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THREE GREAT CHALLENGES CONFRONT NATION, SENATOR HUMPHREY SAYS

America is confronted with "three great challenges" that must be met with "equally vigorous determination" in the years immediately ahead, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) declared today in a luncheon address before the Optimist Club in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Senator Humphrey listed these "challenges of the present and the future" as:

- 1...."the winning of an honorable and lasting peace;"
- 2...."the fulfillment of our economic potential;"
- 3...."and the attainment of full dignity and liberty for every American."

"Each of these challenges is closely linked to the other, and each must be squarely faced in order to successfully progress on the others," ~~####~~

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"We need peace to ease the burdens of armaments and direct our productive capacity into higher living standards for all, yet we need full mobilization of our potential economic strength to lead the world toward peace and eventual disarmament."

"We need to practice what we preach on human rights not only because it is right, but also because it is necessary to mobilize support for freedom in a world more colored than white. At the same time progress on civil rights is closely linked with economic progress, because discrimination flourishes and prejudice is fanned when job opportunities are limited by stagnation instead of growth."

"It is for these reasons I say we must approach each of these challenges with equal vigor and determination, instead of with hesitancy and timidity.

"At this mid-point in the 20th century, mankind is again moving into an untraveled world. New problems, new dangers, new uncertainties, confront us.

"But the new world into which we are moving is also gleaming with high promise.

"The free peoples of the world are infinitely stronger than they were in the 19th Century. We have gained in knowledge of the physical world, in science and technology and communication. Above all, we have come to appreciate the links which bind all free peoples together. We have found the instruments of cooperation which may forge these loose links into an unbreakable chain of strength. So let us lead from strength.

Strength

"Instead of thinking that every great task is beyond our means, let us measure the greatness of our capacity.

"Instead of filling the air with fear, let us fill men's hearts with hope.

"Instead of being overwhelmed by the dangers of the world, let us be inspired by the challenge to surmount these dangers.

"Instead of worrying about the future, let us labor to create it."



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