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Ladies and gentlemen. . .

This is Senator Hubert Humphrey, reporting to you from my office on

Capitol Hill, in Washington. . .

Today I want to call attention *the role Minnesotans are playing in* ~~to~~ the Peace Corps and the role of

Minnesotans in it. This last week the *Peace* ~~the~~ Corps placed its ten thousandth

volunteer in the field. Fourteen Peace Corpsmen recently returned to Minnesota,

having completed their tour of duty. That left 250 volunteers from Minnesota

still overseas, as of April 1. One hundred and thirty of Minnesota's volunteers

have been from the University of Minnesota. At the present moment new volunteer

applicants from the University of Minnesota total 436. That is, that number

have taken the second step on the road in filling out the questionnaire provided

for all candidates by the Peace Corps, and returning it. This makes the

University of Minnesota ~~currently~~ currently the second highest university in the U.S. in

Peace Corps volunteer applicants.

I should like first to recognize the 14 Minnesotans who ~~are~~^{have} recently returned from two years of duty: Charles Akin, from Minneapolis is home from Colombia, S. A. where he worked in school construction. Susan Bartholomew of Minneapolis was teaching French in Ghana. Parker Borg-Wazzato was a teachers aid in the Philippines, as were Robert Hoyle of Minneapolis, Janet Karon of Duluth, Marian Solheim of Minneapolis, and Susan Thompson of North Moorhead. The Philippines, by the way, have one of our largest Peace Corps programs.

Charlotte Christianson of Cambridge, was a nurse in West Pakistan. *Her husband* Dell Christianson of Chief River Falls, was in agricultural extension in West Pakistan *also*. George C. Lavell, of Minneapolis was a science teacher in Sierra Leone. The Sherper twins, Keith and Ken, of Minneapolis were both engaged in agricultural extension work in India. Judith Stan of Fairmont taught home economics in Chila; and Frank Ziegler, of East Duluth was engaged in agricultural extension in India. Mr. Ziegler, while certainly not old, is the only non-youngster in this group, having been born in 1916.

In the name of these returning Peace Corps veterans from Minnesota, I would salute the several hundred other volunteers we have in the field, and the

several hundred more Minnesotas ^{we} ~~were~~ are soon going to have in Asia, Africa, South America, and the South Pacific doing the people-to-people work of peace.

The greatest single program on behalf of peace in our time has been the Peace Corps. Greeted with skepticism in its beginning, it has won solid respect in its execution. When President Kennedy ^{told} ~~asked~~ Americans to ask themselves what they could do for their country, thousands of our youth responded in the Peace Corps. The number has slowly grown and will continue to grow. The developing nations have found them invaluable and say simply "send us more".

This program shows the real America--the America of idealism and service in ^{that work} work with virtually no pay simply because ~~it~~ needs to be done to help people. No amount of money as such, nor any amount of political tracts can communicate American democracy as do the ^{as Peace} ~~corpsmen~~ who live with villagers, farmers, and others as people, sharing a life, while imparting the knowledge to improve the ^{life} life.

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and other nations in the Free world are now organizing Peace Corps teams modelled on ours. Great Britain, France, West Germany, and the Scandinavian countries all have teams in the field or in organization.

A foreign representative at the United Nations said recently: "If America

had 2 million Peace Corpsmen, it would win the world for peace in one generation".

I doubt if it will take that many Corpsmen or that long, to turn the tide in many lands to trust us as friends, because we are willing to help.

It seems hard to believe that the Peace Corps is still so young. It has grown among us like the Biblical mustard-seed which nevertheless contained the Kingdom. Already it is ten thousand strong. It is the mightiest army we have

in the field. *Minnesota can be proud of the role its people have in it.*

Thank you





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