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### GOP DEFENSE OFFICIAL ADMITS 'PEACE' BOASTS UNFOUNDED, SENATOR HUMPHREY SAYS

Republican campaign claims of winning peace for the world are "repudiated by the Eisenhower administration's own defense officials", Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared yesterday at a Washington County DFL Rally at Lake Elmo.

Senator Humphrey quoted Undersecretary of the Navy Thomas S. Gates, Jr. as publicly recognizing that "all this Republican talk about peace is a 'false reading of our times'".

"Undersecretary Gates has done something surprising for this Administration -- he has told the people the truth," Senator Humphrey said. "In a talk at Jacksonville, Florida, today --an advance text of which has been released to the press-- Undersecretary Gates says, in part:

"Many people interpret the absence of a major war as peace. This is a false reading of our times. Armistice is a better word, and certainly today peace and armistice are confused and interchanged in the people's minds. Perhaps the reason for this is that this armistice really will be the only peace that we will ever know in our time."

In commenting upon Gates' declaration, Senator Humphrey said:

"Every week for the past few weeks, we have been hearing more from the Eisenhower-Nixon team and a solid phalanx of other Republican orators strumming on the strings of peace. What a contrast, we hear, this Republican peace is to the way things were under the Democrats!

"Now, one of the top men in the Defense Department, the Undersecretary of the Navy --apparently getting his signals from quarterback Hall mixed--comes out with a statement admitting that all this Republican talk about peace 'is a false reading of our times'.

"Maybe we are getting this candid admission from Mr. Gates because he is a little closer to the operating level of Government than some of his bosses at the strategical or political-- level.

"At the same time, the American people are not going to be reassured by any Administration spokesman who goes on as Mr. Gates does to confess that the Eisenhower team is bankrupt of any plan for securing real peace, and that 'this armistice really will be the only peace that we will ever know in our times'".

Senator Humphrey said Adlai Stevenson "would not be satisfied" with accepting "uncertainties of an Armistice already being openly violated by the Soviet" as the only peace we can know in our lifetime.

"Instead, we Democrats shall insist upon rallying the free world solidly together again into a force insistent upon real peace, peace with honor and justice, peace that will endure," Senator Humphrey said.



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