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Failure of conservatism in the United States "to understand the world crisis, and the great challenges of our time at home and abroad" has served to immobilize a large and significant force in American life "to the point where our proud and glorious Nation vacillates at a time when firm decision-making is essential to stem the tide of totalitarianism", Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) declared last night in an address at a "Williams' Day" celebration in Detroit honoring Michigan's Governor Williams.

Senator Humphrey said the "failure" of modern conservatism was "the tragedy of this mid-period of the 20th century", and called upon the Republican Party to "restore the name and integrity of American conservatism to its rightful place in American history" by returning to the "responsible kind of conservatism exemplified by Michigan's late Senator Vandenberg".

American conservatism has "failed", Senator Humphrey said, "because many of its leaders have not understood the nature of the enemy, and the nature of the world struggle."

"Many of its leaders have looked upon liberalism as the real threat to their survival, and by thus dividing our Nation failed to understand the struggle and dynamics of totalitarianism," he said. "American conservatism has also failed because many of its leaders have lost faith in the basic traditions of civil liberties which we must in fact conserve, and which matter should be at the roots of modern conservatism."

"American conservatism has failed because it has become confused as to what it wishes to conserve, and has emphasized unimportant economic drives and economic relationships, thus losing sight of the fact the basic issue in the world is a political one between democracy and totalitarianism".

Blaming "conservatism's failure" for lack of unity in the country at a time of grave challenge, Senator Humphrey added:

"This division in our ranks, this conscious and malicious turning of Americans against Americans, is causing our Nation irreparable damage. It undermines our strength and unity of purpose. Nobody can benefit from this state of affairs other than the Communists. If we are to mobilize our ranks effectively, and defeat the threat of Communist totalitarianism from abroad, American conservatism must redeem itself."

"I make a plea for unity in the ranks of the democratic forces," Senator Humphrey said. "This means unity of liberal and conservative at home, and it means unity with our allies abroad."

"Without such unity we cannot survive. With such unity we can prevail and we can win. With such unity will come understanding."

"Our unity of purpose must exist not only in our international relations, but also with regard to some of our serious domestic economic problems. Our struggle for survival against world Communism is also an economic struggle. On trial is the Communist Marxist theory that our free enterprise economic system cannot work. The Communist world is gambling on failure of our economic system to meet the needs of our people. A depression in the United States would be filled with horrible consequences throughout the world. We must accept the challenge of Communism, and demonstrate that our free enterprise economy can work, can provide full employment, and can establish economic stability not only for ourselves, but for the free world. We must prove that liberty need not be sacrificed, to achieve economic security."

Warning that "goals of yesterday are no longer adequate for the needs and aspirations of today and the tomorrows to come, Senator Humphrey said America "should set its sights toward a \$500 billion economy by 1960" to provide adequate economic opportunity for a growing population in an era of great technological advancement.



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