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HUMPHREY CALLS FOR "YOUTH PEACE CORPS"

ST. PETER, Sept. 19 -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey said today that America is "wasting a magnificent tool for peace" by neglecting to recruit skilled young men willing to work in overseas economic assistance programs.

Humphrey said he will intensify his efforts in the next Congressional session to win approval of his bill to establish a Youth Peace Corps."

The Senator's comments were included in an address to the St. Peter Rotary Club.

"In thousands of communities throughout the world," Humphrey said, "men and women struggle each day for survival in a continuing nightmare of poverty, hunger, disease, and ignorance."

"And in America," ~~he continued~~, "there are thousands of young men who would be willing to share their skills with the people of depressed, foreign communities through our economic assistance programs."

Last June the Minnesota Senator introduced a bill in Congress to establish a "Youth Peace Corps" which would consist at first of 500 volunteers. The bill would authorize an eventual force of 10,000 young men.

"These young men would enlist for three year terms," Humphrey explained. "They would then work in foreign communities to teach basic agricultural and industrial techniques, literacy, vocational education, the English language and sanitation and health procedures."

"Thousands of our talented and idealistic young men could become real 'grass-roots' ambassadors in the villages and towns," Humphrey concluded.

"We should not waste this opportunity to give a tremendous impetus to our people-to-people effort and our work to build the foundations of an enduring peace."

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HUMPHREY CALLS FOR "INVESTMENT FOR STRENGTH"

HUTCHINSON, September 19-- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey said tonight that the American people and their government "must exhibit a greater willingness to invest in programs designed to assure the Free World's survival."

Humphrey, speaking at a DFL rally here, denounced Administration officials "who have so little faith in America's growth and so little concern for threats to our survival that they are afraid to spend an extra penny for vitally necessary programs."

"Budget-balancing slogans are very nice," the Senator said, "but a Nation which is growing and threatened cannot have a static, outdated budget."

"Fiscal responsibility does not come from fiscal indolence. America must use and employ its resources to build up its strength for the struggle against domestic decay and international Communism."

Humphrey charged that "those who are not willing to invest funds in the development of our resources and the productivity of our people are guilty of the worst kind of fiscal irresponsibility."

"Where would we be today," Humphrey asked, "if wise generations of Americans had not invested in conservation projects, highways, schools and hospitals?"

"And where will America be tomorrow if this generation of Americans does not make the necessary investments in education, in health, in orderly economic growth?"

"We will be stagnant," Humphrey warned. "We will be pushed to the status of a second-class power by Communism if we do not use our minds, our muscle and, yes, our money to increase and sustain our strength."

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INVESTMENT FOR SURVIVAL
DFL Dinner Rally
Hutchinson, Minnesota
Monday, September 19, 1960

Tonight I want to talk with you about something more than the immediate needs and wishes of our nation and party.

I want to talk with you about America's future -- and the survival of the free world.

There are men who say that it is useless to talk about the future. They worship only the narrow needs of each day. They are blind to the storms and the dawns of tomorrow.

But I believe in the wisdom of planning for tomorrow, for next month, for next year.

And I believe in the necessity of
investing our energies and resources to
meet the needs of tomorrow.

What would happen to the farmer who
refused to plow his fields and said "I
can't afford a tractor"?

What would happen to the merchant who
refused to stock his shelves and said
"I can't afford the merchandise"?

What would happen to the carpenter who
refused to take a job and said "I can't
afford the tools"?

They would be left out in the cold, while
the farsighted farmers, merchants and carpenters
would be reaping the benefits.

Our nation too must have the tools. It must invest in the future if it wants to reap the benefits of its full potential.

America would not be strong now if our fathers and their fathers had not invested in the future.

Our people would not be skilled if they had not invested in a public school system. Our communities would not be productive if America had not invested in such projects as the Tennessee Valley Authority. Our lands would not be green and full if America had not invested in a system of National Parks and Forests.

The investments of wise men ten years ago, 30 years ago, 100 years ago have made our nation strong today.

But America cannot stop now. It cannot heed the whimpers of fearful and lazy men who say: "Everything's fine today. Why worry about tomorrow? We can't afford the tools."

I say we can and must afford the tools to build for America's strength and development in a world threatened and challenged by ruthless and ambitious aggressive Communism.

We must invest in our educational system. Our children and future generations of children need more classrooms and more teachers.

We must invest in our defense. Our strength must be maintained if we are to avert the threats of war.

We must invest in our health. Our country

needs more hospitals, programs for pollution control and expanded medical research.

We must invest in our mobility. Our economy need highways and airports if it is to grow and expand.

Above all, we must invest in the usefulness and productivity of ~~more~~^{our} people.

What sort of future does America have if strong, intelligent men cannot find work? What sort of future does America have if healthy and eager boys just out of school find nothing to do but stand on the streets, waiting for excitement and trouble?

The pockets of unemployment which scar America cannot be ignored. Declining farm

income which depresses our rural communities cannot be ignored.

I, for one, am growing impatient with those who continue to cry in a general way about "reckless spending" and "fiscal irresponsibility."

Budget-balancing slogans are very nice. But a nation which is growing and a nation which is threatened cannot have a static, outdated budget.

Fiscal responsibility does not come from fiscal indolence. America must use and employ its resources to build up its strength for the struggle against domestic decay and international communism.

Those who are not willing to invest funds

in the development of our resources and the productivity of our people are guilty of the worst kind of fiscal irresponsibility.

I believe that the American people and their government must exhibit a greater willingness to invest in programs designed to assure not just growth, but to assure the survival of the free world.

I cannot tolerate those who have so little faith in America's growth and so little concern for threats to our survival that they are afraid to spend a extra penny for vitally necessary programs.

Let those who toss out slogans about "reckless spending" be specific. Let them

them tell which of the particular programs we support are reckless and needless.

We can answer them, for we are as concerned with economy and efficiency as anyone in America. My own efforts to eliminate waste and inefficiency in government have been recognized by former President Herbert Hoover.

If this generation of Americans does not make the necessary ~~/~~investments in the future, where will we be?

We will become stagnant. We will be pushed to the status of a second-class power by Communism if we do not use our minds, our muscle and, yes, our money to build and sustain our strength.

Our survival -- and the survival of the
entire free world -- depend on our decisions
now to invest in America.



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