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HUMPHREY SAYS CUBA SHOWS BANKRUPTCY OF REPUBLICAN FOREIGN POLICY

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey last night accused the Republican Administration of a major foreign policy failure in Cuba.

"The anti-American, pro-Communist government of Fidel Castro less than 100 miles from our coast-line makes it crystal clear that the United States government failed to identify itself with the aspirations of the people of Cuba for political for political liberty and economic reform," Humphrey declared at a "City of Hope" meeting in St. Louis Park.

Humphrey warned that Republican willingness to deal with dictators alienates down-trodden people throughout the world. :This shows the bankruptcy of a foreign policy which relies on an open check book rather than an open heart."

"No wonder the Cubans believe the wild denunciations of America by Castro," Humphrey said. "Just before the Castro revolution, our government sent military aid to Batista to use against his own people and the Ambassador appointed by this Republican Administration was embracing and praising this bloody, brutal dictator."

Humphrey called for action on his "Project Freedom" proposal to win the hearts and the minds of people in Communist-dominated countries.

"We Americans are too much inclined to measure power in terms of guns and missiles and size of armies. The Communists know the power of ideas -- and that is why they are jamming our Voice of America broadcasts.

"If we cannot get the message of America into Communist-dominated countries by books and magazines and radio," Humphrey said, "let us instead win friendship with deeds. Let us give help and hope through direct people-to-people projects carried out by our great private voluntary organizations -- our churches, our trade unions, our farm organizations, and civic groups.

When we are dealing with democratic nations, we can work largely through government channels. But in countries with Communist governments, direct people-to-people projects are far more effective in carrying America's message of hope and freedom." #

Cuba Needs Project Freedom

City of Hope and
B'nai Abraham Synagogue, Sponsors
9 p.m. Sunday, October 16, 1960

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government of Fidel Castro less than
100 miles from our coast-line makes it
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with the aspirations of the people of
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Batista to use against his own people -
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Republican Administration was embracing
and praising this bloody, brutal dictator.

Our government collaborated with
the Batista dictatorship right up
to the last few days before it was
thrown out.

We made no effort to force Batista
to moderate his brutal, police state
methods.

We made no effort to show the
people of Cuba that we were more
interested in their welfare than in
the profits of American companies in
Cuba.

We made no effort to show the
Cuban people that America -- the
land of freedom -- was interested

in building freedom in other lands.

No wonder the Cubans believe
Castro's wild denunciations of
America.

No wonder the Cubans regard
America as an enemy.

L No wonder Cuba is now a camping-
ground for Communist conspiracy
and Communist influence -- a beach
head for the Communists in their drive
to win control of Latin America.

L This is one of the greatest
tragedies ~~in~~ our foreign policy
during this past eight years of
Republican Administration.

America has suffered a major

foreign policy failure in Cuba --

thanks to this Republican Administration

The failure was clear to our Latin

American friends. ~~They are not~~

~~stupid~~

They recognized the quick promise

of a \$600 million aid program last

August for what it was -- not an act

of friendship, but an act of fear --

fear that they would yield to Castro-ism

and Communism.

Castro's government is spending

more than \$100 million to propagandize

Latin America and the Chinese Communists

and the Soviet Union are spending
an equal amount every year to convert
the countries of Latin America away
from United States leadership --
into the Communist camp.

That is twice as much as the
total propaganda effort of the United
States of America all over the world.

Clearly, we are falling behind in
the battle for the hearts and the
minds of the people in the newly
emerging under-developed countries
of Latin America.

I ask you, how can we expect a
Republican Administration which fails

to meet the needs of our own people --
how can we expect it to understand
the needs of down-trodden people elsewhere
in this world?

And I ask you, how can we expect
an Administration which gives
aid and comfort to a bloody, brutal
dictator like Batista to understand
the yearning for freedom and dignity
and self-respect in the heart of the
ordinary person in Cuba or India or
Africa?

Eight years of Republican rule
show the bankruptcy of a foreign
policy which relies on an open check
book instead of an open heart.

I do not believe it is particularly important any longer for us to argue whether the Castro government is Communist-dominated, Communist infiltrated or even whether Mr. Castro himself has Communist leanings.

The fact of the matter is that the propaganda of the Cuba government fits in perfectly with the Communist Party line in Latin America.

In fact, Castro's propaganda is often even more bitter and vitriolic in denouncing the United States than the propaganda of the Communist bloc.

The Cuban propaganda campaign is

directed by Che Guevara, generally
acknowledged to be a solid Communist.

Cuba's short wave and medium
wave broadcasts are beamed to about
40 stations in Central and South
America.

Furthermore, the Cuban press
service reaches every Latin America
country and Cuban literature is freely
distributed by Cuban diplomatic
posts which act as propaganda centers
in Latin America.

And I think we can expect the
new Soviet embassy in Havana to be a

major base for Communist propaganda
aimed at the rest of Latin America.

We can expect next year a tremendous
propaganda campaign by Cuba and the
Communists to destroy the prestige
and leadership of the United States
in Latin America.

Do we hear of any Republican
program to counteract this inevitable
propaganda campaign? Not a word. Not
even a hint that we have suffered
a tremendous foreign policy defeat
in Cuba -- a defeat which may spread
further through Latin America unless
we take a decisive action.

We Americans are too much inclined to measure power in terms of guns and missiles and size of armies.

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out by our great private, voluntary organizations -- our churches, our trade unions, our farm organizations, and civic groups.

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But in countries with Communist governments, direct people-to-people projects are far more effective in carrying America's message of hope and freedom.

I have outlined a program of such people-to-people projects.

I call it "Project Freedom" -- not a government program, but a program

to mobilize the strength of America's
private citizens and private organizations --
to prove to the people in Communist-
dominated countries that the free
people of America want to extend the
hand of brotherhood and friendship.

↳ We can do this with people-to-people
hospital projects like the American
Research Hospital for Children in
Krakow, Poland.

↳ We can do it with people-to-
people exchanges of students and artists
and teachers like the "Experiment
in International Living."

↳ We can do it with people-to-people
food programs to help communities hit

by famine or drought.

We can do it with people-to-people
medical research projects to fight
mankind's common enemy -- sickness
and disease.

We have a long, hard job ahead
in convincing the people of Cuba
that we seek only friendship -- that
we support their demand for Food and
Freedom.

And this is the problem we face
in all the emerging countries of Latin
America, Asia, and Africa.

The revolution of rising expectation
under way in these countries is
testing our good will and our capacity

to help long down-trodden people break out of the vicious circle of hunger, disease, poverty and ignorance.

If these people are to resist the false promises of Communist propaganda, we must make it very clear to them that we will help them -- with long term economic aid and technical assistance -- not just because we are opposed to the evil threat of Communism -- but because we are genuinely concerned about human progress, human dignity, and human freedom.

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