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DESPERATE REPUBLICANS "DRAGGING IKE OFF HIS CHIEF", SENATOR
HUMPHREY SAYS

The "myth of President Eisenhower's supposed invincibility has already been exploded" during opening weeks of the 1956 Presidential campaign, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), Vice Chairman of the Senate's Democratic Campaign Committee, declared last night at a Santa Monica Jamboree sponsored by the Los Angeles Democratic Committee for the California Democratic ticket.

"It is time to quit pussyfooting about the Eisenhower Administration", Senator Humphrey declared. "It is just another Republican Administration dolled up a bit for public display, but unchanged in fundamental concepts that long ago led the American people to look for broader, more positive, more progressive leadership.

Senator Humphrey said that President Eisenhower's "popularity myth" had never been translated into votes in other elections since 1952, despite public opinion polls, and "now even the public opinion polls admit his 'slip' is showing".

"Republicans are pushing the panic alarm; Ike is now running scared instead of running sacred. The pollsters tell us that President Eisenhower is more popular than the Republican Party. But, I ask you, who isn't?"

Senator Humphrey said the goal of the Democrats in November was "more than just partisan victory".

"We are seeking a victory for the American people - an urgently needed victory to restore the voice of all the people in the highest councils of our government," he said.

"Our fight for Adlai Stevenson, Estes Kefauver, and Dick Richards is a fight for a better America - a fight for the American people, in all walks of life, carried forward to exemplify the highest ideals and principles of our Democratic Party as the real party of the people."

"We must win this fight, not just for the sake of winning alone, but for the sake of all the people.

"We must win a victory for agriculture, to assure our farmers a decent and fair share of the gains in the rest of our economy.

"We must win a victory for labor, so we can have some assurance of sound and socially - ~~not~~ just labor-management relations.

"We must win a victory for independent small business, so it can survive and share more properly in the benefits of an expanding economy.

"We must win a victory for our senior citizens, to assure government with a heart, government as concerned about social welfare and social justice as it is about 'efficiency'.

"We must win a victory for our young people, to assure adequate schools and sound education, opening the doors to new opportunity for creating a better life for all.

"We must win a victory for our great natural resources, to assure their conservation and proper use in the interests of all the people.

"We must win a victory for human rights, that goes beyond lip service and political play-acting; the true test of our democracy is the right of all people to just and equal treatment under the law, regardless of race, color, or creed.

"We must win a victory for an American foreign policy that again places our country in a position of positive leadership, not defensive retreat or fumbling and bungline mediocrity; we must again portray the real spirit of America to the world, showing we understand and share in the aspirations of all people everywhere for their freedom and independence.

"These are the goals we are fighting for - these are the goals of our Democratic victory, the goals we can achieve by electing Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver and Senator Dick Richards in November," Senator Humphrey said.



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