

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - MONDAY, Nov. 11, 1985

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. The news is dominated this week by preparations for the summit meeting between the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union. We are told of the importance of these two superpowers coming to agreement -- even if that agreement is only to work harder at reaching agreement on the crucial issues on the international agenda. Nuclear warfare is a threat that must be reduced, if not eliminated, we are told.

To the world

Today, we'll be hearing about this summit, and about many others that have gone before, from ~~a~~ ^{the} veteran United States Senator, Charles Mathias. He'll be giving us a fascinating history lesson, and some of his invaluable insight into foreign policy in this century. Senator Mathias gave his address recently at the State University of New York at Stony Brook as a keynote speaker at a gathering honoring Jacob K. Javits, the former U.S. Senator from New York. That gathering, taking place over several days, reviewed U.S. foreign policy during the quarter-century Senator Javits spent in the Congress.

Senator Mathias began his address with a rollcall of summit sites in this century. See how many of them you recognize:
TAPE - SIDE A - 000 "Versailles, Munich, Yalta..." through to
069 "...for the summit that's about to occur."
AFO LIVE: History is not without humor, and Senator Mathias in his address at Stony Brook introduced it in recounting some of the summits that took place centuries ago:

TAPE - SIDE A - 069 "But there have been incredible ..." through
139 "...polishing images than probing issues."
AFO LIVE: Napoleon, Czar Alexander...the names are legend. And yet, Senator Mathias suggested, they were, like Reagan and

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Gorbachev, human beings, and we, like history, must allow for that. Here's how the senator put it:

TAPE - SIDE A - 145 (FAST CUT NEEDED AFTER FIRST WORD 'BECAUSE')
"Face to face, the President and..." through

186 "...the dangers of excessing expectations."

AFO LIVE: Like many other participants and observers, Senator Mathias has been encouraged by the spirit of compromise that has developed during the pre-summit preparation period. During his talk at the University at Stony Brook, he commented on the need for preparation, and took note of how differently that is done in the two nations, the U.S. and the Soviet Union:

TAPE - SIDE A - 186 "Yet, if we must not look ahead..." through
287 "...than too much public oratory."

AFO LIVE: Senator Charles Mathias, speaking on the Reagan-Gorbachev summit at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

14:00

(PAUSE) We'll return with some more on this subject in a moment. Please stay with us.

BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

Hi. I'm Al Oickle. I'm at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, where Charles Mathias, the retiring U.S. Senator from Maryland gave a public address recently on the subject of summit meetings. We've been listening to the senator cover some of the history of summits over the centuries. Now, let's listen as he examines the question of why two nations with the power for war that the U.S. and the Soviet Union have, should try to reason together.

TAPE - SIDE A - 287 - "Unfortunately, the least headway seems..."
through SIDE B 055 - "...temper of Western leadership."

AFO LIVE: Senator Charles Mathias, speaking at Stony Brook

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recently, referred again to the 1955 summit with Dwight Eisenhower:

TAPE - SIDE B 055 - "Well, we stand today at a very similar" through 131 "...and make up your own mind."

AFO LIVE: As I noted at the beginning of this program, Senator Mathias was at Stony Brook for a conference of historians, scholars and political scientists to examine U.S. foreign policy during the many years that Jacob Javits was in the U.S. Senate. Let's listen to a little bit of what Senator Mathias had to say about Senator Javits' role:

TAPE - SIDE A 239 - "Now, some of you may be less familiar..." through to end

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