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REMARKS BY SENATOR HUMPHREY

GREATER PITTSTON

FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

58TH ANNUAL DINNER

MARCH 17, 1972

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of Dan's Party

Shakespearean
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Woman

051842 Annual St. Patrick's Day Stag Dinner
 Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick

Paul Cadden - chx (~~Ted Rogers~~)

"GOD SAVE ALL HERE! MAY GOD SAVE YOU KINDLY."

SO GOES THE TRADITIONAL IRISH GREETING BROUGHT BY THE
 TRAVELER TO HIS HOSTS, LAND, HAVING IN MIND THE HANDSHAKING
 AND THE SPEECHMAKING, AND BABY-KISSING AND THE POLITICKING
 THAT WILL BE MINE TO DELIVER AND YOURS TO ENDURE, HE
 HAS HIS WORK CUT OUT FOR HIM BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER, 1972.

I HAVE ATTENDED QUITE A FEW OF YOUR SOCIETY'S ANNUAL
 GATHERINGS--NEW YORK, LOS ANGELES, SCRANTON--AND I NOTE
 THE CUSTOM OF HAVING BUT ONE TOAST, "TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES." I THOUGHT, AS I JOINED YOU IN LIFTING
 MY GLASS--"THERE, BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD--and the Voters"

L HOWEVER, I AM NOT GOING TO LET MY REMARKS BECOME
TAINTED WITH PARTISAN POLITICS.

L I WILL SAVE THOSE FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY ON
APRIL 25TH.

L I HAVE HEARD THAT YOUR DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER LAST
YEAR WAS KENNY O'DONNELL. L KEN, WHOSE INTUITIVE IRISH

INSTINCT FOR GOOD JUDGEMENT IN POLITICS WAS ~~TOO VALUABLE~~ *As valuable*

~~IN ADD~~ ^{to} OF JACK KENNEDY'S CAMPAIGN, IS NOW HELPING ME

AND HE HAS ASKED ME TO PASS ON HIS "BEST OF THE EVENING"

TO YOU L HE TOLD ME OF HIS WARM RECEPTION LAST YEAR, BUT

THIS YEAR HE IS SAYING A GOOD WORD OR TWO FOR ME ELSEWHERE.

L ~~##~~ THERE ISN'T MUCH IRISH IN ME--ALTHOUGH THE LITTLE

THERE IS GOES A LONG WAY--AND I FEEL JUST A BIT

UNEASY, SOMETHING LIKE AL SMITH WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR,

L THEY TELL THE STORY OF GOVERNOR SMITH VISITING VARIOUS

NEW YORK STATE INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS HOSPITALS, ORPHANAGES,

TRAINING SCHOOLS--AND THE COURSE OF HIS TOUR TOOK HIM TO

SING SING PRISON WHERE HE WAS UNEXPECTEDLY ASKED TO

SPEAK A FEW WORDS TO THE PRISONERS. HE READILY AGREED.!

L WHEN HE LOOKED OVER THE ASSEMBLED INMATES HE

INSTINCTIVELY BEGAN: "MY FELLOW DEMOCRATS"--REALIZING

THIS WAS NOT NECESSARILY TRUE HE BEGAN AGAIN "MY FELLOW

CITIZENS"--BUT STOPPED AS HE REALIZED THAT SOME OF THEM

HAD LOST THEIR RIGHTS AS CITIZENS BECAUSE OF CONVICTION

OF FELONIES.

L FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAREER HE BECAME A BIT
FLUSTERED AND SAID--"AT ANY RATE IT'S GOOD TO SEE SO
MANY OF YOU HERE."

L WHEN DAN FLOOD ASKED ME TO COME ~~HE~~ HE TOLD ME THAT
IT HAD BEEN A BIPARTISAN, OR NONPARTISAN, DECISION OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. L IT REMINDS ME OF THE STORY I
HEARD ABOUT AN INDUSTRIALIST HERE IN PITTSTON WHO WAS
TAKEN VERY ILL.

L THE POOR SOUL WENT OFF TO THE HOSPITAL AND NOBODY
WROTE TO HIM, NOBODY CALLED ON HIM, AND NOBODY SENT HIM
ANY FLOWERS; HE NEVER GOT ANY CARDS; THEY SAY HE WAS LYING

THUS FOR A WEEK, AND FINALLY THE ~~LOCAL BOARD OF UNIONS~~

THAT ORGANIZED HIS PLANT HAD A MEETING. THEY MET AND

DISCUSSED THE EMPLOYER'S SITUATION AND THEY FINALLY PASSED

A RESOLUTION AND SENT HIM A TELEGRAM; IT READ SOMETHING

LIKE THIS:

"THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF LOCAL 100 HAS MET AND DULY

CONSIDERED YOUR CONDITION AND SITUATION, AND BY A VOTE

OF 8 TO 7 WE WISH YOU A COMPLETE AND SPEEDY RECOVERY.

THE LAST TIME I WAS UP IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD ON

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IT WAS 1968 OVER IN SCRANTON. YOU

MAY HAVE READ ABOUT IT IN THE PAPERS. BUT YOU CAN BET

THAT THIS YEAR I DIDN'T FORGET AND LEAVE MY TUXEDO BACK

IN WASHINGTON. NO SIR--MIKE CLARK MADE SURE OF THAT.

L YOU KNOW I HAVE HEARD ABOUT PITTSTON FOR SOME TIME
--A LOT OF IMPORTANT PEOPLE HAVE COME FROM HERE AND HAVE
MADE THEIR MARK IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BESIDES MY GOOD
FRIEND DAN, I HAVE PARTICULARLY IN MIND A YOUNG CRUSADING
PROSECUTOR BY THE NAME OF GEORGE MORRIS FAY. MORRIS FAY
WAS THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THE SENATE--AND WAS TYPICAL OF THE
KIND OF VIGOROUS, CLEAN CUT AND FAIR-MINDED PROSECUTOR
ONE COULD EXPECT HARRY TRUMAN TO APPOINT.

L THEY TELL ME DAN FLOOD COMES FROM WILKES BARRE--I
GUESS THAT IS WHY IT GOT THE AIRPORT--AND THE PHRASE

"DAPPER DAN" WAS COINED IN HIS HONOR. ONE OF HIS
CRONIES TELLS ME HE WENT WITH DAN TO A CONVENTION IN
CANADA ONE TIME. HE SAID DAN DIDN'T LEAVE HIS HOTEL
ROOM FOR FOUR DAYS BECAUSE HE HAD LEFT HIS MUSTACHE
WAX AT HOME.

WELL, I SAID I DIDN'T WANT MY APPEARANCE TO BE
POLITICAL OR PARTISAN. AFTER ALL, I UNDERSTAND IT
IS POSSIBLE, EVEN IF IT IS UNUSUAL, TO BE BOTH IRISH
AND REPUBLICAN. SO I'M NOT GOING TO TALK POLITICS.

NOW, I WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE HUMPHREY
FAMILY. OF COURSE, YOU KNOW THAT HUMPHREY IS A WELL-
KNOWN IRISH NAME, AT LEAST WHEN I GO TO MEETINGS SUCH AS

Mike
Pet -
changed
Pegishat

THIS, WELL, IN ITS HEART AND SOUL IT REPRESENTS

THE IRISH TUNE, L BUT I HAVE TO MAKE A CONFESSION HERE,

I HAVE TO CONFESS THAT MY MOTHER WAS BORN IN NORWAY,

L A WORD ABOUT MY MOTHER, L MOTHER STILL LIVES AND

SHE'S MY DEAR SWEETHEART. L NOT ONLY WAS MOTHER NOT

IRISH, BUT SHE HAD CERTAIN POLITICAL FAILINGS TOO.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, MY FATHER REMINDED ME MANY TIMES

THAT SHE HAD REPUBLICAN INCLINATIONS.

L FORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, IT WAS MY FATHER WHO GAVE

ME MY POLITICS, ALL THE WAY FROM JEFFERSON AND WILSON

TO F.D.R. AND ON UP TO TRUMAN, AND THEN MY DEAR FATHER

PASSED AWAY. AND MY FATHER GAVE ME MY POLITICS IN LARGE

DOSES.

AND MY FATHER USED TO SAY ABOUT MY MOTHER,
"HUBERT, I WANT YOU TO RESPECT THAT LADY BECAUSE SHE
IS MY SWEETHEART AND MY BELOVED WIFE, BUT DON'T FORGET,
SON, SHE'S POLITICALLY UNRELIABLE."

L I JUST HAPPENED TO NOTE ON THE WAY COMING FROM
THE PLANE, A QUOTATION OF SAMUEL JOHNSON, WHO ONCE RATHER
MEANLY REMARKED, "THE IRISH ARE A FAIR PEOPLE, THEY NEVER
SPEAK WELL OF EACH OTHER." I THINK THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE
OF THEIR MODESTY. ~~I THINK~~ WE OUGHT TO ADD THAT. BUT
I AM HERE TONIGHT TO PRAISE THE IRISH.

L IN THE EARLY 1960'S A MAJOR NEWSPAPER SET A HEADLINE

WHICH READ: "IRELAND LIKE A COLOSSUS BESTRIDES THE
WORLD."

L THERE WAS MUCH TRUTH IN THIS STATEMENT, SPIRITUALLY
IF NOT GEOGRAPHICALLY L FOR AT THAT JUNCTURE IN THE
WORLD'S HISTORY, THREE "SONS OF ERIN" WERE AT THE HELM
OF WORLD POLITICAL POWER AND INFLUENCE: JOHN F. KENNEDY,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; GENERAL MCKEON, HEAD OF
THE UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO; AND MR. BOLAND,
THEN PRESIDENT OF THE U.N. ASSEMBLY.

L HERE WAS SURELY A MOMENT WHEN MEN WHOSE ANCESTORS
SPRANG FROM A SMALL BUT PROUD NATION WERE PROVIDING
LEADERSHIP, INSPIRATION, AND HOPE TO MEN EVERYWHERE.

WE ARE ALL AWARE OF THE TREMENDOUS POLITICAL AND
ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION WHICH THE IRISH HAVE MADE TO WORLD
CIVILIZATION, AND ESPECIALLY TO AMERICA. I AM DEEPLY
AWARE OF THE IRISH GENIUS FOR POLITICS AND STATESMANSHIP.
BUT BEYOND POLITICS THE IRISH HAVE CONTRIBUTED
IMMENSELY TO WORLD CULTURE. WE SHOULD ALWAYS RECALL THAT
FROM THE SIXTH TO THE TENTH CENTURIES A.D., IRISHMEN
AND IRISHWOMEN KEPT EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION ALIVE BY
FOUNDING MONASTERIES AND CENTERS OF LEARNING AND CULTURE
IN EVERY EUROPEAN COUNTRY AND REGION. AND WHEN THEY CAME
BY THE MILLIONS TO AMERICA, THE IRISH BROUGHT WITH THEM
THEIR CULTURE AND HERITAGE FOR THE EVERLASTING BENEFIT
OF ALL AMERICANS.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE TOPIC ASSIGNED EACH YEAR'S
SPEAKER IS "THE DAY WE CELEBRATE"--AND WHO BUT THE IRISH
WOULD HAVE THAT MARVELOUS BLEND OF ["]LOVE OF LIFE AND FAITH
IN GOD, AND RESPECT FOR THE DEAD THAT THEY WOULD CELEBRATE
THE DAY THEIR GREAT SAINT PATRICK DIED, MARCH 17, ONE
THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND ELEVEN YEARS AGO TODAY,

SO LET ME SAY A FEW WORDS IN HONOR OF THE SAINT.
PROBABLY BORN IN DUNBARTON, SCOTLAND IN 389 A.D.
OF CHRISTIAN PARENTS. HE WAS KIDNAPPED AND TAKEN TO
THE NORTH OF IRELAND WHERE HE WAS ^A SHEPHERD SLAVE BEFORE
HE ESCAPED TO FRANCE. LATER HE STUDIED FOR THE PRIESTHOOD,
WAS ORDAINED A BISHOP, AND FOR THE LAST TWENTY-NINE YEARS

OF HIS LIFE IN IRELAND, HE BUILT A MONUMENT OF FAITH

AND HOPE AND CHARITY WHICH HAS SPREAD THOUGHOUT THE

WORLD. THE VENERATION OF NO OTHER MORTAL FIGURE IN

THE HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION HAS ENDURED LIKE THAT

ACCORDED THE MEMORY OF PATRICK, AND THE PEOPLE PATRICK

HAD TO DEAL WITH WERE NOT THE MODELS OF DECORUM AND

DEPORTMENT SUCH AS HIS SONS HERE TONIGHT SO, LET

US DWELL TONIGHT ON THE SONS OF PATRICK--ON THE AMERICAN

IRISH.

FOR IN THEIR STORY WE FIND THE STORY OF AMERICA

THE TRAGIC AND RICH TAPESTRY OF OUR COUNTRY AND ITS

PEOPLE.

WE BEST SUM UP THE SAGA OF THE IRISH IN THE FIGHT
FOR AMERICA'S FREEDOM, UNION, AND DEMOCRACY WHEN WE
REFER TO THE LIST OF THOSE WHO HAVE WON THE NATION'S
HIGHEST DECORATION--THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR.

THE GREATEST NAME IS MURPHY, 21 IN ALL, WITH THE KELLYS
ON THEIR HEELS--18 HEROES STRONG. NOTE THAT AMONG THE
FOREIGN BORN WHO HOLD THE MEDAL, IRELAND WITH HER
HANDFUL OF 4 MILLION SOULS HAS WON MORE THAN TWICE AS
MANY AS ANY OTHER NATION WHO SENT MEN HERE TO HELP.

AND WITH SUCH A RECORD FOR VALOR, IT IS ONE OF THE
MARVELS OF HISTORY THAT THE ENGLISH GOT AWAY WITH AS

MUCH AS THEY DID IN OCCUPYING IRELAND FOR SO MANY GENERATIONS

___AND IT IS ANOTHER MARVEL OF HISTORY THAT IRELAND,

WHICH GAVE THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH A PLACE OF REFUGE

AND PROTECTION LET THE ITALIANS STEAL IT AWAY FROM THEM

WHEN DANGER WAS PAST. / HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF AN IRISH

POPE? / HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF THE COURSE OF HISTORY IF

ST. PETER'S IN ROME HAD BECOME ST. PATRICK'S IN DUBLIN?

/ AND WE HAVE SEEN A PATTERN OF IRISH CONTRIBUTIONS

IN EVERY WALK OF LIFE. / NO LONGER DO WE HEAR THE WRY

COMMENT "SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE IRISH," BUT *rather the*

CONFIDENT BOAST THAT THERE IS SOME IRISH IN ALMOST

EVERY ONE OF US, INCLUDING HUBERT HORATIO HUMPHREY,

/ ONE CAN RUN DOWN THROUGH CATEGORY UPON CATEGORY OF

BATTLEFIELDS WHERE CONTESTS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY BEEN WAGED
FOR DUE RECOGNITION IN EDUCATION, ART, SCIENCE, LITERATURE,
THE THEATRE, LAW, MEDICINE AND PERHAPS MOST SIGNIFICANTLY
OF ALL--SOCIAL SCIENCE AND JUSTICE.

AND WHAT IS THE PROMISE THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR THESE
IRISH IN ^{their} ~~their~~ ADOPTED LAND? [THAT PROMISE IS TO BE FOUND
IN THESE LINES FROM THOMAS WOLFE: "TO EVERY MAN, REGARDLESS
OF HIS BIRTH, HIS SHINING, GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY; TO EVERY MAN,
THE RIGHT TO LIVE AND TO WORK, AND TO BE HIMSELF, AND TO
BECOME WHATEVER THING HIS MANHOOD AND HIS VISION CAN COMBINE
TO MAKE HIM, THIS IS THE PROMISE OF AMERICA."

SO, ON THIS "GREAT DAY FOR THE IRISH" WHEN A
FRIENDLY SON OF ST. PATRICK IS NOTHING BUT "A MIND,
A HEART AND A HAND; A SONG, A SMILE AND A PRAYER,
"PERMIT ME TO CLOSE WITH THIS IRISH PRAYER: <"MAY
THE EARTH BE SOFT UNDER YOU WHEN YOU REST UPON IT,
TIRED AT THE END OF THE DAY; MAY IT REST EASY OVER
YOU WHEN, AT THE LAST, YOU LAY OUT UNDER IT; MAY IT
REST SO LIGHTLY OVER YOU THAT YOUR SOUL MAY BE OFF
FROM UNDER IT QUICKLY, AND UP AND OFF, AND ON ITS
WAY TO GOD."



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