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HUMPHREY URGES DENTISTS TO JOIN WAR "FOR A BETTER WORLD"

CHICAGO, February 3 - Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) urged American dentists tonight to join in the "war for a better world."

Speaking before the mid-winter meeting of the Chicago Dental Society, the Senate Majority Whip said the 100,000 members of the American Dental Association could form part of the civilian army that is needed to wage the war on poverty at home and secure peace throughout the world.

He said that just as dentists must begin major dental work by x-raying a person's teeth, the American people must "x-ray the problem areas of American society--urban blight, 'central city' traffic congestion, suburban sprawl, jammed recreation areas, polluted air or cities and contaminated water in the countryside, rising crime rates, school drop-outs, teenage unemployment, and persistent unemployment in depressed areas."

Senator Humphrey said one "x-ray" tool that is needed is the Commission on Automation, Technology and Employment, which he has proposed on behalf of the Johnson Administration.

This Commission would be directed to study and analyze the impact of automation and then plan ways of coping with the problems.

The Senator also predicted that the second session of the 88th Congress would prove to be "among the most fruitful in American history."

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Chicago Mental Society

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"D.D.S." - help vitally to keep this land great.

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The over 100,000 members of the American Dental Association are, in effect, an "Army" for our country's well-being.

L ^{*talk about*} Tonight, let's ~~see~~ what this "Army" should do - can do - for this Nation's victory in peaceful "wars." For the "wars" of peace are the only "wars" we Americans want to fight - "wars" against mankind's age-old foes such as disease, poverty and despair.

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- ↳ - historic Civil Rights Legislation
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I want to talk to you about our country -
I'm proud to be "a Citizen U.S.A." - The
noblest title of all!

I want to talk to you of America as it is
and the role of leadership it has
(now useful thinking)

I want to talk to you about the
world in which we live - a world

(A) In revolution - several

(B) Communist Power - a fact

(C) New Nations - Nationalism
more powerful than Communism

Shift of Power to U.S. - 4 streets

Difficult
years
ahead
We must face this sort of situation
for years to come

Therefore we must be Strong
Politically, Economically, Militarily
and Internationally -

Let's talk of our America -

(1) Changes - from Rural to Urban

By 1975 - 240,000,000 people
93% in cities 7% on farms

(2) Social Revolution - The negro
demands equal treatment
100 yrs since emancipation. Pro.
Promise - now fulfillment

(3) Economic Changes

(1) Prosperity - 623 Billion GNP
yet unemployment 5 1/2%
13% unused plant

1 out of every 4 families Poverty

(2) Automation, Technology
Population shifts -
more young - more old

(3) Fewer people in many than
15 yrs ago
Fewer farmers yet 70 million
Employed

(X) Remember Wallace 60 million jobs

- and yes, some form of employer-
employee pre-payments for hospital and
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X-Ray

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traffic congestion, suburban sprawl, jammed recreation
areas, polluted air of cities and contaminated
water in the countryside, rising crime rates,

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*school facilities - The High Cost of
Higher Education*

In one area,

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Timing

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And millions of Americans have lost or never had
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*Change in
Technology
in Markets*

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to speak. Education and re-education represent
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*Back to
School!
Educ
Investment*

Each professional man needs life-long post-graduate
education, if he is to keep up with today's
astonishingly swift technical developments.

Vocational Educ; Higher Educ

Retraining, Rehabilitation

What to do -

Investment Tax credit
Accelerated Dep

Jobs = Tax Bill

8.8 B. 11, on Consumer

2.2 " Corp

Crime R+5 Legisl -

Good Politics, good minds
Good Economics

Housing -

Rebuild cities

Transit
youth centers

Lengthen school
yr
Trade

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95% of all scientists have lived in last 100 years

~~What does - 10%~~

now lets talk of Peace + Security

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*But we must Wage Peace
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What wins wars, in the final analysis?

A French General once gave this answer:

"Attack! Attack! Always, Attack!"

*and to attack you must
be Strong + Determined*

Only a Strong nation can preserve
the Peace - and all is lost
if the Peace is lost.

Sovets have built strength -

(1) Military Strength

11 to 17 Combat Divisions, mobility,

Polaris, missiles, Sea Power - \$17 Billion

(2) Economic Strength + Soviet Weakness

(1) Agric. - Their Problem + Ours

(2) Soviet Consumer problems

(3) Soviet Satellite Problems

(4) Sino-Soviet Dispute

We have our problems - but

(1) Western Europe Strong + Prosperous

(2) U.S. Strong + Growing

So we maintain the Peace of Defense

(1) Strength the U.N.

(2) Strength the free Nations

(3) Develop the (Foreign Aid) Peace Corp.

~~(4) Food for Peace~~

~~(5) negotiate.~~

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