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QUIT KIDDING PUBLIC AND FACE THE ISSUES, SENATOR HUMPHREY ASKS GOP

Minnesota Republicans are "manufacturing scarecrows" for the present election campaign "because they don't want to face the facts on the real issues worrying the American people," Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (DFL, Minn.) told Hennepin County DFL leaders and campaign workers at a conference last night in the Hennepin County DFL Campaign Headquarters.

*and who ought to be canned!*

"It isn't 'Kid Cann' who is the issue in this campaign -- it is who is "kidding the public" -- and on this real issue the answer is quite obvious, namely the G.O.P.," Senator Humphrey declared.

"Republican propagandists are trying in vain to divert Minnesota's voters from justified concern over growing threats of war, loss of U.S. prestige all over the world, continued unemployment and recession in our own economy, depressed farm income, and the widespread failures of Republican leadership on every front," Senator Humphrey declared.

"It is time Minnesota voters were reminded of the really serious issues confronting them when they go to the polls in November.

"It has been the Republican Administration that has let the U.S. influence and prestige falter and collapse all over the world, and let the threat of war grow greater day by day in both the Middle East and the Far East.

*U.S. Prestige*

"It has been Republicans who have left our country in a precarious position of unbalanced defenses for the sake of a vain try at achieving a balanced budget.

*Unbalanced Defenses*

"It has been Republican officials who have neglected our farm economy, forced family farmers away from rural life, and produced less results for farmers at more cost to taxpayers than any Administration in history.

*Farm*

"It has been Republican leaders who have shut their eyes while the country slipped into the worst recession since before World War II, and who now are trying to 'brainwash' the public into accepting five million unemployed as a 'normal' fact of our economic life.

*Recession  
Unemployment*

"It was Republican Congressmen who defeated labor reform legislation -- because they preferred a dead bill to a live issue to cry about, instead of a live bill curbing labor-management abuses that would have meant a dead issue for the GOP's constant attacks on all labor.

*Defeat of  
Labor Reform  
Legislation*

"By contrast, it has been the Democrats in Congress who have given the nation its greatest strides forward in health research, in education, in conservation of our resources, in aiding small business, in preparing for the space age, in expanding highway construction, and in seeking to bolster and protect America's military security while encouraging greater 'Works of Peace' on the economic and humanitarian fronts.

"These, then, are the issues of the campaign -- the measuring rod for Minnesota's voters to use in choosing whether to continue to endorse Republican failures by electing any more Republicans," Senator Humphrey declared.

"The choice is between more failures of faltering leadership as exemplified by Republicans in Washington, or aggressive, constructive, and progressive leadership as exemplified by Governor Freeman and the DFL in Minnesota."



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