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(Editors: The paragraphs below are from remarks Regent Richard L. Griggs, Duluth, will make at luncheon at Kitchi Gammi Club Friday(Aug.17) honoring University of Minnesota Regents A.I.Johnson, Benson, and Robert E. Hess, White Bear Lake).

Mr. Griggs paid tribute to Regents Johnson and Hess saying "Both are young in service to the University, but I can say in complete sincerity that my service and association with them makes it clear to me that they will be unselfish, dedicated and able men in their contributions to a great University."

Griggs noted that in the growth of UMD many organizations and individuals have given "magnificent support in the upbuilding of a highly respected institution of education, culture and public service."

The occasion of the luncheon and the visits of Regents Johnson and Hess "gives me the rare opportunity to pay tribute to the very strong, effectual, sincere support I have personally had for the upbuilding of the University of Minnesota, by every labor unit in our area. Dr. Darland and I have passed through many crises from the beginning of our UMD as a baby institution, crises that have forced us to call upon every resource we could to secure the magnificent structures we have on our campus today. Needed action for UMD was spearheaded by our loyal legislators, not only of Duluth but the whole eighth district delegation. No more vigorous support came from any group than from our Duluth and area labor group. Our legislators valued it and Dr. Darland and I were most grateful for it."

"And so this day I chose for myself in behalf of the advancement of the University of Minnesota, Duluth to personally pay tribute to that support and to say to you labor leaders here today, "thank you."

Griggs praised regent A. I. Johnson for his "interest and service to UMD in some of its critical days before the legislature." Griggs noted that when Johnson was Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives (two terms), Johnson had always protected UMD and Duluth interests in appointments for buildings and appropriations committees.

In reference to Provost Raymond W. Darland, Griggs said "The University of Minnesota, Duluth has been blessed by his leadership. He is today, in my book, one of the top men in all of Minnesota in educational and administrative leadership. To duplicate him here in Duluth would be almost impossible."

(Editors: See release of August 15 for details on Johnson, Hess visit)

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Prepared remarks of Regent A. I. Johnson at luncheon:

"I think we all enjoy and appreciate how well UMD is functioning as a major educational institution in this area. It was just a dream a few years ago and now is reality. It was my pleasure to be a part of its early development.

"But there must be no relaxation in the drive for new progress here. If we are to meet the needs of Northeastern Minnesota, then much of the help must come from UMD and the University as a whole.

"We can't possibly observe the growth and function of UMD without attributing much of its success to some very devoted people...Regent Griggs, Provost Darland and the many loyal and devoted legislators from this region."

Remarks of Regent Robert E. Hess at luncheon:

"The recent announcement by Litton Industries Inc. to establish an electronics plant in Duluth included as one of their major reasons for coming here the location of UMD in this community and their respect for Dr. Darland.

"So I feel Northeastern Minnesota will grow and prosper as UMD progresses. In order to accelerate this growth, I feel UMD will have to move more steadily in the direction of more technical training in order to better serve this community and the state."

Remarks of Dr. Darland at luncheon:

"UMD has granted well over 5,000 degrees in the past 15 years. What better proof is necessary to justify the establishment of a University campus in Northeastern Minnesota?

"The results and accomplishments today are the reflection of complete cooperation from the Regents, the University administration, many group and private donors, the legislators, and labor and civic leaders from every segment of the community.

"Thousands of students will benefit from the investments already made and are sure to be made during the next 10 years. Completion of the Duluth campus by 1970 still is our goal."