

ALFALFA DINNER 1976

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- 7:22 Music of Marine Band. March on of Colors.
- 7:42 Serve terrapin.
- 7:55 Remove plates.
- 8:00 INAUGURATION. President Humphrey's opening remarks and farewell address. He introduces new Alfalfa president, Senator Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson.
- 8:10 Immediately, Sgt. Michael Ryan sings, "For He's Our President."
- 8:12 ACCEPTANCE SPEECH by President Jackson.
- 8:20 Serve entree.
- 8:40 Remove plates.
- 8:50 Serve salad.
- 9:00 Remove plates.
- 9:15 INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS. William P. Rogers on stage, after recognition by President Jackson, initiates new members. President Jackson welcomes new members and announces that Sgt. Michael Ryan will serenade with "Come to the Land of Alfalfa" as they return to their seats.
- 9:45 Serve dessert and coffee, followed by champagne.
Caution -- Billy Bell will signal time for the toast to the President of the United States.
- 10:00 CONVENTION. President Jackson temporarily recesses dinner, recognizes Senator Percy of Illinois to offer RESOLUTION nominating Alfalfa's Candidate for President of the United States.
- 10:10 CANDIDATE'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH. President Jackson responds briefly.
- 10:30 President Jackson thanks ASCAP for arranging professional program. Introduces professional entertainment.
- 10:50 President Jackson thanks artist.
- 10:55 President Jackson introduces ranking guest, who speaks as long as he pleases.

At conclusion of ranking guest's remarks, President Jackson thanks organizers and adjourns dinner.

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- 7:20 W. T. BELL (from stage): GENTLEMEN, PLEASE BE SEATED AND MAY I ASK YOU TO REMAIN SEATED FOR THE NEXT FEW MINUTES UNTIL THE PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS.
- 7:22 MUSIC OF THE MARINE BAND. MARCH ON OF THE COLORS.
- 7:37 President Hubert Humphrey: GENTLEMEN, BE SEATED. AND WELCOME TO THE 63RD ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE ALFALFA CLUB.

BEFORE WE ENTANGLE OURSELVES ANY FURTHER IN THE SHIMMERING GREEN AND PURPLE OF ALFALFA, I WANT TO THANK COLONEL JACK KLINE AND HIS MAGNIFICENTLY TALENTED AND TRAINED MUSICIANS OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE BAND. THEY ARE THE VERY BEST. THEY ARE ONE OF THE GREAT TRADITIONS OF ALFALFA, AND OF OUR COUNTRY.

President Humphrey (continuing): THERE ARE MANY DISTINGUISHED MEN HERE TONIGHT -- LOOK ABOUT YOU -- BUT NONE MORE SO THAN ALFALFA'S VICE PRESIDENT, THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES.

(Chief Justice Burger bows).

President Humphrey (continuing): ALFALFA DINNERS ARE ALWAYS GREAT OCCASIONS FOR ME. BUT THIS ONE IS SPECIAL. AFTER ALL I AM THE PRESIDENT, FOR THE NEXT TWENTY MINUTES.

AND THIS IS A SPECIAL YEAR, OUR BICENTENNIAL, THE 200TH BIRTHDAY OF THE LONGEST-LIVED DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY ON EARTH. IN MY MIND WE DON'T LOOK 200 AND WE DON'T ACT 200 -- WE ARE AT PEACE, WE ARE YOUNG, AND WE ARE GOING PLACES!

THE ALFALFA CLUB AND THE ALFALFA PARTY, AS IS ONLY FITTING, TAKE CREDIT FOR THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED TO OUR COUNTRY LATELY. OTHER PARTIES, WHO SHALL REMAIN NAMELESS, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE THINGS THAT YOU AND I MAY NOT LIKE TOO MUCH, SUCH AS CONGRESS COMING BACK TO TOWN THIS WEEK, AND THE SNOW IN COLORADO BEING SLICK AND UNFRIENDLY.

AND SPECIAL TOO IS THIS SPLENDID IN-GATHERING OF ALFALFA WITH 150 MEMBERS AND MORE THAN 500 OF THEIR GUESTS.

FOR LONGER THAN ANY OF US CAN REMEMBER, ALFALFANS HAVE BEEN GETTING TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS TO SWAP A FEW LIES AND TO ENJOY GOOD FOOD, GOOD MUSIC, GOOD TALK, AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP! AS YOU WILL SEE, THAT IS WHY WE ARE ALL HERE TONIGHT.

IF SOME STRANGER SHOULD HAVE THE UNMITIGATED EFFRONTERY TO ASK, "WELL, WHAT ELSE DOES THE ALFALFA CLUB DO?", THE SHORT ANSWER IS, "NOT MUCH."

BUT THE LONGER AND BETTER ANSWER WAS GIVEN BY ONE OF ALFALFA'S NOBLE FOUNDERS, WHO SAID:

"IN A GENERAL WAY, ALFALFA DOES WHATEVER IT PLEASES TO DO -- SO LONG AS IT HAS THE MERIT OF BEING CLEAN OF PURPOSE, CLEVER IN EXECUTION, AND DISTINCTLY PATRIOTIC.

"ITS MAIN OBJECT IS TO MAKE LIFE BRIGHTER AND MORE COMFORTABLE FOR ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS. IT IS IN NO SENSE POLITICAL OR SECTIONAL -- BUT AS BIG AS HUMANITY."

ONE THING MEMBERS AND GUESTS AT THESE DINNERS NEVER DO IS TO TAKE THEMSELVES TOO SERIOUSLY. EVERYTHING IS IN FUN AND GOOD HUMOR. AND, OF COURSE, REPORTERS ARE NEVER PRESENT.

GENTLEMEN, NOW THAT YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT ALFALFA-- MOST LOVABLE OF LEGUMES THAT SENDS ITS LITTLE ROOTS IN SEARCH OF FOOD AND DRINK FATHER THAN ANY OTHER -- MR. FREDERICK YOU MAY SERVE THE TERRAPIN.

7:42 Serve the terrapin.

7:55 Remove plates

8:00 INAUGURATION. President Humphrey rises and raps gavel to deliver his farewell address.

(See text in appendix).

He introduces new Alfalfa President, Senator Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson.

8:10 (Immediately, Sgt. Michael Ryan sings, "For He's Our President."

8:12 ACCEPTANCE SPEECH is delivered by President Jackson (see appendix for text) who then assumes gavel and chair, trading seats with Senator Humphrey.

8:20 Serve entree 8:50 Serve salad.

8:40 Remove plates. 9:00 Remove plates.

9:15 INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS. (William P. Rogers on stage in spotlight.)

Mr. Rogers: MR. PRESIDENT, MR. PRESIDENT!

Senator Jackson: (Peering Out) WHO IS THAT CALLING ME BY MY TRUE AND PROPER NAME? MR. PRESIDENT. MR. PRESIDENT -- LOVELY WORDS, BUT NO MORE THAN I DESERVE.

NOW I SEE. IT IS NONE OTHER THAN THE FORMER DISTINGUISHED ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND, AFTER THAT, THE DISTINGUISHED SECRETARY OF STATE, KNOWN AND ADMIRER BY ALL AS THE MAN WHO GOT OUT JUST IN TIME.

BILL ROGERS, WHY ARE YOU RISING?

Mr. Rogers: WELL, MR. PRESIDENT, I AM THE NEW CROP REPORTER. I HAVE BEEN COMMISSIONED BY THE ALFALFA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO INTRODUCE THE NEW CROP -- THE NEW MEMBERS.

Senator Jackson: VERY WELL, MR. SECRETARY, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED AND MAY PROCEED IN YOUR OWN INIMITABLE WAY.

Mr. Rogers: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT
(See appendix for text of Initiation).

Mr. Rogers: MR. PRESIDENT, THAT'S OUR NEW CROP OF ALFALFA. IT'S NOT MUCH -- BUT IT'S PROBABLY ABOUT RIGHT. IF IT WAS ANY BETTER EARL BUTZ WOULD SELL IT TO THE RUSSIANS.

Senator Jackson: I AGREE THAT THIS HAS BEEN A BAD YEAR AND I PLAN TO POINT THAT OUT AGAIN AND AGAIN.

LET ME EXPRESS ALFALFA'S THANKS TO YOU FOR BRINGING IN THESE SHEAVES. YOU ARE PROBABLY A LITTLE MORE SANGUINE ABOUT THEM THAN I A.M. TIME WILL TELL. TIME WILL TELL. IF THE REPORT IS NO WORSE THAN YOU THINK IT IS, YOU MAY WELL HAVE WORKED YOURSELF INTO A PERMANENT JOB. THANK YOU AGAIN, MR. SECRETARY.

AS FOR YOU, GENTLEMEN OF THE VINTAGE YEAR 1975, WELCOME TO THE PASTURES OF ALFALFA. MAY YOUR INTEREST IN YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS REMAIN AS GREEN AS OUR FAVORITE LEGUME, AND MAY YOUR NIGHTS BE AS PURPLE AS THE SHIMMERING ALFALFA FLOWER.

NOW, AS YOU RETURN TO YOUR SEATS, ALFALFA SGT. MIKE RYAN WILL SERENADE YOU WITH THE CLUB'S TRADITIONAL SONG OF WELCOME, "COME TO THE LAND OF ALFALFA." YOU MAY RETURN TO YOUR SEATS.

(Ryan sings).

9:45 Serve dessert and coffee, followed by champagne. Billy Bell will signal time for toast to President of the United States.

On signal, President Jackson rises, raps gavel and says:

"GENTLEMEN, I BID YOU RISE AND RAISE YOUR GLASSES. I GIVE YOU ALFALFA'S ONLY TOAST, "THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES."

(Resume seats).

10:00

CONVENTION.

President Jackson: (Gavel) TO OFFER A RESOLUTION OF HIGHEST PRIVILEGE, THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES THAT DISTINGUISHED PARLIAMENTARIAN FROM ILLINOIS, MY COLLEAGUE, SENATOR CHARLES H. PERCY.

Senator Percy (on stage): MR. PRESIDENT, I RISE TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, THAT IN KEEPING WITH TIME-HONORED TRADITION, THIS MEETING OF THE ALFALFA CLUB SHALL NOW BECOME A NATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE ALFALFA TICKET.

RESOLVED, THAT WHEN THE CONVENTION HAS BEEN CALLED TO ORDER, THE CHAIR SHALL ANNOUNCE THAT THE HONORABLE JOHN B. CONNALLY, FORMER REPUBLICAN SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY AND FORMER DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR OF THE GREAT STATE OF TEXAS, IS THE UNANIMOUS CHOICE OF THE ALFALFA PARTY FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT ON THE PRESENTATION AND READING OF THIS RESOLUTION THE PREVIOUS QUESTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS ORDERED, AND, WITHOUT INTERVENING MOTION, DEBATE, OR OTHER DILATORY PROCEEDING A VOTE SHALL BE TAKEN ON THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION, THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR TO BE FINAL ON THIS QUESTION AND NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL OR POINT OF ORDER.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION AND I SECOND THE MOTION.

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President Jackson: YOU HAVE HEARD THE RESOLUTION. ALL IN FAVOR SAY "AYE." THE "AYES" SEEM TO HAVE IT. THE "AYES" HAVE IT. AND IT IS SO ORDERED. THE DINNER OF THE ALFALFA CLUB WILL BE IN TEMPORARY RECESS. THE CONVENTION OF THE ALFALFA PARTY WILL COME TO ORDER. (Gavel).

PURSUANT TO THE RESOLUTION JUST ADOPTED, I DECLARE THE HONORABLE JOHN B. CONNALLY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS TO BE THE UNANIMOUS CHOICE OF THE ALFALFA PARTY FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

(Senator Percy welcomes candidate Connally on stage, leads him to lectern, then retires to his seat).

10:10

Mr. Connally at stage center, delivers address accepting nomination. (See appendix).

President Jackson: (When Mr. Connally has concluded): WOW! THANK YOU, PEERLESS LEADER OF THE ALFALFA PARTY, FOR THOSE ELECTRIFYING REMARKS. IT IS TRUE THAT OUR ALFALFA PARTY HAS NOT BEEN DOING TOO GOOD LATELY IN ELECTING ITS CANDIDATES. MATTER OF FACT, WE HAVE NOT ELECTED ANYONE IN THE LAST 63 YEARS.

BUT DON'T DESPAIR, FELLOW DELEGATES. AFTER THAT STIRRING ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, I PREDICT THAT A GREAT WIND WILL BLOW OUT OF TEXAS.

IT WILL BLOW STRAIGHT DOWN PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE -- TEN-GALLON HAT, COLT 45, HIGH-HEELED BOOTS AND ALL. IT WILL BLOW ALFALFA AND ALFALFA'S CANDIDATE RIGHT INTO THE WHITE HOUSE. AND THEN, FELLOWS, WATCH OUT!

THANK YOU AGAIN, CANDIDATE CONNALLY.

GENTLEMEN, THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE ALFALFA PARTY IS NOW ADJOURNED SINE DIE. THE DINNER OF THE ALFALFA CLUB WILL COME TO ORDER. (Gavel).

PROFESSIONAL ENTERTAINMENT

10:30 President Jackson (continuing): GENTLEMEN, IT IS TRADITIONAL THAT ALFALFA DINNERS ARE CLIMAXED WITH A RECITAL BY AN OUTSTANDING ARTIST. WE ARE AGAIN INDEBTED TO THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS, AUTHORS, AND PUBLISHERS AND ITS PRESIDENT -- A DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF ALFALFA -- MR. STANLEY ADAMS, FOR MAKING TONIGHT A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION.

I AM ABOUT TO INTRODUCE A TALENTED YOUNG STAR OF THE METROPOLITAN OPERA, WHO ALSO HAS SUNG IN THE OTHER GREAT OPERA HOUSES OF THE WORLD. PERHAPS MANY OF YOU HAVE HEARD HER THIS SEASON AT THE MET WHERE SHE NOW GRACES PUCCINI'S WONDERFULLY MOVING OPERA SISTER ANGELICA.

GENTLEMEN, MISS ELENA DORIA, OF THE METROPOLITAN OPERA.

10:50 President Jackson (at conclusion of Miss Doria's recital): MISS DORIA, ON BEHALF OF ALL ALFALFA MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS, WE THANK YOU FOR AN EVENING OF CHARM AND BEAUTIFUL MUSIC. AND I KNOW MANY OF US WILL BE HEARING YOU AND SEEING YOU AGAIN, THIS SEASON, WHEN YOU PLAY LEADING ROLES IN AIDA AND THE SEIGE OF CORINTH.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TONIGHT.

10:55 President Jackson: GENTLEMEN, OUR RANKING GUEST, AND NONE RANKS HIGHER IN OUR AFFECTION THAN ALFALFA'S VICE PRESIDENT, THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES,

CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER.

(The Chief Justice speaks as long as he pleases).

President Jackson: BEFORE WE CLOSE, I KNOW YOU WILL JOIN ME IN THANKING THE HARVEST HANDS OF THE 63RD ANNIVERSARY DINNER, MR. FREDERICK, HIS CHEF, AND THE STAFF OF THE STATLER HILTON.

AND OUR THANKS, ONCE MORE, TO CHAIRMAN BILLY BELL AND HIS COLLEAGUES OF THE DINNER COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN, GOOD NIGHT.

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

ALFALFA CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

Washington, D. C.

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This is a sad moment in the history of this great nation.

It is the moment in which we execute an orderly transition of power from the Humphrey Administration -- how sweet that sounds -- into younger and less experienced hands.

As I look back over my distinguished tenure in office, I am amazed at our accomplishments.

I have gone a long way toward restoring faith in government.

At a time when the public feels its leaders are falling down on the job, I have not stumbled in my efforts to toe the line and stand up for America.

I have followed in the footsteps of our nation's greatest leaders.

I have stood four-square on the issues.

I have run for office, won in a walk, and not sat down on the job.

I have put my best foot forward and have stood up to the test of time.

I have not faltered in walking a straight and narrow line.

Indeed, my presidency has been on such a firm footing that there are many who would like to be in my shoes.

And I have worked in other ways to restore confidence.

When the CIA, according to my friend Mark Russell means caught in the act, was accused of working in secret to topple unfriendly governments, I squashed the rumor that it had succeeded in New York City.

And when people complained to me about our high unemployment rates, I was able to quiet their fears. I consulted with Rogers Morton and Joan Braden and they said the situation was improving tremendously.

As I look back, it has been a good year, and a hard one. And I know the problems our new president will face -- our new President-elect, my old friend and esteemed colleague from out in the Northwest.

There are disturbing signs that the Alfalfa movement may be in for rough times ahead.

In the great state of Iowa, for example, a state which traditionally has been an abundant producer of alfalfa, there is new, strange and unaccountable craving for peanuts.

Although he has his work cut out for him, Scoop Jackson has displayed time and again the leadership qualities needed to meet the task. Why, just the other day he got Red Number Two dye outlawed -- as a communist threat.

But one threat which we never will need to fear is a lack of public spirit -- the kind of spirit which Scoop Jackson embodies, and the kind that has made this nation the oldest democratic government on the face of the earth.

It is in that spirit, and with my best wishes, that I present to you your next President of Alfalfa, the distinguished Senator from the great state of Washington, Henry M. Jackson.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

WHAT A SPLENDID SPEECH BY OUR
DISTINGUISHED EX-PRESIDENT!

IT IS AN HONOR TO HAVE HIM AS
MY PREDECESSOR -- ESPECIALLY SINCE
I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT THE TORCH
HAS BEEN PASSED TO THE YOUNGER
GENERATION.

MY FRIENDS, TONIGHT'S INAUGURAL
CEREMONY IS AN EVENT OF TRULY
INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE. FOR
EXAMPLE, THE MAYOR OF DAMASCUS HAS
ORDERED ALL SYRIAN FLAGS TO FLY AT
HALF MAST.

I AM GRATEFUL TO HUBERT FOR
HELPING ME BECOME PRESIDENT --

EVEN IF ITS JUST OF THIS CLUB. HE TAUGHT ME HOW TO BECOME THE FRONT RUNNER -- WHICH IS TO RUN FOR TWENTY YEARS.

I HAVE MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT OUSTING HUBERT FROM POWER. BUT IT'S MOSTLY HIS FAULT. HE STILL BELIEVES THAT CORN IS THE BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS.

BUT IT'S NOT EASY TO BE KING OF THE HILL. AS SOON AS IT BECAME OBVIOUS THAT I WAS GOING TO TAKE OVER, MY WIFE JOINED THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT. HER GOAL IS TO MAKE AS MUCH MONEY AS MARION JAVITS.

HELL, I DON'T MAKE AS MUCH MONEY AS MARION JAVITS -- AND SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE IRANIANS.

NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, I DON'T EVEN MAKE AS MUCH MONEY AS JOAN BRADEN - AND SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE NELSON ROCKEFELLER.

INCIDENTALLY, IF ANYONE IS STILL INTERESTED IN THIS JOB, I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT RAMSEY CLARK HAS DEMANDED THAT ALL FUTURE CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT OF ALFALFA REFUSE CONTRIBUTIONS LARGER THAN THIRTEEN CENTS.

HOWEVER, JOHN GARDNER HAS DENOUNCED THE PROPOSAL FOR WHAT IT IS -- ANOTHER SELLOUT TO THE FAT CATS.

BY THE WAY, I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL IS EXPERIMENTING WITH MIND TRANSPLANTS.

THEY ASKED FOR THE MIND OF A
REPUBLICAN ECONOMIST ON THE GROUNDS
THAT IT WOULDN'T BE MISSED.

NONE WAS AVAILABLE.

SO PRESIDENT FORD VOLUNTEERED THE
MIND OF BO CALLOWAY -- BUT IT'S
MISSING.

RONALD REAGAN KIDNAPPED IT, AND
IS HOLDING IT FOR A RANSOM OF
\$90 BILLION.

SO, FORMER PRESIDENT HUMPHREY --
NOW THAT YOU HAVE BECOME AN ELDER
STATESMAN -- WE WISH YOU WELL IN ALL
YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS AND POLITICAL
EFFORTS. I DON'T BELIEVE WHAT THOSE
CYNICAL JOURNALISTS ARE WRITING.

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO BEGIN PLANNING YOUR COMEBACK.

BUT ENOUGH OF THE PAST. WE HAVE TO FACE THE FUTURE. ALFALFA IS FINISHED IF IT EVER BECOMES JUST ANOTHER STAND-PAT ORGANIZATION.

SO I AM GOING TO LAY OUT MY PLANS.

FIRST, I PLEDGE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH EARL BUTZ TO REINSTITUTE MEATLESS FRIDAYS.

SECOND, TO KEEP UP WITH THE TIMES, OUR STATE AFFILIATES WILL RECEIVE \$90 BILLION FROM THE NATIONAL TREASURY WITH NO INCREASE IN DUES. HOWEVER, I WILL OPPOSE RONALD REAGAN'S EFFORTS TO BRING BACK THE WET LOOK.

THIRD, DESPITE THE WORLDWIDE
GROUNDSWELL OF PUBLIC OPINION IN MY
FAVOR, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT I
WILL NOT ACCEPT THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.
I CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE MY IMAGE
TARNISHED.

FOURTH, IN ORDER TO BRING US
TOGETHER, I HEREBY ANNOUNCE THAT
BLANKET AMNESTY HAS BEEN GRANTED TO
ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALFALFA CLUB WHO
MAY BE OFFICERS OF THE GULF OIL
CORPORATION.

FIFTH, AS PART OF MY PROGRAM TO
FIGHT UNEMPLOYMENT, I AM PLEASED TO
ANNOUNCE THAT WILLIAM COLBY HAS AGREED
TO BECOME THE HEAD OF THE ALFALFA
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. I AM ALSO GOING TO
APPOINT MY BROTHER-IN-LAW HEAD OF OUR
PEACE CORPS.

SIXTH -- AND THIS IS SOMETHING HUBERT AND I AGREE ON -- I WILL OPPOSE ALL EFFORTS TO AMEND THE BYLAWS TO CALL FOR MANDATORY RETIREMENT AT AGE SIXTY.

FINALLY, YOU ALL KNOW ME AS A MAN OF HONOR AND INTEGRITY, THE KIND OF COOL CUSTOMER THAT YOU LIKE TO HAVE AROUND IN TIMES OF CRISIS. SO LET ME REASSURE YOU THAT I WILL NEVER NEGOTIATE WITH ANY P.L.O. GUERRILLAS -- NOT EVEN THOSE WHO HAVE JUST SURROUNDED THE HOTEL.

BE OF GOOD CHEER. AS YOUR PRESIDENT, I CAN ALLOW NOTHING TO

INTERFERE WITH THE TRADITIONAL
MERRIMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS WHICH
ACCOMPANY THIS GREAT OCCASION.

AS I TOLD JIM SCHLESINGER JUST
A FEW MONTHS AGO: RELAX, YOU HAVE
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

8:20 Serve entree.
8:40 Remove plates.
8:50 Serve salad.
9:00 Remove plates.

INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS -- (William P. Rogers On Stage IN
Spotlight)

MR. ROGERS: Mr. President, Mr. President!

SENATOR JACKSON: (Peering Out) Who is that calling me by my true
and proper name? Mr. President. Mr. President -- Lovely words,
but no more than I deserve.

Now I see. It is none other than the former distinguished
Attorney General, and, after that, the distinguished Secretary of
State, known and admired by all as the man who got out just in time.

Bill Rogers, why are you rising?

MR. ROGERS: Well, Mr. President, I am the new Crop Reporter.

SENATOR JACKSON: Why do we need another one? [REDACTED]

MR. ROGERS: [REDACTED] I have been commissioned by
the Alfalfa Board of Commissioners to introduce the new crop - the new
members.

SENATOR JACKSON: Very well, Mr. Secretary, you are recognized and
may proceed in your own inimitable way.

MR. ROGERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of Alfalfa's Class of 1976 will please line up here on stage so everybody can see you.

While they are milling around, looking silly, and getting themselves organized, I would remind you, Mr. President, that in previous years the new members brought honor to Alfalfa. This year may be the exception.

Looking the crop over you can see it's a mixed bag. Several are fairly sensible. The others want to be Vice President.

But this crop should not be considered as a reflection on Alfalfa -- it's a reflection of the times. Let's face it -- it's not been a good year. As you know, Mr. President, the only growth industry during this last year has been the massage parlor.

Nearly all of the new members are familiar with the alphabet, so I shall introduce them to you alphabetically. That means "A", "B", "C", and so forth.

As I call a name, the owner will please step forward and stand, more or less, at attention.

ROBERT B. CARNEY, JR.

At the age of 7, upon entering school in California he politely asked if fighting was permitted. Not getting a straight answer he slugged the first kid who called him Junior. Almost since that time he has been fighting -- fighting the battles of our country.

He is the son of a distinguished man who, over the years, has brought much pleasure to Alfalfa and would be standing here now except for a bad back.

On occasions such as this, when we hear the stirring strains of "From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli", we are reminded that most Americans -- in spite of all criticisms and all attacks -- respect and take pride in the great institutions of our country. One of the foremost of those institutions is the United States Marine Corps so ably represented here tonight by our new member.

Brigadier General Robert B. Carney, Jr.

JOHN H. GLENN, JR.

As a combat flyer in the Korean War, because he flew so low attacking targets his plane often returned weighted down with enemy flak. As a result they called him "The Magnet-tailed Marine". When he got into politics the phrasing was somewhat different -- his opponents referred to him as The Lead-Assed Senator.

But there was no flak or cynicism -- only universal joy and pride -- when in 1962 he became the first American astronaut to orbit the earth.

But his judgment is suspect. Here's a man who flew around the earth three times -- had an opportunity to see every place in the world -- and ended up in the Senate. He claims his doctors are to blame.

Because of his novel experience in space his doctors thought he might have only 5 years to live ~~delete~~ -- they told him to try to get in the Senate -- it would seem like 10.

Now he is getting used to it and plans to stay in the Senate -- either on the floor or in the chair.

Senator John Herschel Glenn, Jr. of Ohio.

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PATRICK HAYES

Barber shop quartets and "Home on the Range" were big here back in 1941 when this snowy-haired Alfalfa shoot -- with the map of Ireland etched on his face -- came to town. He thought the Capitol deserved something more and he did something about it. He helped bring the National Symphony to its pinnacle of excellence. He heads the distinguished Washington Performing Arts Society.

He has made sure that the world's greatest performers were brought to Washington and he never gives up trying. Even now I understand he is trying to get Judith Campbell Exner to return. Mr. Hayes says: Why shouldn't she? She apparently performed well at the White House -- and she is certainly willing to sing now.

Maestro Patrick Hayes.

DAVID C. JONES

The General was born in South Dakota. From that modest beginning, by dint of hard work, he has made Jones a well known name.

Perhaps one of the most noticeable improvements in the Air Force since he became its leader is the greater efficiency of the VIP flights. In fact, the "Jones VIP Airline" won an award last year. It received the Proxmire (Golden) Fleece Award.

Now, that (VIP) flying operation shouldn't be confused with the constant and prolonged efforts of the Air Force to get Proxmire to come and fly in a C-5. The General wants the Senator to get a first hand demonstration of why the wings really do need fixing.

Actually, Proxmire and Jones are joggers but the General is a hunter too. In fact, Northrop Aircraft says that he leads the finest group of duck hunters in the world. No matter what Proxmire thinks of duck hunters, Alfalfa is proud of the United States Air Force and its Chief of Staff.

General David C. Jones.

DONALD C. PLATTEN

During the reception that preceded this evening's meeting, some of you may have been approached by a distinguished looking gentleman trying to borrow money. If so, then you already have met our next new member. He is here tonight as part of Alfalfa's public-spirited philanthropic program called "Take A New Yorker To Dinner."

Mr. Platten is a banker. He has been in charge of loans to Big Mac, Big Reits and W. T. Grant. He believes that good judgment comes from experience and that experience comes from bad judgment. And he says "Lately I have been getting a lot of experience".

The Chairman of the Board of the Chemical Bank of New York City -- Donald C. Platten.

JOHN J. RHODES

They love him out home. He was the first Republican ever elected from Arizona to the House of Representatives.

And they like him on the Hill too. His colleagues unanimously elected him their leader.

But he has a problem. He needs votes.

All he has now is an unusual ability to persuade. For example, when Otis Pike charged that Kissinger was trying to show his contempt for Congress, John Rhodes denied it. He said: "Hell, Otis, Kissinger is not trying to show his contempt for Congress, he is trying to conceal it". And as you know, the Committee dropped the charge.

But ability to persuade is not enough. As the leader of the Republicans in this House of Representatives, he needs your prayers. Actually he would prefer 71 more votes or a place on the national ticket.

The distinguished Minority Leader of the House, the Honorable John J. Rhodes.

DONALD RUMSFELD

Here is a man who will not talk about his political future. In fact his first policy decision in the Pentagon was to emphasize his devotion to his job. So he asked to shake hands with all of the 21,000 employees in the Pentagon -- especially all of the employees in the Pentagon who vote.

He has had 10 jobs in the last 20 years -- always upward -- and some say he thinks the Pentagon may be too small for a man of his stature. But he won't confirm or deny it. All he'll say is "You can fool all the people some of the time, some of the people all of the time, and usually that's sufficient".

The Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Donald Rumsfeld.

WILLIAM E. SIMON

It is truly said of him that if there were no national debt, he would invent one. He loves the national debt -- nurtures it, cherishes it -- as though it were his own child.

And speaking of children, don't ever mention birth control to him. It's too late. He is the proud father of seven -- and how sweet the little exemptions are when income tax time rolls around.

Some say that because he is a good family man and knows about the economy, he should be considered for Vice President. New Yorkers say no, he is too cold and unemotional. In fact Mayor Beame says "Simon is the kind of a man who would marry Linda Lovelace for her money".

The Secretary of the Treasury, the Honorable William E. Simon.

WILLIAM G. WHYTE

He used to claim he was President Ford's advisor -- lately he has been denying it. He is a thoughtful man, a decent man, an effective leader of the Boy Scouts of America.

Since he started playing golf with President Ford, the President's handicap has gone from 21 to 15. The President likes to play with him because he doesn't say much. In fact the only thing he ever says is "OK, Mr. President, that's a gimme".

Although a quiet man -- he's a man of steel -- the Vice President of the United States Steel Corporation, William G. Whyte.

MR. ROGERS: Mr. President, that's our new crop of Alfalfa. It's not much -- but it's probably about right. If it was any better Earl Butz would probably sell it to the Russians.

SENATOR JACKSON: I agree that this has been a bad year and I plan to point that out again and again.

Let me express Alfalfa's thanks to you for bringing in these sheaves. You are probably a little more sanguine about them than I am.

Time will tell. Time will tell. If the report is no worse than you think it is, you may well have worked yourself into a permanent job. Thank you again, Mr. Secretary.

As for you, Gentlemen of the vintage year 1975, welcome to the pastures of Alfalfa. May your interest in your fellow members remain as green as our favorite legume, and may your nights be as purple as the shimmering Alfalfa flower.

Now, as you return to your seats, Alfalfa Sgt. Mike Ryan will serenade you with the Club's traditional song of welcome, "Come To The Land Of Alfalfa." You may return to your seats.
(Ryan Sings).

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

ALFALFA CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

WASHINGTON, D.C.

JANUARY 24, 1976

L GENTLEMEN OF ALFALFA, I AM HONORED TO WELCOME YOU
HERE TO ~~THIS~~ ^{the 63rd anniversary} ANNUAL MEETING IN THESE AUSTERE ^{4 humble} SURROUNDINGS,

L AS YOUR PRESIDENT, I HAVE BEEN OBLIGED TO OCCUPY
THE LONELY PINNACLE OF POWER, WHERE THE RISING TIDE OF
GRASSROOTS SENTIMENT IS UP AGAINST THE WALL OF THE WINDS
OF CHANGE. ^{now} I STRUGGLE WITH THAT MIXED METAPHOR WHILE I
CONTINUE.

L I DO A LOT OF BROODING OVER THE STATE OF OUR NATION,
WHICH AS YOUR PRESIDENT IS MY SOLEMN OBLIGATION.

L THIS IS A SAD MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF THIS GREAT
NATION.

L IT IS THE MOMENT IN WHICH WE EXECUTE AN ORDERLY
TRANSITION OF POWER FROM THE HUMPHREY ADMINISTRATION--

oh, HOW SWEET THAT SOUNDS -- INTO YOUNGER AND LESS EXPERIENCED
HANDS.

h AS I LOOK BACK OVER MY DISTINGUISHED TENURE IN
OFFICE, I AM AMAZED AT OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

h IN ONE YEAR I GAVE YOU A SURPLUS ON THE BUDGET,
FULL EMPLOYMENT, AND A PRIME INTEREST RATE OF 4%. How
DID I DO IT? MY BUDGET DIRECTOR IS A PALLOTINE FATHER.

h IN ONE YEAR I DROVE THE RUSSIANS OUT OF ANGOLA. I
DROVE THE SYRIANS OUT OF LEBANON. AND I DROVE MARION
JAVITS BACK TO THE KITCHEN.

h AND I HAVE GONE A LONG WAY TOWARD RESTORING FAITH
IN GOVERNMENT.

h AT A TIME WHEN THE PUBLIC FEELS ITS LEADERS ARE

FALLING DOWN ON THE JOB, I HAVE NOT STUMBLLED IN MY
EFFORTS TO TOE THE LINE AND STAND UP FOR AMERICA.

L I HAVE FOLLOWED IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR NATION'S
GREATEST LEADERS.

L I HAVE STOOD FOUR-SQUARE ON THE ISSUES.

L I HAVE RUN FOR OFFICE, WON IN A WALK, AND NOT SAT
DOWN ON THE JOB.

L I HAVE PUT MY BEST FOOT FORWARD AND HAVE STOOD UP
TO THE TEST OF TIME.

L I HAVE NOT FALTERED IN WALKING A STRAIGHT AND NARROW
LINE.

L INDEED, MY PRESIDENCY HAS BEEN ON SUCH A FIRM FOOTING
THAT THERE ARE MANY WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE IN MY SHOES.

L AND I HAVE WORKED IN OTHER WAYS TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE,

L WHEN THE CIA WAS ACCUSED OF WORKING IN SECRET TO

TOPPLE UNFRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS, I SQUASHED THE RUMOR

THAT IT HAD SUCCEEDED IN NEW YORK CITY.

L AND WHEN PEOPLE COMPLAINED TO ME ABOUT OUR HIGH

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, I WAS ABLE TO QUIET THEIR FEARS, d

CONSULTED WITH ROGERS MORTON AND JOAN BRADEN AND THEY

SAID THE SITUATION WAS IMPROVING TREMENDOUSLY.

L AS I LOOK BACK, IT HAS BEEN A GOOD YEAR, AND A

HARD ONE AND I KNOW THE PROBLEMS OUR NEW PRESIDENT

WILL FACE -- OUR PRESIDENT-ELECT, MY OLD FRIEND AND

ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE FROM OUT IN THE NORTHWEST,

L THERE ARE DISTURBING SIGNS THAT THE ALFALFA MOVEMENT

*and with my help
he may ~~win~~ win*

L MAY BE IN FOR ROUGH TIMES AHEAD,

L ALTHOUGH HE HAS HIS WORK CUT OUT FOR HIM, SCOOP

JACKSON HAS DISPLAYED TIME AND AGAIN THE LEADERSHIP

QUALITIES NEEDED TO MEET THE TASK.

But all word about

our President. elect -

L YOU ALL KNOW HOW SCOOP GIVES THE OIL COMPANIES SUCH

I discovered the reason -

A HARD TIME. ~~But~~ DID YOU KNOW THAT HE ONCE SPENT A

WEEKEND LOCKED IN THE MEN'S ROOM OF A TEXACO STATION?

threat of that

L AND JUST LOOK AT ~~THE~~ FIELD OF CANDIDATES THIS YEAR

no shortage of underdog -

L IT'S SUCH AN AWE-INSPIRING SPECTACLE THAT IT'S HARD TO

TELL WHO IS BEST QUALIFIED. L FRED HARRIS, FOR INSTANCE,

HAS A REAL PROBLEM WITH THOSE BOOTS HE WEARS. L BUT IF

THEY EVER DECIDE THEY CAN SHOW RONALD REAGAN'S OLD MOVIES

fred
ON TELEVISION, ~~HE~~ COULD SPLIT THE COWBOY VOTE.

~~of take Glyod Benton - Here he is a man~~
~~presidential candidate after 2 years~~
~~in the Senate - thinks he ought to be~~
~~President - that hasn't happened since~~
AND SARGEANT SHRIVER LIKES TO ROUGH IT ON THE Nylon

CAMPAIGN TRAIL -- SUCH AS LETTING HIS ROLLS ROYCE GET

them
DIRTY, IN THE GREAT STATE OF IOWA, A STATE WHICH

TRADITIONALLY HAS BEEN AN ABUNDANT PRODUCER OF ALFALFA,

THERE IS A NEW, STRANGE AND UNACCOUNTABLE CRAVING FOR

GEORGIA PEANUTS, Things have gone from Bad
to worse -

Indeed,
BUT ONE MUST QUESTION THE CREDENTIALS OF JIMMY

CARTER -- A NUCLEAR PHYSICIST AND PEANUT FARMER WHOSE

PHILOSOPHY IS "WHAT'S GOOD FOR SKIPPY IS GOOD FOR THE

COUNTRY." x1

So, IT'S GOING TO BE A SCRAMBLE IN THE PRIMARIES.

YOU KNOW, THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF TALK ABOUT EACH CANDIDATE

GETTING A MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND MAKING IT PUBLIC --

A SORT OF MARCUS WELBY-TYPE "FULL DISCLOSURE."

L WELL, I THINK WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT, AND
STREAMLINE THE PRIMARY CONTESTS AT THE SAME TIME.

L WE'LL PUT ALL THE CANDIDATES ON NATIONAL TELEVISION IN
A BIG, OPEN ALFALFA FIELD AND WE'LL GIVE THEM EACH A
STICK OF CHEWING GUM OR TWO AND TELL THEM TO START
WALKING.

L THE LAST MAN LEFT STANDING WILL BE THE FRONT RUNNER
-- AND A SURE BET TO BEAT FORD IN THE FALL.

~~_____~~
L BUT ONE THING WHICH WE NEVER WILL NEED TO FEAR IS
A LACK OF PUBLIC SPIRIT -- THE KIND OF SPIRIT WHICH
SCOOP JACKSON EMBODIES, AND THE KIND THAT HAS MADE THIS

~~and the youngest~~

NATION THE OLDEST DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT ON THE FACE

OF THE EARTH.

*The Pioneer spirit - The
Spirit of optimism*

↳ IT IS THE SPIRIT OF OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR, THE

SPIRIT WHICH LOOKS WITH HOPE TO THE FUTURE BECAUSE IT

HAS PRESERVED WHAT IS BEST IN ITS PAST!

↳ IT IS IN THAT SPIRIT, AND WITH MY BEST WISHES,

THAT I PRESENT TO YOU YOUR NEXT PRESIDENT OF ALFALFA,

my friends

+ THE DISTINGUISHED SENATOR FROM THE GREAT STATE OF

WASHINGTON, HENRY M. JACKSON.



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