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SENATOR HUMPHREY CALLS ON YOUTH TO 'BUILD FAITH INSTEAD OF FEAR'

America's hope of preserving freedom in the world rests on building faith instead of fear, "and youth must carry forward the spirit of faith we need", Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) declared last night in a commencement address to the Bagley High School at Bagley, Minnesota

"The peoples of the world are no longer impressed by the threat of nuclear war, which leads only to desperation and hopelessness," Senator Humphrey said.

"They are looking instead for a clear and challenging moral faith that will arouse them to self-determination, for their liberation from both political and social tyranny.

"We have that inspiration to offer them, in the precepts of our own Declaration of Independence setting forth God-given rights of liberty no man can take away."

Youth faces the challenge of carrying forward that inspiration, Senator Humphrey declared, "and building faith instead of fear. Fear may grip the aged and the tired, the hopeless and the despairing. But, faith is always exemplified by the young and confident, eager to share in building of a better world."

"We are fortunate in being able to turn out of our high schools young people better prepared than ever before to cope with the complex problems of a world in turmoil, young people with better understanding of the issues creating unrest in the world.

"We are fortunate, too, in having a society that encourages the welding of the ideals and aspirations of youth into the experience and judgment of the more mature, and welcomes young people taking an active role toward influencing the kind of world they must live in."

Young people can best fill that responsibility, Senator Humphrey said, "by taking an interest in the world about you, and finding ways to express your own thoughts and views through organizations with which you associate yourself" in civil, social, cultural, or political activity.

He reminded the young graduates they "had every reason for faith in the future, rather than fear."

"It is time that we re-assess our assets, and walked in the stature of strength and competence that our history and our present circumstances verify," he declared. In a world that is desperately in need of capital, we have the greatest capital resource among all nations. In a world where people are anxious for the blessings of science and technology, we are richly endowed with these blessings. In a world where the majority of people are ill-housed, ill-fed, and ill-clad, we are privileged to have an abundance of food and fiber and the knowledge of scientific understanding for health and shelter.



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