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PEOPLE EXPECT PERFORMANCE, NOT PROPAGANDA, FROM DEMOCRATS: HUMPHREY

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The real formula to a Democratic victory in 1960 is "adoption of a liberal and constructive program between now and the next convention", Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) declared last night in remarks at his home state Jefferson-Jackson Dinner in Minneapolis.

"People expect political performance from the Democrats. They've had all too much political propaganda from the opposition," he declared.

"We're on our way toward fulfilling the faith the people of our country have exemplified in our party.

"Right now we are at the mid-point of the first session of the new Congress, and already we've built the structure for a constructively liberal program. We're going to act in the field of housing, in expanded public works such as highways, airports, and other construction to help absorb unemployment; we're going to move ahead further in civil rights, in education, in agriculture; and, yes, even in improved foreign policy--to the extent the legislative branch can help create a climate for constructive and positive foreign policy.

"Our program is going to be liberal and constructive, because that's what the people have asked for.

"For myself, I have added some personal objectives in this Congress in addition to active support of our over-all Democratic program of progress.

"I have embarked upon a crusade of 'waging the peace', as we build our defensive strength. My efforts are being concentrated upon

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putting deeds rather than words into an effective Works of Peace program.

"Already, I have joined with Senator Lister Hill of Alabama in sponsoring a sweeping 'Health for Peace' program in the new Congress--a program that will be adopted, to mobilize the world's health resources for greater research and medical care in an all-out war against disease.

"Next, climaxing months of preparation, last Thursday I introduced into the Senate a far bolder 'Food for Peace' program than any yet undertaken. Our purpose is to take the agricultural abundance that some complain about and convert it into our most effective program of international co-operation.

"Finally, legislative drafting work is also underway in a companion 'Education for Peace' program soon to be submitted to the Congress, broadening America's leadership in wiping out illiteracy in the world and providing new opportunities for educated and trained leadership throughout the globe.

"These are the Works of Peace to which I am dedicated, and to which I am seeking positive action from the Democratic Congress rather than only continued lip service from the ^{present} tired and timid Republican administration," Senator Humphrey declared.

Senator Humphrey said that on the domestic front, Congress was "deeply conscious" of serious unemployment problems in many areas of the country, such as Minnesota's Iron Range, and was determined to "create the climate for an expanding economy that can more usefully absorb our human resources as well as our capitol toward higher standards of living for all".



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