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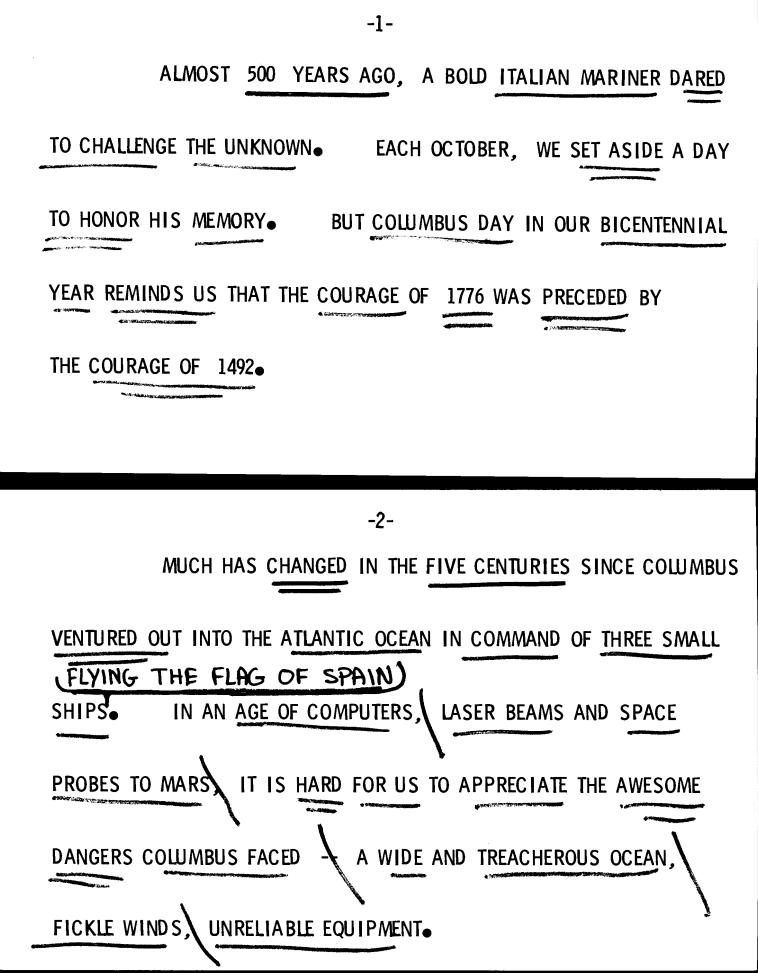
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# REMARKS AT COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVANCE

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1976

- THANK YOU, BONNIE
- REVEREND CLERGY
- MR. AMBASSADOR
- MR. MINISTER
- SENATOR DOMENICI
- MR. MAYOR
- DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

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COLUMBUS KNEW FULL WELL THAT HIS DARING ADVENTURE COULD EASILY

END IN DISASTER.

YET IN SPITE OF THOSE ENORMOUS RISKS, HE WENT FORWARD. NOT JUST ONCE, BUT FOUR TIMES.

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IN DOING SO, HE NOT ONLY DISCOVERED A NEW WORLD,

BUT BLAZED A NAUTICAL TRAIL FOR GENERATIONS OF EUROPEANS TO

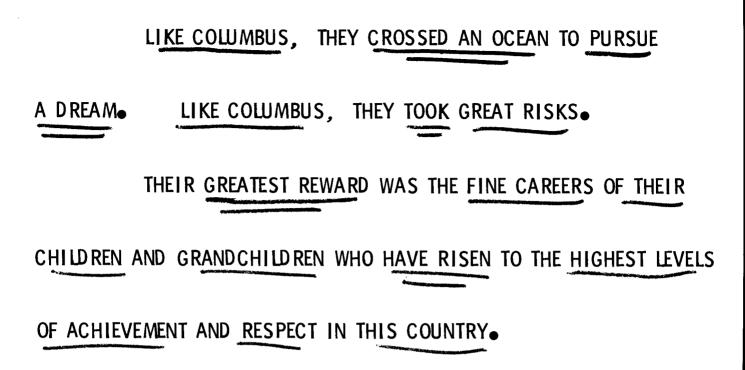
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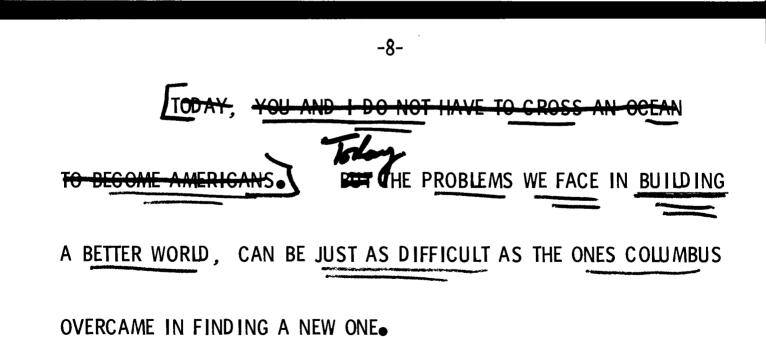
TODAY, THE THREADS OF MANY CULTURES AND MANY

NATIONS ARE WOVEN INTO THE AMERICAN FABRIC.

Jouph's Cost.

I SALUTE THE ITALIAN-AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA FOR CO-SPONSORING THIS COLUMBUS DAY EVENT. COLUMBUS DAY IS NOT JUST A CELEBRATION FOR THE AMERICANS OF ITALIAN OR HISPANIC HERITAGE BUT A TRULY NATIONAL TRIBUTE BY ALL AMERICANS. -6-OVER THE YEARS. MILLIONS OF IMMIGRANTS HAVE COME TO AMERICA FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE GLOBE MANY MILLIONS **CENTINEM HAVE BEEN SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY FOLLOWING** THE COURSE OF COLUMBUS. CONTRACT AND A



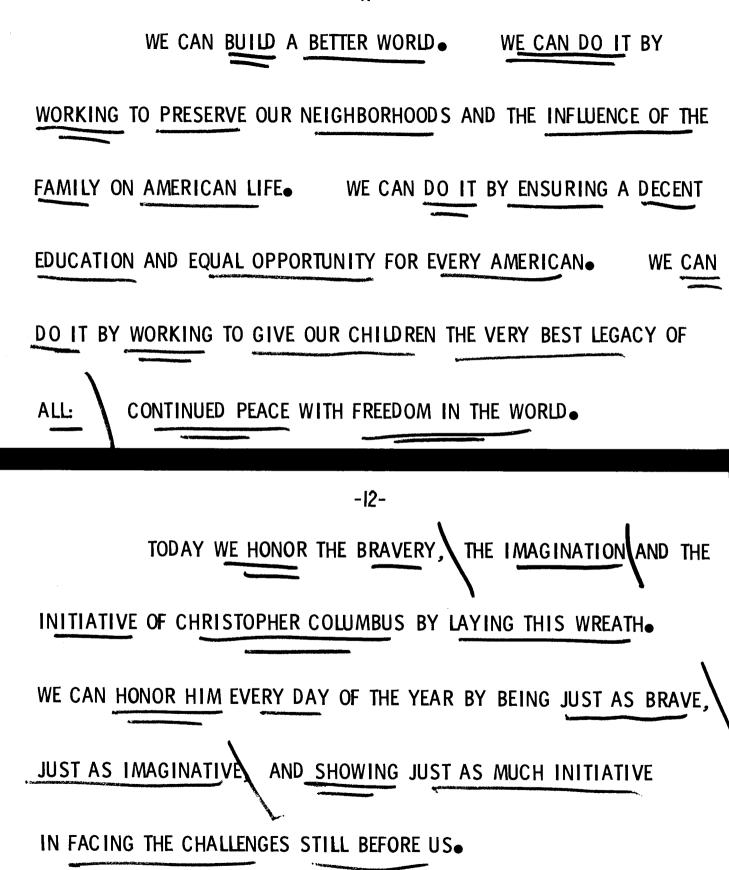


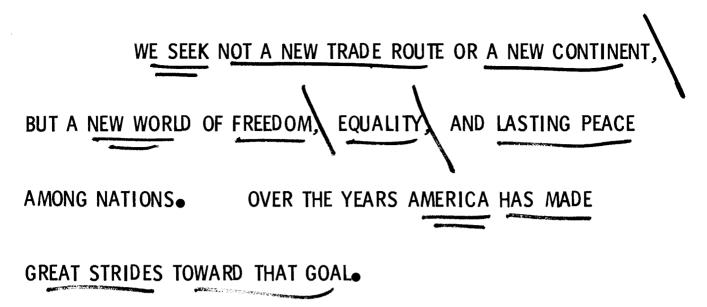
NEW WORLD AS THE CHAMPION OF FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS. AMERICA HAS BEEN THEIR HOPE AND THEIR HELP AND WE WILL NEVER LET THEM DOWN.

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OUR GOAL OF PEACE WITH FREEDOM REQUIRES EVERY BIT AS MUCH COURAGE, AS MUCH FAITH, AS MUCH ENDURANCE, AS MUCH TOIL FROM AMERICANS TODAY AS COLUMBUS DEMANDED OF HIS CREW.

THE PEOPLES OF THE OLD WORLD STILL LOOK TO THE





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AS COLUMBUS HIMSELF MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT, WE HAVE COME TOO FAR

The course has been set / to achieve the American Dirth TO TURN BACK NOW. en missio THANK YOU VERY MUCH all be achin END OF TEXT