

REMARKS OF SENATOR WARREN G. MAGNUSON, D., WASH., AT DEDICATION CEREMONY
DONALD W. DOUGLAS LABORATORIES, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, MARCH 29, 1967

Mr. Douglas, Chairman Seaborg, honored guests, and friends ---

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that I join you here today in the dedication of the Donald W. Douglas Laboratories. This new and impressive facility symbolizes the very real attainment of a well-coordinate community, state and national program of development for the Tri-City area. The dedication of this laboratory, the predecessor to many other such events in the future, is a gratifying example of the strong and permanent role that the Tri-City region will play in the economy of the State of Washington.

This event demonstrates once again that the diversification your legislators have planned for and worked toward, in cooperation with the Atomic Energy Commission, community leadership and industry, is moving forward on schedule.

To me it is significant that the scientific and technical skills that gave the power of the atom to our nation's military strength, has been equally applied to peaceful applications will offer every American the promise for better living in this fascinating age. And the people of the State of Washington are destined to play a leading role in this exciting quest for a more productive life from nuclear energy.

These laboratories will provide a vital link in this nation's journey to the stars. Scientists and engineers of the Douglas Company are today building space vehicles for moon exploration and foreseeably will provide vehicles to explore planets of the solar system. The pursuit of these objectives will lead to discoveries beyond the realm of present conception.

To you here today who are beginning this exciting journey into the future, may I extend my warmest welcome to this community and to the State of Washington. And, at the same time, may I congratulate the hundreds of people who worked so diligently to make this facility a reality. The dedication today is a rewarding and progressive step in assuring a vigorous future for the Tri-City area and for the State of Washington.

Again, my congratulations to all of you.