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SVENSKARNAS DAG CELEBRATION

✓ Mayor Raftalen

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✓ Mayor Byrne

JUNE 26, 1966

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This is a day of celebration.

① Consul-General

There is something in the alchemy of blood and spirit that has always bound America and Sweden together.

Maybe it began when the design of the log cabin was brought from Sweden to give American pioneers a home.

Maybe it began when John Morton, of Swedish blood, signed the Declaration of Independence.

↳ Maybe it began when John Hanson of Maryland, of Swedish descent, became the first President of the United States under the Articles of Confederation.

↳ When the United States signed her first treaty of peace and friendship with a foreign country, she signed it with Sweden. That was in 1783, but our ties are no less close now.

↳ Sweden has given much to America, but her most treasured gift has been the gift of her sons and daughters.

↳ Today, in Minnesota, there live no less than 156,788 persons of Swedish birth or of the first generation. (At least, that was the figure up to the time I got on the plane to come here).

In the United States, Swedish born and their children total over one million.

↳ This is the priceless gift of Sweden to America.

In Sweden today, every other person has one or more relatives living in America.

↳ This is not just a statistic. It is part of America's proudest heritage.

↳ America should know the names of Swedish-Americans who have made -- and are making -- our country great:

↳ John Ericsson, who designed the "Monitor," and helped save the Union.

↳ Elmer Engstrom, President of RCA.

↳ Howard Hanson, director of the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, whose music carries some of the spirit of our first northern pioneers.

↳ Dr. William Keen, the father of American surgery.

↳ Dr. Anton Carlson, renowned expert on nutrition.

↳ Philip G. Johnson, former head of Boeing Aircraft.

↳ Carl Sandburg, poet and spiritual pioneer, who wrote American verse to capture an American sound, but with the memory of the Swedish accents of his boyhood still in his ears.

↳ Carl D. Anderson, Glenn T. Seaborg -- scholars, nuclear physicists, Nobel Prize winners.

↳ Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman.

↳ Chief Justice Earl Warren.

— Youngdahl

*Fuller
Rescher
Ben
O'Connor*

↳ And with them, there have been the unsung heroes, the men and women from Sweden who helped settle the West, build our cities, and cultivate a land equal in area to their own northern homeland.

↳ The hardiness and diligence we know so well is still possessed by those who lead Sweden today. I am thinking of my good friend, Tage Erlander, and Mrs. Erlander.

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As Prime Minister of Sweden for the past twenty years, Tage Erlander has led his country through one of the world's most difficult periods. Yet with his skill, he has enabled Sweden to continue to enjoy the blessings of peace, prosperity, and social welfare which are the goal of all civilized societies.

I am thinking of King Gustave VI Adolf.
At the age of eighty-four, he is still setting standards of excellence which the world looks upon with pride and admiration. He is monarch of one of the most advanced nations on our planet. He is a symbol of modern Sweden in the modern world -- a nation that itself symbolizes what a people can do if they really get down to it.

In his small land, with its proud people, everyone willing to work can get a job at a ~~reasonable~~ ^{good} wage. And if a citizen cannot work, he receives help from a society of compassion.

Sweden also recognizes the blessings of education. Education is not a question of money. Schooling is free, and that includes higher education. For it is recognized that the human resources of any nation are its most priceless resources, and a college education is free to all who may benefit from it.

Nor is the cost of illness a constant threat in Sweden, for a national health insurance plan protects everyone. It is recognized, with Swedish wisdom, that you can't have a society partly sick, partly uneducated and partly deprived -- and still make use of the creative energies of an entire people.

Sweden is today a nation without economic slumps, without unemployment, without serious strikes, and enjoying Europe's highest living standards.

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Business has been rising for the past 30 years.

Some 92 per cent of all manufacturing, 99 per cent of all wholesaling, 88 per cent of all retailing, 90 per cent of all mining and banking remain firmly in private hands.

Social welfare has not infringed upon the free enterprise system. Instead, cooperation between business, labor and government has made that system work.

Sweden is first in Europe in ownership of private goods.

Next to Switzerland, she enjoys the highest per-capita consumption of electricity in the world.

What is the reason for this success?

It is not just plain good luck.

As a Swedish spokesman said not long ago, "Primarily, our success is the result of two things -- common sense and realism on the part of labor leaders and government officials, and the enterprising spirit of the business community."

The lesson is clear. When the separate and convergent forces of a nation work together, everyone benefits.

↳ Many of you here today are of Swedish descent. You have a right to be proud.

But all of us here today are Americans, and for this we are also proud.

↳ For the pride and the miracle of our country is simply this: We have been able to take the individual contributions of everyone who has come here, and with them, create something new under the sun.

In our own way, in our much larger and more complex society, we are well on the way toward providing a better life for every American citizen.

↳ Sweden is a country of 7.6 million people. We are a nation of almost 200 million people. While our goals of prosperity, social justice, freedom and peace are the same, the magnitude of our job is staggering.

Defense
Sweden spends more than twice as much for public welfare as she does for defense. In our country, it is the other way around. And yet -- in 1965 alone -- our federal government spent over 28 billion dollars for the public welfare and, still, there is more to be done.

Jobs
Our population has expanded to such an extent that, in this decade, we will have to create 200,000 new jobs every month.

This means that every three years we will have to find employment for a number of people equal to the entire present population of Sweden. And we shall have to do this over three times every ten years.

yes, The size of the challenge is staggering. Yet, from what I know of the American people, I am convinced that ~~without~~ resolution -- and our resourcefulness ^{*we*} -- are equal to it.

Even today our prosperity is generally shared by workers and businessmen and farmers.

Gross farm income has increased over four billion dollars since 1961.

The average earnings of workers in our industry is over one hundred dollars a week.

Minimum wage coverage has been extended to another 3.6 million workers.

We have finally come to recognize -- formally and in the law -- the great national blessing of education, and the day is not far off when every American child, regardless of his ability to pay, will be able to enjoy a higher education if his mind hungers for it.

We have finally come to realize that the dignity of old age is incompatible with the despair of illness, and our new health insurance plan will make certain that -- in this land of plenty -- no older citizen need go without the medical care he requires.

— July 1 — Independence
Day from Senior
Citizens!

In civil rights and voting rights, our new legislation proclaims the day when every American citizen will not only find equal economic opportunity, but equal social opportunity as well.

↳ The effect of all our programs at home has been the achievement of freedom for the individual American such as he has never known before.

~~But even this is not yet enough.~~

~~For only when the body and the spirit are finally liberated
the mind
from suffering and oppression can/ be free to create.~~

↳ And the creative potential of this country can indeed help move the world from shadow into light.

~~For ~~and~~ make no mistake about it - our problem is not just here at home. The great working partnership between government, industry, labor, and our educational institutions cannot only be directed inward.~~

Just as we seek dignity and well-being for ourselves, we also wish the rest of the world to share in the same blessings.

↳ No man is an island. No nation is an island.

We cannot enjoy the bounty of our own country while two-thirds of mankind looks hungrily in through the window.

On this shrinking planet, prosperity in isolation can never be a realistic goal.

But to achieve our aims -- our hopes for the rest of mankind -- we must have peace. For peace is the only environment in which this -- and every other nation -- can come together in a true meeting of conscience and spirit.

↳ This was the environment to which a great and compassionate son of Sweden, Dag Hammarskjold, devoted and gave his life.

Peace - Food, Educ Aid
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↳ Dag Hammarskjöld knew that peace is more than a state of politics. It is a state of mind. It is, truly, an environment. It is the fresh air of nationhood. It is international health.

and, The hallmarks of peace are clear.

You can see them in a home, in a well-tended field, in a functioning community, in a nation that cares for its people, and in a world where nations view each other not as competitors, but as partners in the great adventure of mankind. ○

Surely the same God that taught men how to split the atom can teach men how to live together. —

This is the most important lesson we will have to learn in this and the coming generations. —

On Svenskarnas Dag, the lessons so many of your forefathers brought to us cannot be lost upon us.

This is a day of celebration.

Together, let us work so that one day this celebration
-- the celebration of prosperity, of social justice, of freedom
and peace -- may be universal.

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