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"America's strength in the worldwide struggle of ideologies is the moral basis upon which we are building material power.

"Preserving freedom in the world today means more than stamping out foes of freedom with military might.

"If we have learned anything in our time, it is that military might alone, without moral purpose and humane resolve to build a better world for others as well as for ourselves, can solve none of our problems...

"The strength of our might is the humaneness behind it, rather than hatred for any peoples. Such humaneness in no way weakens our determination, nor blinds us to the reality of the threats confronting us and the world today. Rather, it gives resolve to that determination, and constructive rather than destructive purpose to the bastions of freedom we are building."

Senator Humphrey lauded President Eisenhower for his recent foreign policy address making clear "our purpose is humane, not conquest" and the great desire of the American people to "share their heritage of freedom and liberty with all".

Senator Humphrey cautioned, however, that "we must give meaning to that purpose, for it is by our acts and not our words that we will be judged by less fortunate peoples of the world."

"Can we rightly proclaim our concern for all humanity, then shut our eyes to the plight of humanity in underprivileged areas of the world?" he asked. "Can we convincingly proclaim our belief in human justice and the brotherhood of man, if we allow continued examples of prejudice and violation of civil rights to blot democracy's banner? Can we convince despairing people of our humanitarian concern for others as well as ourselves, if we selfishly slam the doors of trade and immigration in their faces?"

Senator Humphrey said he was "heartened" and "encouraged" by recent messages from President Eisenhower calling for wiping out discrimination and injustices of present immigration laws, and expansion of foreign trade through extension of the reciprocal trade agreements.

"I have been less heartened and less encouraged, however", Senator Humphrey added, "by the somewhat deaf ears upon which both messages have apparently fallen in some quarters of the Congress. I am disturbed by the lack of realization of how vitally such policies are interwoven in freedom's fight for survival, in humanity's continued existence."

Senator Humphrey said he would "always be disturbed when materialistic concerns start crowding humaneness into the background".

"Material progress can only survive and continue with preservation of the best qualities of humanity -- the qualities of human justice, human respect, human sympathy, human kindness," he said.

"America's heart -- and its pocketbook -- cannot be bound in materialistic iron chains in the struggle for human liberty."



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