

VICE PRESIDENT HAILS 'TRIUMPHANT ROLE' OF
EDUCATION IN MINNESOTA PROGRESS

"Education has played a triumphant role in the steady, accelerating cultural and economic progress of Minnesota," Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey declared Sunday afternoon, (Aug. 29) in dedicating the new Education Building at the Minnesota State Fair dedicated to the memory of Douglas K. Baldwin.

"This is^a particularly fitting year to dedicate a new building honoring the generations of Minnesota educators who have led our people in their quest for excellence, for this is also the year of the great break-through at the Federal level in the field of education," the Vice President pointed out.

"My friend, Doug Baldwin, to whom this new building is dedicated, was the kind of warm-hearted and generous man who would have rejoiced that hundreds of thousands of American boys and girls will now have the opportunity of a better primary and secondary school education and improved opportunities to go on to college.

"With the historic steps Congress has taken this year in providing for truly equal educational opportunities for those who are poor as well as rich, for those who are colored as well as white, our nation has stepped into a path of educational excellence that has been blazed by progressive states like Minnesota.

"I am tremendously proud of what we in Minnesota have provided for our children -- splendid schools, superior teachers, colleges and universities that rank in excellence with any in the world. It has been because of our emphasis upon education that Minnesota has stayed in the front rank of the states.

"We are a state of modest size and modest resources, but we have made the most of those resources. We have invested our hard-earned capital in education - precisely that area which has become so important in a world of new technologies. The long investment, the steady commitment to educational excellence, has been more than justified. We are, today, reaping the harvest of those who have led us on this fruitful and productive course.

"Here in Minnesota, our educational institutions have played perhaps the key role in making Minnesota an intellectual center of the whole Midwest. Indeed, Minnesota, if we but continue our dedication and investment in education, can be to the Midwest what the great educational complex of Boston has been to New England through the generations -- a guide and a beacon, a symbol and a challenge for excellence, to the achievement of quality in every area of our lives, to the creation of that Great Society which is now in the making."



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