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By Senator Hubert H. Humphrey
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"The center of population moves westward with each census. The economic and political center of gravity moves westward even faster as the economic and political importance of the West is recognized.

"Make no mistake: though the day of the covered wagon is past, though Nevada is only a few hours away from New York, this is still America's frontier and you, in this fastest growing State are pioneering on it. For it is here in the West that the great developments are to come: the great growth of population, the working of great resources, the great additions to the American economy.

"In our competition with the Soviet Union and international communism, the West is our secret weapon. The land, the treasure house that lies below the land, and above all, the people of the West can bring new vitality to America. And they are.

"With greatness comes responsibility. We can no longer treat the treasure as the exclusive concern of him who finds it first. These resources are resources of the Nation, and we are its guardians, so to speak. It is only as we take thought for their use in the Nation's interest that we can reap the full benefit for America.

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"People plan for their future, and their children. Businessmen look ahead to plan new expansion and new products, to anticipate new conditions. But planning the public business some people regard as tantamount to original sin.

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"For the problems of the future will not solve themselves. Either we will solve them with characteristic American energy and intelligence or they will overwhelm us.

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"We in the United States have everything it takes to triumph in the war of ideologies and economics. No one can defeat us if we do not defeat ourselves. But if we try to win with half-trying, if we neglect to put first things first, if we fail to order our affairs and our lives to put the effort where and when it is required -- then we can defeat ourselves.

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