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Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) today called upon the government of the United States to "seize the initiative with the positive and the dramatic" in the coming Big Four Geneva Conference. Speaking this afternoon at the Seventh Annual Conference of American Foreign Policy at Colgate University, the Senator, who is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, presented a nine-point program.

1. Calling the United Nations Charter "the 20th Century Declaration of Interdependence" Senator Humphrey said the United States "must become champions of that Charter. Let us again and again challenge the Soviet Union to fulfill the requirements of the Charter. Ask her to join with us in the expansion of the agencies and services of the United Nations...Let us be so bold and daring and imaginative with our program and proposals that a refusal on the part of the Soviet to go along will leave her alone and forsaken."

2. He urged that our government "join with the spirit of nationalism that grips the underdeveloped and underprivileged countries," and remind the people of Asia and Africa "that we too are the children of self-determination, of revolution, and of a will to freedom and independence."

3. The United States should "respect the so-called neutralism of new-born nations, and make it clear that we understand their neutralism to be one predicated on independence, self-determination and self-government...These neutrals are not pro-Communist, they are pro-themselves. And I suggest that as long as nations remain free, as long as the new nations of Asia and Africa work for themselves, create self-government, build their own economies, they are in fact strengthening the forces of freedom in the world."

4. Our capital, Senator Humphrey continued, "should be made greater use of "through international organizations such as the UN, the World Bank, and other international financial development groups. Doing much more than we ever contemplate, not on the basis of gifts, but on the basis of long-term loans."

5. "Stepping up our own Point Four' but even more important, going through the UN and offering to greatly expand UN technical assistance. Let us take the initiative in this area."

6. "Use our blessings of food and fiber. Let us proceed through the UN, offering vast quantities of food and fiber to be placed under the general direction of the UN Food and Fiber Reserve."

7. "Let us set a good standard at home -- review our immigration laws, immediately liberalize our refugee act, implement our program of civil rights."

8. "A dramatic expansion of student exchange, along with the exchange of technical, professional people, journalists, and others engaged in public communication."

9. Unceasing efforts toward the reduction of armaments and the realization of universal disarmament. Let us instill spirit and meaning into the disarmament discussions by demonstrating imagination. Let us offer to join with the rest of the world in reducing and then eliminating our armaments race, accompanied by a joint pledge that we spend a portion of the money we thereby save in helping to eliminate poverty in the World."



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