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HUMPHREY SAYS WHITE FLEET OF MERCY SHIPS HELP BUILD PEACE

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey today called for quick action next year to set up a "White Fleet" of hospital ships to attack sickness and disease in newly developing nations around the world.

Humphrey told members of the Edina Rotary Club that a "White Fleet" of hospital ships from America bringing aid to victims of disaster and training local citizens in health and sanitation techniques would help create conditions of peace.

"In many of the newly developing nations of Asia, Africa, and Latin America, the people are plagued by sickness, disease, poverty and despair -- conditions in which Communism breeds," Humphrey declared.

"A White Fleet of mercy ships -- de-mothballed Navy hospital ships staffed with medical experts and public health personnel -- can rush emergency aid to disaster areas struck by flood, hurricane, or earthquake.

"These mercy ships will save lives directly in emergencies and indirectly by training local public health experts in underdeveloped nations.

"I can think of no better symbol of America's humanitarianism and passionate concern for human welfare."

Humphrey welcomed Republican support for his "White Fleet" proposal, first presented to Congress in July 1959, and he commended the privately-sponsored hospital ship "Hope," which is now giving medical assistance and public health training in Indonesia.

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HUMPHREY WARNS OF HIGHER TAXES IN SUBURBS OF CITIES WITHOUT FEDERAL
AID

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey warned last night that Minnesota's suburban communities face higher taxes and spreading blight unless federal aid for metropolitan planning, urban renewal, and slum clearance increases.

Property taxes in suburban areas will rise sharply as local governments try to finance essential public needs like schools and hospitals, parks and playgrounds, sewage and transportation, Humphrey told the Rural Ramsey Suburban Issues Forum.

"The taxes on suburban homes do not support the public services required by the people in these homes," Humphrey declared.

"We need an area-wide approach -- a metropolitan approach -- to these essential public services. Suburban population has grown six times as fast as city population in the last 10 years. Schools are overcrowded. Hospital space is in short supply. Sewer, water, and transportation facilities are overburdened.

"We need federal aid to the states and local communities for co-operative metropolitan planning to meet the common problems which threaten to overwhelm our fine suburban residential areas with spreading slum blight and traffic congestion.

"Local tax resources are simply not adequate to meet the demands made by suburban families. Suburban communities in Minnesota will inevitably have higher taxes if federal aid for education, highways, sewers, parks and recreation areas is not forthcoming soon in greater volume.



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