

RADIO TAPE FOR BROADCAST ON NORWEGIAN CONSTITUTION DAY

~~Ladies and gentlemen. . .~~

~~This is Senator Hubert Humphrey speaking to you from my office on Capitol Hill in Washington.~~

I am delighted to have this opportunity ~~to have this opportunity~~ to address Norwegians and all those of Norwegian descent at this time of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Norwegian "Constitution Day".

The Norwegian Constitution of May 17, 1814 is one of the great documents of human freedom ^{and democracy} in all the world. Adopted only a few years after our own U.S. Constitution, it draws from the same well of fundamental truth, that just power derives from the consent of the governed. Our two nations, the United States and Norway, have been linked continuously by the same ^{democratic ideals and} insight and the same aspirations. The people of both nations have been adequate to the trust of self-government. ^{The democratic way has proved itself in every stress of war and peace.}

Europe was reactionary in 1814. Norway had suffered much in the after-

math of the Napoleonic wars. The Norwegian Constitution of 1814 was a bold document to insert into these times. Yet as ~~the~~^{an} ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~author~~ Norwegian author has commented, the Constitution of Norway is a "stable, solid, and true enough document to last for an infinite future, and ~~yet~~^{also} is flexible enough to provide room for the political and spiritual struggles of a vigorous people."

In these days of totalitarianism, when large parts of the world are in turmoil, and when struggling nations are tempted to find a shortcut to power by deferring freedom ^{and democracy} for the people, Constitution Day in Norway has a meaning far beyond ^{Norway} that country. It is a memorial and remembrance to the rest of the world that there is no ~~shortcut to~~ substitute for liberty. No one can have ^{liberty} ~~it~~ who does not trust it. The Founding Fathers of Norway wrought well. Their inspiration is one of the greatest assets of the Free World, and one of the ^{most secure} ~~securest~~ hopes for a peaceful one.

(Med de hjerteligste onsker for Norges Grundlovsdag, for frihet og Norges fremtid)

Med de y-er-tel-ig-sta eensker for Ner-ges Grund-loves-dag, for free-het ogg Ner-ges frem-teed.

Thank you.

(Quotation means: With kindest wishes for Norwegian Constitution Day, for freedom and Norway's future.)



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