

The Breakthru We Need Is Political

BOSTON, April 29 — Gov. Luis Munoz Marin of Puerto Rico warned a Harvard University audience last night that "civilization, life itself, is in danger, in imminent danger, in practically certain danger of total death."

What the world needs, he said, is not a technological breakthru, but a "political breakthru—the great imaginative breakthru to peace." The world has to "break thru that great unsound barrier of our times: the barrier of nationalistic feeling," he said.

Gov. Munoz Marin condemned colonialism and nationalism with equal vigor, declaring both concepts "obsolescent."

In the first of the Godkin Lectures, a series of three, he said "it is too clear that we cannot handle our common enemy—the nuclear bomb—with divisive national policies."

"Nationality is nothing absolute, and it is a great mistake, responsible for most of the extremities of today, to make it . . . the source of all political and cultural life."

He called nuclear warfare "the barbarian of our times . . . a thing constructed by the magnificent scientific intelligence of man and practically out of control because of his poor political intelligence.

"We need peace," he said, "but not an interval between killings, not a time to fear war, not this deadly continuous ride, at once cautious and reckless, along the thin edge of fate."

Altho "it seems safe to pre-

sume that the Soviets do not wish to initiate a war," he said, "there is not one minute of each day that does not contain several possibilities of irreparable accident or error."

He cited as possibilities "a radar screen that goes wrong and announces that destruction is on the wing, the miscalculation of a political leader, the frayed nerves of a pilot, the brashness of an unknown colonel.

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