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NINE-POINT PROGRAM PROPOSED BY SENATOR HUMPHREY
FOR IMPROVING LATIN-AMERICAN RELATIONS

A nine-point program for improving Latin-American relations was outlined by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, last night in an address before the University of Florida at Gainesville, Florida.

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(Text of the address, with nine-point proposed program of
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A NEW ERA FOR LATIN AMERICA

ADDRESS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY

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Tonight I might have selected as my topic the Berlin crisis, the troubled Middle East or the vexing problem of attempting to control the nuclear arms race. But I have chosen instead to talk about Latin America and United States policy toward her Latin American neighbors. Since the end of World War II we have been preoccupied with a series of crises on the periphery of the Communist empire -- Greece, Berlin, Korea, Indochina, Suez, Quemoy, Lebanon and again Berlin. In the meantime, the seemingly less precarious situation in Latin America went almost unnoticed.

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OUR STAKE IN LATIN AMERICA

There is no disagreement on the importance of cordial, cooperative relations with our 20 sister Republics. Everyone agrees that strategically, ICBM's notwithstanding, Latin America remains one of the key foundations of our defense shield. Politically, close and harmonious relations with the Latin American people, who now number over 180 million, add to the free world's strength in the larger issues of the cold war.

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THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IS SERIOUS

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Our economic attitudes toward Latin America have created the image of the United States as arrogant, paternal, interested primarily in promoting the interests of U. S. investors, and unconcerned for the well-being of ordinary human beings. It is painful to think that the generous impulse of the United States, which first created the idea of technical assistance in Latin America in 1942, now seems so perverted.

As you know, all the American republics, to a greater or less degree, fall into the category of underdeveloped countries. All are dependent on the export of one, or at best a few, commodities to earn the foreign exchange to buy vital necessities and to finance economic development.

Any down-swing in the world price or demand for their few exports plays havoc with their income. This uncertainty makes development planning exceedingly difficult.

With an average annual per capita income of less than \$300, some areas in Latin America are hard pressed to maintain even this low living standard in the face of a rapidly growing population.

Our neighbors have not been sitting on their hands waiting for assistance. Ninety percent of the capital invested in the area is Latin America's own. The reserves accumulated from the sale of raw materials during World War II, made possible a spurt of development in the region. From 1945 to 1953 the average per capita income rose at the rate of 3.3 percent a year, and Mexico, for example, achieved a rate twice as great. After 1952, with reserves depleted and the price and demand for Latin America's principal products on the decline, the accelerated rate of development ground to a halt.

Responsible leaders in Latin America are worried. On the one hand they have populations awakened from centuries of apathy who are demanding a better deal in life. On the other hand, the ubiquitous Communists are there, dangling tempting promises before the eyes of the underprivileged. Democratic leaders in Latin

America know that they must produce some tangible results, that they must provide some hope for a better future, if democratic government is to endure.

THE U. S. RESPONSE HAS BEEN AMBIGUOUS

On the question of Latin America's economic development the United States has presented an ambiguous picture. Latin Americans understood and welcomed Secretary Marshall's stirring declaration at Harvard University 12 years ago: "Our policy is directed not against any country or doctrine, but against hunger, poverty, desperation, and chaos." Hunger, poverty, desperation and chaos well described Latin American conditions. And, we encouraged the Latin Americans to look almost exclusively to us for assistance.

We then proceeded to provide billions in aid to Europe and Asia. To Latin American pleas for assistance, we replied with advice that they should look to private investments and private enterprise as the principal channel for their funds. In 1956 Senator Smathers proposed an amendment to the Mutual Security Act to provide a special fund for loans for Latin America for health, education and sanitation projects. This proposal met with resistance from the State Department on the grounds that private capital was doing a good enough job. I am happy to say that Congress passed the amendment in spite of State Department resistance.

The frequent reiteration that private capital would meet Latin American requirements insulted and irritated our neighbors. We Americans like our system of free enterprise. It has worked for us, although not in the simon-pure form that some people like to pretend. Latin Americans, on the other hand, have some sour memories of the robber-baron type investments, both domestic and foreign, which we ourselves have long since ceased to tolerate.

In addition to historical differences, the advice ignored the plain fact that private enterprise goes in to make a profit, and will hardly be attracted when the basic sinews of a national economy -- such as roads, power and sanitation facilities -- are lacking.

Moreover, over-dependence in private investment results in a piece-meal approach to economic development, as private funds haphazardly move into a mine here and a factory there. Latin Americans point out that in their urgent circumstances they cannot wait for the trickle-down theory to maybe work.

THE U. S. CHANGE OF HEART

It took the violent outbursts against Vice President Nixon to make us conscious of the gravity of the Latin-American situation. On March 10 last the Department of State announced a change of heart, as follows:

Not only must account be taken of the private capital and technical know-how required to create employment for those who today are under-employed or unemployed but also of the need to create new jobs for an even larger number of workers. In addition to the expansion of industry and agriculture which this implies, very large additional amounts of public funds will be required for facilities which only governments can provide; for example, highways, sanitation facilities, hospitals and schools.

The recognition that Latin American growing pains differ from ours, and our consequent abandonment of inflexible doctrinaire principles, should open the way for better inter-American understanding.

Along the new guidelines, positive steps are in progress. The Administration has finally announced that it will support an Inter-American Development Bank, something the Latin Americans have been urging for years and we have been resisting for years. We have agreed to consult with the Republics before making decisions which could affect their principal exports. We have indicated a willingness to take a fresh look at efforts to deal with instability and fluctuation in the commodity market. We have lent our support to the idea of regional markets within Latin America.

In short, we have recognized the magnitude of Latin America's problem and have agreed to cooperate with our neighbors in finding solutions.

A NINE-POINT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVING LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS

Latin America, as population zooms, as industrial development spreads, and hope and impatience mingle, is going to be a cauldron of competing political ideologies. We should welcome this development, not fear it.

In no region of the world have we deeper historical traditions to build upon. It was with the Latin American republics that we first developed the idea of regional cooperation. The bold idea of mutual cooperation to attack disease, illiteracy and poverty was born within the inter-American family. These are the people who wept unashamedly when Franklin Delano Roosevelt died.

Today in Latin America there are many leaders who understand and admire our democratic system and want to develop something comparable in their own countries. I know of an American who, while attending the inauguration last month of the democratically-elected President of Venezuela, was asked on three separate occasions by newly elected Venezuelan congressmen how they could get hold of a copy of the Jefferson Manual of Rules for the House of Representatives.

Our traditions of individual freedom and concern for ordinary human beings were once the cornerstone of our successful Latin American policy. Now, to Latin Americans, these much admired beliefs seem to stop at the border. While we caution our neighbors about Communist activities and Communist infiltration, we appear peculiarly cold toward the Latin American yearning to achieve genuine civil liberties.

The recent steps taken by the Administration to repair our tottering Latin American policy should be applauded. They are steps in the right direction, but they will not be enough if the escalator of history is going faster in the opposite direction. We must replace our massive indifference to Latin American aspirations with massive cooperation.

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In conclusion, I should like to propose a nine-point program for improving United States-Latin American relations. I believe this program is realistic and workable and in harmony with the best interests of our country and of our 20 sister republics.

First: The United States should increase the volume of its economic aid in support of Latin American efforts to develop diversified and viable economies so they will not be dependent, as they now are, on a few commodities. Requests for loans from the Development Loan Fund and the Export-Import Bank should be dealt with expeditiously and sympathetically. We should cooperate fully with the new Inter-American Development Institution. The proposed corps of technical experts within the Institute could help the smaller, inexperienced countries draw up coordinated development plans.

Second: The United States should accelerate and strengthen its program of technical assistance in agriculture, health, education, vocational training, and public administration. The time has come to recapture the original fervor of President Truman's "bold new program" which was widely hailed in Latin America when it was first announced a decade ago.

Third: The United States should support vigorously the current moves within Latin America to establish regional markets. The elimination of inter-American trade barriers would broaden markets for Latin American products and make low-cost manufacturing feasible, both indispensable prerequisites to diversification and economic growth.

Fourth: The United States should review its trade and tariff policies as they affect imports from Latin America. It is self defeating for us to provide economic assistance with one hand and take it away with the other by short-sighted trade restrictions. If policies designed to strengthen our trade with

Latin America cause hardship to any domestic industry, the Government has a responsibility to aid those so affected. (I recently co-sponsored an amendment in the Senate to the Area Redevelopment Act (S. 722) to make such aid possible, but unfortunately it did not pass the committee stage.)

Fifth: The United States should give wholehearted support to the health programs under the direction of the Pan American Sanitary Organization. Widespread disease which stalks Latin America is a tremendous economic drain as well as a human tragedy. Investment in health is perhaps the cheapest, most effective investment we can make in the future of the Western Hemisphere.

Sixth: The United States should develop a bold and imaginative program of student and cultural exchange.

We need to reexamine our methods of screening Latin American scholarship recipients. Too frequently the test has been the friendliness of the recipient toward the United States. Young Latin Americans of so-called leftist tendencies have been excluded, when they are often the very ones who would benefit most from the program.

Seventh: The United States press, radio and TV, networks should give wider and better balanced news coverage of Latin American affairs. This, of course, is something our government can do little about. But it is essential that the American people have a continuous report and interpretation of Latin American developments if they are to understand the magnitude of the problems in that region and what we are being asked to support. When news of revolutions and executions dominate our newspapers, it is hard for the American taxpayer to form an understanding of the underlying realities in the 20 American republics, and of our interest in them.

Eighth: The United States should thoroughly reappraise its military assistance program in Latin America. What we have given one nation for hemispheric defense has often provoked demands by another for an equal amount of aid. Great care should be taken not to encourage this type of arms race, which Latin American governments can ill-afford. We should give greater attention to the coordination of military policy and strategy in the Hemisphere. This might well result in a decrease in the requirements of national military establishments.

Further, our military assistance to certain dictatorial governments has raised the question of whose freedom those governments are defending. The use by Batista of U.S. supplied armaments against his own people, contrary to stipulations of our defense treaty, has greatly damaged U.S. prestige throughout Latin America. It makes little sense to speak of Hemisphere defense while arming a tyrant who uses weapons to intimidate his own people.

Ninth: The United States should lend its support to the idea of regional arms control. Last year Costa Rica submitted such a plan to the Organization of American States and received nominal support from the U.S. delegation. Our government should now press for the consideration of the Costa Rican plan or some similar project, at the Eleventh Inter-American Conference to be held at Quito next year.

The quality of our over-all policy toward Latin America will be determined not only by what we do, but by how we do it.

Unless we pursue our policies with a genuine interest in the welfare of our fellow human beings, they will do little to heal our wounded inter-American relations. The steps already taken by the Department of State, many of them complete reversals of former policy, will avail us little if they are done reluctantly and only under Latin American pressure.

We must, if we are to recapture the warm bonds of friendship which characterized the best days of the Good Neighbor policy, breathe into inter-American cooperation that intangible spirit which then characterized our relations --- a deep-rooted conviction that the Western Hemisphere can, indeed it must, be a New World where freedom and opportunity flourish.

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United States official attitudes with regard to Latin America's economic problems have deepened the estrangement between us.

Our economic attitudes toward Latin America have created the image of the United States as arrogant, paternal, ^{and} ~~selfishly~~ interested primarily in promoting the interests of U. S. investors, and unconcerned for the well-being of ordinary human beings. It is painful to think that the generous impulse of the United States, which first created the idea of technical assistance in Latin America in 1942, now seems so perverted.

As you know, all the American republics, to a greater or less degree, fall into the category of underdeveloped countries.

All are dependent on the export of one, or at best a few, commodities to earn the foreign exchange to buy vital necessities and to finance economic development.

Any down-swing in the world price or demand for their few exports plays havoc with their income. This uncertainty makes development planning exceedingly difficult.

With an average annual per capita income of less than \$300, some areas in Latin America are hard pressed to maintain even this low living standard in the face of a rapidly growing population.

Our neighbors have not been sitting on their hands waiting for assistance. Ninety percent of the capital invested in the area is Latin America's own. The reserves accumulated from the sale of raw materials during World War II, made possible a spurt of development in the region. From 1945 to 1953 the average per capita income rose at the rate of 3.3 percent a year, and Mexico, for example, achieved a rate ^{almost 7%} twice as great. After 1952, with reserves depleted and the price and demand for Latin America's

principal products on the decline, the accelerated rate of development ground to a halt. *But we did tell her nothing!*

Responsible leaders in Latin America are worried. On the one hand they have populations awakened from centuries of apathy who are demanding a better deal in life. On the other hand, the ubiquitous Communists are there, dangling tempting promises before the eyes of the underprivileged. Democratic leaders in Latin America know that they must produce some tangible results, that they must provide some hope for a better future, if democratic government is to endure.

The U. S. Response Has Been Ambiguous

On the question of Latin America's economic development the United States has presented an ambiguous picture. Latin Americans understood and welcomed Secretary Marshall's stirring declaration at Harvard University 12 years ago: "Our policy is directed not against any country or doctrine, but against hunger, poverty,

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desperation, and chaos." Hunger, poverty, desperation and chaos well described Latin American conditions. And, we encouraged the Latin Americans to look almost exclusively to us for assistance.

✓ We then proceeded to provide billions in aid to Europe and Asia. To Latin American ^{requests} ~~pleas~~ for assistance, we replied with advice that they should look to private investments and private enterprise as the principal ^{channel} ~~channel~~ for their funds. ✓ In

1956 Senator Smathers proposed an amendment to the Mutual Security Act to provide a special fund for loans for Latin America for health, education and sanitation projects. This proposal met with resistance from the State Department on the grounds that private capital was doing a good enough job. I am happy to say that Congress passed the amendment in spite of State Department resistance. *I supported this amendment!*

✓ The frequent reiteration that private capital ^{couldn't} would meet Latin American requirements insulted and irritated our neighbors.

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✓ We Americans like our system of free enterprise. It has worked for us, although not in the simon-pure form that some people like to pretend. Latin Americans, on the other hand, have some sour memories of the 'robber-baron type investments', both domestic and foreign, which we ourselves have long since ceased to tolerate.

✓ In addition to historical differences, ^{we} ~~the advice~~ ignored the plain fact that private enterprise goes in to make a profit, and will hardly be attracted when the basic sinews of a national ^{such as roads, ~~electric~~ power and} economy--sanitation facilities ~~and roads~~--are lacking.

Moreover, over-dependence in private investment results in a piece-meal approach to economic development, as private funds haphazardly move into a mine here and a factory there. Latin Americans point out that in their urgent circumstances they cannot wait for the trickle-down theory to maybe work.

The U. S. Change of Heart

✓ It took the violent outbursts against Vice President Nixon to make us conscious of the gravity of the Latin-American situation.

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On March 10 last the Department of State announced a change of heart, as follows:

Not only must account be taken of the private capital and technical know-how required to create employment for those who today are under-employed or unemployed but also of the need to create new jobs for an even larger number of workers. In addition to the expansion of industry and agriculture which this implies, very large additional amounts of public funds will be required for facilities which only governments can provide; for example, highways, sanitation facilities, hospitals and schools.

The recognition that Latin American growing pains differ from ours, and our consequent abandonment of inflexible doctrinaire principles, should open the way for better inter-American understanding.

Along the new guidelines, positive steps are in progress.

The Administration has finally announced that it will support an Inter-American Development Bank, something the Latin Americans have been urging for years and we have been resisting for years. We have agreed to consult with the Republics before making decisions which could affect their principal exports.

Weak! { We have indicated a willingness to take a fresh look at efforts to deal with instability and fluctuation in the commodity market.

{ We have lent our support to the idea of regional markets within Latin America. Common Market!

{ In short, we have recognized the magnitude of Latin America's problem and have agreed to cooperate with our neighbors in finding solutions.

A Nine-Point Program For Improving Latin American Relations

Latin America, as population zooms, as industrial development spreads, and hope and impatience mingle, is going to be a cauldron

of competing political ideologies. We should welcome this development, not fear it.

{ In no region of the world have we deeper historical traditions to build upon. It was with the Latin American republics that we first developed the idea of regional cooperation. The bold idea of ⁴mutual cooperation to attack disease, illiteracy and poverty was born within the inter-American family. These are the people who wept unashamedly when Franklin Delano Roosevelt died. *They want to be good neighbors*

{ Today in Latin America there are many leaders who understand and admire our democratic system and want to develop something comparable in their own countries. I know of an American who, ~~wikaxx~~ while attending the inauguration last month of the democratically-elected President of Venezuela, was asked on three separate occasions by newly elected Venezuelan congressmen how they could get hold of a copy of the Jefferson Manual of Rules for the House of Representatives.

Our traditions of individual freedom and concern for ordinary human beings were once the cornerstone of our successful Latin American policy. Now, to Latin Americans, these much admired beliefs seem to stop at the border. While we caution our neighbors about Communist activities and Communist infiltration, we appear peculiarly cold toward the Latin American yearning to achieve genuine civil liberties.

The recent steps taken ~~by the Administration~~ to repair our tottering Latin American policy should be applauded. They are steps in the right direction, but they will not be enough if the escalator of history is going faster in the opposite direction. We must replace our massive indifference to Latin American aspirations with massive cooperation.

The Latin American situation cries out for imaginative, long-range planning, rather than the hurried, patch-up measures after an explosion has occurred.

A coordinated program on the order of the Marshall Plan
 would give the Latin Americans new hope of attaining bread
and freedom. The possibilities of such an effort should be
 explored carefully, not primarily as an anti-Communist
 stratagem, but because it is good for Latin America and for
the United States. We should not be ashamed of our humanitarian
 tradition. Nor should we be embarrassed if humanitarian and
 security objectives sometimes coincide in our national policy. *Histok*

desired and encouraged.

In conclusion, I should like to propose ²⁹~~an eight-point~~
 program for improving United States-Latin American relations.
 I believe this program is realistic and workable and in
 harmony with the best interests of our country and of our
 20 sister republics.

First: The United States should increase the volume of
 its economic aid in support of Latin American efforts to
 develop diversified and viable economies so they will not be

dependent, as they now are, on a few commodities. Requests for loans from the Development Loan Fund and the Export-Import Bank should be dealt with expeditiously and sympathetically.

We should cooperate fully with the new Inter-American Development Institution. The proposed corps of technical experts within the Institute could help the smaller, inexperienced countries draw up coordinated development plans.

Second: The United States should accelerate and strengthen its program of technical assistance in agriculture, health, education, vocational training, and public administration. The time has come to recapture the original fervor of President Truman's "bold new program" which was widely hailed in Latin America when it was first announced a decade ago.

Third: The United States should ~~vigorously~~ support vigorously the current moves within Latin America to establish regional markets. The elimination of inter-American trade barriers would broaden markets for Latin American products and

make low-cost manufacturing feasible, ^{are} both indispensable prerequisites to diversification and economic growth.

Fourth: The United States should review its trade and tariff policies as they affect imports from Latin America.

Common market

It is self defeating for us to provide economic assistance with one hand and take it away with the other by short-sighted trade restrictions. If policies designed to strengthen our trade with Latin America cause hardship to any domestic industry, the Government has a responsibility to aid those so affected. (I recently co-sponsored an amendment in the Senate to the Area Redevelopment Act (S. 722) to make such aid possible, but unfortunately it did not pass the committee stage.)

Fifth: The United States should give wholehearted support to the health programs under the direction of the Pan American Sanitary Organization. Widespread disease which stalks Latin America is a tremendous economic drain as well as a human tragedy. Investment in health is perhaps the cheapest, most effective

Health
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investment we can make in the future of the Western Hemisphere.

Sixth: The United States should develop a bold and imaginative program of student and cultural exchange. *expand!*

*Attack
reluctantly!
Edna!*

We need to reexamine our methods of screening Latin American scholarship recipients. Too frequently the test has been the friendliness of the recipient toward the United States. Young Latin Americans of so-called leftist tendencies have been excluded, when they are often the very ones who would benefit most from the program.

Seventh: The United States press, radio and TV ^{networks} ~~and other~~ ~~media~~ should give wider and better balanced news coverage of Latin American affairs. This, of course, is something our government can do little about. But it is essential that the American people have a continuous report and interpretation of Latin American developments if they are to understand the magnitude of the problems in that region and what we are being asked to support. When news of revolutions and executions

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dominate our newspapers, it is hard for the American taxpayer to form an understanding of the underlying realities in the 20 American republics, and of our interest in them.

Eighth: The United States should thoroughly reappraise its military assistance program in Latin America. What we have given one nation for hemispheric defense has often provoked demands by another for an equal amount of aid. Great care should be taken not to encourage this type of arms race, which Latin American governments can ill-afford. We should give greater attention to the coordination of military policy and strategy in the Hemisphere, This might well result in a decrease in the requirements of national military establishments.

Further, our military assistance to certain dictatorial governments has raised the question of whose freedom those governments are defending. The use by Batista of U.S. supplied armaments against his own people, contrary to stipulations of our

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defense treaty, has greatly damaged U. S. prestige throughout Latin America. It makes little sense to speak of Hemisphere defense while arming a tyrant who uses weapons to intimidate his own people.

Ninth: The United States should lend its support to the idea of regional arms control. Last year Costa Rica submitted such a plan to the Organization of American States and received nominal support from the U. S. delegation. Our government should now press for the consideration of the Costa Rican plan, or some similar project, at the Eleventh Inter-American Conference to be held at Quito next year.

The quality of our over-all policy toward Latin America will be determined not only what we do, but by how we do it.

Unless we pursue our policies with a genuine interest in the welfare of our fellow human beings, they will do little to heal our wounded inter-American relations. The steps already taken by

the Department of State, many of them complete reversals of former policy, will avail us little if they are done reluctantly and only under Latin American pressure.

We must, if we are to recapture the warm bonds of friendship which characterized the best days of the Good Neighbor policy, breathe into inter-American cooperation that intangible spirit which then characterized our relations---a deep-rooted conviction that the Western Hemisphere can, indeed it must, be a New World where freedom and opportunity ~~are honored~~ flourish

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