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America's heart -- and it's pocketbook -- cannot be bound in materialistic iron chains in the struggle for human liberty, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D.-Minn) declared tonight in an address at a Bonds-for-Israel banquet rally in Chicago.

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

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

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

"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 human 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 added the caution, 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 prejudices 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."

"We need greater realization of how vitally such policies are interwoven in freedom's fight for survival, and in humanity's continued existence," he declared.

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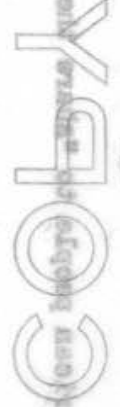
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America's strength rests in its people, and as a result sound domestic policies are a part of our national security, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D.-Minn.) declared today in an address before the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in Chicago.

"There's no good reason to be slamming the door on social progress," Senator Humphrey said. "Social gains of the past twenty years have added to our strength as a nation, and can continue adding to that strength in the future.

"Safeguarding such social gains is safeguarding our security by protecting the strength of our own economy, and the welfare and satisfaction of our own people," he added.

Senator Humphrey warned that the country must stay alert to what happens to our own economy while so much attention is focused on international problems.

"While we are trying to calm the turbulent seas of international discord, can we permit our ship of state to be recklessly steered toward domestic reefs?" he asked.

"While we are trying to strengthen the economy of other free nations, can we risk another era of boom and bust in our own country by opening the doors to exploitation and greed?

"While we are trying to show our concern for the less-privileged in underdeveloped areas of the world, can we put aside concern for the well being of the great majority of our own people?

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"While we are trying to preserve freedom in the world, can we let our own freedom of thought and expression be jettisoned by self-seekers of power and glory?"

Senator Humphrey charged that "changing trends" in the nation's domestic policies are threatening our economic prosperity by "opening the doors to exploitation and greed".

"The handwriting is on the wall," he said. "The Republicans are once again gambling with our economic well-being. They seem to have forgotten lessons of the past. They are too willing to let the majority of our people assume unnecessary risks, in their concern over fulfilling past commitments for the special interests of the privileged few."

He said the present Administration is being dubbed both the "give-away" administration, and the "put off" administration.

"They have a new way of solving domestic problems," Senator Humphrey said. "They have embarked on a program of giving away our great natural resources so they won't have to worry about them. And for any problems that can't be solved by giving something away, they just decide to put off any answers 'for further study'."

"I'm a bit surprised at that, because it seemed to me last November they said they had the answers for everything. But at least it's consistent with the rest of the way they have been reversing themselves since the election campaign."

"During the campaign, Republicans loudly assailed the foreign policies of the Roosevelt-Truman administration, but quietly 'adopted' most of the domestic policies of the same era under which so much of our social and



economic progress has been achieved. ~~Now~~ that they're in power, however, they're doing an about face.

"They're now enthusiastically 'adopting' the very foreign policies which they so bitterly attacked, but starting to undermine and scuttle the domestic policies to which they gave lip service in the campaign."

Senator Humphrey said he didn't want to point the finger of blame at President Eisenhower.

"I feel rather sorry for him not disappointed in him", Senator Humphrey said. "I'm afraid he, too, is finding out what many of us believed all along -- the Republican party is not yet ready to live up to the President's fine promises, and his fine intentions."

"I'm glad to see that on foreign policy, at least, President Eisenhower's good judgment is prevailing over the disgruntled hotheads who are still trying to rock the boat. I wish I could feel as hopeful about the fate in store for our domestic economy".

Senator Humphrey said the Administration was generously "paying off" political debts "to the big financial interests that have picked up the tabs in the Republican struggle to power".

"They have pushed up the country's interest rates, to assure greater profits for the country's money changers, at your expense and mine. It means you have been saddled with an additional burden of around a half billion dollars annually in higher interest rates on the national debt, and it means you have been saddled with an additional burden of an estimated  $1\frac{1}{2}$  billion dollar annual increase in interest rates on your private debts that are following the government's interest-rate increase just as night follows day."



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"You'll learn it is being made harder for you to get bank credit for your short-term needs, your installment financing, or your home mortgages -- and it's going to be more costly for you if you can get it.

"You are being told to expect 'deflationary adjustments'.

"Perhaps I'll say it a little more bluntly -- those nice sounding words simply mean the economy's going to start down hill -- with the working man and woman and the farmer, as usual, taking the brunt of the 'adjustments'."

He cautioned the group not to expect any changes in the Taft-Hartley Act, "unless they are for the worse".

"You might as well realize that the problems of organized labor are going to be considered in an atmosphere of general hostility and prejudice, an atmosphere increasingly biased in favor of interests directly opposed to your own," Senator Humphrey said.



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