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Republican outcries about "government handouts" suddenly become stifled "when the handout goes to the GOP's special privilege friends", Senator Hubert H. Humphrey charged today in a luncheon address at Warren, Minnesota.

"Whenever we talk of increased aid to the aged, greater investment in schools and hospitals, or assistance toward soil conservation, our Republican friends wail long and loud against what they term 'government handouts'", Senator Humphrey said.

"But where are those outcries against 'handouts' of millions to bankers in the form of higher interest rates? Where are the anguished protests of Republicans against 'handouts' of more millions to power companies through rapid tax write-offs? Where are the indignant objections of Republicans to 'handouts' of millions to gas companies through broadening of rate bases"? Senator Humphrey asked.

"When our government acts to benefit broad groups of our economy, that seems to be a 'handout' which is somehow immoral and wrong in Republican eyes. But when the same government provides fortunes in favoritism to a powerful privileged few, that somehow achieves a cloak of Republican respectability."

It's time the American people "looked behind" the Republican propaganda against Democratic "handouts", and "took a peek at the real giveaways that have going on".

As an example, Senator Humphrey called attention "to the most glaring and brazen hand-out of all -- the Dixon-Yates contract granted without competitive bidding at an added cost of \$140 million to America's taxpayers".

"Proof that those of us who fought the Dixon-Yates contract were right is now out in the open, as a result of press confirmation that this privately negotiated pact guarantees a rate of profit for the Dixon-Yates syndicate of 9% on its base and grants the right of writing into that base all taxes paid to the government, including any increased taxes that may hereafter occur", Senator Humphrey said.

"At the same time the Administration is giving away such bonanzas as the oil handout, the Dixon-Yates favoritism handout, the higher interest handout -- this Administration is preaching economy and cutting price supports for farmers as well as saying it can't afford to invest in more schools and hospitals."

Senator Humphrey said the record of the 83rd "giveaway" Congress "ill-behooves any Republican to talk about Democratic 'handouts', because it just seems to depend on who gets the handout whether it is good or bad".

"But the real artistry of the Republican accomplishment becomes apparent when you realize that what they have given to the few once belonged to the many", Senator Humphrey said. "The property and resources of all Americans are being lavished upon a very few Americans -- and upon those who need government 'handouts' the least of all".

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SENATOR HUMPHREY PROTESTS FAILURE TO BOLSTER EGG MARKETS

Collapsing egg prices could be bolstered "overnight" by announcement of Secretary of Agriculture Benson that he intends entering the market to make purchases for temporary government distribution to veterans hospitals, welfare institutions and agencies, and the school lunch program, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared last night in an address at Pelican Rapids, Minn.

"The current downtrend could be halted and the market turned upward by the simple announcement of the government's intention to make such purchases," Senator Humphrey said.

"Secretary Benson has the authority to do it, and he has the funds to do it.

"Such purchases would be no drain on the United States Treasury, for our laws now provide that a portion of tariff revenues be set aside for this purpose.

"We have a surplus of these funds, which are supposed to be used primarily for aiding producers of perishable commodities not otherwise covered by price supports.

"Why isn't this authority and this fund being used, at a time when our poultry farmers are in serious trouble?

"I'll tell you why -- because Secretary Benson thinks aiding the farmers means 'dictatorial control'. But this Administration doesn't seem to think it means 'dictatorial control' when it dishes out millions to aid business and industry; it's only when help is proposed for farmers that it becomes 'morally wrong'.

"The Administration has increased purchases of minerals for our Strategic Stockpile -- not just because we might need the minerals, but going beyond that and making purchases for the whole purpose of supporting the market for such minerals.

"If they can do that for minerals, what can be wrong about similar temporary help for the poultry industry?" Senator Humphrey asked.

Senator Humphrey said the Democratic party believed in economic assistance to American agriculture "not as a dole or a handout to farmers, but as prosperity insurance for the whole nation."

"But to the Republicans, price supports or other aid to agriculture are not prosperity insurance, they are 'disaster insurance'.

"The difference between the Democrats and the Republicans is that they want to wait until the disaster strikes before doing anything -- and we want to keep the disaster from ever happening," he declared.



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