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America's foreign policy can't "blow hot and blow cold", Senator Hubert H. Humphrey warned today (Wednesday, October 14).

"We must make our specific objectives clear, along with the knowledge that we intend maintaining both the strength and the determination to achieve them," Senator Humphrey said this morning in an address before the Minneapolis Business College.

"Our foreign policy must link unwavering strength through unified power of the free world with constant initiative toward peaceful settlement of the world's tensions on honorable terms," he declared, outlining a six-point program of "minimum objectives

1. Completing establishment and ratification of the European Defense Community for Western Europe;
2. Accomplishment of the NATO defense goals for unified strength;
3. Strengthening economic ties of the free world by stepping up international trade, "eliminating barriers now obstructing flow of such trade";
4. Realization and acceptance of the necessity for closest cooperation between the United States and its Allies, "firm enough to withstand deliberate efforts to divide and weaken the free world".
5. Maintaining the initiative in leadership toward peaceful solution of the world's problems and easing of international tensions "wherever it can be achieved on honorable terms and without appeasement".
6. Keeping the door open for continued cooperation with India and other southeastern Asiatic free countries despite occasional differences of viewpoint, "recognizing India as key to the far east that must be won by mutual respect and not compulsion".

"We mustn't be stampeded into closing the door on India's friendship", Senator Humphrey cautioned.

"Alienation of India by inflexible and rigid attitudes on our part would be a tragedy second only to the loss of China to the Communists".

Senator Humphrey said critical world conditions called for "calm and prudent action, backed by plenty of strength".

"We can only negotiate with the Soviet from a position of strength, and a determination to maintain that strength for however long it may take to bring about an eventual conclusion of the impossibility of world conquest by the Soviet.

"Every evidence of a weakening in our determination to maintain that strength, unfortunately, undermines our chances of achieving peaceful settlement of the world's troubles by undermining our strength at the bargaining table.

"Now is a good time for all of us to hark back to the sound old advice of Teddy Roosevelt, to speak softly but carry a big stick."



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