

1968-76 - Agner Legum A.H. Club Day - Thamco-1968

Land -

Wheat - Feed Grains
Cattle, Hogs, Dairy
Potatoes
Sugar Beets

REMARKS

(Singers)

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

KITTSON COUNTY FAIR

JULY 10, 1970

Snowmobiles
Artic. Cat. - Karsted
Trailer + Truck Parts
Potato Processing

Hallock
Humboldt 85
Northvot
Donaldson
Orleans
Lancaster
Jake Bronson
Elmo
Karsted
Groves

Hallock - Hospital - Court House
It - School - Grade School

1st fair

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go to library

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Where should all the people go?

When People to go

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75 to 100 million

Rep Fitz-Summons - Sen. Don Sundgar
Dennis Sobolik Walter Illiquist
Lawrence Ward - ch. Cty Bd Pres. Fair Bd

Byron Hamon Farm

Rep. Fitz-Summons
Sen. Don Sundgar

^{only} not that there will be more Americans. The real problem is where will these Americans choose to live. The current predictions are not pleasant ones. The metropolitan areas, where problems now are made more difficult by so many people -- will get still more people. The rural areas -- where problems are now made more difficult by an exodus of people -- will continue to lose population. That is a tragic situation: tragic for the big metropolitan areas, tragic for the small towns. And yet, the federal government, which should be the architect of a population policy to help both big cities and small towns ^{and rural America} ~~is doing~~ nothing ^{little or nothing}.

Predictions
city
Bigger
Rural
Less

Fed
Policy

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- ① REA - for electricity
- ② Rural Free Delivery Homestead
- ③ Land Grant colleges Act

Questions

asked, and answered, the key questions:

--- where, in terms of the national interest *and private interest* would it be best for these new tens of millions of Americans to live?

--- what are the programs --- federal, state and local --- that will encourage Americans to live in one place rather than another *and thereby give them a free choice of residence.*

--- how much will it cost to implement these programs?

--- what would the benefits be?

My Views

Now, I have my own personal views about these questions. I believe it would be good for America if more people lived in small towns and rural areas, and if fewer people jammed into big cities. I believe that programs to attract

industry to rural areas are important, and that rural areas need better medical facilities, better schools, better roads, and more airports.

new industries,



I believe that Americans should have full freedom to choose the location of their own residence --- in a big city, ~~or~~ in a suburb, ^{in a} or in rural America. A few years ago, a Gallup Poll showed that 56% of Americans preferred to live in a small town or rural area.

But they do not have the real choice to do that: the jobs aren't there, and the ^{social, medical, and Educational} facilities aren't there.

We need those jobs, we need those facilities, but I do not know --- no one knows --- what it will cost to create these rural jobs and rural facilities. Nor do we know what the effect on population redistribution will be if we do all these things. A new hospital in a rural area is

Freedom of choice of residence

Small town,

56%

no real choice

1 Poll

fine, but do we know that people will migrate to a small town just because there is a new hospital there? Bringing jobs to rural areas is fine, but will people want the jobs if there are inadequate schools ~~to send~~^{for} their children *and young people?*

I think we need some answers, and we need the best minds in America to work out these answers. We need a workable plan, complete with costs, with benefits and the probable results. Much research has been done on *certain* specific aspects of the problem, but ~~they have not~~^{the research has not} been pulled together and coordinated and presented as a long-range action program.

Accordingly, within a few days I will be appointing a task force of the best informed and best qualified people in America --- some from Minnesota, some from out of state --- to put their heads together and come up with a workable

*Asst
Commissioner*

action policy designed to give Americans their full, free choice of residence. This will be a long-range plan that will allow Americans to live in the kind of community they like best --- city, suburb or rural --- and to have good jobs, schools, hospitals, ^{recreation and cultural facilities} no matter where they live. To my knowledge, this will be the first time such a comprehensive, long-range population policy will have been put together. While these experts are doing their work, I will be going around ~~the~~ ^{our} state asking for the ideas of the men and women of rural ^{urban} Minnesota. I am also asking my fellow candidates of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party to help me in sounding out opinions in rural ^{and urban} areas.

By the Fall, before Election Day, I expect to sift the results of this labor and to present to the people of Minnesota the fruits of this work.

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of Minnesota return me to Washington to represent them.

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I believe we can build a better America. And I believe the time to start is now.

Do
Something

Purpose of knowledge
is Action!

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⊗ "This Land is your land
This land was made
for you and me"

Song

PLEASE Talbott

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