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QUIT WORRYING ABOUT FUTURE AND BUILD IT, SENATOR HUMPHREY ADVISES

Instead of worrying about the future, "let us labor to create it in our own image," Senator Humphrey H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) declared today in addressing a joint luncheon of civic and service clubs in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Challenging Soviet Premier Khrushchev's contention that western culture and civilization will eventually be buried by Communist culture, Senator Humphrey declared:

"I believe that the future is not closed, but open. The future belongs to those who deserve to inherit it. The future belongs to those who believe in it and will work for it. I believe that the open society, that genuine representative government, will not perish if those who believe in 'government by the people and for the people' will be willing to work and fight as hard as those who believe in government by self-perpetuating elite.

"Instead of being overwhelmed by the dangers of the world, let us fill men's hearts with hope.

"Instead of filling the air with fear, let us fill men's hearts with hope.

"Instead of thinking that every great task is beyond our means, let us measure the greatness of our capacity.

"This is the challenge America faces today, and it is going to take

deeds, not just words, to meet it. There is nothing automatic about the survival of democracy. As Edmund Burke said, 'Evil triumphs when good men fail to act'. The values of free government and human dignity can survive only if we are willing to pay the price. ~~And~~ often the price is high," ~~Senator Humphrey~~ cautioned,

The Minnesota Senator expressed the hope that "all of us took perhaps a more careful and searching look at ourselves" during the ~~week~~ of Khrushchev's visit.

"After catching a glimpse of ourselves as visitors from strange lands must see us, it should stimulate all of us to make a new determination to press forward on the tasks that remain undone -- the marshalling of our full economic potential to assure jobs for all, the building of added schools so urgently needed, the wiping out of pockets of poverty in the midst of plenty, and the elimination of intolerance and discrimination and bigotry in our midst," ~~Senator Humphrey~~ declared.



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