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FROM: Wisconsin for Humphrey

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"Despite our knowledge that most of Khrushchev's presentation to the United Nations was cleverly designed propaganda, there are many things he said that it would have been better to have had our country say first -- to have had our President say to the United Nations and the world.

"Now that he has said them, however, let's take a serious look at his proposals -- and seek some evidence of good faith toward working toward them. Let's hope that our President, at his conference ending tonight with the Soviet Premier, sought and obtained some assurances of good faith toward the necessary first step of establishing an effective inspection system to enforce prohibition of nuclear tests.

"Then let us move forward aggressively with positive works of peace programs -- with deeds, rather than with words.

"Our abundance of food in a world where starvation, miserable poverty and disease surround us could enable us to bring succor and assistance -- while the Soviet Union can furnish such people only discontent.

"We can feed our friends with our surplus food instead of slogans. We can furnish medicines and training programs, rather than wait for the necessity to send military missions."

Senator Humphrey said that Khrushchev's visit also "gives us an opportunity to take stock of both our strengths and weaknesses here at home."

"Surely the visit of the Russian dictator will remind us of the importance of the Bill of Rights -- and sometimes we forget this. The visit can and should remind us that freedom includes not only rights and privileges, but also duties and responsibilities.

"Maybe Mr. Khrushchev's visit will compel us to examine our shortcomings, the inadequacies of our education system, the need for more classrooms, and more and better teachers. Khrushchev has seen the slums of our cities, and he will tell the world about them. Our answer is not to accuse him of false propaganda, but to clean out the slums. Khrushchev has seen some unemployment. Our response is not to deny it, but rather to promote economic growth that will give full employment," Senator Humphrey declared.

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