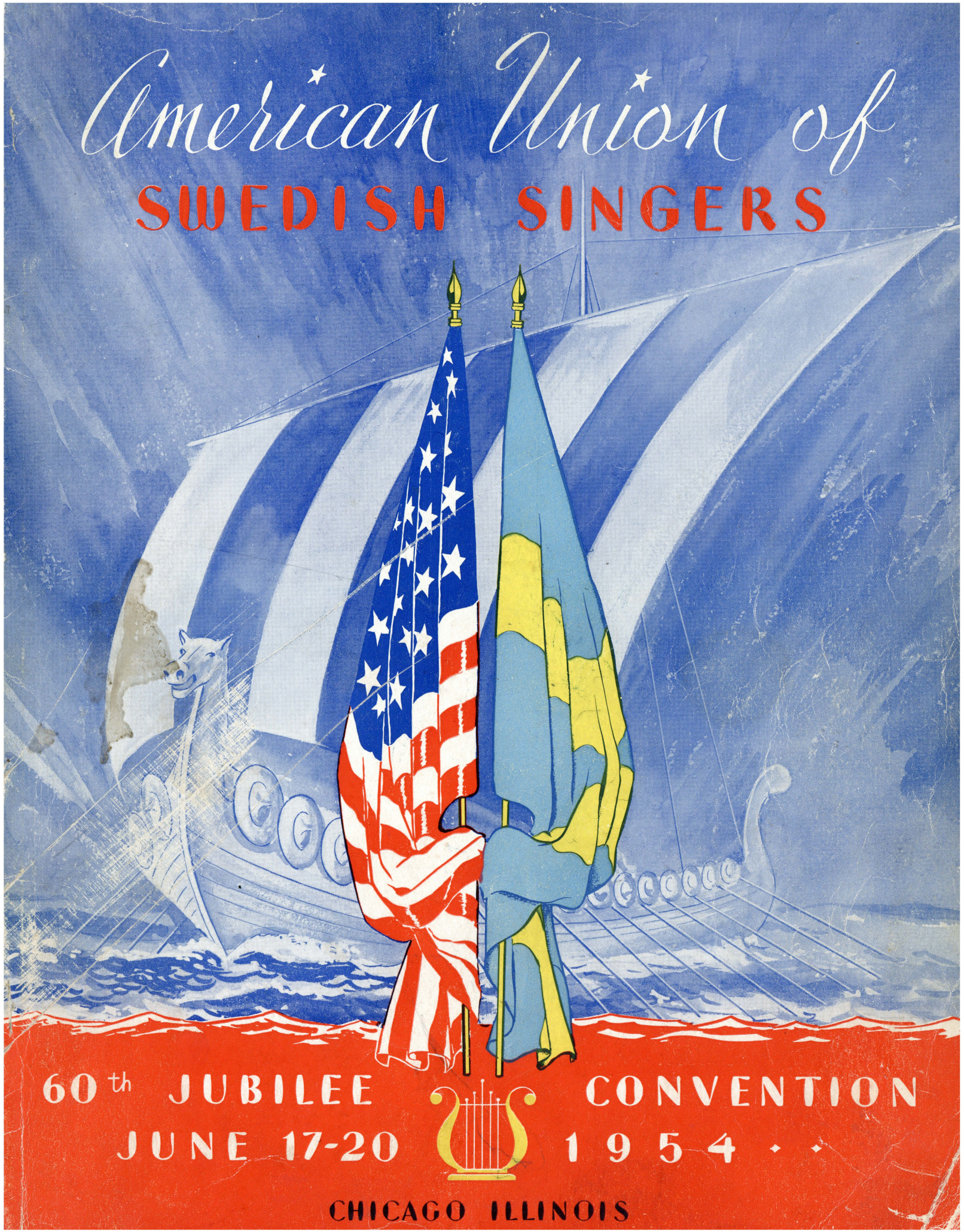
American Union of
SWEDISH SINGERS



60th JUBILEE CONVENTION
JUNE 17-20 1954

CHICAGO ILLINOIS

MARTIN H. KENNELLY
MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the American Union of Swedish Singers, now in its 61st year, was organized in Chicago during the World's Columbian Exposition; and

WHEREAS, song is one of the earliest art forms which, for many centuries, have given pleasure and enlightenment to mankind; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the American Union of Swedish Singers to cultivate and encourage Swedish choral singing in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this organization will hold its Jubilee Convention in Chicago during the period from June 17 through June 20 with the Svithiod Singing Club as host to the group; and

WHEREAS, a feature of the Convention will be a grand concert at the Opera House Friday, June 18, in which 1,000 singers from all parts of the nation will participate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Martin H. Kennelly, Mayor of the City of Chicago, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 18, as SWEDISH CHORAL DAY IN CHICAGO in recognition of the contribution made by the American Union of Swedish Singers to the enrichment of our American cultural life.

Dated this 7th day of April, A. D., 1954.

Martin H. Kennelly

Mayor

Hälsning från Svenska Sångarförbundet

NÄR Svenska Sångarförbundet i Amerika nu åter samlar sina över hela det vida väldiga landet spridda medlemmar till sångarfest i Chicago är det med varmaste sympati och beundran som vårt svenska sångarförbund sänder Er kära svensk-amerikanska sångarbröder de hjärtligaste hälsningar och lyckönskningar.

I över sex decennier har Edert förbund slagit vakt om och spritt glans över svensk sång i det stora landet i väster. Med sånngens makt bildar Ni en fast föredömlig förbindelselänk mellan svenskar och svenskättlingar i det nya hemlandet, en länk vilkens värde ej kan sättas nog högt. Men hur stärka Ni ej också banden med oss här hemma! Hur stolta känna vi oss ej över Edra vackra segrar på sångens fält! Det är en stor kulturgärning Ni utföra i samhörighetens tecken. Hur varmt förnimmes ej känslan härav, när sångarbesök av Eder hos oss eller från oss till Eder gå av stapeln. Då besannas det till fullo att hjärtats nyckel heter sång.

För alla Edra insatser i den svenska sångens tjänst vilka bl. a. ta sig så imponerande uttryck vid sångarhögtidligheter som den nu förestående känner man inom de svenska sångarleden den största tacksamhet.

Å *Svenska Sångarförbundets* och egna vägnar ber jag Eder mottaga de varmaste välgångsönskningar till en lyckad och framgångsrik sångarfest i Chicago 1954.

Eder tillgivne

(Sig.) ERIK NYLANDER
Ordförande i Svenska Sångarförbundet

Till

VITA MÖSSANS HÄR!

Med gyllne glans nu junisolen glöder
midsommarvänligt ifrån rymder blå.
I detta tecken, svenska sångarbröder,
till ädel tävlan skall vi åter gå.
Vi hälsas så av Prärriemetropolen
som gäster på en välkänd sångargrund.
I denna stad blev bildat vårt förbund—,
som käraste av alla resemålen
Chicago varit ifrån denna stund.

En värld av sång, en väv av ljusa drömmar,
det forna fylkas till vår sammankomst.
Det flydda lever . . . Och nu åter strömmar
ett lystringsrop, när juni står i blomst.
Vi har vår rot i tid som är förgången;
mot framtid ser vår samtid an med tröst.
En gudagnista väller i vårt bröst:
en nedärvd kärlek till den svenska sången.
Kring sångarfanan klinga skall vår röst!

Och nu till festligt sångarjubileum
vi samlas. Och en glädjestämning röjs
bland vita mössors här—i det Te Deum
som kring den svenska sångarfanan höjs.
Låt sången sväva fritt och obetvingat
i eterns vågor—över Michigan!
En jubelsång för segrar som vi vann,
en hyllningsgärd till röster som förklingat,
se'n svenska sången här sitt burskap fann.

—HENNING NELSON



HIS EXCELLENCY ERIK BOHEMAN
Ambassador of Sweden

EMBASSY OF SWEDEN
WASHINGTON 8, D.C.

Washington, April 15, 1954.

Mr.Gunnar Bloom,
216 West Institute Place,
Chicago 11. Ill.

Dear Mr.Bloom,

I deem it a great privilege to send my heartiest congratulations on the 60th Anniversary of the American Union of Swedish Singers and my very best wishes for your convention in Chicago on June 17th.

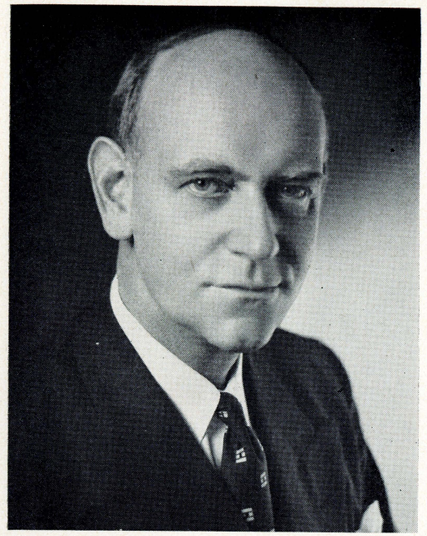
There are few things more worth repeating than the fact that the old Swedish songs have for all of us meant more than anything else as a means of tying our sentiments to the old country. At every Swedish-American gathering I have always looked forward to the moment when the Glee Club, or whatever name the singers might have given themselves, would assemble on the rostrum, clear their voices and let us take part in their joy.

I am glad to have this occasion to pay you my tribute for your skill and devotion and for the very pleasure you have given us all in performing your art.

I have no doubt that your convention will be a great success and a memorable occasion for everyone present.

Sincerely yours,

(Erik Boheman)
Ambassador



HON. GÖSTA OLDENBURG
Consul General of Sweden at Chicago

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April 20,1954

American Union of Swedish Singers
60th Jubilee Convention,1954

Four years have passed since the American Union of Swedish Singers met in New York, and this Summer comes another important event, the 60th Jubilee Convention in Chicago.

From all parts of the country Swedish American singers will gather here for a festival of music, strengthening of ties and good fellowship.

The worship of song in the Swedish tradition is still strong in the Middle West and its choruses rate among the very best. This region, with its prairies, farms and cities, has come a long way in the last hundred years and an even greater future seems assured.

I feel greatly honored by your invitation to serve as Honorary Chairman of the 1954 Convention Committee and wish to extend to all Committee members sincere congratulations upon the work they have devoted to arrangements for the Jubilee meeting and to other Union members, as well as visitors converging from all directions, the warmest welcome to our city. I am sure the many Swedish American organizations of various kinds among us will be eager and able to make the days in Chicago memorable ones for all participants in the Convention.

Gösta Oldenburg
Consul General of Sweden



HON. WILLIAM G. STRATTON
Governor, State of Illinois

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
SPRINGFIELD

WILLIAM G. STRATTON
GOVERNOR

April 9, 1954

Mr. Gunner A. Bloom, Editor
Jubilee Program Editorial Committee
216 Institute Place
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bloom:

I am gratified indeed to know that the sixtieth anniversary of the American Union of Swedish Singers is to be celebrated in a manner so notable and so appropriate.

Please convey my official greetings to all officers and members of the Union, and to the distinguished soloist of the occasion, Mme. Mimi Benzell. My cordial good wishes for a most successful and enjoyable convention.

Sincerely yours,

William G. Stratton
Governor

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HON. MARTIN H. KENNELLY
Mayor, City of Chicago

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

MARTIN H. KENNELLY
MAYOR

April 7, 1954

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
AMERICAN UNION OF SWEDISH SINGERS:

As Mayor of Chicago, I am privileged to extend to you the city's welcome and best wishes for your convention here in June.

I am sure you will enjoy Chicago's warm-hearted hospitality as thousands of Chicagoans will enjoy the concert you are to give June 18.

Congratulations to you all on the 60th Jubilee of the American Union of Swedish Singers!

Sincerely,

Martin H. Kennelly
Mayor



HON. WILLIAM N. ERICKSON
President, Cook County Commissioners

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CHICAGO

WILLIAM N. ERICKSON
PRESIDENT

May 5, 1954

Mr. Gunnar A. Bloom, Editor
Jubilee Program Editorial Committee
216 Institute Place
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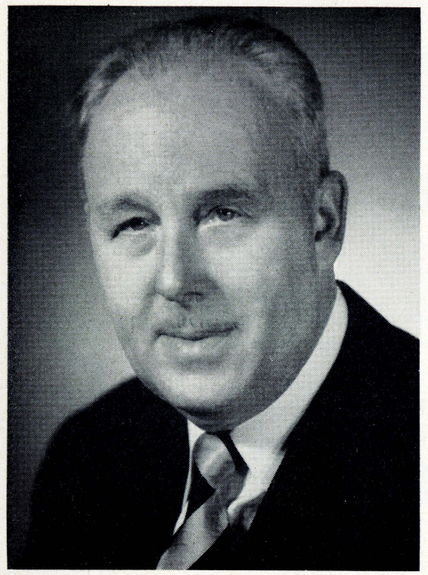
Dear Mr. Bloom:

I am indeed grateful for this opportunity to greet the American Union of Swedish Singers 60th Jubilee Convention in behalf of the people of the County of Cook.

A large number of American Citizens in this area are of Swedish birth and descent and it is especially gratifying to them to know that this outstanding cultural and social event is being held here in our midst this summer. Being of Swedish descent myself I have a deep sense of personal pride and kinship and am deeply honored to have the privilege of welcoming this Convention and wishing it success in keeping with its outstanding traditions.

Very sincerely yours,

PRESIDENT



ARTHUR O. SAMUELSON
President, American Union of Swedish Singers

AS President of the American Union of Swedish Singers, I extend heartiest greetings to every Brother-singer and his family, and to all our friends who have come to help us celebrate a memorable event.

The first national A. U. S. S. convention was held in 1893 during the Swedish Days at the Chicago World's Fair. It, therefore, is highly appropriate that Chicago should be the city in which to commemorate our many years of continued interest and activity in Swedish male chorus singing.

It is our earnest hope that the 1954 Singing Festival and Convention will stimulate even greater interest and enthusiasm for our beloved Swedish Song, so that our cherished culture and traditions may live on for many more years to come.

(Sig.) ARTHUR O. SAMUELSON

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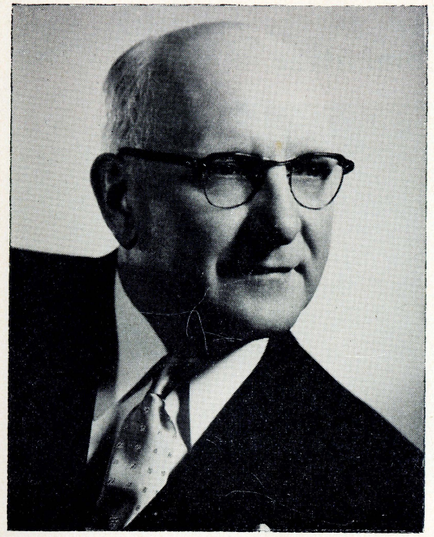
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MR. GUSTAF RICKAN
Chairman, Convention Committee

ON this occasion, the 60th Jubilee Convention and Singing Festival of the American Union of Swedish Singers, it gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the Executive and General Committees, to extend a heartfelt greeting to every participant, and especially to brother singers, who have come here from all parts of our country. We hope that your visit here will be an enjoyable one — one that will bring many pleasant memories in the years to come.

The Chicago Male Chorus, Orphei Singing Club, South Side Swedish Club Male Chorus, Svithiod Singing Club, Swedish Glee Club and Veteran Singers are proud to be hosts to this Convention. These organizations have worked most diligently in an endeavor to make this Convention an interesting and entertaining one, from both a musical and festive standpoint.

We believe that we have created a program of activities which will be interesting and varied and trust that you will be well entertained during your stay in our fair and windy city.

I am certain you will find Chicago a city in which new friends are easily made and, no doubt, many of you will renew old acquaintances.

To each and every one a most sincere and hearty welcome. May your visit here be a happy one.

(Sig.) GUSTAF E. RICKAN
Chairman,
Convention Committee

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