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America's organized sportsmen should fight any exploitation of the nation's natural resources "as part of their great efforts to preserve and propagate wild life", Senator Hubert H. Humphrey told the Fur, Fin & Feather Club at a luncheon meeting in Minneapolis today (Thursday, October 15).

"You must look beyond your own enjoyment of the great outdoors and make sure your sons and their sons have the same privileges of hunting and fishing in generations to come," he declared.

"But you can't preserve wildlife without protecting the natural habitat in which it abounds. Once the door is opened to exploitation of any of our natural resources for private profit, they'll all be placed on the auction block of greed with the public's interest ignored.

"America's sportsmen, if they stay vigilant and aggressive, can keep that from happening.

"While fighting to protect and preserve wild life, sportsmen can perform a vital service to future generations of all the American people by mobilizing a vigorous and effective force against 'raids' of any kind on any of our great natural treasures", Senator Humphrey declared.

In turn, Senator Humphrey said, Congress must make sure that groups interested primarily in wild life conservation "have an adequate opportunity to be heard and considered as to the effect various national conservation policies for timber, farm soil, water, etc., have on preservation of wild life."

Senator Humphrey explained his own plan now before the Congress for coordinating policy guidance of widely dispersed conservation activities in government through a broad, joint House-Senate committee charged with over-all responsibility of protecting the public's interest in all natural resources -- land, water, timber, minerals, wild life, etc.



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