked what he sees to be the biggest danger facing the country.

"My answer to that question is simple," he said.

"The answer is secret government. That's what will do us in," Woodward said in a talk that was sprinkled with some of the biggest names in politics over the last four decades.

While his measure of Nixon remains disdainful, his view of President Gerald Ford and Ford's pardon of Nixon has changed.

Initially suspicious there was something dirty about Ford's motives, Woodward saw it differently after Ford agreed to sit down and talk with him 25 years after the



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Washington Post associate editor Bob Woodward speaks Thursday, during the second annual Voices of Vision luncheon in Fargo hosted by the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber. Woodward is best known for his coverage of the Watergate scandal and has written numerous books since then.

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Watergate scandal.

Ford told him: "I didn't pardon Nixon for me, or for Nixon. I pardoned Nixon for the country," Woodward recalled, adding he now considers it a gutsy move that likely cost Ford the 1976 presidential election.

On the subject of what makes a good leader, Woodward told the story of how his publisher at the Washington Post, Katharine Graham, steered the paper during the Watergate years. He said early on few people believed what the Post was printing, and the paper took a large financial risk by pursuing the story.

"This is what leadership is really about," Woodward said. "You have to take risks. That doesn't mean you take wild gambles," he added. "You have a view of what you do — what is in your being — and you commit everything to do that job."

Woodward occasionally drew laughs with his stories, including one about a dinner where he was seated next to former Vice President Al Gore.

"Al Gore," Woodward said, pausing for effect, "is taxing. What you need to know about Gore, if you don't know it, before he went into

politics he practiced journalism," Woodward said.

"It turns out he thinks he invented that also," Woodward added, a veiled reference to Gore's reputation for taking credit for the Internet.

But like his writing, much of Woodward's talk was about serious matters, including the present state of journalism.

Describing today's media as "depleted," Woodward said he worries daily that not enough is known about what is going on in government.

And that is dangerous, Woodward said, adding:

"Whoever said it, got it right: 'Democracies die in darkness.'"

Dave Olson is a reporter at The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead, which is owned by Forum Communications Co.

Public Notice

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF STUTSMAN SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF BELINA RICE
Case No. 47-2011-PR-92
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for the appointment of a guardian for the above named proposed ward has been filed in the District Court of Stutsman County, North Dakota.

YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petition will be heard in the District Courtrooms in the Stutsman County Courthouse in the City of Jamestown, North Dakota, on the **15th day of December, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.** of that day or at such subsequent time or other place to which said hearing may be adjourned or transferred, at which time and place you may be heard if you wish.

Any interested parties have a right to file a response to the Petition and may also want to contact an attorney to inter-vene if they object to the Petition. The petitioner and any interested parties intervening have a right to present evidence and to call or cross-examine witnesses.

DATED this 8th day of November, 2011.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Offer Tail Power Company / North Central Electric
Bottineau Area
Service Area Agreement

Case No. PU-11-659
Offer Tail Power Company
Bottineau Area - Bottineau County
Public Convenience & Necessity
Case No. PU-11-660

NOTICE OF FILING, NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
November 10, 2011

On October 13, 2011, North Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Offer Tail Power Company filed a joint application for approval of a Service Area Agreement to establish service areas and designate service locations to be served by North Central and Offer Tail within and around the City of Bottineau, North Dakota. Applicants further request Offer Tail be issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to extend service to locations within the Offer Tail service area set forth in the agreement.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are whether the Service Area Agreement complies with section 49-03-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, and whether the approval of the Service Area Agreement and resulting certificate issuance are compatible with the public interest. Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by December 16, 2011. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

An informal hearing of this matter is scheduled to begin on December 7, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. CST in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th floor of the State Capitol. At the informal hearing, the Commission will discuss this matter with the parties and interested members of the public.

For more information, contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify the Commission. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Kevin Cramer, Commissioner Tony Clark, Chairman Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner November 18, 2011

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