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HUMPHREY SAYS SOVIET DECISION IS  
"VICIOUS BLOW TO CAUSE OF PEACE"

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) said last night the Soviet Union "has dealt a cruel and vicious blow to the cause of peace with its decision to resume nuclear testing".

Humphrey, Chairman of the Senate Disarmament Subcommittee, said that the Soviet move could set in motion "an intensified arms race in nuclear weapons and has given the go-ahead to other nations to develop nuclear weapons".

The Senator, speaking at a meeting of the Zionist Organization of America, accused the Soviet Union of attempting to engage in a "war of terror" and added:

"Soviet Premier Khrushchev's threat of a 100 megaton nuclear bomb is a cynical attempt to "blackmail and intimidate the world.

"There can be little military value to such a weapon. It could be used only for annihilation of mass populations. It has been described by Khrushchev only to terrorize the world into submission.

"Khrushchev's decision reveals the hypocrisy of the Soviet Union's so-called peace program. The entire world now knows that the men in the Kremlin are consumed with ambition and power, without regard for justice and peace.

"This action by the Soviets represents a great psychological and moral victory for the United States and for President Kennedy. We have refused to be stampeded into nuclear weapons testing. We have put the welfare of the world ahead of our immediate military needs.

"Fortunately, our nation is strong. Our nuclear weapons stockpile is strong, and I believe we are ahead of the Soviet in nuclear weapons technology.

"The purpose of Khrushchev's announcement is obvious. First, the Soviet Union wants to improve its nuclear technology and this can be done only through weapons testing. This in itself reveals a relative weakness in Soviet strength.

"More importantly, this announcement is part of a campaign of terror, fear and intimidation. Khrushchev has added this threat to the Berlin crisis in the hope of dividing our allies from us. He is hopeful that by threatening us with some fantastic new weapons, we will give up and the Soviets will win without any use of force.

"This will not work. We are determined to resist the aggressive pattern of Soviet action. We will not be driven out of Berlin. We will not retreat. Mr. Khrushchev needs to know this unmistakably.

"Right now I suggest that we take our case to the United Nations. I have urged the President directly that he go personally to the United Nations and tell the General Assembly exactly what the United States has attempted to do in 34 months of negotiations on the test ban issue.

"We must reveal the contents of the full draft treaty we offered and point out the many concessions we made to meet Soviet objections.

"Let the world know that the Soviet Union is the assassin of peace. Let the world know that the United States is prepared first to defend itself and its allies and secondly to work unceasingly for a just and enduring peace.

"It is therefore important that Congress complete action on the President's proposal for a United States Disarmament Agency for World Peace and Security. Such a "Peace Agency" would be welcomed by the peoples of the world, and would further demonstrate our positive determination to work for peace.

"Now more than ever we should bolster the areas of freedom in the world. We must continue our program of economic and technical assistance to the underdeveloped countries.

"We must, in fact, step up our efforts in education, in health, in the provision of food and fiber and in the improvement of the economies of the respective nations.

"We must be prepared to face a long struggle in all areas. Our attention can not be restricted only to national defense and weaponry. Our concentration must be upon the needs of the people in Latin America, in Africa, in Asia, in the other parts of the world.

"We seek to help people live, not to find new ways for them to die."

(Note: The above represents excerpts of Senator Humphrey's address at the 64th Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, New York City.)

Dr. Neumann

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Excerpts of Remarks by  
SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

64th Annual Convention  
Zionist Organization of America

New York City  
August 31, 1961

Ambassador  
Harmon

Dr. Neumann

Pres. Kennedy's  
message

To Israel  
this October

Right now I want to discuss the tragic

setback the cause of peace suffered just 24  
hours ago.

I speak of the announcement that the  
Soviet Union will resume the testing of  
nuclear weapons---and I speak frankly and  
with a touch of sadness.

Let us face squarely the impact and  
implications of Premier Khrushchev's announce-  
ment.

The Soviet Union's decision to resume  
nuclear testing is a cruel and vicious blow  
to the cause of peace. *It is a step toward war.* It represents a

cynical disregard for the well-being of humanity. It demonstrates the hypocrisy of the Soviet Union and its so-called 'peace program.'

The entire world now knows that the men in the Kremlin are consumed with ambition and power, without any regard for justice and peace.

✓ The Soviet decision could set in motion an increased arms race in nuclear weapons. That decision has given the go-ahead sign to every country in the world to arm itself to the teeth with these

weapons of awful destructive power and

to develop new nuclear weapons *of indescribable power.*

✓ The Soviet decision also marks the launching of an attempted "war of terror" *designed*

*to blackmail western Europe and into submission.*

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We have  
the capacity  
(See)

We can not and will not submit. The  
United States will make its decision on  
nuclear testing on the basis of what is best  
and what is necessary for our national secu-  
rity. We must not be intimidated into pre-  
cipitous action, and we will not be pushed  
into the Soviet game of terror and fear.

Let the world know now who has worked  
positively and sincerely for peace, and who  
has acted hypocritically and deceptively to  
destroy the prospects for a just peace.

For 34 months, we have engaged in negotiations with the Soviet Union in an effort to arrive at an agreement to suspend nuclear tests. During those long months, we have respected the self-imposed moratorium on nuclear testing. We have kept our word, and have set an example of self-discipline and national responsibility.

↳ The Soviet Union in recent months has given every indication of its unwillingness to reach agreement. In March of this year, we laid before the Soviet negotiators at Geneva a complete draft treaty which would have provided for the cessation of nuclear tests with effective inspection and control.

↳ Many concessions were made to Soviet objections. In recent days, Arthur Dean, our chief negotiator, returned to Geneva with further concessions to meet the ob-

jections of the Soviet Union. Every effort on our part has been rebuked or rebuffed by the Soviets. It had become crystal clear that the Soviet Union sought to renew tests and was doing everything possible to break up the conference at Geneva. The Soviets hoped to drive the United States into renewing tests first, thus giving them a propaganda victory and an excuse to resume Soviet tests.

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hope of dividing our allies from us. He seeks to promote fear and deep concern in the ranks of the peoples of Western Europe and the rest of the world. He is hopeful that by threatening us with some fantastic new weapon, we will give up and the Soviets will win without any use of force.

This will not work. Our government will reassure the world about our strength. That strength is real and awesome. Our allies will be reassured that we are determined to resist the aggressive pattern of Soviet action. We will not be driven out of West Berlin. We will not retreat. Mr. Khrushchev needs to know this unmistakably.

Right now I suggest that we take our case to the United Nations. I have urged the President ~~directly~~ that he personally go to the U. N. and tell the General Assembly what the United

States attempted to do in 34 months of negotiations on the test ban issue. It is time that we lay before the entire world the complete proposed draft treaty that we offered the Soviet Union to end nuclear tests. We should also point out how we have met one Soviet objection after another with many concessions in an effort to arrive at an agreement. We must tell how the Soviet Union has rebuffed and rebuked every effort on our part.

Let the world know that the Soviet is the assassin of peace. Let the world know that the Soviet is the villain in the international drama. Let the world know that the United States of America is prepared first to defend itself and its allies, and secondly to work unceasingly for a just and enduring peace.

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Navigation  
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*We seek a more secure and safe road to freedom and social progress even before a spectacular voyage to the Moon. We seek to <sup>help develop</sup> ~~help~~ ~~the~~ Earth even as we study the mysteries of space*



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