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SENATOR HUMPHREY: AMERICAN POLICY MUST STRENGTHEN TIES WITH POLISH PEOPLE

Speaking last night to a meeting of the Polanie Club in Minneapolis, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (DFL, Minn.) stressed that American policy must seek to "reach the hearts and minds of the Polish people" through every possible means, and particularly through cooperation with the Polish people in works of peace such as the construction of hospitals, clinics, and the expansion of cultural and educational exchange programs between the two nations.

At a dinner honoring Dr. W. O. Biernacki-Poray, Secretary of the American Research Hospital for Children in Poland, Senator Humphrey cited Congressional support of his efforts to help finance the planning of the Children's hospital in Krakow, Poland, as an example of the "very great interest of the American people in stretching out the hand of friendship to the people of Poland."

"While it is of the utmost importance that America rebuild its military strength, at the same time we must realize that the secret weapon of a free society against a totalitarian society is the strength of heart and spirit."

"Other things being equal," Senator Humphrey pointed out, "the contest between freedom and communism will be won by the side which can win to its banner the peoples of the world through acts of mercy, compassion and generosity of spirit."

Senator Humphrey pledged his full efforts

In the forthcoming session of Congress to secure

the necessary #3,500,000 authorization by the Senate for the funds to construct the teaching hospital.

"It is vitally important for many reasons that we secure these funds this year, and also permission to pour concrete before the Polish winter sets in," Senator Humphrey said.

"Certainly it will be important to meet the scheduled completion date of March, 1964, which would coincide with the 600th anniversary of the founding of the University of Krakow," he pointed out, "an event of tremendous historic significance, and one which wiol be a great Polish national holiday."

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