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"It is far from appeasement to seek every alternative to war; it is far from appeasement to seek to defeat Communist conquest without having to resort to the Communist tactics of force, terror, and destruction.

"I dread the day when such propaganda might silence Americans from being willing to speak up for peace, and to work diligently for peace. We need crusaders for peace, and must never stoop to condemning them as 'appeasers'", Senator Humphrey declared.

"I do not believe any Americans want to 'appease' Soviet Russia, but I do believe that all Americans really want to find ways to avoid destruction of civilization by all-out nuclear war.

"If there are any 'appeasers' in this country today, it is not those dedicating their energies and efforts to the 'works of peace'. Instead, it is the 'dollar appeasers' who think more of balancing the budget than in building a shield of strength, the 'dollar appeasers' who refuse to invest in the 'works of peace' throughout the world. And if Mr. Nixon and Mr. Alcorn will just look around, they will find plenty of these kind of 'appeasers' right in their own Republican ranks in this Administration."

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"Much of the trouble in the Pacific today can be traced to slogans in the 1952 campaign about 'unleashing Chiang'. Much of the disrespect in which the United States is held throughout the world is the result of Republican campaign slogans about 'massive retaliation'. It might be better for the United States and the world if the Vice President gave more thought to his responsibilities to work for peace, than to his responsibilities to work for election of Republicans despite the tragic cost to the country."

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While Vice President Nixon and other Republican campaigners "talk tough" *for public consumption* about ~~fighting~~ *being firm with* the Soviet, the Republican administration is "still undermining our military defenses by drastic budget curbs that ignore our commitments throughout the world", ~~Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared last night.~~

"Our security is seriously endangered when public officials take such a two-faced approach -- posing before the world with a chip on our shoulder and ready to fight at the drop of a hat, but behind the scenes restricting expenditures which our military establishment regards as essential to make good our commitments", ~~Senator Humphrey declared.~~

~~"While Republican politicians are talking tough for public consumption in advance of the election, and call the Democrats appeasers, word around Washington confirms that the President's Bureau of the Budget is cutting back on military programs which the President asked Congress to provide -- and which Congress authorized at his request.~~

~~"It is time serious thought was given to the dangers of political orators instead of statesmen determining our foreign policy, and budget balancers instead of the military establishment determining our defense requirements.~~

"It is no secret around Washington that all three branches of our armed services are alarmed by tightening budgetary restrictions crippling our defense potential at the very time we are rattling sabres over Quemoy and Matsu under a reckless policy of brinkmanship apparently guided more by election-year considerations at home than the realities of the international crisis itself.

"Years ago Teddy Roosevelt advised us to 'Speak softly, but carry a big stick'. This crowd has changed that around. They speak loudly and brazenly -- yet are sawing off the stick."

~~Senator Humphrey warned it wouldn't~~ *Hunt* do much good to "balance the budget" if our imbalance of armed forces jeopardized our security.

~~Senator Humphrey said that his~~ *my* *is* ~~concerns~~ shared by "many members of Congress in both parties", in view of the succession of revelations contained in such responsible studies and investigations as the Rockefeller Report calling for \$12 billion more a year in defense funds by 1962; the Gaither Committee's top secret review of our defense which "portrays the U.S. in the gravest danger in its history"; and the extensive revelations from the Johnson Senate Preparedness Investigation of 1958 -- all showing the nation entering on a period of extreme defense crisis.

"None of us want to see these huge armament burdens go on and on endlessly, yet we know that we cannot neglect our shield of strength until we build a safer climate in the world through positive works of peace", Senator Humphrey cautioned.

"But at the very least, we can and must stop threatening to plunge ourselves into all-out war at a time budget bureau officials are blindly cutting back our military funds without heed to the warnings of our career military leaders, who might be called upon to back up with their lives and the lives of thousands of American youths the bluster and bluff of campaign year brinkmanship", he declared.

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REPUBLICANS BLOCKED SOUND LABOR REFORM LEGISLATION, SENATOR HUMPHREY SAYS

Republican candidates talking so much about "labor bosses" and "labor crooks" should be called upon to explain instead why the Republican Party killed an effective labor-management reform bill the last session of Congress, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared last night in an address before a public meeting of the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly.

"All the name-calling and campaign oratory cannot wipe out the fact that the Senate did enact labor-management reform legislation, but it was defeated in the House of Representatives by an 'unholy alliance' of Republicans with the National Association of Manufacturers and some of the very segments of labor bringing discredit upon the vast majority of honest, decent organized labor," Senator Humphrey declared.

"If Republicans had not blocked this legislation, the Ethical Practices Committee of the AFL-CIO would have been provided new backing in its own constructive efforts to rid the ranks of labor of the handful of corrupt leaders 'selling out' their own membership.

"It is not enough for Republicans to say they wanted 'tougher' legislation -- when they worked hand in hand with some of the corrupt elements of labor to block the only chance the last Congress had to carry out reforms recommended by the McClellan Committee.

"Minnesota's voters should be asking Republican spokesmen to explain why they sacrificed corrective legislation, just to maintain a 'talking issue' for this campaign.

"The Kennedy-Ives bill, with bipartisanship sponsorship, was designed to meet the specific legislative recommendations of the McClellan committee, bearing the endorsement of Senator McClellan himself.

"The bill provided strictly for democratic procedures in unions -- secret-ballot elections, financial reports to the government, reports on trusteeships to prevent abuses. It provided for restraint of criminals as union officers. The enforcement, however, would have punished officers who failed to meet these requirements -- not the union members who might be victimized by the officers' failure.

"In short it was designed to clean out abuses in organized labor -- not destroy organized labor.

"It also imposed 'sanctions' on employers guilty of improper acts, by requiring them to report all expenditures above \$5,000 to 'influence or affect employees in the exercise' of their organizing and bargaining rights. Testimony before the McClellan committee fully justified such a crack-down on some unscrupulous employers as well as on corrupt labor leaders.

"The bill passed the Senate -- 88 to 1. If it was good enough for all but one Republican Senator, why did Republicans gang up to kill it in the House?

"If Republicans had any sincerity about wanting to clean up labor, they have a strange way of showing it. Aligned with them in fighting the measure were not only the reactionary, labor-fighting NAM -- but also Jimmy Hoffa and the Teamsters, expelled by the AFL-CIO for failing to act against corrupt leadership. Aligned with the Democrats in support of the measure was the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO, because it knew the measure would help them drive out racketeers and false leaders who abuse their trust and defied the Ethical Practices Code of Organized Labor.

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REPUBLICANS FORMED SOUND LABOR POLICY UNDER HENRY HAYES

"There is no room in organized labor for crooks or hoodlums, any more than there is room for crooks and hoodlums in management or other segments of our life. They must be weeded out and punished wherever they are found.

"But neither is there room for deliberate union-baiting and union-busting activities to be disguised as 'labor reform', distorting and handicapping the sincere efforts of honest, decent, patriotic labor leaders to clean house and protect the legitimate rights and aspirations of working people," Senator Humphrey declared.

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