

REMARKS FOR NORWEGIAN EMBASSY DINNER

September 28, 1965

It is always a particular pleasure for me to visit with my friends from Norway. All Americans feel a close kinship with Norway, but I think that Mid-westerners, especially, have a warm spot in their hearts for Norway and for Norwegian-Americans. And of course, as you may know, the Vice President has family ties in Norway. My Mother was born near Kristiansand and emigrated in 1896.

Crown Prince Harald embodies the close relations between Norway and America. He lived in our country during the war years and even attended school not far from us here in Washington. He has been a welcome visitor to our shores on a number

of occasions since then -- to the regret of his sailing competitors -- but to the great pleasure of the rest of us. ~~_____~~ But speaking of sailing, I thought it would interest ~~_____~~ the Crown Prince to know that my own grandfather -- my Mother's father -- was also a sailor: he was a Norwegian sea captain, and he came to this country in the hope of operating a barge line on the Missouri River in South Dakota, only to find that the Missouri was afflicted with sand bars, making navigation at that time impossible. Crown Prince Harald has demonstrated to everyone's satisfaction, I think, that our waters are, now, extremely navigable.

I am happy to note that during his visit the Crown Prince will receive an honorary citizenship of Chicago and will receive an honorary doctorate from

*Crown Prince Harald - Five years in War years
Your Highness*
Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. *United us on special occasions
Dorset, yachtsman -*

I would like to take this occasion to welcome our other Norwegian visitors --

Governor Brofoss, Secretary General Brinch, and Captain Ørner.

Chicago

TOAST:

Your Highness, Ambassador Engen, Ambassador Tibbetts, Gentlemen:

It gives me great pleasure to ask you all to join in a toast:

To His Majesty, King Olav of Norway -- may his great country continue
to flourish.



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