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### GREAT CHALLENGES FACE YOUTH TODAY, SENATOR HUMPHREY SAYS

Youth faces greater challenges -- yet greater opportunities -- today, than before any time in our history, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared today in an address before a joint luncheon meeting of St. Olaf and Carleton College students in Northfield.

"Your horizons have been broadened, and your sights lifted", Senator Humphrey said. "Youth of today shares in concern over building the kind of world they want to live in, the kind of a world they MUST live in. You have more to think about than your immediate tasks of today or tomorrow, for the future is in your hands to create.

"You have limitless frontiers to explore -- not so much the land frontiers of bygone years, but the policy frontiers of economic and social progress that will determine the fate of the future.

"In your hands, to a large degree, will rest shaping the decisions as to whether this country continues expanding its economy to offer limitless opportunity for the ingenious and energetic, or whether it becomes a static economy with more concern about preserving the status quo for the sake of those who already have achieved economic success than paving the way for others to make that climb.

"As young people, it must be your role to profit by the experience of those who have gone before -- but to challenge their conclusions with the creative thinking and imagination of youth, unfettered by fixed notions.

"Out of the blending of experience and maturity with the stimulating drive of youth for new ways to achieve greater progress will come the future policies of this nation, and the future policies of the world -- and the impact of youth's restless surge toward a better life can never be ignored".

While the "reins are not yet in your hands", Senator Humphrey told the young people, "now is the formulative period of learning the responsibilities that go with the privileges of citizenship in a democracy, and learning how to use both the responsibility and the privilege effectively in making your own contribution toward strengthening democracy".

Senator Humphrey urged young people to be alert to "the kind of conditions being created in the world you must eventually be responsible for", and to measure the impact of policies today on their own future by asking:

"1. Are we creating a stable, expanding economy that will assure prosperity through your adulthood -- or are we getting too satisfied with doing 'almost as well' as last year?

"2. Are we eliminating conditions of poverty and misery in the world that serve as breeding grounds for extremists and eventual war -- or are we merely expecting expediency to get us through crisis after crisis without worrying what happens to generations to come?

"3. Are we protecting and preserving our great natural resources so that you and your children to come can share in many of the blessings of previous generations -- or are we too willing to sacrifice them for immediate profit in our time?

"Those are among the challenges youth must eventually face, so they are among the issues youth should be thinking about today", Senator Humphrey said.



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