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"America's foreign policy needs the inspiration of the 'works of peace'--not merely the words of peace," Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) declared this afternoon in New York.

"The works of peace are the very heart and core of our tradition and philosophy, Senator Humphrey told the Hadassah Mid-Winter Conference. "Health care for the sick, food for the hungry, jobs for the unemployed, homes and shelter for the needy, opportunity for youth--these are the concrete works of peace we must execute and help toward fulfillment in the have-not nations of the world. This great promise of the good life, with liberty and the pursuit of happiness is one we can fulfill, and we should move ahead vigorously to do it."

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"Let us be the people of peace, the people of progress, and the people of performance," Senator Humphrey urged.

"The State of Israel and the work of Hadassah together represent what can be done in constructive international action. Positive humanity-oriented endeavor ought to constitute a far larger element that it does in our day-to-day foreign policy," the Senator continued.

"Israel and Hadassah are living embodiments of a simple truth: that a vigorous, peaceful, happy, productive world will arise from abundant health and hope. It can never flourish surrounded by malnutrition, poverty, and despair. No amount of missiles or moralizing will create peace as long as the bodies and minds of men are sick."

In discussing the topic, "The World Situation as it relates to Israel," the Senator listed three basic challenges which he said were confronting American policy today.

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"The second challenge is to provide the basic defense in depth which these defense programs need with a new and lively rediscovery of the importance of education, trained minds, basic research, not only in the sciences but in the humanities too. There are signs that people are belatedly awakening to the full dimensions of this challenge, too."

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"It is also, of course, a cultural challenge--to take up the gauntlet which Khrushchev, among others, has thrown down to us in such fields as people-to-people exchange. Surely the Soviet-American agreement announced this week is a milestone calling for a five-fold increase in exchanges in the fields of radio and TV programs, motion pictures, artists, technicians, athletes, journalists, professors, advanced students, and tourists."

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Excerpts from Remarks
by
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