

# FULBRIGHT SCORES 'MORBID' CONCERN OVER U.S. SECURITY

## Says It Induces Blind Faith in Military and Diverts the Country's Energies

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CHAPEL HILL, N. C., April 5 — Senator J. W. Fulbright said tonight that the cold war had become "an excuse as well as a genuine cause" for the diversion of national energies and resources.

The Arkansas Democrat, who last week kindled a controversy in Washington with a speech about what he called myths and realities in American foreign policy, expressed similar complaints about national priorities in domestic affairs.

He complained about "morbid" preoccupation with the dangers of Communist aggression abroad and subversion at home. That preoccupation, he said, did not end with the McCarthy era of a decade ago.

The overriding concern with security, Senator Fulbright asserted, produced a blind faith in the military, an inclination to permit the vast military establishment to run itself, a refusal in Congress to supervise and even debate the defense budget properly and a "splendid indifference" to the size and content of that budget.

### Resources Called Wasted

All this is going on, Mr. Fulbright declared, while the nation's human resources are being extravagantly wasted and neglected.

Mr. Fulbright, who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, delivered the address that opened a week-long symposium at the University of North Carolina. The symposium's subject is "Arms and the Man: National Security and the Aims of a Free Society."

It was the Senator's first venture out of Washington since his controversial address about the "Myths" that govern discussions of foreign policy in the United States. Newspapers have been divided for and against that address in the Senate, but a public response of more than 3,000 letters and telegrams has been running about 4 to 1 in approval.

In tonight's address, titled "Individual Freedom and Collective Security," Mr. Fulbright conceded that the cold war had had some beneficial results in stimulating intellectual and scientific achievement and in breaking the shell of American isolationism.

But the country has paid a "high price indeed" for that war, the Senator said, in the neglect of domestic needs, in a fixation on foreign policy, in the stifling of diversity at home, in a yielding to apprehension and tension and in indifference to vulgarities in popular taste.

Too many Americans, he said, have been eager to defer essential welfare programs for the sake of security measures. Congress, he said, "tends to over-represent those of our citizens who are extraordinarily agitated about national security."

The Senator contended that armaments were only one aspect of national security and that safety did not automatically increase with more armaments. He also urged the country to distinguish carefully between "necessity and preference" in the allocation of resources.

Americans, he asserted, "must turn some part of our thoughts and our creative energies away from the cold war that has engaged them for so long and turn back in on America itself."

Mr. Fulbright advocated a full-scale national program to attack human misery, including expansive economic measures, public works and, above all, education and training.

President Johnson, he said, has made a constructive start with his "war on poverty," but Mr. Fulbright described this as "only a start."

Some of this deserves priority over some defense expenditures, the Senator said, and all of it is a "good deal more important than a voyage to the moon."

### Nixon Scores Fulbright View

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MANILA, April 5 — Richard M. Nixon took sharp exception today to Senator Fulbright's

statement last week that the Communist countries do not necessarily present a unified threat to the rest of the world.

The former Vice President said on his arrival here from Hong Kong: "This kind of naive woolly-headed thinking is what has plagued United States policy at times in the past."

"All free peoples and free governments must stand firm for what is right, for if they do so there is no question about the future of freedom," he declared at a news conference at the airport. Mr. Nixon, in attacking Senator Fulbright's statement about American foreign policy, said that "if we adopt this kind of line we could be going down the road to disaster."

A 'Stunt,' Peking Says  
PEKING, April 5 (Reuters) —The Chinese Communist newspaper Jenmin Jih Pao dismissed

today as an "election-year stunt" the recent speech by Senator Fulbright calling for a new look at American foreign policy. The newspaper said the speech represented no change in basic United States policy toward Communist China.

### Jagan Praises Speech

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GEORGETOWN, British Guiana, April 5 — Premier Cheddi B. Jagan praised Senator Fulbright last night for having urged a reevaluation of policy toward Cuba. Dr. Jagan also congratulated President de Gaulle of France for having recognized Communist China.

### Bundy Expresses Dissent

McGeorge Bundy expressed strong disagreement yesterday with Senator Fulbright over the issue of Cuba, calling it a "center of infection and a menace" to democratic regimes in the Western Hemisphere.

Mr. Bundy, special assistant to President Johnson on international security affairs, spoke on "Issues and Answers," an ABC television program. He dissents from the Senator's assessment of the Cuban Government as a "nuisance" rather than a menace to the United States.