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Senator Humphrey's Appearance
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Russia is apparently ready to "give up an already-lost cause" in Korea as tempting but cunning bait for the western world to ease off its defense efforts and let down its guard," Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, ^(D-Minn) a members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee warned today.

"It's a cheap price for the Kremlin to pay," he declared, "if they can trade their costly stalemate in Korea for disruption of our defense unity in Europe."

Senator Humphrey, member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, outlined his reactions to current Soviet peace overtures in an address before _____.

"If Russia's sudden new 'peace blitz' can turn us from determination to complacency, bring about curtailment of defense expenditures, and disrupt progress toward unification of the free world's defense efforts, the Kremlin will have won a tremendous victory without firing a shot," Senator Humphrey said.

Russia's "peace blitz" is a change in strategy but not intent, Senator Humphrey cautioned. "It is a carefully calculated move designed to deceive the free world in keeping with the off-and-on war of nerves the Kremlin has been playing all along. It was fully charted in advance, and shouldn't have caught anybody by surprise," he added.

Senator Humphrey called attention to the All-Soviet Congress held in Moscow last fall, at which the late Premier Stalin and his successor Malenkov both participated in "charting the changing course of communism's struggle against the world". Out of that conference of the Kremlin's hierarchy, according to Senator Humphrey, came the intent of buying time to build up Russia's industrial potential, and of seeking to divide the unity of the allies massing against them.

"There's been no secret about that conference; it's well documented in our intelligence files. But too little attention was paid to it," Senator Humphrey said.

An early truce in Korea is likely, Senator Humphrey said, but only because Russia hopes it will convince our allies there's no longer need to be worried about threats of Soviet aggression.

"All of us want to see the shooting ended in Korea, just as quickly as honorably possible," Senator Humphrey said. "But don't forget this -- the communist threat is a world-wide threat, not just a threat in Korea. A truce in Korea by no means ends the communist threat to the world. Let's make sure Russia isn't just changing the scenery on us."

Senator Humphrey said it was "safer and sounder for all of us to stay a little skeptical" about Russia's "peace" moves.

"None of us wants war, and we easily get jubilant over the slightest indication that the threats of all-out war might be easing. But I'm gravely concerned over the risk of building up false hopes.

"We've made the same mistake before of being in too big a hurry to strip our defenses; we can't risk that happening again. Yet these

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Russian peace overtures are going to create those same pressures for a let-up at home in our defense effort, and experience has warned us that they are pressures that are often hard to resist.

"Don't underestimate these Soviet rulers. They are ruthless, but they aren't fools. They are slick and cunning. They know how deep the inherent desire for peace is in the heart of most Americans, and they know how restless Americans become during a long-sustained, constant state of half-peace, half-war. They could well be taking a carefully calculated gamble on America's reaction of turning from grim determination to soft complacency.

"If so, they have timed their cunning well. They know the pressures are growing in this country for cutting taxes. They know they can always count on some people being too short-sighted to see the dangers of letting down our guard, when tempting bait is offered to lessen the threat of war and invite a relaxation of our defense effort.

"Are we going to be fooled into such a course? That's what concerns me. That's what should concern everyone today."



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