

Cong Angus

Golf Ball!

1 Barnes Breese  
2 Commissioner Duncan

## FREEDOM IN THE SPACE AGE

3 Pan-American  
Admiral Miller  
(San Diego)

Address by  
SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

International  
C.A.P. AIR CADET EXCHANGE PROGRAM

20 Countries

Washington, D.C.  
August 10, 1961

-----

I am honored to salute  
the Civil Air Patrol today  
for its International Air  
Cadet Exchange Program. The  
participants in this program  
represent many nations; you  
come from all parts of the  
world. But through this

program, through your contacts  
with this nation and your  
fellow cadets of other nations,  
you now share a new understanding  
of the bonds which unite us.

write  
us -  
tell us!

{ We are united not by controls  
or domination or centralized  
power, but by basic, human  
values of the dignity of man  
and his rights to freedom. }

{ My text today was suggested  
by a broadcast I heard a few  
nights ago. The commentator  
paid tribute to the recent  
Soviet achievement of placing  
a man in orbit around the earth

- 3 -

*And it was and is a spectacular  
+ amazing achievement*

for 24 hours. He mentioned  
the tremendous cost paid by  
the Soviet Union since 1945  
to pursue its space program.

*Society  
Intelligence  
Research  
1945*

And he noted that 1945 was  
the same year in which the  
United States launched a  
massive program of foreign aid.

*Mutual Assistance*

Perhaps some of us felt  
a bit let down or a bit em-  
barrassed at word of the Soviet  
Union's achievement. Perhaps  
*many* ~~most~~ of us were concerned about  
being second-best to the Soviets

in space. But let us put  
things in proper focus. *- Great Achievement*  
*Yes,*

While the Soviet government  
since 1945 put top priority  
upon science, space development,  
rockets and satellites, the  
United States has placed its  
emphasis on improving life here  
on earth. *much for* We have channeled  
our resources and funds into  
helping the helpless, feeding  
the hungry, healing the sick,  
clothing the naked, aiding the  
underdeveloped nations and at-  
tempting to bring about greater



order, stability and progress  
for the people of this world.

Since 1945, the United States has spent more than \$97 billion on foreign aid, funds which could have placed many men in orbit many years ago. The first Soviet foreign aid was extended in 1954 -- 9 years after our program started -- and since then the Soviets have extended less than \$5 billion in foreign aid.

The cost figures are not

as important as the relative values they represent. Perhaps we speak too much about "catching up with the Russians" in outer-space. Let's challenge them to "catch up with us in service to mankind" ~~and~~ ~~the~~

    / Achievements in science  
and successful space exploration  
are important, and we will reach  
them. I have no doubt about that. But the real test of a people and a nation is not  
scientific excellence, but rather

a sense of justice and humanity.

△ The real test of a nation is not the penetration of outer-space, but the fulfillment of freedom here on earth.

Our important contribution to the world is not the penetration of ~~outer space~~ <sup>the Heavens</sup>, but the constant practice of spiritual truths -- truths not formed with a slide rule, but with the Golden Rule.

The oppressed people of the world -- the downtrodden, the helpless -- do not aspire to a trip to the moon. They seek a safer and

better journey through life.

There is a great conference underway now in Latin America, in the country of Uruguay. This is possibly the most important conference since the establishment of the organization of American states. Its purpose is to develop plans, programs, policies and projects that will lift the standard of living of the peoples of Latin America.

The headlines of the American Press tell us that our



Latin American program would involve a \$20 billion investment in the next ten years. I

regret to see a price tag placed upon our <sup>alliance for Progress</sup> good neighbor policy. The important issue is not the amount of money that will be required. What people want to know and what they must know is the sincerity of our desire to be a working partner, a good neighbor, a friend in a time of need. Our neighbors in Latin America want

to hear ~~of~~ and know real  
hope for progress. They want  
to hear of land reform, of  
hospitals and medical care,  
of jobs with a living wage,  
of books and schools, of happy  
communities where opportunity  
exists for young and old. I  
think we miss the mark when we  
constantly interpret the American  
foreign aid program in terms of  
dollars. That program should be  
understood in terms of human  
values, of goods and services,

of opportunities and responsibilities. We are not just cost accountants and budgeteers.

We are people; we are families;  
we are communities; we are nations.  
We are God's children.

A foreign policy for this day and age must be based upon something more than the power of the Pentagon or the gold reserves of Fort Knox, or the loans and grants of a rich and powerful United States. Our foreign policy must express the spirit of our people, and that spirit

is to be found in such tangible symbols as you have seen -- a house in which to live warmly and safely, a neighborhood that provides wholesome environment for the young, a hospital for the sick, decent care for the elderly, jobs for those who seek work, education for those who hunger for knowledge, and recreation and culture for those who understand the true meaning of the good life.

Our twenty year plan is not



one based upon free rent,  
free food, free bus rides.  
Our twenty year plan is  
based upon man's freedom -- his  
freedom to work, his freedom to  
speak, his freedom to worship,  
his freedom to move *and think*.

Let me conclude with this  
thought. Our freedom is not  
"free." It is priceless. It  
was won at great cost ~~of effort~~  
and sacrifice by great men and  
enlightened peoples who lived  
before us. And our freedom  
requires eternal vigilance and

dedication to sustain it.

That is your duty as  
citizens of free nations.  
Each of you and all of us  
must serve the cause of  
freedom -- with warm hearts,  
with understanding minds,  
with dedicated will and with  
hard work and strength of  
purpose.

(END)



# Minnesota Historical Society

Copyright in this digital version belongs to the Minnesota Historical Society and its content may not be copied without the copyright holder's express written permission. Users may print, download, link to, or email content, however, for individual use.

To request permission for commercial or educational use, please contact the Minnesota Historical Society.



[www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org)