

MADELEINE

Who is . . .

Tenacious: “We will not be intimidated or pushed off the world stage by people who do not like what we stand for, and that is freedom, democracy and the fight against disease, poverty and terrorism.”

Relative of . . .

Josef Korbel, Czech Ambassador and university professor

Compromise: a critical skill in politics

Refugees: Her family was forced to flee from both Hitler and the Communists

Who loves . . .

Democracy: “While democracy in the long run is the most stable form of government, in the short run, it is among the most fragile.”

Our soldiers: “I was in Europe and it was at this stage that I fell in love with Americans in uniform. And I continue to have that love affair.”

Peace: “Yes, it costs money to keep peace around the world. But . . .the most expensive peacekeeping mission is a bargain cost compared to the least expensive war—not just because it costs fewer dollars, but because it costs fewer lives and creates fewer refugees and orphans, and because it plants the seeds of future reconciliation, not future revenge.”

Who feels . . .

Empathy: “I hope out of a tragedy like this something good will come. I hope we understand that we’re one family.”

Torn: Because sometimes peace can be as difficult as war.”

“Responsibility . . .not to be prisoners of history, but to shape history...and to build with others a global network of purpose and law that will protect our citizens, defend our interests, preserve our values, and bequeath to future generations a legacy as proud as the one we honor today.”

Who needs . . .

To keep her hand in foreign service,

To train future leaders to be ready to face the challenges of the future

To support future leaders who choose careers in public service.

Who fears . . .

Terrorism: “For the risks that the leaders of a rogue state will use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons against us or our allies is the greatest security threat we face.

Revenge: “Democracy cannot be built on revenge and you will not have the support of the world if you are intolerant and take the law into your own hands.”

Intolerance: “We must find common ground on difficult issues.”

Who gives: . . .

Encouragement to others,
Knowledge to student and colleagues,
Advise to politicians – both her and abroad.

Who would like to see . . .

Peace in the Middle East,
Eradication of genocide anywhere in the world,
The world together in an international system based on democracy,
open markets, law and a commitment to peace.”

Who lives . . .

In Washington, D.C. and a farm in Virginia,
To serve as an advisor to others who work for global understanding,
Hoping for peace in the world.

ALBRIGHT

(1937 – present)