

Remarks by
Senator Hubert H. Humphrey
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Your Majesty, Governor Anderson, Judge Sletten, Dr. Mork, members and friends of the Sesquicentennial. As it happens, most Americans outside this room are celebrating Columbus Day today. You remember Christopher Columbus, Your Majesty -- he's the fellow they say discovered America. But I must say it's good to be here with the true believers -- we know who it was!

Some might dispute this, but of one thing we are certain: since October 9, 1825, every aspect of the American experience has been enhanced and enriched by the sons and daughters of Norway.

I want to congratulate Dr. Mork and the officers and members of the Sesquicentennial Association for their tireless efforts in preparing these programs. These days will live in the memory of our fellow Minnesotans for years to come. These celebrations will be especially meaningful to the children of our State, who have seen living history. It is they who bring continuity to life. And it is they who will carry on the traditions and the customs we have celebrated.

I was privileged to be among those Americans who traveled to Norway to celebrate the departure of the RESTAURATION three months ago. There on your soil, Your Majesty, we praised the contributions made by the Norwegian settlers and their descendants to the history and the development of our own Nation.

This evening, on this side of the Atlantic, we offer that praise once again, and we extend our gratitude for your presence in our City and in our State.

Some 3 million Americans look to Norway as their homeland. And it is appropriate that they celebrate the mutuality of our two histories.

I look upon America as a tapestry -- each thread with its own distinct, vivid color and texture -- and each woven creatively and lovingly into the larger pattern.

America truly is a land of immigrants. Almost every nation on earth has given us her people, and with them part of her culture and tradition. No nation has given more of herself and more of her heritage than Norway. No nation has added more to the strength of our democratic institutions. And none has blessed our soil with more beauty, enlightenment, or sense of purpose.

These 150 years of U.S. and Norway friendship and cooperation have created a strong bond between our people and between our governments. That you have come this long way to share in our celebrations is further testament to the strength of that friendship. We thank you. We salute you.

As you return to Norway, please convey to your people the deep respect and affection that are held for your beloved land by Americans of every nationality. And let us rededicate ourselves to the cooperation and friendship between Norway and America which have marked our first 150 years of association. Thank you.

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SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

ROYAL BANQUET

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

OCTOBER 13, 1975

*Hanging Judge
Dine Fair Trial*

*BOSS
Ray Thorston*

Ambassador Sommerfelt

YOUR MAJESTY, GOVERNOR ANDERSON, JUDGE SLETTEN, DR.

Dr. Press

*It's been a beautiful
weekend
in Minn
King of the
+ the Viking
across the
N.Y. City*

MORK, MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL. AS IT

HAPPENS, MOST AMERICANS OUTSIDE THIS ROOM ARE CELEBRATING

COLUMBUS DAY TODAY. *But as Dr. Heyerdahl* YOU REMEMBER CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS,

~~YOUR MAJESTY~~ -- HE'S THE FELLOW THEY SAY DISCOVERED AMERICA.

BUT ~~IT'S~~ IT'S GOOD TO BE HERE WITH THE TRUE BELIEVERS --

WE KNOW WHO IT WAS! *and yesterday the eminent scholar,
and scientist Dr. Heyerdahl reminded us of the
Norwegian contributions to the discovery of Columbus.*

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CERTAIN: THERE MAYBE SOME DISPUTE AS TO WHO FIRST DISCOVERED AMERICA --
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L. I. wish TO CONGRATULATE DR. MORK AND THE OFFICERS AND

MEMBERS OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR TIRELESS

EFFORTS IN PREPARING THESE PROGRAMS.

Your Majesty - Your Visit

~~THESE DAYS~~ WILL LIVE IN THE MEMORY OF OUR FELLOW MINNESOTANS *and all fellow Americans*

FOR YEARS TO COME. THESE CELEBRATIONS WILL BE ESPECIALLY

MEANINGFUL TO THE CHILDREN OF OUR STATE, WHO HAVE SEEN

LIVING HISTORY. IT IS THEY WHO BRING CONTINUITY TO LIFE.

AND, IT IS THEY WHO WILL CARRY ON THE TRADITIONS AND THE *heritage*

~~CUSTOMS~~ WE HAVE CELEBRATED *this past few days.*

Mrs. Humphrey and I were

~~it was~~ PRIVILEGED TO BE AMONG THOSE AMERICANS WHO TRAVELED

this past 4th of July from Stavanger

TO NORWAY TO CELEBRATE THE DEPARTURE OF THE RESTAURATION. *We* ~~THREE~~

joined with you in that splendid ceremony

~~MONTHS AGO.~~ THERE ON YOUR SOIL, YOUR MAJESTY, WE PRAISED THE

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE NORWEGIAN SETTLERS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

TO THE HISTORY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR OWN NATION.

THIS EVENING, ON THIS SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC, WE OFFER

THAT PRAISE ONCE AGAIN, AND WE EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE FOR YOUR

PRESENCE IN OUR CITY AND IN OUR STATE. *You bring to us*

that quiet dignity, honor and ~~character~~ ^{strength}
~~that~~ ^{which} has characterized your
ill and your country - Courageous in war
progressive in peace.

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BEAUTY, ENLIGHTENMENT, OR SENSE OF PURPOSE.

L THESE 150 YEARS OF U.S. AND NORWAY FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION

HAVE CREATED A STRONG BOND BETWEEN OUR PEOPLE AND BETWEEN OUR

We are true friends and strong allies.
GOVERNMENTS. / THAT YOU HAVE COME THIS LONG WAY TO SHARE IN OUR

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TO THE COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN NORWAY AND AMERICA WHICH

HAVE MARKED OUR FIRST 150 YEARS OF ASSOCIATION.

THANK YOU.

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