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SENATOR HUMPHREY: INVITE YOUNG PEOPLE OF SOVIET BLOC AS WELL AS KHRUSHCHEV

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, proposed today that the United States and its Free World allies extend a broad invitation not only to Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev, but also to a large number of high school students from the Soviet bloc of nations.

Addressing 135 teenagers from 19 friendly nations this noon at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington -- participants in the 1959 Civil Air Patrol International Air Cadet Exchange Program -- Senator Humphrey said: "An exchange program -- whether between White House and Kremlin or between schoolhouse and schoolhouse -- offers at least the opportunity to destroy mistrust and misunderstanding."

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"It is not enough to be stronger militarily and economically, when the task of genuine leadership also demands qualities of spiritual greatness, Senator Humphrey declared. "We must be willing to rise above the arms race and the ruble war, to seek some common ground with the peoples now behind the iron curtain, and to have the courage to permit our institutions and our political-economic system to meet the test of sharp and even hostile critics."

"We in the West seem to have survived the occasional problems rising from our own intra-Western student exchange programs," Senator Humphrey commented, and went on to point out that increased American participation in cultural and athletic events abroad and in international trade fairs since the Humphrey-Thompson Act of 1956 had also been a notable success.

"The baby must learn to crawl before it can walk," Senator Humphrey noted, "and before we can hope to see any genuine cooperation between East and West, there are whole mountain ranges of hostility and distrust and sheer misunderstanding to surmount. A grass-roots exchange program among students could be the beginning of an eventual era of increased cooperation."

"Is it not within reason to at least hope for the day when East and West will turn from the dreary works of war to an exhilarating competition in the works of peace?" Senator Humphrey asked. "Let us at least now take these small steps to establish communication, in the hope that out of the emerging leadership of the Communist bloc there may come leaders who will be willing to join us in the only war worth fighting -- the war against man's ancient enemies of poverty, disease, hunger and ignorance."

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Sam Preyer!!

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Cong Foley

Genl McClellan

Civil Air Patrol

Barnee Breeskin will introduce you.

1947 - Canada + Britain
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I like you! * * * *

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as friends, we must speak honestly!

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Floor Statement
by
Senator Hubert H. Humphrey

Mr. President, I had the privilege on August 5 of addressing a gathering of young men who are participants in the Civil Air Patrol International Air Cadet Exchange. These young men, from 19 countries besides our own had just returned from an extensive visit to various host states, from New Hampshire to California. Meeting again in Washington on August 4 as the guests of the National Headquarters of the Civil Air Patrol, these fine young men -- all from free and friendly nations -- had a unique opportunity to exchange views and to meet with their opposite numbers in the 20 other countries involved. This was the 11th consecutive year of the International Air Cadet Exchange -- an exchange created to foster an international brotherhood of air-minded youth of the free world.

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The first Exchange held by the United States was with Canada and Great Britain in 1948. Participating this year with the Civil Air Patrol 19 foreign nations were represented: Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Greece, Israel, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey.

A total of 280 American and foreign air cadets are taking part in the program. The Exchange was made on a 5-for-5 basis except in the cases of Canada and Great Britain. Twenty-five cadets were exchanged with each of these countries. One CAP officer and one U.S. Air Force officer accompanied each U.S. group going abroad. Two adult escorts accompanied each visiting group to the United States.

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Civil Air Patrol cadets participating in the Exchange are selected from each state in the Union as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Selections are based on character, service, leadership, and other honor traits. American cadets are between the ages of 17 and 19.

The cost of the Exchange in the United States is financed by the Civil Air Patrol corporations and with donations from industry and public-spirited individuals. The expense of the American International Air Cadet Exchange activities overseas is borne by the sponsoring foreign aeronautical agency. The U.S. Air Force provides the necessary overseas airlift for both the American and foreign participants.

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The visiting Exchange participants from overseas arrived in New York on July 20th and departed for 18 states where they were the guests of local CAP organizations.

The CAP host wings for the 1959 foreign exchanges were:

New York - Belgium
Michigan - Brazil
Virginia - Canada
New Mexico - Chile
Florida - Denmark
West Virginia - France
Minnesota - Great Britain
Alabama - Greece
New Jersey - Israel
Delaware - Italy
Tennessee - Mexico
Oklahoma - Netherlands
Connecticut - Norway
Iowa - Peru
New Hampshire - Portugal

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Illinois - Spain

Montana - Sweden

California - Switzerland

Nebraska - Turkey

It was a real pleasure to address these splendid young men when they were luncheon guest of Pan American Airways, as well as a number of civic organizations. It was a further pleasure to be introduced by Colonel Barney Breeskin of the Civil Air Patrol -- a vigorous and active supporter of the CAP movement -- and to share the platform with my good friend Representative John Foley, General Stephen McElroy, National Commander of the CAP and other distinguished guests.

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At the luncheon, Mr. President, I felt it would be an interesting experiment to solicit from these young men who have just visited our country for the first time, their candid opinions on what they have experienced. I asked them to write me on this subject, and also to indicate to me what they felt that very high-ranking visitor, the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, should see in the United States, above all else. I am hopeful that we shall receive from these young men a number of very good and constructive ideas.

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Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have
printed at this point in the Record, excerpts from my
remarks at the luncheon of August 5, 1959.

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