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REMARKS OF MRS. L. B. JOHNSON
AT SWEDISH CELEBRATION
AT MINNEHAHA PARK, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Friends: I am so glad I got to come along because on this gay, festive holiday, I look around and see the flag that belonged to the country from which many of your ancestors came, and every now and then I will catch a glimpse of somebody in a costume that may have come from Sweden. I will bet if I had gotten to join some of those families' picnics I might have gotten a good bite of Swedish food.

I feel I have seen a very colorful, strong, wonderful thread that goes into making up the fabric of America, and, therefore, I understand Minnesota better by being here, and I understand my country better.

May I just say one more word? We in Washington, the women, have come to know the wives of the officials that you send there with so much admiration and liking.

Jane Freeman and Muriel Humphrey, and Abigail McCarthy are people that you can be so proud of, and they work right shoulder to shoulder with their husbands.

Thank you; I am glad to have shared this day with you.

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