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Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) today told members of the National Citizens Committee for the World Health Organization that "disease does not confine itself within national boundaries or ask for a visa before crossing over."

Senator Humphrey, who is Chairman of the United Nations Affairs Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, spoke to the members of the National Citizens Committee for the World Health Organization at a luncheon in Kansas City, Missouri, where the citizens group is meeting.

Urging the enlargement of the activities of the World Health Organization, Senator Humphrey declared that WHO makes possible a new approach to combatting disease, that of "eradication". It required the international approach of WHO, that "disease knows no frontiers", to make possible the complete "eradication" of a disease, Senator Humphrey said.

He spoke of the way in which the World Health Organization can work to alleviate the suffering and misery upon which Communism breeds. "The World Health Organization is, first and foremost, a means of international cooperation.

"New ways of fighting disease are known. Methods of improving sanitation and innoculating against epidemics are constantly being developed. Over the past few decades we have had an astonishing growth of knowledge of the cure and control of disease and a better understanding of the factors that promote health. But all the people of the world have not benefited from our new discoveries and new knowledge."

Senator Humphrey continued: "Now we have a new means of disseminating this knowledge and a new way of training doctors and technicians to use the new developments and techniques. The World Health Organization provides many avenues through which doctors and sanitary experts and workers in health all over the world may exchange ideas and assistance. It is a medium through which good health and the cure of disease can be transmitted to those who were formerly cut off and suffered needlessly or died unnecessarily."

In his remarks to the National Citizens Committee for the World Health Organization, Senator Humphrey related the activities of WHO to the international problems of the post-Geneva world. He warned that "the events of the past week in Geneva make it clear that the smile on the face of the Soviet is what many of us had feared all along -- merely a mask behind which Communist intentions of world domination remain unchanged."

Stating that "now the true face of Soviet diplomacy is exposed for all to see and what we have to deal with is a cunning, long-range strategy in which every device in the Communist bag of tricks will be used to further international, Communist imperialism," Senator Humphrey went on to point out that "the conflict between totalitarian Communism and freedom is moving from the battleground into the areas of politics, economics, and social organization."

"Recently Soviet Communism has moved into the Middle East and into the Far East, where poverty and misery provide fertile ground for the growth of the dissatisfactions that often make Communism appear acceptable as a promised way out," Senator Humphrey told the Citizens Committee for WHO.



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