

Humphrey Says U.S. Uses Power With Restraint

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 MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 11 (AP)—Far from indulging in any "arrogance of power," Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey said tonight, the United States is perhaps too hesitant to use its power.

In a speech to University of Minnesota R.O.T.C. graduates, Humphrey disputed the contention of Sen. J.W. Fulbright, (D-Ark.) that the United States relies too much on power politics. He did not mention Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, by name.

"As a people, we abhor the use of force," Humphrey said.

"In our time there has been some trampling. And, because of our hesitancy in the use of power, we have sometimes waited too long to respond to it—yes, with tragic result."

Humphrey said he has no doubts there inevitably will be a settlement in Vietnam, "although there may be months of pain and heart-break in between. . .

"But, even if peace were to come tomorrow in Vietnam,

we would face a world still on the verge of daily explosion.

"How shall we respond? We must respond with the commitment of our power. I do not mean military power alone.

"I mean the power of our free economic system. I mean the power of our well-trained and dedicated people. I mean the power of our compassion. I mean the power of our ideas, more powerful than any army is an idea whose time has come."