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"U. N. HAS PROVED ITS
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Eau Claire, Wis., - "The two important things to remember about the United Nations are the fact of its growth and the importance of its existence as the world's greatest molder of public opinion," Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) told an audience of over 2,000 elementary and high school teachers attending the Northwestern Wisconsin Education Association general session yesterday (Fri) afternoon.

"The United Nations, despite crises and detractors, has survived the advent of the atomic age and the revolt of a quarter of the world against the colonial system; more than that, it has grown," Senator Humphrey declared.

"The United Nations is far from perfect. But all the hopes of man to evolve a just international economic order, to advance human rights, to stop aggression, to disarm, to establish a reign of law, are bound up in the United Nations," Senator Humphrey declared.

"But that does not mean that the U. N. should be regarded as a kind of convenient dumping ground for unpopular, complicated problems for which we have no specific policy. We must remember that the United Nations is not a substitute for a steady, sound, and consistent foreign policy.

"The United Nations must be regarded properly as an essential supplement to our foreign policy. I should like to see the United Nations used increasingly, but used effectively. I should like to see it energized by American leadership

"One of the United Nations' greatest single services to the international community is its sheer exposure of double dealing, and its availability as a medium, a means, a forum for the organization of world-wide popular support for what is just and right. For example, the repercussions of Soviet brutality in Hungary are still seeping into the minds and hearts of Asians and Africans through the reports of their delegates at the United Nations.

"Many have condemned the U.S., " Senator Humphrey stated.

"But we must ask if they have taken an honest inventory of its considerable assets.

"There are two billion men, women and children on earth who are neither Russian nor American. A large percentage of them profoundly distrust both Soviet and American policy. A large percentage of these people have only one immediate and desperate problem facing them - the pressure for survival.

"The United Nations means more than a General Assembly to these underdeveloped nations and underprivileged people. They think of the U. N. in terms of its agencies and affiliates: the World Health Organization, the U. N. Technical Assistance Program, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the Children's Fund, UNESCO, The International Labor Organization, the Human Rights Commission, and all the others. It is these agencies which people on three continents look to, to satisfy their high hopes for progress.

"If we are to overcome suspicion and distrust in these areas, then we must overcome any indifference or callousness which may exist in this country, toward these agencies," Senator Humphrey stated.

Senator Humphrey's subject was "The UN and Foreign Affairs". Earlier in the afternoon the educators heard Dr. Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., noted historian, speak on "Can America Stand Abundance". The Association meeting ended late yesterday (Fri).



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