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SPORTSMEN URGED TO HELP HALT SET-BACK IN NATION'S CONSERVATION POLICIES

Minnesota's fishermen, hunters, naturalists, outdoorsmen, and conservationists generally were called upon by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey today "to protect our natural resources by electing Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver".

Vigorously assailing the "backward tide" of Republican Administration policies on public lands, wildlife refuges, national forests, and soil conservation districts, Senator Humphrey declared help of independent voters was needed to "restore strong conservation programs to save for our children our great heritage of our forest, soil, water, wildlife, and mineral resources".

Senator Humphrey, long a conservation champion in the Senate, outlined his concern about current national trends in a luncheon address at the Manor House near Belle Plaine, Scott County. M. J. Daly, Scott County Attorney and State Co-chairman of the Minnesota Volunteers for Stevenson and Kefauver, was chairman of the luncheon.

"As a result of 50 years of bi-partisan conservation effort", Senator Humphrey said, "when we Democrats turned the government over to Republicans in 1953, we had placed 180 million acres of national forests under sound multiple-use management, preserved 28 national parks and numerous national monuments from commercialization, established an extensive system of refuges, and negotiated international treaties to protect waterfowl and other wildlife from destruction, set up a nationwide soil conservation program effectively administered on a regional basis, administered timbered Indian reservations under sustained-yield forestry, and developed a professional career status for Federal foresters, wildlife managers and soil conservationists.

"But what has happened since?" Senator Humphrey asked. "The Republicans have turned their backs on the great traditions of Teddy Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot.

"In only 3-1/2 years, the Eisenhower-Nixon Administration has yielded to the commercial pressures that conservationists have fought for a half century.

"They yielded to livestock and lumber interests seeking vested private rights in our national forests.

"They have given away National Forest timber under the guise of encouraging mining, and given private oil interests 274 permits to drill for oil in wildlife refuges.

"They have diverted duck stamp revenues to other purposes than wildlife refuge purchase, and relaxed duck hunting regulations for the benefit of a privileged few large party contributors. They have dismembered the regional action program of the Soil Conservation Service, demoralizing its career service, and broken up the Indian Reservation forestry programs for the benefit of big timber interests.

"They have replaced career conservationists with poorly qualified political appointees in the Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Land Management, and now threaten to do the same in our Forest Service.

"It is about time our sportsmen and conservationists united to make their conservation pledge a reality -- to defend from waste, and to work for wise use and good management of our country's natural resources -- by voting for Stevenson and Kefauver", Senator Humphrey declared.

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HUMPHREY URGES STEVENSON TO SEEK INTERIM FARM AID IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, today released the text of a wire to Adlai Stevenson urging an emergency conference with President Eisenhower immediately after the election to provide for interim aid to agriculture before the new Congress convenes.

Warning that midwest farmers were concerned over prospects of further price drops right after the election, Senator Humphrey urged Stevenson to make plans now for seeking immediate action rather than waiting until January.

"Election of Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver should be regarded as a mandate to President Eisenhower to accept their guidance in working out interim emergency measures pending inauguration and the convening of a new Congress," Senator Humphrey said.

He released the following text of his wire:

"Adlai Stevenson
Stevenson-Kefauver Headquarters
1728 L Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

"Midwest farmers justifiably concerned over further price collapse immediately after election, in view of reports current in business circles that GOP plans to cut off special purchase programs by which they are belatedly seeking to bolster prices just before election.

"Urge that you immediately announce plans for asking an early conference with President Eisenhower when you are elected to appeal for emergency measures protecting farm income from further decline pending opportunity for you to take helm of government in January. Rather than wait for inauguration, I am convinced you must call upon Eisenhower to recognize vote as mandate from farmers to cooperate with new incoming administration by ordering Secretary Benson to follow recommendations of Kefauver task force during the November-December period pending opening of new Congress.

"Hubert H. Humphrey
U.S. Senate."



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