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PEACE POSSIBLE, BUT NOT PASSIVE -- SENATOR HUMPHREY WARNS IN MEDFORD

"Peace is possible -- but peace is not passive," Senator Hubert H.

Humphrey (D., Minn.) warned at a breakfast meeting of Jackson County Democrats here today. (medford)

"Freedom carries with it duties and responsibilities as well as privileges," Senator Humphrey told the early morning crowd at a public meeting sponsored by the Jackson County central committee. "Freedom is worth fighting for -- but mankind's challenge is to find ways of preserving it short of war.

"We urgently need to mobilize the nation's spirit, the nation's determination, and, yes, the nation's resources, to work as hard at winning the peace as we mobilize to win a war.

"Let us by all means exhaust every possible means to find a way to spare humanity the total disaster of nuclear warfare. Let us strive without ceasing to rid the nations of the crushing burden of the arms race.

"But I for one am not content to drop into the easy chair and turn over to the Communists the task of ordering the world society.

"Yes, co-existence is possible; but -- like it or not -- co-existence is going to be mighty competitive.

"The American people have seen on television and in the newspapers one of the greatest competitors in the world -- a fierce and driving competitor at the head of a nation in a headlong career. Mr. Khrushchev is not a bout to settle for a 'you-mind-your-business-and-I'll-mind-mine' deal. He may say he will settle for that proposition. But you can rest assured he will not.

Dallas  
Nixon

Mary Bosworth - Mother of yr (U.N.)  
Mrs Democrat (Mrs Johnston)

"And I would not. I believe in competition. I believe in progress, and I believe that it is the duty of free men and women to work ceaselessly to enlarge the areas of freedom and opportunity in the world.

"You are either on the way up or on the way down. The one certainty in this world is change, and growth and decay.

"Those who are content to have our nation rest on its laurels, coast, relax, level off, are condemning us to stagnation and defeat.

"We must regain the sense of dedicated purpose that has carried our nation forward in crisis after crisis -- the spirit that broke us out of the stranglehold of the depression, sustained us through the ordeals of World War II and Korea -- and that in more recent years has been submerged in the increasingly defensive, reluctant, and wavering leadership of the Republican Administration," Senator Humphrey declared.

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*Al Fliegel*

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*New Industry*  
*Food Control*  
*DAMS*  
*Reforest*  
*of CCA*

NATION'S FOOD ABUNDANCE POWERFUL MATERIAL ASSET FOR PEACE: HUMPHREY

America's much-maligned food abundance can be "a powerful material asset" in building a world of peace and freedom, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D. Minn.) declared today in a luncheon talk before Douglas County Democrats at Roseburg, Oregon.

*Roseburg*  
*Explosion!!*

Outlining his continuing fight for a more effective "Food for Peace" program, Senator Humphrey declared:

"The remarkable productivity of the American farmer -- if properly used -- could perhaps be a more decisive factor in the struggle between freedom and communism than the sputnik.

"The hungry multitudes of Asia, Africa, and the Middle East are far more interested in bread, medical care, and schools than in any number of jets and sputniks.

"Does any one wonder what the crafty Krushchev would do if he had America's surplus food to use in his international operations?"

Senator Humphrey said it was a "tragedy" that this fall's bumper farm crops had to be thought of as a problem, rather than a blessing.

"In most parts of the world, this prospect would be greeted with rejoicing and thanksgiving that the Lord had endowed the earth with richness and had brought forth the fruits of the earth in such abundance.

"But not in America, I am sorry to say -- no, ashamed to say.

"Here in America, the prospect of abundant farm production is the occasion not of rejoicing, but of handwringing by the leaders of government, and of groaning complaints that this abundance should be inflicted upon us.

"Now wouldn't it be far better for all of us to be concentrating on ways

*Hubert H. Humphrey*

of seeing that everyone has an opportunity to share in that abundance?

"We can not talk unceasingly of prosperity, and turn our backs on those who, through no fault of their own, do not share in that prosperity.

"During the past session of Congress, I conducted and participated in hearings on legislation of my own and other Democratic Senators designed not only to make better use of our abundance abroad in the interests of peace, but also to assure more adequate diets for the Nation's unemployed, for the recipients of social security and old age and survivors insurance benefits, the people on welfare of various kinds, the blind, the indigent, the dependent children.

"In all good conscience, we must expand the distribution of our surplus commodities to these unfortunate people. But I favor even more strongly a food stamp plan which would supplement the purchasing power of these low income groups, and enable them to get a more balanced diet than any direct relief distribution of surplus commodities can provide. Such a food stamp plan could boost consumption of eggs, butter, cheese, poultry milk, and similar perishables so necessary to build better health -- and so important to our agricultural economy.

"I sponsored legislation for that purpose, and led the successful fight to get it enacted. Your Senators gave me valuable support, but our Republican critics fought against it all the way. And even now that it has been authorized, this Republican do-nothing crowd says it won't put such a program into operation.

"Just as we have still untapped opportunities for wiser use of our abundance at home, we have even greater potential in using this great blessing as a vital force for peace throughout the world.

"It is difficult to believe that with over half of mankind hungry tonight, the leaders of the richest Nation on earth should regard its abundance of food and fiber as an affliction -- a problem.

"Give us this day our daily bread' is still the prayer of human beings in the far corners of the earth.

"It is the cry of hunger -- the feeble plea of the old man begging on the streets of Cairo, the child whimpering for milk in Bombay, the weary African mother trying to convert a few scraps into an evening meal for her family.

"For several years, some of us have been advocating a more imaginative use of our farm abundance. It has seemed to me that piling up vast quantities of food in a world of misery and hunger is morally wrong, economically wasteful, and politically dangerous.

"Morally, we are losing sight of the Great Teacher's admonition to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

"Economically, we are paying hundreds of millions of dollars a year in storage costs for commodities which are already beginning to deteriorate.

"Politically, we are creating an unfavorable image of Uncle Sam abroad when we wring our hands over our surplus food problem in full view of the world's hungry inhabitants.

"Fortunately, we made some progress on the Food for Peace program at the last Congressional session -- again over the bitter obstructionism of Republicans.

"There is still more that can be done, and must be done. We won't give up the fight.

"Food can not only feed the hungry; it is the magic that can provide the means for financing better health care, better education, and more economic development in much of the world, through conversion into foreign currencies.

"Your wheat from Oregon, for example, marketed abroad under Public Law 480, has not only fed hungry people -- it has also created a source of rubles in India and other currencies in other countries to heal the sick, educate the illiterate, and stimulate lagging economies," Senator Humphrey explained.

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Civil Defense Study

+ Program

Talked to me at Roseburg.

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*Mrs Payton*

*John Worden*

*Bruce Bishop*

DEMOCRATIC PARTY WON'T TURN ITS BACK ON RIGHTS OF LABOR: HUMPHREY

A political party dedicated to the cause of human welfare "cannot turn its back ~~on~~ on the legitimate rights of organized labor", Senator Humphrey H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) declared last night in an address before Coos County Democrats at Coos Bay, Oregon.

"The American people -- and all union members -- are entitled to protection from corruption and abuses by a small minority of unethical union and business leaders," ~~Senator Humphrey said.~~

"But union members, like all citizens, also are entitled to a government which preserves their fundamental democratic rights, which promotes their welfare and protects them from economic hardships which are beyond their control."

"This is the basis for the long and friendly relation between the labor movement and the Democratic Party. It is not a relation based on narrow self-interest. Rather, it is a relation based on the common devotion to the general welfare of the American people."

"We Democrats welcome the support of the free, honest, responsible labor unions in this devotion to our common cause, the cause of human welfare."

"Let me remind you of some of these programs of human welfare, provided by the Democratic Party's leadership -- with labor's support. Social security and unemployment compensation, minimum wages and fair labor --

these basic humanitarian programs, enacted under President Franklin D.

*Nothing wrong that an election can't come*

*Thanks!*

*Coos Bay world*

*Rep Back Sen Chapman  
Rep Barton Mayor Hartley*

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Roosevelt and expanded under President Harry Truman over bitter opposition from the Republicans, have become a vital and generally accepted part of American life. These programs have been good for union members, and they have been good for America as a great nation.

↳ "We made ~~such~~ <sup>these</sup> social gains with a Democrat in the White House, and a Democratic majority in the Congress.

↳ "We've been able to do little constructive since -- with a Republican in the White House balking at whatever the Democratic Congress might try to do.

↳ "On the contrary, we've taken a step backward -- with labor legislation which went beyond reform, and made fundamental changes in labor management relations.

↳ "I hope our labor friends will look at the full picture of what we are up against.

"The Senate passed strong anti-corruption and reform bills in both 1958 and early this year, with organized labor's cooperation. I joined in sponsoring these measures, which quite properly avoided the danger of weakening legitimate union activities.

"But the Landrum-Griffin bill passed by the House of Representatives went much further than reform. Its ban on peaceful, organizational picketing and its sweeping restrictions on secondary boycotts were aimed at breaking the weak and struggling unions which are trying so valiantly to organize and improve working conditions in the South, and other non-union areas. The Landrum-Griffin bill was put over in the House by the old coalition of northern conservative Republicans and southern Dixiecrats.

Both of these groups voted for the bill by a margin of 8 to 1. But more than 9 out of every 10 House Democrats from the northern and western states voted against the Landrum-Griffin bill. I hope our labor friends, frustrated as many of them are, will remember this.

*See more*

"Fortunately, the Senate-House Conference Committee, as a result of the Senate's insistence, was able to make the final version of the labor bill much better than the version passed by the House. It is still far from what I would have desired -- but I am convinced that Congress would have enacted far more punitive and far more dangerous labor legislation next year if we had failed to pass reform legislation in this past session. As far as our choice in the Senate was concerned, it became either the conference bill -- or going back to the Landrum-Griffin bill. There was only one choice fair-minded men could make, and we made it," ~~Senator Humphrey declared.~~

*Let's take*

~~Senator Humphrey urged working men and women to~~ "look at the full record" of the two political parties in regard to which best serves their welfare.

"This Republican Administration accepts the reforms of the New Deal and the Fair Deal only half-heartedly, grudgingly, reluctantly. This Republican Administration is a conservative administration. It is just incapable of understanding the true humanitarian spirit of these wonderful programs. It fails to move forward to the new problems, the new needs. It accepts the letter of the law, but not the spirit.

"This Republican Administration is more concerned about inflation -- which it has aggravated by its own deficits and tight money policies --

than it is about the moral budget, the welfare needs of the American people. It is more concerned about balancing the fiscal budget than about balancing our human needs and our national resources.

"On the contrary, our Democratic Party, the party of the people, is not standing pat on the accomplishments of the past. We have a liberal party, and must keep it liberal -- a party with idealism and vigor, a party which is moving forward to the new challenges which face the American people. We will continue to expand human welfare for our citizens in many fields -- social security, housing education, civil rights. We will continue to expand opportunity for all Americans to live decent, happy lives in a free society.

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ADD COOS BAY SPEECH MATERIAL

(NOT RELEASED)

"After a long, hard 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  month session of Congress, we can look back and see that the Democratic Party moved forward on a sound, responsible, progressive program of action for the welfare of the American people. We achieved this record in spite of constant White House opposition, and outright vetoes of liberal legislation.

"We did not throw up our hands and give it to the penny-pinching, short-sighted sniping from the White House. Instead, we kept working and fighting for liberal programs to meet the challenging problems of national security and domestic welfare. We achieved far less than we hoped for after the resounding Democratic victories last November, but we established a good record -- and we plan to make an even better record for the Democratic Party to put before the voters in November next year.

"The President tried to pin the label of 'big spenders' on the Democrats. I ask you to judge who should be called 'big spenders' -- the President who asked for \$75 billion from the taxpayers, or the Democratic Congress which cut his spending requests by \$1,882 million? And I would like to point out that we trimmed the President's spending requests by \$5 billion in each of the two previous sessions of Congress.

"I don't want to belabor this point, however, because our wealthy, productive nation can afford to spend much more for defense and welfare at home and abroad. I think the important question is whether we can afford to tolerate the disgraceful overcrowding of our schools and

Challenging

hospitals -- whether we can afford the sordid, crime-breeding slums of our cities -- whether we can afford to have millions of elderly Americans and needy citizens without enough food, without decent housing, without adequate medical care -- whether we can afford to have millions of able-bodied American workers out of work in the distressed areas which chronic unemployment.

"Now I would like to tell you about some of the achievements of the Democratic Party in this past session of Congress.

↳ "We continued the program of Federal aid for vocational schools and school districts overburdened by Federal or defense workers and their families. The Administration wanted to cut back this program.

Aid to Ed.

↳ "We increased funds for medical research to finance the largest medical crash program in history to attack our major killers - cancer and heart disease. We increased funds for hospital construction to relieve the desperate shortage of hospital beds. I regret to say that the President has indicated that this Administration may simply refuse to spend the money which Congress has appropriated.

↳ "We raised the lending authority of the Small Business Administration and strengthened antitrust legislation to help small business. I hope this Republican big business-oriented Administration will stop ignoring the plight of many small businesses which are being squeezed out of existence by predatory big business tactics and by the tight money policies which have been part and parcel of this Administration's anti-small business outlook.

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"Congress also passed my food stamp plan to get surplus food to needy low income families, elderly and unemployed citizens, orphans, and those on public assistance. This pilot program is in line with what I have worked for ever since I came to the Senate. I regret to say that we had to pass this over the opposition of the Secretary of Agriculture, and he still says he won't use it.

*Food Stamps*

"In spite of two Presidential vetoes, we were able to push through a modest housing bill to keep alive urban renewal for our deteriorating cities, public housing for low income families and the housing program for our elderly citizens.

*Housing*

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"We cracked the President's 'government by veto' when Congress voted to override his second veto of the public works bill. This appropriations bill included many projects here in Oregon for conservation of our precious water resources. I don't need to tell you how important river development and conservation work is for our country and I congratulate you on the fine work for conservation which Senator Morse and Senator Neuberger are doing. They are giving wonderful leadership in this field.

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"We cannot expect this Republican Administration to change its foot-dragging 'too little and too late' philosophy on housing, public works, social security, education and all the other programs to expand opportunity for our fellow citizens and advance the welfare of our country. But we must keep these programs alive until the 1960 elections put a Democrat in the White House who will support these programs, to carry on the high traditions of the Democratic Party."

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