

RADIO SCRIPT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 21, 1957

Ladies and gentlemen, this is Senator Hubert H. Humphrey in Washington.

For many years I have held the <sup>out of</sup> idea that America's secret weapon, in our efforts to win the understanding and friendship of other nations, is the young American boy and girl. I don't think we've used this "Weapon" enough. As a matter of fact, I am always thinking about new ways in which we can bring out young people into direct contact with people in other countries. It is just about the best ~~way~~ way in the world to get across to other peoples the freshness and frankness and eagerness which are so important a part of America. After years and years of ~~false~~ Hollywood movies and sensationalist reporting, we need to correct a lot of false impressions in the minds of people all over the world.

Although I believe in a broad effort to get across the message of America -- through radio and films and newspapers and books -- there is no substitute for the "real article." The "people-to-people" approach to international relations in the long run is the one which is going to build the most solid relationships. The more young people we can get across the water to Europe and Asia and Africa and to South America, and the more of their young people we can help to come over to America to visit and study, the better off we are going to be.

*Leonard Harkness*

One of the most interesting and successful programs for the exchange of young people is the International Farm Youth Exchange, now completing its 10th year. Run by the <sup>club</sup> 4H organization, all the funds are raised from private sources. Young farm people in their twenties are chosen by county committees and then by a state committee, to go abroad for about six months and to live with ~~several~~ rural farm families. In the past ten years, the "Iffies" as these young exchange delegates call themselves, have met ~~face~~-to-face nearly 5 million people of other nations. This year 126 young men and women -- five of them from Minnesota -- will be going abroad. They come from 40 states and they will be going to 50 different countries. Many of you have heard some of these Iffies talk about their trip abroad . . . In the past ten years, they have talked to over 4 million Americans about their experiences. At the same time, foreign students who come to America under the Iffy program are doing a wonderful job, too.

We're fortunate today in having two out-bound Iffies here in my office -- Genevieve Carter of Bemidji and Duain W. Vierow of North St Paul. Genevieve is bound for six months in Sweden, and Duain is heading for the Netherlands.

Genevieve, have you leaned any Swedish for your trip?

Buaine, that name sounds Dutch to me. I'll bet your're  
looking forward to this trip . . .

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Well, I can't think of anything finer than to have you two  
young people go abroad as our grassroots ambassadors to the  
farm people of Seeden and the Netherlands. But let me ask  
you for an opinion. I've been talking with Governor Freeman,  
and with the Ambassadors of the Scandinavian countries, about  
sending a group of Minnesota high school seniors over to Scandinavia  
next year on a kind of Centennial tour. My idea would be that  
they would take the greetings of the people of Minnesota to the  
Scandinavians, and would be able to tell the people over there  
about how the grandchildren and great grandchildren of the  
Scandinavian emigrants to Minnesota are getting along.

What do you think about that idea? Do you think our Minnesotans  
would like to raise the necessary funds to send this group over  
next summer?

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Well we are going to press forward with the idea, anyhow!

I certainly want to wish you the very best of luck on your trip. We're counting on you! And we want to hear from you when you get back!

Thanks so much for coming by.

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