

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
CEREMONY COMMEMORATING SESQUICENTENNIAL
OF NORWEGIAN EMIGRATION TO U.S.

STAVANGER, NORWAY

JULY 4, 1975

I am so happy, Your Majesty, to be back in your lovely Norway again. Of all the times I've been here, never have I experienced such beautiful weather. I believe, your Majesty, as the great sailor you are, you would call it simply FANTASTISK.

It's good to be back in this beautiful country to renew acquaintances with friends and relatives.

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to come and celebrate with you the 150th anniversary of the sailing of the first ship bringing Norwegian immigrants to America.

This initial group of 46 persons was the vanguard of what was to become a wave of Norwegian immigration to the United States. In fact, except for Ireland, Norway gave to America a larger portion of its population than any other nation.

Today nearly 3 million Norwegian-Americans live in the United States. They have brought to America their qualities of character: a pioneering spirit; courage and adventure; optimism and self-confidence; the tradition of hard work and self reliance. But above all, they have brought a passion for freedom--political, intellectual and religious.

I and the other members of our Congress have come here to honor the contributions which have been made by your country and her citizens to the history and the development of our own nation. And it is appropriate that we can do this as we celebrate American Independence Day, when we pay tribute to our own unique heritage of freedom and independence.

Next year we will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of freedom in America. It is a time to reflect on where we have been as a nation and to anticipate where we are going.

As we honor the traditions and customs which made America great, we can look with pride to the Scandinavian influence which helped shape our national character--especially in my own State of Minnesota and others in the great Midwest.

As the Norwegians arrived on American soil in the 19th century and moved westward, they put their stamp on every aspect of American life. Norwegian influence is found in the arts, in education, in music, in agriculture, science, business and politics.

These pioneers had no guarantees about life in the New Land. They set sail not with certainty but with hope; not with assurances but with challenge. They brought with them not gold and silver, but skill, perseverance, and confidence. And they were strengthened by a long tradition of respect for their fellow human beings.

They knew that men and women with common goals and aspirations can work together for the benefit of the community, and they used these qualities to tame and develop the great wide frontiers of America.

These early Norwegian pioneers believed in self government and helped to strengthen, by their sense of political and social responsibility, the young and expanding democracy of America.

My mother was born at Tveit near Kristiansand. Her father and mother brought the family to America in the 1880's but their love for America never dimmed their affection for Norway.

I spent a lot of time with my grandfather Sannes when I was a boy. He spent his youth as a sailor. He sailed from Stavanger and Kristiansand. He had the sea in his blood, and he used to tell me wonderful stories about the Norwegians who sailed to far away lands. He taught me that nations are tied together not only by commerce and trade, but by their humanity.

My mother instilled in her children a feeling of worth, and she taught us that we had a responsibility to use our talents for the benefit of others and for our country.

We were taught that you have to do some planning if you want to have progress.

We were taught that life is to be enjoyed, not just endured, so we had great family outings.

I was brought up to believe that religion was more than a Sunday experience. Its true meaning was to be found in love, compassion and justice.

And I learned that politics--involvement in government--was to be a part of daily life, not merely an exercise to be pursued in your spare time. I was taught that if you want good government you have to work for it. These lessons from a Norwegian mother have given direction to my life.

My colleagues here are among the finest people in the United States government. They are of Norwegian descent. They were brought up in homes where these characteristics of pioneering and adventure; confidence and faith; freedom and responsibility were the standards to be observed.

All of us have dedicated our lives to trying to enhance the quality of life for our fellow Americans and for peoples all over the world. This has a great deal to do with our faith in the traditions which are so revered here in your own country. Yes, Norwegian traditions are indeed part of America.

But modern Norway has continued to give the entire world great contributions. It has given to the United Nations its firm support and one of its finest sons, Trygve Lie, the first Secretary General of the U.N.

It has championed the cause of peace in the tradition of the Nobel Peace Prize.

It has supported and sacrificed for peace in sending its sons to be a part of the U.N. Peace Keeping Force.

It has remained a loyal and steadfast ally to the United States and other free nations in the great North Atlantic Treaty Alliance.

Yes, peace with freedom is the dedication of the Norwegian people and their government. We thank you! We salute you!

And, with equal importance, Norway has set the standard for social justice in the care of its people. It banished poverty and illiteracy. It cares for its elderly, it offers opportunity for the young. It assures health care for all, and compassion for its unfortunate.

Yes, we see Norway as a living testimonial to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness--the American dream.

So let us rededicate ourselves to the cooperation and friendship between Norway and America which have marked our first 150 years of association. And let us vow today to continue to work together for peace and understanding throughout the world.

~~Your Majesty King Olav
Crown Prince Harold
Crown Princess Sonja
Prime Minister B.~~

~~President Hansen~~

~~Your Excellency Prime Minister Gulltorn Hansen
Ambassador Beyne~~

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~~Ambassador Sommerfelt~~

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JULY 4, 1975

(X)
Happy Birthday
to Her Royal
Highness,
Princess
Sonja

Your Majesty
Your Royal Highnesses

~~Mrs~~ Prime Minister Bratteli

~~Mrs~~ ~~Minister~~

Mayor Rattedal

~~All the~~ ~~Parties~~ ~~and~~ ~~Guests~~

Ladies & Gentlemen

REST-OR-RAM-SHAME
SHAME

We are

~~AM SO HAPPY, YOUR MAJESTY,~~ TO BE BACK IN YOUR LOVELY

NORWAY AGAIN. *OF ALL THE TIMES I'VE BEEN HERE, NEVER HAVE I*

EXPERIENCED SUCH BEAUTIFUL WEATHER -- I BELIEVE, YOUR

MAJESTY, AS THE GREAT SAILOR YOU ARE, YOU WOULD CALL IT

SIMPLY FANTASTISK.

Fantastisk

~~IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK IN THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY TO~~

~~RENEW ACQUAINTANCES WITH FRIENDS AND RELATIVES.~~

and we

We

DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR GRACIOUS INVITATION TO COME

AND CELEBRATE WITH YOU THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAILING

OF THE FIRST SHIP BRINGING NORWEGIAN IMMIGRANTS TO AMERICA.

Landing in N.Y. Oct 9, 1825

The Sloop REST-OR-RAHSHONE

~~RESTAURATION~~

*- The Norwegian
mayflower -*

*and greeted there by the Norwegian
immigrant leader and pioneer Clegg Person*

THIS ^{first} ~~INITIAL~~ GROUP ^{of 252 - and a baby born at sea} ~~OF 25 PERSONS~~ WAS THE VANGUARD OF

WHAT WAS TO BECOME A WAVE OF NORWEGIAN IMMIGRATION TO THE

UNITED STATES. L IN FACT, EXCEPT FOR IRELAND, NORWAY GAVE TO

AMERICA A LARGER PORTION OF ITS POPULATION THAN ANY OTHER

NATION.

L TODAY NEARLY 3 MILLION NORWEGIAN-AMERICANS LIVE IN THE

UNITED STATES. L THEY HAVE BROUGHT TO AMERICA THEIR QUALITIES

OF CHARACTER: A PIONEERING SPIRIT, COURAGE AND ADVENTURE;

OPTIMISM AND SELF-CONFIDENCE; THE TRADITION OF HARD WORK AND

SELF RELIANCE, BUT ABOVE ALL, THEY HAVE BROUGHT A PASSION

FOR FREEDOM -- POLITICAL, INTELLECTUAL AND RELIGIOUS.

I AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR CONGRESS HAVE COME HERE
TO HONOR THE ^{many} CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE BY YOUR
COUNTRY AND HER CITIZENS TO THE HISTORY AND THE DEVELOPMENT
OF OUR OWN NATION. AND IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT WE CAN DO THIS
AS WE CELEBRATE AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY, WHEN WE PAY
~~TRIBUTE TO OUR OWN UNIQUE HERITAGE OF FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE.~~

NEXT YEAR WE WILL CELEBRATE THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
BIRTH OF FREEDOM IN AMERICA, ^{and Independence} IT IS A TIME TO REFLECT ON WHERE
WE HAVE BEEN AS A NATION AND TO ANTICIPATE WHERE WE ARE GOING.

and,

AS WE HONOR THE TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS WHICH MADE

AMERICA GREAT, WE CAN LOOK WITH PRIDE TO THE SCANDINAVIAN

INFLUENCE WHICH HELPED SHAPE OUR NATIONAL CHARACTER --

ESPECIALLY IN MY OWN STATE OF MINNESOTA AND ~~OTHERS~~ IN THE

american
GREAT MIDWEST.

~~AS THE NORWEGIANS ARRIVED ON AMERICAN SOIL IN THE 19TH~~

~~CENTURY AND MOVED WESTWARD, THEY PUT THEIR STAMP ON EVERY~~

~~ASPECT OF AMERICAN LIFE.~~ NORWEGIAN INFLUENCE IS FOUND IN THE

ARTS, IN EDUCATION, IN MUSIC, IN AGRICULTURE, SCIENCE, BUSINESS

AND POLITICS.

↳ *first Norwegian*

↳ THESE PIONEERS HAD NO GUARANTEES ABOUT LIFE IN THE

NEW LAND. ↳ THEY SET SAIL NOT WITH CERTAINTY BUT WITH HOPE;

NOT WITH ASSURANCES BUT WITH CHALLENGE. ↳ THEY BROUGHT WITH

THEM NOT GOLD AND SILVER, BUT SKILL, PERSEVERANCE, AND

CONFIDENCE. ↳ AND THEY WERE STRENGTHENED BY A LONG TRADITION

OF RESPECT FOR THEIR FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS.

↳ THEY KNEW THAT MEN AND WOMEN WITH COMMON GOALS AND
ASPIRATIONS CAN WORK TOGETHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY,

↳ AND THEY USED THESE QUALITIES TO TAME AND DEVELOP THE GREAT

~~THE~~ FRONTIERS OF AMERICA.

↳ THESE EARLY NORWEGIAN PIONEERS BELIEVED IN SELF GOVERNMENT
AND HELPED TO STRENGTHEN, BY THEIR SENSE OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY, THE YOUNG AND EXPANDING DEMOCRACY OF AMERICA.

↳ MY MOTHER WAS BORN AT TVEIT NEAR KRISTIANSAND. ↳ HER
FATHER AND MOTHER BROUGHT THE FAMILY TO AMERICA IN THE 1880'S BUT
THEIR LOVE FOR AMERICA NEVER DIMMED THEIR AFFECTION FOR NORWAY.

↳ I ~~SPENT A LOT OF TIME WITH MY~~ ^{my} GRANDFATHER SANNES, ^{Andrew} ~~WHEN~~
~~I WAS A BOY. HE SPENT HIS YOUTH AS A SAILOR.~~ ^{was a sailor - a captain} HE SAILED FROM

STAVANGER AND KRISTIANSAND. ↳ HE HAD THE SEA IN HIS BLOOD, AND
~~HE USED TO TELL~~ ^{he told} ME WONDERFUL STORIES ABOUT THE NORWEGIANS WHO

SAILED TO FAR AWAY LANDS. ↳ HE TAUGHT ME THAT NATIONS ARE TIED
TOGETHER NOT ONLY BY COMMERCE AND TRADE, BUT BY THEIR HUMANITY.

L MY MOTHER, INSTILLED IN HER CHILDREN A FEELING OF WORTH,
AND SHE TAUGHT US THAT WE HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO USE OUR
TALENTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS AND FOR OUR COUNTRY.

- WE WERE TAUGHT THAT YOU HAVE TO DO SOME PLANNING
IF YOU WANT TO HAVE PROGRESS.

L --- WE WERE TAUGHT THAT LIFE IS TO BE ENJOYED, NOT JUST
ENDURED, SO WE HAD GREAT FAMILY ~~OUTINGS~~ *gatherings*

- ~~WE~~ ^{we} WERE BROUGHT UP TO BELIEVE THAT RELIGION WAS MORE
THAN A SUNDAY EXPERIENCE. ITS TRUE MEANING WAS TO BE FOUND
IN LOVE, COMPASSION, AND JUSTICE.

---AND I LEARNED THAT POLITICS -- INVOLVEMENT IN
GOVERNMENT -- WAS TO BE A PART OF DAILY LIFE, NOT MERELY AN
EXERCISE TO BE PURSUED IN YOUR SPARE TIME. I WAS TAUGHT THAT
IF YOU WANT GOOD GOVERNMENT YOU HAVE TO WORK FOR IT. THESE
LESSONS FROM A NORWEGIAN MOTHER HAVE GIVEN DIRECTION TO MY
LIFE.

from the U.S. Congress
MY COLLEAGUES HERE ARE AMONG THE FINEST PEOPLE IN THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. THEY ARE OF NORWEGIAN DESCENT.

THEY WERE BROUGHT UP IN HOMES WHERE THESE CHARACTERISTICS OF
PIONEERING AND ADVENTURE; CONFIDENCE AND FAITH; FREEDOM AND
RESPONSIBILITY WERE THE STANDARDS TO BE OBSERVED.

ALL OF US HAVE DEDICATED OUR LIVES TO TRYING TO
ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR FELLOW AMERICANS AND FOR
PEOPLES ALL OVER THE WORLD. THIS HAS A GREAT DEAL TO DO WITH
OUR FAITH IN THE TRADITIONS WHICH ARE SO REVERED HERE IN YOUR
OWN COUNTRY. YES, NORWEGIAN TRADITIONS ARE INDEED PART OF *America!*

~~AMERICA.~~

L. B. ...
~~But~~ MODERN NORWAY HAS CONTINUED TO GIVE THE ENTIRE WORLD
GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS. *oh* IT HAS GIVEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ITS
FIRM SUPPORT AND ONE OF ITS FINEST SONS, TRYGVE LIE, THE
FIRST SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE U.N.

↳ IT HAS CHAMPIONED THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE
TRADITION OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE,

↳ IT HAS SUPPORTED AND SACRIFICED FOR PEACE IN SENDING
ITS SONS TO BE A PART OF THE U.N. PEACE KEEPING FORCE,

↳ IT HAS REMAINED A LOYAL AND STEADFAST ALLY TO THE UNITED
STATES AND OTHER FREE NATIONS IN THE GREAT NORTH ATLANTIC
TREATY ALLIANCE,

↳ YES, PEACE WITH FREEDOM IS THE DEDICATION OF THE
NORWEGIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR GOVERNMENT. WE THANK YOU!

WE SALUTE YOU!

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NORGE ER ET PAINT,
FREET LÄND.

MÖ DĚ ALLTEED VAERE SÖ!

AND, WITH EQUAL IMPORTANCE, NORWAY HAS SET THE STANDARD
FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE CARE OF ITS PEOPLE. ^{has} IT BANISHED POVERTY
AND ILLITERACY. IT CARES FOR ITS ELDERLY. IT OFFERS OPPORTUNITY
FOR THE YOUNG. IT ASSURES HEALTH CARE FOR ALL, AND COMPASSION
FOR ITS UNFORTUNATE.

Yes, we ^{americans} SEE NORWAY AS A LIVING TESTIMONIAL TO LIFE,
LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS -- THE AMERICAN DREAM.

SO LET US REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE COOPERATION AND
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN NORWAY AND AMERICA WHICH HAVE MARKED OUR FIRST
150 YEARS OF ASSOCIATION. AND LET US ^{promise} ~~NEW TOGETHER TO CONTINUE~~
TO WORK TOGETHER FOR PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

NORGEH-ER-ET-PAINT, FREET LÄND
MÖ DE ALLTEED VAERÄ SÖ!



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