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DULUTH ARENA-AUDITORIUM DEDICATION

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

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City Council

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One of the first things anyone learns in public life

is to be present when there is good news to be announced or celebrated. - Well here I am - and Sen McCarthy + Mondale - John Blatnick, + Alvin O'Rourke too
~~It is good to be home with you today.~~

All of us know too well that the news hasn't always been good in Duluth and the Head of the Lakes region. But there is a new day -- a day of good news and hope and confidence. And it is well worth some celebration.

The new arena-auditorium we dedicate today was ~~an~~ the idea of people with vision and confidence in the future.

What fun - Music, Drama, Sports Exhibitions, Hockey Basketball

When my good friend Jeno Paulucci called more than five years ago for the construction of this arena-auditorium, there were many people who thought it did not have a chance of being built. But Jeno and NEMO (the Northeast Minnesota Organization for Economic Education) went ahead in September 1961 with the early work -- including the spending of money -- necessary to give this project its real beginning. And the leaders of the community, including Mayors Mork and Johnson, and leaders of business and labor, gave the idea their support.

And then how well I remember when Senator Gene McCarthy, Congressman John Blatnik and myself were able to announce in January 1963 that a federal grant had been approved -- if the people of Duluth would match it with their own funds at a special bond election. *and,*

The people of Duluth expressed their confidence in the future when they cast their votes in that special election by a margin of two-to-one.

*Contributions of \$3 million federal
\$3 million local*

~~You were not concerned with the possibility of a "white elephant."~~ You were concerned with doing something about

the future of your community. And I am pleased to see

that it is estimated this arena-auditorium will bring -- in

its first year -- almost as much to the local economy as its

total construction cost, ~~and that it will~~ ^{it will} soon thereafter bring

between 9 and 10 million dollars a year to the economy.

L I would say you made a good investment.

Entertainment!
Arts + Culture!

The theme of your celebration is "Hello World!"

L Already you ship to all the world, handling more cargo

than any other port on the St. Lawrence Seaway.

L Now you are inviting the world to drop-in here.

(So Beautiful
Lake Front)

L As chairman of the President's Discover America

program, I like the theme. I also like it because it expresses
the new spirit of this whole region. This is a region that
has found itself, that has come alive.

Tourism
wonderful.

Chairman -
Sahn
everyone
city
committee

Hello
world!

Hello!
world!

For ~~the past five years~~ ^{several} you ^{had} known chronic unemployment. In fact, this area was actually classified as a depressed area up until a few months ago -- the Appalachia of the North country.

But, through cooperative effort -- the same kind of effort that built this arena-auditorium -- you have lifted this area out of depression ^{to new heights of Progress!}

There has been massive investment in taconite development. Soon this vast area of Northeastern Minnesota will witness the exploration and development of copper and nickel ores as well.

But, ~~very wisely~~, you are not depending on this alone. You are moving to exploit more fully your rich resources of woods and of water -- with Lake Superior, the largest body of fresh water in the world, at your doorstep. It is altogether appropriate that the federal government is building here its National Water Quality Standards Laboratory, the only one of its kind in the world.

New
Wealth

Over the past decade, wood products processors have invested over 35 million dollars in this area. The wood products research laboratory in the Grand Rapids area gives us promise of further progress in this field.

A 7.5 million dollar water line from Lake Superior to Colquet will provide fresh water to Superior and Cloquet for industrial as well as home use, thereby making possible further expansion in wood products and paper.

Your diversified industries now range all the way from shirts to manned aircraft instruments for military planes. And we owe to you, Jeno, the delicious American-Oriental foods which are appearing on our dinner tables more and more often.

But our greatest assets are not material assets -- they are the skills and energy of our people. *And nowhere can you find better people - People who love the beauties of nature - who love + respect the arts - who literally have a burning desire for Education.*

L Duluth is the home of a great university -- the University of Minnesota, Duluth -- and one of our best private colleges, the College of St. Scholastica. There is an excellent public education system throughout Northeastern Minnesota, from elementary and secondary schools to community colleges. *This is the new wealth - the new power -*

L The Duluth-Superior Highway Bridge, the St. Lawrence Seaway, the Superior-Cloquet water line, and now this splendid arena-auditorium -- all are combining to make this whole region a single economic and social unit, transcending the man-made boundaries separating Minnesota and Wisconsin and Duluth and Superior.

L This region, with its mineral and ^{water} timber resources, has been over the past two generations a source of great economic strength to the country as a whole.

*Cong Blatnik
Cong O'Rourke
we will keep
your separate
Districts*

And in this and future generations, with new technologies and new public facilities, it will ~~also make an~~ *make an even more* impressive contribution to our national strength.

We've been together in good times and bad. And, between the two, I think we'd choose the good times.

Now the chance lies ahead to make this whole region a magnet for industry, for tourists, for investment.

There are good times today. But there are better times ahead, if we will work and plan to make it so.

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FOR

Mr Goldfine

Happy Day are Here Again

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Men look so

'
S

Prosperous.

Women so beautiful

Congo 'Konski'
Dee Score Board

Compliments of
THE DULUTH BUDGETEER



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