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SENATOR HUMPHREY CALLS FOR "COURAGE OF ROOSEVELT" IN
FACING NEW FOREIGN POLICY CRISES

The Eisenhower Doctrine will not be voted on in the Senate for at least two weeks and it will contain significant improvements, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, predicted at a Roosevelt Day dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Chapter of Americans for Democratic Action in Boston, Massachusetts, last night.

"Perhaps there has never been a clearer occasion for the exercise of the Senate's Constitutional authority in the foreign policy field", the Minnesota Senator said.

"By the time the Senate votes on the Middle East proposal", Senator Humphrey continued, "the country will have a better understanding of its implications. Some of the obscurities and ambiguities of the Administration's original proposal will have been disclosed and corrected, and hopefully the Administration will have been jogged into an awareness of the urgency of action to meet the basic problems in the Middle East which the doctrine itself largely ignored -- problems like the free navigation of the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Aquaba, the achievement of boundary agreements and peace treaties between the Arab nations and Israel, the resettlement of Arab and Jewish refugees, and long-range river development projects designed to lift the age-old poverty of the region."

"America must summon again the courage of a Franklin Roosevelt if we are to surmount the challenge now facing us in the field of foreign policy," Senator Humphrey declared.

Speaking on the theme: "Roosevelt, Courage, and Foreign Policy", the Minnesota Senator told his audience that "the late President symbolized for all the world three types of courage -- the courage of devotion to duty, the courage of beginning again after defeat, and the courage of the genuine humanitarian. Today in the formulation and conduct of our foreign policy, we are in desperate need again of all of these kinds of courage."



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