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Remarks of
Senator Hubert H. Humphrey
at the

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al Smith
① Tell 'em all you know
won't take long -
② Tell 'em all I know & you
know won't take any
longer."

ack me later

Justice Harlan,

Mr. Kalms

Judge McGruder, (~~Dean Griswold~~) Mr. Goodwin, and members and

friends of the Harvard Law Review Association.

According to some traditions, the Chaplain ^{of the Senate} was at one time
asked whether he prayed for the Senate. His reply was supposed
to have been: "No, looking over the Senators, I pray for the
country."

① I suppose I must expect that my dangerous reputation has
preceded me to Harvard. But those of you who are frightened
can take courage from Emerson's remark: "Men are conservative
when they are least vigorous, or when they are most luxurious.
They are conservatives after dinner". ||

② Having been a radical in Washington all week, you are
now seeing me my most conservative state. In fact, after a good

dinner one can forgive anybody -- even Republicans -- yes even
Harvard Republicans —

a few drinks and

yes even

Travelling today from Washington to New England reminded me of Senator Flanders' favorite account of his first trip in the opposite direction. Senator Flanders comes from a small New England town named Springfield, Vermont. I understand that it is a pleasant hamlet, and that on the occasion of his ~~appointment to the Senate,~~ ~~first election to Congress,~~ all of his country neighbors came into Springfield to wish him Godspeed. The spokesman for the community mounted a hay wagon and addressed the Senator-to-be in somewhat this fashion:

"As you leave the familiar, pleasant scenes of rural life here in Springfield, and move on to the Nation's Capital, you can comfort yourself with the certain knowledge that in going from Springfield to Washington you are raising the moral level of both communities." — *I only hope that Both Washington + Boston are better off for it.*

My own progress to Washington was somewhat more circuitous, coming as I did -- to use the language of the race course -- out

of South Dakota by Minneapolis. When I got to Washington, I was very earnest about it and was determined to do everything I could

to disprove Will Rogers' old accusation about Congress. You remember what he said: "With Congress, every time they make a joke it's a law; and every time they make a law it's a joke."

Happy always
(At times during the debate on billboards this week, we were reminded once more that every absurdity has a champion to defend it.)

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But like the Germans, my own solution for keeping out of trouble and maintaining office discipline is hard ^{work.} I am not very Germanic, but I am when it comes to hard work. There was once a very disagreeable Frenchman who described his friends across the Rhine in the following terms:

"Work is not to the Germans the painful obligation and punishment which it often is to others... They go into it with their whole hearts, as if yielding to a powerful mania, and fall back into work as others fall back into

sin."

new emphasis on education

That passion for work has also permeated German universities, where two generations ago Harvard professors used to undergo spring training. I suppose that had he known about Harvard Law School, Bismarck could have even included ^{you} ~~him~~ in his famous remark that one-third of the students of German universities broke down from overwork; another third broke down from dissipation; and the other third ruled Germany.

But I suspect ^{that} here at Harvard you ^{have} always tried ^{harder} ~~successfully~~ to emulate Oxford ~~more~~ than Berlin. After all, it was about Oxford that Sir Max Beerbohm said: "I was a modest, good-humored boy; it is Oxford that has made me insufferable."

Transition

I suppose that Harvard like ^H Oxford is a sanctuary in which exploded systems and obsolete prejudices find shelter and protection after they have been hunted out of every corner of the world. In ^{too are} any case, I have heard that you ~~are~~ [^] a home for lost causes and impossible loyalties.

Lately, judging from the public press, some of the issues to which I am partial have apparently been relegated into this same kind of limbo. So perhaps tonight it is, after all, appropriate that I should talk to you about what some people think is already a lost cause and an impossible loyalty -- the subject of peace and disarmament in the space age.

Maybe not so hopeless
"Soviet Embassy"
"Up Your Bottoms"



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