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WASHINGTON (AP) — In some ways Vice President Nixon seems more concerned over Sputnik than his boss does.

Portions of a speech Nixon made in San Francisco last night could even be construed as second-guessing President Eisenhower, not that Nixon would ever do such a thing on purpose.

What Nixon did do is warn against complacency — against brushing off the Soviet satellite as a mere scientific stunt.

Complacency is just what Eisenhower has been accused of by many critics. He didn't, as former Secretary of Defense Wilson did, call Sputnik "a nice scientific trick." He said it proves the Russians have a mighty powerful rocket.

But he also said last week that (A) while he wishes we knew more about missiles he is "not

satellite was first into space. He did not indicate great concern. He said he saw no reason why this consideration should cause the United States to get into a satellite race which might disrupt orderly research.

Nixon says the Russians will use their "scientific triumph" as propaganda ammunition in their effort to communitize underdeveloped areas. And if they succeed in taking over Asia and Africa, he says, the free world will have lost its fight against communism without firing a shot.

The vice president agrees with both Eisenhower and Wilson that the satellite itself does not put the Russians ahead of this country in military strength.

But Nixon goes on to add something the President didn't: "We have had a grim and timely reminder of a truth we must never overlook — that the Soviet Union has developed a scientific and industrial capacity of great magni-

(A) while he wishes we knew more about missiles he is "not dissatisfied" with U.S. progress to date, and (B) he has given the scientists all the money they asked for and doesn't know what more he can do.

Nixon's words have a different ring: "If the free world is to survive we cannot rest on our past achievements or our present position of military superiority. We must constantly push forward on all fronts."

SEEMING DIFFERENCE

There is a seeming difference, too, in the two men's evaluation of Sputnik as a propaganda weapon.

Eisenhower said last week he had been advised long ago that the Soviets would gain a political or psychological advantage if their

has developed a scientific and industrial capacity of great magnitude."

There is no attempt here to suggest there is a split between the President and his lieutenant.

For one thing they were addressing different audiences. Eisenhower spoke to a news conference, apparently trying to bring a worldwide blaze of alarm and confusion under control. Nixon was telling a business group why defense spending might rule out a tax cut.

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