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SANTA ANA, CALIF., Feb. 11 -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey said tonight that all seven votes Richard Nixon has cast as Vice President were "votes against the people and their progress."

Senator Humphrey, Minnesota Democrat and candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, spoke before a party rally here Thursday night.

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It is the job of positive government to assure steady economic growth, rather than the back-and-forth cha-cha-cha of the past seven years. Inflation and recession -- the fevers and chills between which our economy wobbles--are man-made defects in a man-made system. We can, if we have the wit and the will, have done with them.

'This is not a proposal for a 'regimented' economy -- far from it. Our free enterprise system has yielded us a standard of living such as no other people have ever enjoyed, and no one in his right mind would propose substituting bureaucratic controls for the workings of our market economy.

But we must no longer let the market alone--often a manipulated market -- make the key decisions of public policies for us. Positive government, responsible to the electorate, must do this. If we are ever driven to admit that a free people cannot plan to secure their common defense and promote their general welfare, we shall be lost in a smog far thicker than any you have suffered here.

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Positive government means, above all, positive action for <u>peace</u>. I welcome our commitment to a series of summit meetings with the Soviet leaders. But it is absolutely vital that we come there with our own proposals, rather than merely react to theirs.

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"We need to know what we ourselves want. Too often American negotiators have been undermined by divisions within our government. Too often the State Department, the Pentagon, and the Atomic Energy Commission have waged their own private civil wars during vital discussions. The proposal by the Democratic Advisory Council of a National Peace Agency to give unity and continuity to American policy is therefore most welcome.

Just last week I introduced a bill in the Senate to create such an agency--the National Peace /gency Act--which would deal specifically with these problems that are now divided under various segments of our government.

"My bill would deal with those problems related to achieving peace -- through arms limitation, agreements to develop international control and inspection systems to enforce such agreements, and to apply scientific and technical resources to promote peace by eliminating or reducing the economic cause of war. In other words, it would create an agency whose specific duty would be to work toward an active, positive peace.

"Assuming that the Soviet leaders are prudent and intelligent men despite the fact they are dedicated Communists, there are areas of mutual interest upon which we can build agreement. We have, above all, an urgent mutual interest in avoiding mutual and total destruction. Therefore, through patient and hard-headed negotiation we can, in the field of disarmament, make a significant breakthrough toward peace.

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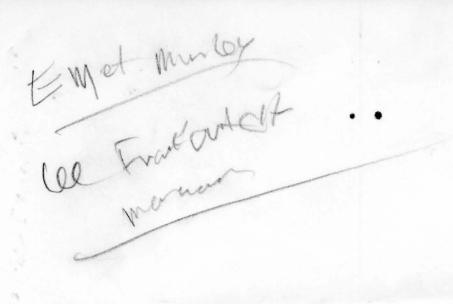
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Commonwealth Club, San Francisco, Cal. Friday, Feb. 12, 1960

I want to talk to you today about the problem which concerns us more profoundly, the any other problem on our overcrowded national agenda.

We are worried about many things

-- about the slowdown in the pace of our economic

growth.

-2- about the continued denial of equal rights and opportunities to American citizens on the grounds of race, color or religion.

-- about the inadequacy of our educational system to our expanding population and our national needs.

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All these things, and many others, cause us deep concern. But the thing which haunts us most of all is the question of war and peace.

The supreme task of our time is to find peace in this most unpeaceful world - a world torn by antagonisms, divided by ideologies, on fire with revolution - a world armed, for the first time in history, with the ultimate power, the power of self-obliteration. It all destruction.

Yet to renounce the search for peace is to commit us indefinitely to the theory that war can only be abolished by the permanent threat of war - that terror can only be eliminated by having a precarious and unstable balance of terror. It commits us to an everlasting arms race. It commits an ever-increasing amount of our resources to the making of guns and

bombs and missiles. It commits us to deep and eternal tensions. It establishes the world forever as a collection of besieged states, each one bristling with armed power and suspicion and hate.

What a repellent destiny for mankind! Yet the fact that it is repellent does not mean that it cannot happen. Serious issues divide the Communist states from the free states. We cannot pretend that these issues do not exist. We cannot pretend that Communism does not offer the gravest possible threat to freedom. / We cannot for one moment relax our guard or our vigilance. Given the Communist purpose and the immediate Communist power, we have no alternative, in the present situation, but to build our own armed strength in order to prevent the balance of terror from turning against us ____

Let me make this absolutely clear: no one hates the arms race more than I do; but if I am sure of antyhing it is that unilateral disarmament is no way out. We must redouble

we must show that we can stay in the race as long as our opponents. Convince them that they have no alternative except to join with
us in bringing the race to an end.

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judgment, the center of American foreign policy. As peace is our object, so controlled world disarmament is the key to peace. Once we achieve this, then the political and territorial problems

which tear the world apart will become relatively manageable.

Until we achieve this, political and territorial settlements will be vain and illusory.

Nothing seems to me more self-evident than the understanding that disarmament, based on reliable inspection and control, affords the only chance of delivering the world from this terrifying and disastrous arms race.

Nothing depresses me more about recent American foreign policy than the low priority which disarmament has enjoyed in our dealings with the outside world.

Instead of being the center of our policy, disarmament has been on the periphery.

Instead of being a matter for top policy-makers, it has been a matter for underlings.

Instead of our leaders taking every occasion and seizing every opportunity to identify the United States with the cause of disarmament, we have let the Communists reap most of the

propaganda benefit from disarmament talk and have systematically presented ourselves to the world as the nation throwing constant obstacles in the way of what the people of the world most desperately want.

Not once in the long series of conferences has the United

States entered negotiations properly prepared. Not once has our
government known what it wanted to achieve. We have a mere
handful of people working on this vast and technical subject
on which the future of civil ization depends. We spend billions -and rightly so -- to build new weapons; but we recoil from
spending millions to learn how to control them.

I say that the time has come to stop treating the disammament effort as a poor relation, to be kept in an unheated garret and fed scraps left over from the Pentagon table.

I say that the time has come to make disarmament a top priority in our foreign policy.

I say that the time has come for a President of the

United States to make controlled world disarmament his personal cause and his personal crusade so that the people of the world will understand that the American government is exploring every possibility in its fight to lift from the world the black shadow of nuclear war. (Nuclear Leet Ban Proposal - Jood)

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If disarmament is the key to peace, detection and inspection provide the key to disarmament. The technical problems in this field are very great; many critical problems remain to be solved. We must make the progress toward their solution a major national effort. Again, we have the progress toward their solution a figure must be solved.

We had a crash program to build the bomb. Now we need a crash program to control it. We need a Manhattan Project for peace. And we need a National Peace Agency to run the peace program.

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is a problem for all Americans. It is time for us all to unite in the determination to make disarmament the central American issue. It is time for us so to bombarb the Communists with plans and thurs, schemes for inspection and control of all weapons, that Either they will accept a workable disarmament plan or else they will be exposed before the world as the real enemies of peace.

Why aren't we doing this already?

Well, one reason, the sk, is that such a policy will require a great deal of administrative vigor and executive energy -- vigor and energy to unite all branches of the government behind such a policy. Has has been lacking,

Another reason is the obsession with balancing the mathematical partial the comment to deny the budget. This obsession has led the government to deny the nation adequate funds for our national defense -- which means that the Russians, convinced that we are probably going to let our defensive position deteriorate anyway, have no real incentive to submit to a scheme for arms control. It is the Comment to submit to a scheme for arms control.

munist hope that an American government will do for them what they could not do for themselves: reduce the United States to a second-class power.

And this same obsession with budget-balancing denies our scientists and engineers the funds necessary for research on disarmament -- research necessary to achieve the technical breakthroughs which will improve our systems of detection and inspection and make international arms control a practical reality.

If we accept the policy of controlled world disarmament,

we must accept the implications of this policy. (Economic)

in an arms control agreement, the entire power balance in the world would be dangerously upset. National security and world security alike demand the inclusion of Communist China in major

arms control agreements.

ponsible and aggressive. It may take the combined persuasiveness of the Soviet Union, the United States and all the countries
of Asia to impress on Peking the need to forego plans of aggression and to cease its defiance of the international community. Strange as it may seem to think of Soviet-American
cooperation to persuade China to participate in a disarmament
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Peace has to be something more than the absence of war. Peace

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To achieve all the dimensions of peace will take generations, perhaps centuries. But unless we embark on this effort soon, we may lose forever the chance to preserve the kind of world to which we, as Americans, have always been dedicated.

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India will speak with the full authority of her land and her

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I say to you, with all the selection at my command, the the fight for peace is the supreme issue of our lifetime.

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