

VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO KOREA  
June 29 - July 2, 1967

SUGGESTED TOAST AT LUNCHEON FOR VICE PRESIDENT YEN

Mr. Vice President, Ambassador Tang, Vice Minister Shen, Director Lai, Distinguished Friends:

It was less than two months ago, Mr. Vice President, that we had the pleasure of your visit to our country and that I had the opportunity to meet with you in Washington. I am delighted to be able to see you again and on such an auspicious occasion. For we both bring the respects of our Presidents to President Park at his inauguration and in this way are expressing our own nations' solidarity with the Republic of Korea, a great nation with which our two peoples -- Chinese and Americans -- are proud to be joined in the great cause of freedom.

Your Excellency, recalling your visit to the United States, I should like to take this opportunity to convey to you most emphatically and sincerely my admiration for the effectiveness with which you carried out your important mission. Your lucid interpretation, for the benefit of American officials and the public, of recent developments on the mainland of China, your calls for support of the Free World's efforts in Viet-Nam and your inspiring presentation of the Republic of China's remarkable economic progress did much to heighten the esteem that Americans

already held for the Chinese nation and its President Chiang Kai-shek.

Adding a more personal note, Mr. Vice President, I would also like to confess to you my admiration for the vigor and skill with which you engage in the fine Vice Presidential art of peripatetic diplomacy. Being "in the business," as it were, I can appreciate what such a schedule as yours, traveling for three weeks in the United States, involved in thought and effort. I can only admire the brilliant manner in which you met this challenge. It is an honor to have you as a fellow member of that exclusive and distinguished club -- the International Vice President's Guild.

When I visited Taiwan on New Year's Day last year, I followed with great interest the briefing I received on both the Republic of China's own economic development and its program of technical assistance in agriculture to other nations. I was very pleased to have the opportunity while you were in Washington to hear from you of what had happened in these fields since I was in Taiwan. Of especial interest to me were your remarks about the emphasis your Government is placing on agricultural vocational schools. These are basic to agricultural development in any country and I have long believed that we in the United States owe a very great deal to such schools for the bountiful output of American farms. The Republic of China's development of agricultural

vocational schools makes it easier to understand your country's success in developing a highly productive farm economy and at the same time a capability to pass on precious agricultural skills to other nations around the world.

President Johnson's Science Adviser, Dr. Hornig, will be visiting Taiwan later this summer at the President's request. A committee under Dr. Hornig's guidance recently reported to the President on the critically expanding gap between the world's population and its food. Your country's highly developed agriculture and the skill your technicians have shown in passing on to others your own agricultural know-how give you a key role in the War on Hunger -- victory in which is so important if the world is to have peace and security. We in the United States, Mr. Vice President, are proud to have the Republic of China as an ally in this great and vital effort.

The United States and China have long been close allies. I am reminded that today is but one week short of the thirtieth anniversary of the event which marked the beginning of the war in the Pacific -- the Marco Polo Bridge Incident. From that terrible war grew the alliance between our countries which led finally to victory in 1945. Mr. Vice President, our alliance remains as strong today as then, and I know that I need not tell you of the determination of the United States to be faithful to that alliance or of its pride in

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having so valiant an ally.

Gentlemen, I ask that you join me in a toast to the President of the Republic of China and to the enduring friendship between the Chinese and American peoples.

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