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LIBERALS LEAD FIGHT ON COMMUNISM, SENATOR HUMPHREY SAYS

Effective, courageous anti-Communism is "thoroughly consistent with intelligent, sincere liberalism", Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared today in an address before the Minneapolis Kiwanis Club.

In his first major local address since returning from the 83rd Congress, Senator Humphrey discussed his anti-Communism bill which was a highlight of closing days of the Congress.

"Totalitarianism is the greatest enemy to liberal democratic institutions", Senator Humphrey said. "It is the liberal, therefore, who should be the most sensitive to the threat of domestic and international Communism.

"In acting constructively, concisely and directly against specific members of the Communist Party, those of us who have become leading spokesmen of American liberal democracy believe we have performed a real service to our country, to our political principles, and to our political party.

"We have endeavored to assume in behalf of responsible and honest American politics the reins of leadership in the fight against Communism, rather than leave it in the hands of demagogues more interested in the headlines they can achieve than the results obtained.

"The struggle for democratic survival and for the growth of the democratic spirit is united through effective, positive programs for equal social and economic opportunities for all Americans, regardless of race, color or creed, together with necessary protective programs against internal and external subversion of democracy.

"The growth of democracy and the protection of democracy are both essential to survival.

"In my political life, I have long sought to exemplify both objectives. In so doing, I believe we can most effectively undermine the destructive activities and influence of political demagogues in American politics, and help strengthen the fabric of American democracy", Senator Humphrey said.

Senator Humphrey explained that his proposal in the Senate led to formal declaration that the Communist Party is an illegal conspiracy working in cooperation with a foreign power to overthrow the government of the United States by force and violence. In explaining the amendment Senator Humphrey declared that such a conspiracy "should not, under our laws, receive immunity or otherwise be free of the consequences of its position simply by attaching to itself the label of 'political party'".

Senator Humphrey's proposal provided that the Communist Party, or any other name that the Communist movement might call itself, was to be outlawed.



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