

INTRODUCTION OF

Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, Attorney General

Few people know that our next speaker was, at least partly, educated abroad. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, Nicholas deB. Katzenbach left Princeton University to join the Army Air Force. In October 1943, having earned his wings as a navigator, Mr. Katzenbach's plane was shot down over Italy and he became a prisoner of war.

That would have been enough for most men but Mr. Katzenbach insisted on escaping twice. Finally, he was recaptured and confined to a German POW camp until VE day. There he continued his educational career, learning enough in the prison camp's YMCA library to complete his last two years at Princeton simply by taking examinations and writing a thesis. This is carrying practical education to the ultimate degree. He moved on to Yale Law School, became editor-in-chief of the Yale Law Journal, and won a cum laude degree.

Mr. Katzenbach has taught at Yale and as a full professor at the University of Chicago. While on a Ford Foundation fellowship in Geneva, Switzerland, he was recruited by the late President Kennedy for a position as Assistant Attorney General. He was the principal author of the legislation that led to the Communications Satellite Corporation, and I think all of you know how active he has been in the immensely difficult and delicate field of civil rights.

I give you our distinguished Attorney General, Nicholas DeBelleville Katzenbach.