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NATION PAYING 'TRAGIC PRICE FOR WAVE OF ANTI-INTELLECTUALISM': HUMPHREY

America is paying "a grim and tragic price for the wave of anti-intellectualism that has gripped our country in recent years," Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) declared last night in an address before the Combined Temples Forum in Chicago.

"The world is teetering between threatened annihilation, and the greatest era of new discovery and new progress mankind has yet known," he said.

"All of us share the sobering responsibility of guiding our destiny on its precarious course - to avert the destructive disaster of war, and to achieve, instead, a far greater fulfillment of man's aspirations than history has yet recorded.

"It is time we realized that the Soviet is waging all-out war on us, without a shot being fired. They are challenging us in every field. We are locked in a struggle which will demand every resource of our intelligence and our spirit if we are to survive.

"We must decide to compete - and win - in every area of challenge. We must compete all the way, not with one hand tied behind our backs. We must compete with the greatest mobilization of our resources, our talents, our national will that we have ever known.

"But if we are to compete effectively, there must be a fundamental change in America toward the intellectuals and the scholars in our midst.

"Fear and distrust of thinking people is a disease we simply must stamp out," Senator Humphrey said. "We cannot afford any more the luxury of laughing at 'eggheads', as too often some have done, or of suggesting there is something treasonable about being an intellectual.

"If we are really to mobilize for peace, the place to start is with our brainpower, our experience, our intellectuals.

"Just as we are suddenly facing the necessity of mobilizing our scientists to compete with Russia, so too do we need immediately to mobilize in every field our intellectuals who have a contribution to make toward meeting Russia's challenge in other fields. And we cannot cast aside valuable resources of brains, experience, skills, and judgment just because of differing political convictions.

"If we are to expect the nation to rally in a bipartisan spirit to meet with determination the challenges confronting us, then bipartisanship must consist of more than occasional consultation when the Administration is in trouble," Senator Humphrey declared.



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