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READING TEXT

Starr Commonwealth  
October 3, 1965  
Albion, Michigan

Fifty-two years ago the warmly human and compassionate history  
of Starr Commonwealth began. The years have sped by for the gentle  
~~man~~ who founded this unique place. Boys have grown to men, going into  
the world better equipped to handle the problems of a complex society.

The years have been a mixture of happiness and heartbreak, good days  
and bad days, ups and downs, high hopes and some disappointments.

Added together they have been 52 years of achievements in human  
relations.

Being here with you today--- especially on this birthday of Starr  
Commonwealth--- is a very special experience.

(INTO EXPERIENCE OF MICH- MINN GAME....CARDS)



Minnesota battle cry was "mangle Michigan!"

Gophers..on way to national championship, out to break a 41-year jinx.

\* Minnesota failed to defeat a Michigan team at home since 1892

\* Not scored on Michigan since 1929

On Friday, day before game, we worked out with enthusiasm after long train ride.

Respected ability of Minn... But not fear the team.

I not sleep too well night before game.

Crowd 60,000 in Memorial stadium

Michigan "Fighting 100" varsity band there

First half was surprise for Minn. fans and hopeful for us.

We outplayed Gophers

As a linebacker had tough time meeting crushing offensive runs

At halftime we tired... but spirits high

Second half...Minn. turned on the power

Beat us 34 to 0

We outrushed 314 to 17 yards

Scoreboard not reveal determination of the Mich team

punting out of danger

strong, clean tackling

Learned many lessons playing football..but this game was final exam.

We learned what coaches ~~xxx~~ tried to teach us.... "Never stop trying!"

"Don't be afriad of tackling a job when odds against you."

Head coach Harry Kipke told us: "Give all you have, but give it within the letter--and within the spirit of the rules."

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Arrive in Ann Arbor Sunday...big parade..people met us.. demonstrated  
loyalty despite our loss to Minnesota.

Since gradua ion...coaching at Yale...finishing law school..Navy service..  
16 years in politics...often thought of this game.

Has helped me face tough situations...

Know the value of team play--one of most important ~~lessons~~ lessons  
to be learned and practiced in our lives.