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A Tribute To  
Senator  
Daniel K. Inouye

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Center for National Policy

Sixth Annual  
Distinguished Public Service  
Award Dinner

## Daniel K. Inouye



Daniel K. Inouye has spent a lifetime serving his country with great integrity and unwavering courage. Vice-President Hubert Humphrey called Dan Inouye "a most remarkable man, an honorable and effective Senator, a true patriot."

Born in Honolulu, Dan Inouye was one of the first Americans to treat civilian casualties after the attack on Pearl Harbor. At the age of 18, he was accepted as a member of the Army's highly decorated 442nd Regimental Combat Team, whose motto "Go For Broke" served as a rallying cry, and symbolized Inouye's attitude in

life. After losing his right arm in combat, Inouye returned home a Captain with a Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart.

After the war, Dan Inouye earned a law degree and was elected to the House of Representatives of the Territory of Hawaii in 1954. He became the Majority Leader and was later elected to the Territorial Senate in 1958.

When Hawaii achieved statehood in 1959, Dan Inouye won election to the U.S. House of Representatives as the new state's first Congressman. He was also the first American of Japanese ancestry ever elected to the House.

Hawaii sent Dan Inouye to the U.S. Senate in 1962, where he has since served in several positions of national prominence. The keynote speaker at the 1968 Democratic National Convention, Inouye called for racial understanding and progressive change through democratic institutions. Inouye gained national respect as a member of the Senate Watergate Committee in 1973-74. This year he was lauded for his "statesman-like dignity" in his role as chair of the Senate Select Committee to investigate the Iran-contra matter. He is active in such areas as maritime strategy, communications, and foreign policy.

For his outstanding service to Congress and the American people, the Center for National Policy is pleased to honor Daniel K. Inouye as the recipient of the 1987 Distinguished Public Service Award.

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RECENTLY, AT A STUDENT SEMINAR ON GOVERNMENT,  
A YOUNG LADY SAID WITHOUT FANFARE: "SENATOR, OUR  
NATION IS GOING TO HELL."

WE DO HAVE PROBLEMS --- UNEMPLOYMENT, ~~HIGH INTEREST~~  
*BUDGET Deficits, illiteracy, Personal Debt*  
~~RATES, HIGH COST OF LIVING~~ --- BUT WE ALSO HAVE THE

*TRADE DEFICIT,*

RESOURCES AND ABILITIES TO SOLVE THOSE PROBLEMS. AND  
THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, THOUGH WE HAVE AT TIMES BEEN  
NAIVE AND SOMETIMES INITIATED TRAGEDY, WE HAVE ALWAYS  
SHOWN THAT WE HAVE THE WILL TO SOLVE THOSE PROBLEMS.

WE SHOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT AMERICA IS THE MOST  
BLESSED OF COUNTRIES. AND EVEN AS WE SINGLE OUT OUR  
BLACK PAGES FOR EXAMINATION, WE SHOULD ALWAYS LOOK AT  
THE MULTITUDE OF BRIGHT PAGES THAT COMPRISE THIS NATION'S  
HISTORY.

I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHICH FREELY GIVES US  
THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK OUT AND CRITICIZE THE GOVERNMENT.

THE AUTHOR OF OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, THOMAS  
JEFFERSON ONCE SAID: "THE SPIRIT OF RESISTANCE TO  
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WISH IT TO BE ALWAYS KEPT ALIVE. IT WILL OFTEN BE  
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I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHICH ALLOWS US TO  
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I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHICH DOES NOT BURN BOOKS, BUT, INSTEAD PERMITS US TO READ ALL BOOKS, EVEN IF THE PROSE BE UGLY, VILE AND PROFANE.

I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHICH PROVIDES FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION TO ALL THOSE WITH THE CAPACITY AND ABILITY TO LEARN.

I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND IN WHICH, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, OVER ONE-HALF OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GOING ON TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHICH IS TRYING NOT  
TO FORSAKE ITS ELDER CITIZENS AND PROVIDES THEM WITH  
MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE IN THEIR AUTUMN YEARS.

I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHICH IS TRYING ITS  
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THE PACE MAY BE SLOW -- BUT WE ARE STEPPING FORWARD  
TO OUR GOALS.

I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE  
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I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHERE EVERY PERSON,  
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I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHERE THE PROMISE OF  
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AND I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN A LAND WHICH HAS PRODUCED  
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SIXTH ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD DINNER  
"A TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE"  
HYATT REGENCY ON CAPITOL HILL  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1987

6:00-7:15 p.m.

VIP RECEPTION  
Yellowstone Room, Second Floor  
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NOTE: Senator Inouye will be  
met at the Capitol View  
Club entrance, just to  
the left of hotel main  
entrance on New Jersey  
Ave., N.W., and escorted  
to the Yellowstone Room.

6:30-7:30

MAIN RECEPTION  
Columbia Ballroom and Foyer

7:30

DINNER  
Regency Ballroom

Allowing time for guests to be seated in the Ballroom,  
the program will begin at:

7:50 p.m.

WELCOME  
Harry McPherson, Dinner Chairman

7:52

INVOCATION

9:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF VICE-CHAIRS,  
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Harry McPherson

9:05

REMARKS  
Kirk O'Donnell, CNP President

9:10

REMARKS  
Hon. Edmund S. Muskie, CNP Chairman

9:15

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"A TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE"  
Program cont.

9:25 p.m.                   PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED  
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Sharon Percy Rockefeller

9:30                         ACCEPTANCE AND REMARKS  
(7-10 min.)                 Hon. Daniel K. Inouye

NOTE: C-SPAN will film the proceedings to be telecast  
Saturday, October 24, 1987.