

HUMPHREY WARNS OF WORLD EDUCATION NEEDS

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey today warned that the Cold War could be won or lost in the schools of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

"These are the areas of new power which could tip the balance between freedom and totalitarianism," Humphrey said. "And the restless minds of young Asians, Africans and Latin Americans are ready to settle.

"They will settle on the rigid dogma of Communism or the freedom of Democracy -- depending on what the United States does now."

Humphrey, addressing a Minneapolis meeting of the Minnesota State Federation of Teachers, reported that Communist education efforts are increasing in the new and neutral nations.

"If the United States does not provide the leadership to help the people of these nations educate themselves," the Senator said, "the Soviet Union and Red China will do the job."

Humphrey, a top-ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, compared the world today to a teen-ager -- "too impatient to listen to old men, open to imaginative, dynamic suggestions and eager to achieve a distinct identity."

"If the Communists take on the job of teaching the illiterate," he warned, "there is no question what the new identity will be."

The Senator called for support for his legislation to establish an International Educational Development Foundation and for his Food for Peace Program, which would utilize foreign currencies earned from sale of agricultural surplus for educational programs.



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