

## HIKANATION ARRIVAL CEREMONY

MAY 13, 1981

- 12:00 NOON ALL THOSE TAKING PART IN THE CEREMONY ASSEMBLE FOR REHEARSAL--  
WEST STEPS OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING.
- 12:30 P.M. U. S. COAST GUARD BAND--WARMUP.
- 12:55 P.M. ALL PARTICIPANTS TAKE POSITIONS.
- 01:00 P.M. CONTINGENT OF HIKANATION PARTICIPANTS CLIMBS STEPS TO FRONT  
OF LECTERN.
- 01:02 P.M. PLACEMENT OF FLAGS (AMERICAN AND AHS)
- 01:04 P.M. CRAIG EVANS:  
  
"LADIES & GENTLEMEN, I AM PLEASED TO INTRODUCE THE UNITED  
STATES COAST GUARD BAND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LT. LOUIS  
BUCKLEY. WILL YOU ALL PLEASED JOIN US IN SINGING OUR  
NATIONAL ANTHEM."
- 01:06 P.M. CRAIG EVANS INTRODUCES PRESIDENT PRITCHARD
- 01:07 P.M. PRESIDENT PRITCHARD:  
  
"ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS,  
STAFF, AND THE HUNDREDS OF OTHERS WHO HAVE MADE THIS DREAM  
COME TRUE TODAY, MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME  
FIRST, ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN OF THEIR PERSONAL TIME AND  
FORTUNES TO MAKE THIS JOURNEY ACROSS THE CONTINENT IN THE  
CAUSE OF THE PRESERVATION OF OUR NATIONS SCENIC TRAILS AND  
WILDERNESS AREAS. ADDITIONALLY, MAY I WELCOME THE FAMILY  
AND FRIENDS OF THESE HIKERS, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, AND OTHER  
FRIENDS OF THE AMERICAN HIKING SOCIETY.

WE HAVE INDEED BEEN FORTUNATE THAT THIS JOURNEY ACROSS AMERICA HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT SERIOUS MISHAP AND I WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON THE REVEREND RON BARBOUR OF THE EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN MT. VERNON, VIRGINIA, TO GIVE THANKS FOR A SAFE PASSAGE AND TO BLESS THIS GATHERING."

01:09 P.M. INVOCATION (REVEREND BARBOUR)

01:13 P.M. PRESIDENT PRITCHARD:

"THANK YOU..."  
(STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AHS AND HIKANATION)

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INTRODUCE: SENATOR STROM THURMOND

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INTRODUCE: DR. GLEN SEABORG

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01:30 P.M. PRESIDENT PRITCHARD:

"AS YOU KNOW THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF ANY ORGANIZATION IS A FLEETING HONOR AT BEST. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO, BY THEIR STATURE IN AHS AND THE HIKING COMMUNITY, SEEM TO ENDURE. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU A MAN WHO IS NOT ONLY ONE OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF THE AMERICAN HIKING SOCIETY, BUT WHOSE NAME IS SYNONYMOUS WITH EDITORIALS, ARTICLES, THE BACKPACKER EQUIPMENT BUYERS

GUIDE, AND OF COURSE, BACKPACKER MAGAZINE. HE ALSO SERVES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE AMERICAN HIKING SOCIETY, MR. BILL KEMSLEY."

MR. KEMSLEY: (COMMENTS -- 5 MINUTES)

PRESIDENT PRITCHARD: "THANK YOU, BILL!"

"NEXT I HAVE THE HONOR TO INTRODUCE THE MAN WHO WAS NOT ONLY A FOUNDING FATHER OF THE AMERICAN HIKING SOCIETY AND ITS FIRST PRESIDENT, BUT ALSO THE MAN WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONCEPTION OF THIS HIKANATION. JIM KERN HAS DEVOTED HIS TIME, ENERGY, AND PERSONAL FORTUNE, MEAGER AS THAT MAY NOW BE, IN THE PROMOTION OF THE AMERICAN HIKING SOCIETY AND, AS I MENTIONED, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF OUR HIKANATION EFFORTS. HAVING KNOWN JIM FOR MANY YEARS, I KNEW THIS WOULD NOT TURN OUT TO BE ANYTHING ELSE BUT THE SUCCESS IT TRUELY HAS BECOME. WOULD YOU PLEASE GIVE A BIG WELCOME TO MY PREDECESSOR AT AHS...JIM KERN...JIM!

MR. KERN: (COMMENTS -- 5 MINUTES)

MR. KERN:

"NEXT I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE LINDA HULL & KEITH WRIGHT.

MR. KERN:

"AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, THIS HIKANATION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF MANY PEOPLE. AS I AM SURE YOU ALSO KNOW, THE POSTUM DIVISION OF GENERAL FOODS HAS NOT ONLY SPONSORED THE HIKANATION, BUT HAS GIVEN OF THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL TALENTS TO HELP MAKE THIS A SUCCESS. I AM PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US TODAY, THE PRODUCT MANAGER FOR POSTUM...MR. MARK KAPSKY...MARK..."  
(REMINDER TO MENTION KAUFMAN & EDWARDS.)"

MR. KAPSKY: (COMMENTS -- 2 MINUTES)

MR. KERN: "THANK YOU, MARK!"

"MY NEXT INTRODUCTION POSSIBLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST. WITHOUT THE HELP OF CONGRESSMAN MARIO BIAGGI, WE WOULD NOT HAVE HAD THE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS THAT WE HAVE HERE TODAY, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK HIM TO COME FORTH AND SAY A FEW WORDS....THE HONORABLE MARIO BIAGGI OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK."

REP. BIAGGI: (COMMENTS -- 2 MINUTES)

MR. KERN:

"ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF AHS HAS BEEN VERY SPECIAL TO ME PERSONALLY. IN ADDITION TO SHOWING THE GREATEST COURAGE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY WHEN HER HUSBAND, CONGRESSMAN GOODLOE BYRON, ALSO A MEMBER OF THE AHS BOARD, PASSED AWAY... BEVERLY WENT ON TO GIVE NEW MEANING TO THE WORDS ENDURANCE, PERSEVERENCE AND FORTITUDE. NOW A MEMBER OF CONGRESS IN HER OWN RIGHT, BEVERLY HAS LONG BEEN ONE OF THE MOST ARDENT SUPPORTERS OF THE AMERICAN HIKING SOCIETY. WON'T YOU PLEASE HELP ME WELCOME THE HONORABLE BEVERLY BYRON OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND...BEVERLY."

REP. BYRON: (COMMENTS -- 2, 3 MINUTES)

01:50 P.M. (APPROX.)

PRESIDENT PRITCHARD:

"I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INTRODUCE A FEW PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN RATHER SPECIAL FRIENDS TO AHS. AS I CALL THEIR NAMES AND ASK THEM TO STEP FORWARD, WOULD YOU PLEASE WELCOME THEM WITH ONE (1) CLAP. (DEMONSTRATE)

SENATOR WILLIAM WHITEHURST

SENATOR WILLIAM COHEN

MONTY MONTGOMERY

ROBERT HERBST

DAVID HALES

\*BOB RICH (PLAQUE -- HCRS)

STAN ALBRIGHT -- ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MANAGEMENT &  
OPERATIONS -- NPS

MAX PETERSON -- CHIEF OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE

GENE CRAIGHEAD GEORGE

TOM FLOYD

ED GARVEY

RUTH BLACKBURN

LT. BUCKLEY & U.S. COAST GUARD BAND