

HUMPHREY SAYS CHEAP NUCLEAR WEAPONS MAKE ARMS CONTROL ESSENTIAL

ST. CLOUD, October 28 -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey warned today that new techniques for making nuclear weapons easily and cheaply underline the importance of international arms control.

"The possession of nuclear weapons by many more countries multiplies the danger of some careless or irresponsible person setting off a world-wide nuclear catastrophe," Humphrey declared at St. Cloud State College.

"Genuine peace is not a balance of nuclear terror," Humphrey added.

"Peace is the central issue of our time, and controlled, safeguarded disarmament is the key step toward genuine, lasting peace."

Humphrey, a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and chairman of its Subcommittee on Disarmament, also called for establishment of a National Peace Agency.

"The machinery of our government has not been geared to meet the increasingly complex problems of disarmament and arms control," Humphrey declared. "This Administration has a mere handful of people working on these problems.

"No wonder American negotiators at the Paris and Geneva conferences on disarmament are woefully uninformed and embarrassingly slow in making constructive proposals.

"We need a National Peace Agency to develop scientific and technical information which is necessary in planning for arms control with inspection and monitoring systems.

"A National Peace Agency, working with the Atomic Energy Commission, the Defense Department, and the State Department, could provide a solid foundation for progress and success in international arms control agreements.

"I am proud that the Democratic Convention endorsed my proposal for a National Peace Agency in the platform adopted at Los Angeles."



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