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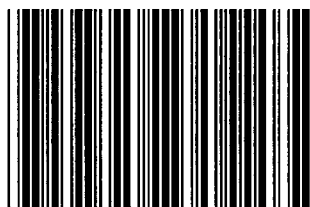
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Teamsters Speech (Luncheon) Notes

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Slowly + Forcefully

Notes - Al Barkan
Lunch 6-27

Tough year for organized labor

Tough year in Montana, too
was organized -

Yet, in Montana, we have two strong
traditions -

No way for me to fill, but I'll try.

I'm particularly concerned w/ several issues -

- Multinational export of jobs
- rising rt wing movement.

- a disease

- cancerous disease

- Mike + Lee kept at bay

Organized labor + political

figures two way street.

Also concerned w/ away we approach
problems:

- sit down, in Mont, way in advance
false enviro v. jobs trade off

- I want agree 100% of time. Whether
Mike, Lee, Jim Rice or Red Sox

But will approach.

Tough race in Mont

- Rk camp movement
- own deficit v. millionaire
- Can't be deceived w/ figures
- Dale + Montrose manages
- Political reporter to ch. Rep Mont Conn

In face of these details in DC & Mont
we now have to patch in.

Come to Mansfield

I don't buy the notion that there is a definite trade off of jobs against the environment, for example. There are ways for all of us to sit down in advance so that we can identify our particular concerns & then work them out. In fact that's why I got into politics - I believe that ~~we can work out our~~ two reasonable people can sit down & work out their differences. That's what Mike and Lee did, and it's what I'd do, too.

was surprised

We were all agreed

And, then I believe that one should live up to one's commitment, and not double cross. Mike & Lee were not 100 percenters on labor. Neither can Jimmy Rice ^{hit} a 100. But they felt and expression of working men & women, they ~~tried to~~ had that commitment to find a solution. And they kept their word. I, too, tell you I won't be a 100 percenter on all the votes. But I will be a 100 percenter in my commitment to that same tradition of Mansfield & Metcalf. ~~That's why~~

The upcoming election in Montana will not be easy. We all know the right wing pressures, particularly in the West. Labor Law reform is not law today because Moss two years ago lost to Hatch, McGee lost to Wallop, and Montoya to DeConcini? ~~And~~ Moreover, there's a small internal struggle w/ the state fed. All of this makes us vulnerable and puts our race in a precarious ~~position~~ ^{against a} position. We also face a defeat pillow.

So ~~we~~ must rely on natural people constituents. The farmers union, the elderly, average working men & women. ~~and~~ And, of ~~course~~ we need your help, as much as you possibly can afford.

Several incumbents ^{see} face difficult elections this year. I hope & expect you to give them your utmost help. If not, beyond that, there aren't many other Senate races, particularly in the West, where there's a definite choice. We have to stem the conservative, right wing tide in ~~the~~ West, because that has a cumulative effect across the country. ~~And~~ I'll do what I can, in the same spirit of two great Montana Senators, Mike & Lee, to do my very best.

I don't have to tell you that this has been a tough year for organized labor in Washington. Even if a Dem Pres + Dem Congress, ~~history of~~ record doesn't been good.

It's been a tough year ~~in the~~ for labor in Montana, too. We have ~~have a family~~ an internal family squabble w/ state-fed. And, percentage of union membership in our state has been falling. In 1972 65,000 or 30% work force, ranked 12th to in 1974 60,000 or 26% ⁱⁿ, ranked 18th.

Today that's fallen to

So it's been tough.

Yet in Montana we've had two positive strong traditions. One ^{traditions} is Mike Mansfield and the other ^{tradition} is Lee Metcalf. Both Mike and Lee ~~be~~ understood + felt the problems of Montanans + national working men + women - poor, elderly, average working man. Lee, in particular, fought Montana Power + national utilities which mercilessly raised utility rates w/ no increase in service + supplies. And, Mike, became one of the nation's most respected public servants because he was so honest. He never went back on his word.

I know that there's no way that I can follow the shoes of Mike and Lee. It's impossible. But I do know that, in their ~~tradition~~ long standing tradition, I will try.

A lot of issues concern me. One is the multinational aspect of jobs. I see it in Montana where raw materials are exported out of our state instead of processing them in Montana.

I'm also very concerned w/ the so called right wing movement, particularly in the West. Proposition 13, right to work efforts, ~~and~~ the loss of 3 Senate seats last yr in San Mateo, McGee & Moss, form a movement that must be stopped. Mike & Lee kept it at bay. I'd like to do my best, too. There's only one way to stop it, and that's ~~I'm also concerned about~~ to meet it head on. Expose it for what it is.

Finally, I'm concerned that, particularly with this Congress and Administration, ~~we~~ there hasn't been enough trust. I, personally, would like to sit down with each of you, you, you, & Al & Dean & work out some of our concerns well in advance of votes.