

NEW 'SECRETARY OF SCIENCE' POST IN CABINET PROPOSED BY SENATOR HUMPHREY

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Included in the proposals, going far beyond recent recommendations of the President will be:

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2. Establishment of new standing committees on science and technology in both the Senate and House of Representatives to work with the new Department of Science.
3. Establishment of a broad system of science scholarships and incentives to science instructors and students to encourage greater emphasis on science and engineering in all institutions of higher learning.
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The recommendations are the outgrowth of a study made at Senator Humphrey's request by the Staff of the Senate Committee on Government Operations, in cooperation with officials of the National Science Foundation, the Bureau of Standards, and other existing agencies of the government involved in the scientific and research field.

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Senator Humphrey is a member of the Committee on Government Operations and Chairman of its subcommittee on Government Reorganization.

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SENATOR HUMPHREY RAPS PROPOSALS TO PAY FOR MISSILE DEVELOPMENT SOLELY OUT OF  
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"In the past several days I have noted with deep concern proposals to pay for our badly-needed missile and rockets expansion program by taking money out of the pockets of small farmers, wage-earners, and small businessmen," Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D.-Minn.) said last night in Minneapolis.

"The President's speech last Wednesday hinted that money could be found by 'cutting out or deferring entire categories of activities'," Senator Humphrey noted, "and I immediately began to wonder what activities he was talking about.

"I am disappointed to hear that on Thursday the President of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, speaking in Washington, suggested that among such cuts to be made were veterans' benefits, farm price supports, and any future increases in social security.

"Now I want to say right here and now," the Minnesota Democrat said, "that I do not intend to stand idly by and see the less fortunate American forced to pay for this missile development all by himself!

"I am opposed to any proposal to pay for increased government missiles expenditures just out of the pockets of farmers and laboring people and pensioners," Senator Humphrey declared. "We must maintain a strong, healthy society in this competition with the Soviet -- a society in which the average family can maintain itself in dignity and comfort and freedom.

"There are already many soft spots in our society which we would do well to remedy as we look forward to perhaps generations of competition with the Soviet system," Senator Humphrey pointed out. "Our farm people, our pensioners, our small businessmen are all in trouble, largely through government policies which already favor large business and great Eastern banking interests. It would be sheer folly to impose additional lop-sided penalties on the sections of our economy which are already suffering.

"The truth is," Senator Humphrey said, "that in the midst of this missiles race we are already at the same time in competition with the Soviet Union in dozens of areas of non-violence. The Soviets are promising that they will be supreme in nuclear power, in consumer goods production, in cultural activities, in agricultural production, and in education.

"Two social systems, two basic ways of living and thinking are in total competition right now," Senator Humphrey declared, "and I would like to see the day

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come when we both could throw off the wraps of huge armaments and get down to the serious business of seeing which system is the best!

"We in the West would win such a competition hands down -- if we are intelligent enough, determined enough, organized enough, to bring our superior potential to bear.

"It is not a case," he warned, "of first winning the missile race and then setting out to win the peaceful competition. The Soviet is running in both races, and we cannot afford to get left at the post in either.

"While we must press forward strongly to regain parity with the Soviet Union in armed strength," Senator Humphrey said, "we must be ever watchful that we do not destroy the very underlying health and strength of our own society in this effort -- and that health and strength has already been seriously undermined by Government policies which I believe to be thoroughly mistaken.

"When we discuss ways and means of paying for the complacency of these past several years in matters of national security," Senator Humphrey said, "let us approach the problem with an eye to tax loopholes, with an eye to the profits of large defense manufacturers and financial interests, and with an eye to tightened-up procurement procedures, as well as in the spirit of common sharing of the added burden.

"It is clearly going to cost more money to catch up in missile development, but just spending more money is not really getting at the heart of the problem," Senator Humphrey commented. "There must be a new determination to get the job done, a new sense of urgency, and above all a new sense of leadership on the part of those who are responsible for our nation's security. If all these are seriously accomplished, it may well reduce the amount of additional funds actually necessary."

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