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GOP TURNS ITS BACK ON PROMOTING GENERAL WELFARE, SENATOR HUMPHREY SAYS

America's future is on "shaky grounds" if it remains complacent to glowing Republican 'prosperity' reports "based upon superficial production statistics which include private swimming pools and resort-building, but do not include the new schools, hospitals, and homes which are not being put up", Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared this morning in an address before a student convocation at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

"It is up to us to decide the kind of a country we want -- and then elect an Administration willing to work for such a Better America," Senator Humphrey said.

"I have no objection to some people owning a yacht and enjoying a month's vacation in Florida, but I also think some of the rest of us are entitled to a week's outing in a rowboat.

"The Eisenhower Administration appears satisfied with material prosperity for a privileged few, regardless of the plight of vast numbers of our citizens falling to share in that prosperity. As far as the Republicans are concerned, they have stricken from our constitution the mandate to 'promote the general welfare'", said Senator Humphrey.

Citing Republican "obstruction" to Democratic efforts in the Congress on "general welfare" legislation, Senator Humphrey said:

"The tremendous advance in social security legislation was made over the opposition of the Eisenhower Administration on the two critical questions of the reduction of women's eligibility age to 62, and on disability benefits at age 50.

"In an effort to meet our critical housing shortage, the Democrats in Congress proposed 135,000 low-cost housing units a year for four years. Republican pressure knocked this figure down to 35,000 units a year.

"The statistics show that in the first three years of the Republican administration, there were 73,000 public housing starts compared with 173,500 during the last three years of the Democratic administration.

"Even in the field of medical research, the Republican administration's budget proposals have been consistently increased by Democratic votes. The 1955 Republican budget called for \$89,000,000 -- and the Democrats boosted it to \$112,000,000. In 1956, President Eisenhower proposed \$126,000,000, compared to the Democratic proposal of \$184,000,000.

"Statistics like these mark the degree of an administration's interest in the general welfare. They help us to decide whether Republican claims of 'prosperity' are slogan or substance, and whether or not the Republican Administration really cares about what happens to all our people.

"It is time we restored 'government with a heart' to the White House, by electing Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver to protect the general welfare," Senator Humphrey declared.



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