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WORLD UNREST REQUIRES 'NEW LOOK' AT U. S. FOREIGN POLICY, SENATOR HUMPHREY SAYS

Growing world unrest and tension calls for more than just a "new look" at our weaknesses in scientific progress and military security, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared today in a luncheon address before the Minneapolis Optimist Club.

"We need a new look at our entire approach to International affairs," Senator Humphrey declared.

"We need to join with the spirit of independent nationalism that grips the underdeveloped and underprivileged countries, and remind these people that we too are the children of self-determination, of revolution, and of a will to freedom and independence.

"Nearly half the people of the world are in nations which have recently emerged or are yet to emerge. They will be a powerful force in decades to come, Sputnik or no Sputnik, and we must help them prepare to use their strength in behalf of freedom.

"We should respect the neutrality of new-born nations, remembering our own reluctance to get embroiled in international power-struggles while we were building our own strength and independence. These neutrals are not pro-Communist—they are pro-themselves. As long as nations remain free, as long as they work for themselves and build their own economies, they are barriers to Communist penetration, strengthening the forces of freedom in the world.

"We must not use our economic development funds to subvert the independence of other free countries, by insisting on attaching military or political conditions humiliating to them, or by trying to shape them in the image of the United States.

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"We must remember that their independent development, in forms suitable to their people, their circumstances and their resources, is in our interest as well as in theirs," Senator Humphrey declared.

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'PEACE FOOD ADMINISTRATOR' URGED BY HUMPHREY TO USE NATION'S ABUNDANCE

Creation of a new 'Peace Food Administrator' role at the White House level to "provide more aggressive leadership toward use of our nation's abundance of food as a force for freedom in the world" was advocated by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey yesterday afternoon in an address before the state convention of the Minnesota Farmers Union.

"Just as the President has belatedly named a 'Science Czar' at the White House level to eliminate confusion and give some sense of urgency to our scientific progress in defense, we need the same kind of post for someone with the vision of what our food can mean to the world--and someone with the ability and boldness to end buck passing and conflict between many agencies of government involved one way or another in food use abroad," Senator Humphrey declared.

"During the war, we created a new post of War Food Administrator entirely independent of the Secretary of Agriculture because we fully recognized the importance of food to victory. In our current struggle for a secure peace in the world, it's no less important to have somewhere in our government a top-level official whose full responsibility should be more effective use of our food abundance in the nation's interests as a vital arm of our foreign policy.

"A break through in the conquest of hunger could be more significant in the cold war than the conquest of outer space.

"We should certainly be more actively, constructively, and imaginatively using our blessings of food and fiber as a powerful force for freedom. Our abundance is a tremendous asset, not the curse some are inclined to make it appear. In a world where millions lack enough to eat, we should be

humbly thankful that we are blessed with abundance—and we should be wise enough to use that abundance for the sake of humanity.

"We in this country do not know what it means to have to choose between a necessary rate of investment and enough to eat; we must do what we can to help ease that choice for others.

"I'm proud to have had a part in the formulation of the programs under Public Law 480 by which we can not only use our abundant stocks of food and fibers to relieve acute emergency shortages elsewhere in the world, but also to help economic development programs where they are urgently needed.

"Yet I regret the necessity to be constantly 'building fires' under the Administration to get it to use this effective program fully, or to support its proper expansion. We have hardly scratched the surface of what can be achieved with our abundance under the concept of Public Law 480, and its full potential must be utilized without further delay".

In urging creation of a "Peace Food Administrator" for that purpose, Senator Humphrey pointed out that at present the Department of State, the ICA, the Department of Commerce, the Bureau of Budget, the Defense Department, the Office of Defense Mobilization, "and many sub-agencies of each" all had been assigned some role in functions of P. L. 480—the overseas program for food use and distribution—in addition to the Department of Agriculture.

"Yet there's really no one over this entire picture, trying to make sure we get an effective job done, " Senator Humphrey said.

Senator Humphrey, who conducted extensive hearings into operations of the program for the full Senate Committee on Agriculture during the last session, revealed he was now in the process of preparing a detailed report on his findings

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to the next session of Congress, and that establishment of the "Peace Food Administrator" would likely be among the official recommendations.



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