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'SPENDTHRIFT' DEMOCRATS CUT DOWN IKE'S BUDGET, SENATOR HUMPHREY SAYS

Before Republicans campaign too glibly about "spendthrift Democrats", they better look at the record, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey told a DFL luncheon in Minneapolis today.

"During the 85th Congress, we Democrats cut appropriations more than five and a half billion dollars below what President Eisenhower and his supposed 'economy-minded' administration requested," Senator Humphrey declared.

"If we had given the President all the money he wanted to spend, the deficit would be \$5,667,562,304 more today than it already is.

"One of the great political fallacies being perpetuated on the American people is that Republicans are great budget balancers and economizers, while we Democrats are all reckless spenders.

"Yet in four of the six years of this Administration we have had deficits -- and we are running a big one now.

"And in each session of the 85th Congress, the Eisenhower Administration asked for more money than the Democratic-controlled Congress would provide.

"In the first session the President requested \$64,638,110,610 -- and the Congress appropriated only \$59,589,731,631. That is \$5,048,378,979 less than the President asked for.

"In the second session, the President requested \$73,272,659,573 -- of which \$4,903,055,882 was in the form of supplemental appropriations asked for after the regular budget was submitted. But Congress appropriated only \$72,653,476,248 -- or \$619,183,325 below what the President asked.

"For the entire 85th Congress, that means our Congress reduced the budget demands of the President by a total of \$5,667,562,304.

"Yet the President has the gall to tell the American people that this was the 'spendingest Congress in history' -- after we spent less than he wanted to spend.

"When the official records are available for anyone interested enough to check up and see, it is intellectually dishonest for Republicans to go around crying about 'spendthrift Democrats' in the 85th Congress," Senator Humphrey declared.

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PRESIDENT UNDERMINING FUTURE LEADERSHIP, SENATOR HUMPHREY WARNS

President Eisenhower has "pulled down the shabby facade of 'modern Republicanism' in the current campaign by "sacrificing constructive leadership for misguided partisanship", Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared last night at a Fifth District DFL Rally televised from the Calhoun Beach Hotel.

"Regrettably, the President has only belittled himself and further undermined his last remnants of future national leadership by stooping to Nixon's tactics of name-calling and distorting the facts," Senator Humphrey declared.

"In this troubled world, no more serious challenge confronts us than easing international tensions. Democrats in Congress, particularly northern liberal Democrats, have a record of responsible cooperation with the President in meeting this international challenge.

"Yet with one reckless sweep of the brush, the President has now tried to condemn as 'radicals' the very northern liberal Democrats who in many instances came to his rescue on vital international issues against the opposition of reactionary Old Guard Republicans and conservative southerners he now apparently embraces.

"It was these northern liberal Democrats who saved reciprocal trade, and blocked drastic cuts in foreign aid. It was these northern liberal Democrats who headed off reactionary Republican attempts to block confirmation of Paul Hoffman as a delegate to the United Nations -- the same Paul Hoffman who made such a brilliant address to the Women's UN Rally in Minneapolis a week ago.

"If the reward for such bipartisan foreign policy cooperation is to be smeared as 'radicals' by the President at campaign time, then the President is indeed charting a most difficult course for himself and the country during the next two years he remains at the government's helm.

"For Republicans who sincerely believe in foreign aid, in reciprocal trade, in liberalized immigration laws, and in civil rights, it must be tragic now to see the President they supported do such a flip-flop over to join the right-wing reactionaries of both parties who have consistently sabotaged his efforts on these vital issues.

"It can only make the path to progress more difficult ahead, serving neither the best interest of the Republican party nor the nation.

"There is a role for partisanship in our Democracy, and the President is expected to be partisan. But the times call for caution against blind and misguided partisanship that sacrifices hope for constructive leadership in the years ahead.

"By publicly turning his back on those who tried to work constructively with him for the good of the country, regardless of partisanship, the President has performed a disservice to himself, his party, and his country," Senator Humphrey declared.

Senator Humphrey said President Eisenhower "must have shut his eyes and shuddered" when he embarked on his campaign tour in view of "what he knows are the facts of the last session of Congress."

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Democratic help to get the Mutual Security appropriations past the obstruction of the GOP isolationists in Congress. It got this help when 73% of the Senate Democrats lined up in favor of mutual security in the last session of the 85th Congress and 72% of the House -- and a far higher percentage of the northern liberal Democrats.

"And while we northern liberal Democrats were joining hands with the President to save reciprocal trade, the fight against President Eisenhower's bill was being led by Congressman Simpson, chairman of the Republican House campaign committee.

"When the Democrats, with Administration approval, introduced legislation giving the President the power to grant economic aid to Eastern European and other satellite nations which showed signs of becoming less dependent upon Soviet Russia, Republicans, led by Senator Knowland, issued an ultimatum to the White House -- and the Eisenhower Administration surrendered.

"In the House, 64% of the Republicans supported a move to cut \$4 million from America's contribution to UN Point Four technical assistance -- against the recommendation of their own President.

"In the Senate, 81% of the Republicans voted to restrict U.S. participation in the International Labor Organization if delegates from Red countries were seated -- against the recommendations of their own President. Eighty percent of the Senate Democrats voted with the President.

"Yet now the President blindly embraces these Republicans who voted against him, condemns the Democrats who voted with him.

"The old GOP slogan of electing Republicans to 'help Ike' now has a hollow ring. It is about time we thought instead about the need of electing more Democrats to help the country," Senator Humphrey added.

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