

① Thank you for letting me share with you this first Joint ROTC <sup>The Service</sup> Precommissioning Ceremony at the University of Minn -

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Your Commander-in-Chief and our President is dedicated to that goal. ~~And through his programs, policies and statements he has taken the goal of freedom and peace out of the realm of theory and away from the language of platform platitudes~~

President Wilson

Rev clergy

Vice Presid Willey

Col Elliott

Capt Morgan

Major Stockdale

He has established it as a realistic national purpose requiring practical action.

*The President and the Congress have taken*  
~~One of his practical steps has been a strengthening~~

*of the Armed Forces to which you contribute your energies and skills.*

*Postwar years - military preparedness*

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Our military forces today truly represent an instrument of peace, for ourselves and for men and women throughout the world. For the first time in history, a Nation is using its energies, resources and strength not inwardly, for

self-protection and self-satisfaction, but outwardly, for  
a sharing of freedom and the <sup>securing of the</sup> good life for all men.

And, There is no single source of national power and  
no single instrument of national strength to achieve this  
national purpose---but without the efficient, well-trained  
and ready Armed Forces of the United States, our purpose  
of freedom and peace ~~for all men~~ would be but a dream based  
on hope.

    In a time of war, our Armed Forces represent the  
cutting edge of our national strength.

    And in the absence of total war---the situation we  
face today---our Armed Forces represent the shield behind  
which we as a Nation and a people can act and move to

strengthen peace, and to extend freedom.

Our military establishment is not and can not  
be considered an isolated element of our national power.  
*and quite obviously it is not*  
~~It is not, cannot be considered~~ the sole instrument of  
our national strength in the international arena.

It is, however, a vital instrument, ~~which we can~~  
~~not allow to become rusty or blunted.~~

Without our strong and ready Armed Forces, the other  
instruments of our national policy and purpose would be *far less*  
effective.

~~Our diplomatic efforts would be meaningless.~~ *But with*

*Our* military forces, we can negotiate from strength, and without  
fear. *Our diplomacy commands respect*

~~Our technical and economic assistance programs would~~

*Because any Treaty alliances & Mutual Security*  
~~be empty. With our military forces~~ the nations and people

*arrangements*

we seek to help through foreign aid have the security and

and opportunity to use that aid for progress.

~~Our political and social objectives internationally would be shallow. With our military forces, they take on substance and force.~~

~~We can be proud of the many magnificent achievements for peace and freedom internationally which were successful, in part, because the military strength of the United States kept our potential enemies at a distance, and commanded~~

~~their respect.~~

*But military strength alone is not enough - The Arsenal of Democracy must have many weapons -*

The Marshall Plan, which helped to re-build the nations of western Europe into thriving bastions of freedom after

World War II, ~~was an example.~~

*was then and is now an integral part of our National Security*

The Point 4 Program, which boosted opportunities for peoples and nations through technical assistance, ~~was an example.~~

The Food for Peace Program, which continues to utilize America's abundance of food to feed the hungry and strengthen the conditions of peace, ~~is an example.~~

And the Peace Corps, <sup>which</sup> in two, short years <sup>is</sup> a clear and obvious success, ~~is a continuing example.~~ *all represent American strength and power*

All of these programs, and others, are integral parts of our national security position. All of them, along with the military, are vital instruments of our national policy and our international purpose.

~~Without the military strength to which you contribute, our Nation's programs for peace and progress for mankind could not be successful.~~

~~And without these programs of peace and progress advanced by the United States, our military strength would be~~

only a collection of men and weapons---without the noble  
and positive purpose it has.

I ask you to remain aware of your role which I hope  
you recognize today.

You are not <sup>only</sup> ~~just~~ Minnesotans or citizens of another  
State. You are not <sup>only</sup> ~~just~~ officers in the Army, the Air Force  
or the Navy.

You are Americans---intimately and permanently  
identified with and involved in the purpose of your Nation. <sup>individuals</sup>

*you have citizenship responsibilities*

I repeat: ~~Our purpose, and the purpose of our Nation~~  
~~is peace with freedom for all men.~~ <sup>at home and abroad</sup>

*Equal RTS, Jobs, economic growth, Soc Justice*

Look to the Great Seal of the United States for the  
visual reminder of elements of our Nation's strength and  
greatness.

A shield covers the heart and the body of the American

eagle.

One claw of the eagle holds firmly and alertly  
a cluster of spears.

The other offers the olive branch of peace.

And the eagle's head and eyes are turned toward  
the olive branch. — In strength there  
is peace — Political, economic  
military, & Moral Strength  
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all represent the conditions  
required for a just and  
an enduring peace.



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EXCERPTS OF REMARKS BY  
SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

ROTC PRE-COMMISSIONING CEREMONY  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

JUNE 15, 1963

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The drama and significance of this day encourages  
each of you and all of us to enjoy and profit from a few  
precious hours of reflection on the basic purpose of our  
lives and the basic goals of our Nation.

For a brief time, we can remove ourselves from the  
minutiae of the daily routine. The facts of history and  
the skills of today are learned, the records of your achieve-  
ments here are complete, and the four-years' accumulation  
of books and mementos are ready to be cleared from your rooms.

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