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COMPARE GOP MYTHS WITH THE RECORD OF FACTS, SENATOR HUMPHREY SUGGESTS

Republicans are campaigning on "an array of myths, unsupported by the facts", Senator Hubert H. Humphrey charged last night in an address before a First Congressional District DFL "Bean Feed" at Waseca.

"They are underestimating the intelligence of the American voter," Senator Humphrey declared. "They will learn that even in selling soap you have to have substance inside as well as a fancy label."

Senator Humphrey called on voters to "examine some of these Republican myths by comparing them with facts available for all to know from our official records."

"Just saying things over and over doesn't make them true, even if Republicans would like to think so," he warned.

In reviewing what he termed "five key myths of Republican propaganda,"

Senator Humphrey listed:

1. The GOP Myth: "That Republican farm policies of lower support prices would reduce production, eliminate surpluses, save taxpayers money...and that Secretary Benson is now 'popular' with midwest farmers."

The Facts: "Anybody who can read or look around him knows just the contrary is true. As Republicans have lowered farm prices, farmers have been compelled to increase production to break even. The USDA's own production figures prove it. Instead of eliminating surpluses, as Secretary Benson promised, under his regime surpluses have reached record highs--and are going still higher next year. Instead of saving taxpayers money, he has proven the most costly Secretary of Agriculture we have ever had. Costs of the Department of Agriculture today are six times what they were in 1952--with 4 million fewer farmers to serve, and about \$4 billion less farm income for the farmers. And if Secretary Benson and Vice President Nixon are right about Benson being 'popular' with our farmers, somebody better tell the Minnesota Poll about it--or convince our farmers. But perhaps it will be easier to convince both Benson and Nixon next week by an overwhelming vote of protest against this Republican-Benson-Nixon administration."

2. The GOP Myth: "That a vote for the DFL is a vote for 'labor bosses', and a vote for Republicans is a vote for 'labor reform'".

The Facts: "The labor cleanup drive was sparked by the investigations of the Democratic Congress' McClellan Committee...the top labor leaders exposed for corruption by this Committee were all Republicans...and 137 Republican votes in Congress killed the Kennedy-Ives labor reform bill. Remember, it was President Eisenhower, not President Truman, who personally entertained Dave Beck at the White House--the ex-Teamster boss now jailed for larceny."

3. The GOP Myth: "That Democrats are all 'spendthrifts', recklessly wasting the taxpayers' money."

The Facts: "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. 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. 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."

(over)

COMPARE OUR RECORD WITH THE RECORD OF OTHERS, STATE OF MINNESOTA

4. The GOP Myth: "That Republicans should be elected because they are 'fiscally responsible', balance budgets, and curb inflation."

The Facts: "One of the great political fallacies being perpetuated on the American people is that Republicans are great budget balancers and economizers...yet in four of the six years of this Administration we have had deficits -- and we are running a big one now, even though we Democrats cut spending below what the President asked. And Republican inflation over the last 5½ years has cost the average American family \$1,292. GOP mismanagement of both fiscal and monetary policies has resulted in tight money, high interest rates, and inflated budgets that seem to do little more than increase the national debt. Between the last Truman budget and fiscal year 1957, the cost of government rose about 11% because of GOP inflation alone, meaning that U.S. taxpayers, as a result, are getting less value for an increased number of tax dollars."

5. The GOP Myth: "That Republicans alone can preserve 'free enterprise', while Democrats are determined to 'socialize' the country."

The Facts: "You do not preserve free enterprise by driving small, independent business into bankruptcy, concentrating the nation's wealth in the hands of the few, forcing independent family farmers off the farm and shifting our farm production to a pattern of corporation farming. Democrats believe in free, competitive enterprise, that preserves adequate opportunity for the independent Main street merchant to exist, as well as opportunity for individual ownership of farms. Under Republicans, small business bankruptcies are at an all-time high. Profits of the nation's biggest corporations, with assets over \$100 million, are up 67% since 1952, while profits of the nation's smallest businesses, with assets under \$250,000, are down 17%. Is that preserving free enterprise?"

"I am getting a little tired of these Republicans trotting out the scare cry of 'socialism' to mis-label every constructive new idea in the last 100 years. Perhaps you can best judge these scare cries today by those raised in bygone years, for Republicans cried 'socialism' when public education was proposed, when rural free delivery was voted, when REA was enacted. They have been sounding this scare cry since 1897; it is about time they changed their tune."

"The truth is that Republicans are campaigning on myths and scarecrows because they do not dare ask the voters to examine the record for themselves. They are trying to mislead the public to hide their own failures of leadership, at home and abroad," Senator Humphrey declared.

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First Congressional District Bean Feed

Waseca, Minnesota

Oct. 30, 1958

Gene Foley
Gene McCarty

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REA
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Farm Purchasing
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to
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Fiction

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\$4.3 Billion on Fed
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Social Security
Farm Price supports

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