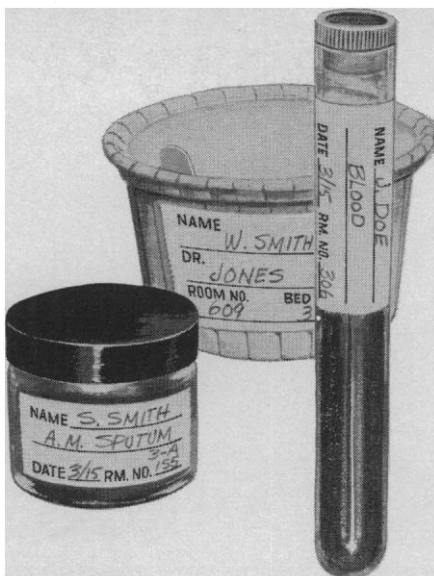


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## Nobel Laureates Issue Statement Supporting Johnson and Humphrey

Thirty-two recipients of the Nobel prize announced their support for President Johnson last week. At a press conference held in New York, the group, composed largely of scientists, issued a statement saying that "the great issue of the impending election is the issue of war and peace."

"If he is to help secure the future of freedom and of humanity," the statement reads in part, "the next President of the United States must be responsible. He must understand that the processes of peace are complex and gradual. He must not delude others—or himself—into thinking that the massive problems of the world will yield to once-and-for-all solutions, whether through slogans, ultimatums or the force of arms."

The statement also cites "patience" and understanding of "the nature of a nuclear age" as qualities essential to presidential leadership, and concludes that "President Johnson meets these qualifications and that his opponent does not." It also offers a warm endorsement of Senator Humphrey as "a proven champion of reason and vision in world affairs."

The statement was signed by the following Nobel laureates: Carl D. Anderson, John Bardeen, Felix Bloch, Konrad Bloch, Melvin Calvin, Owen Chamberlain, Carl F. Cori, Andre F. Cournand, Peter J. W. Debye, Joseph Erlanger, Donald A. Glaser, Robert Hofstadter, Edward C. Kendall, Arthur Kornberg, Polykarp Kusch, Fritz A. Lipmann, Maria Goeppert Mayer, Hermann J. Muller, Severo Ochoa, Edward M. Purcell, Isidor I. Rabi, Dickinson W. Richards, Jr., Frederick Robbins, Emilio Segré, John Steinbeck, Otto Stern, Albert von Szent-Gyorgyi, Edward L. Tatum, Harold Urey, James D. Watson, Chen Ning Yang, and Tsung Dao Lee.—E.L.

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