

High Priority Given Schools By President

More Important, Says Ike, Than Missiles Or A-Energy

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WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower, stressing need for more classrooms, says America's schools are "more powerful even than the energy of the atom" and more important than guided missiles.

The President put it that way last night in a new appeal for congressional approval of the administration's school construction program.

In an address at the centennial dinner of the National Education Assn. and to a nationwide radio school training of the nation's youth to the quest for enduring world peace.

"The hope of the world," he said, "is that wisdom can arrest conflict between brothers. I believe that war is the deadly harvest of arrogant and unreasoning minds."

But the strength of America's arms, he said, always is related to the strength of the minds of its people.

"Our schools are strong points in our national defense," he said. "Our schools are more important than our Nike batteries more necessary than our radar warning nets, and more powerful even than the energy of the atom."

"This is true, if for no other reason than that modern weapons must be manned by highly educated personnel if they are to be effective, and the energy of the atom can only be understood and developed by the most highly trained minds in the country."

The President's audience of about 1,500 educators listened in solemn silence during his 15-minute talk, but gave him a big ovation when he was introduced and at the conclusion.

Eisenhower sounded his new appeal for action a few hours after the first step in Congress toward easing the classroom shortage.

A House Education subcommittee yesterday approved 6-1 a bill to authorize a five-year, two-billion-dollar program of federal grants to help the states build schools.

The bill, scheduled to go before the full committee next Thursday, is a compromise between the administration's plan for a four-year \$1,300,000,000 program and a suggestion by Democrats for a six-year, \$3,600,000,000 program.

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