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If President Eisenhower expects continued cooperation of the Congress, he must begin exerting firmer leadership on both domestic and international policies "even if it means stepping on some toes within his own party", Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared last night in addressing a Carver County DFL banquet at Waconia.

"This is no time for a wavering hand at the helm of the ship of state", Senator Humphrey warned. "It's a time when vital decisions must be made -- and Congress is entitled to specific guidance as to views of the Chief Executive, whether it agrees with him or not."

Senator Humphrey blamed the "hands off" attitude of the White House for the "do-nothing" record of the first half of the 83rd Congress.

"When Congress can't get the executive branch to make up its mind in regard to recommendations on social security, on labor relations legislation, on farm policy, and on many other key issues, it's little wonder that Congress in turn put off doing anything about such vital questions.

"But we're nearing a showdown where decisions must be made, and people must stand up and be counted. The President and his Administration leaders can't pass the buck to Congress, when they've failed to make known their views. We're going to have to make up our minds on an array of critical issues during the coming session, and the President will have to take a stand one way or another."

The Chief Executive, Senator Humphrey said, has "greater responsibilities than trying to maintain high standing in a popularity contest."

"We must come to grips with the issues; we can't let the country drift, either in domestic or international policies. It's time to correct the lack of leadership displayed during opening months of the Administration, and offer the Congress a positive program upon which to make decisions."





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