

HUMPHREY - MAC GREGOR DEBATE

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

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October 2, 1970

It was good to be
 I had a wonderful day in Northeastern Minnesota.
 It is so beautiful. *I don't see how*
 Federal, State, and local government can ~~not~~ improve the
quality of life.

plus
 I was in Ely yesterday, a city that seemed doomed
 when the mine was closed. *Then, with Federal assistance*
strong community leadership, things began to happen.

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A city came alive. A new hospital and nursing home --
a new Junior College and fine public schools -- ~~low~~ low
income housing and soon a new airport -- new small business
enterprises -- all made possible because of Federal policies
and programs that Congressman Blatnik and I have sponsored
and supported. *the rest of the story from Grand Rapids to Hibbing*
~~Wisconsin, Chicago from it into the Ozarks -~~
~~I also saw people who were the victims of~~
~~heart disease, cancer and stroke and the elderly who were~~
~~living in nursing homes getting medical and hospital~~
care -- students who needed loans and work study programs --

families ~~_____~~ getting food stamps to improve their diet, and merchants who had received small business loans to modernize their businesses. L I realized more than ever, ~~that~~ the things that I have been working for all of my public life were helping people -- making their lives better.

L Here in Duluth, I have seen the new auditorium -- housing for low income families -- new library facilities, dormitories and laboratories at UMD, senior citizen housing and the Water Quality Laboratory.

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 new industrial Park at Hibbing - with 3 new industries all assisted by federal loans, ⁻⁴⁻ grants, Industrial Sewage Plant at Grand Rapids, Water house cloquet - with \$45 Million NW Appt + 400 jobs

over 60 million in assistance

~~Yes, I have seen across the length and breadth of the Iron Range what good this constructive partnership between local and federal government can produce.~~ L Yet, if my opponent's views and votes in the Congress had represented the majority, little or none of this could have happened.

L This is a serious charge! but, let's take a look at the record. First -- in the field of health. L He voted against Medicare that provides hospital, nursing home, and medical care for our elderly. L He supported a

Presidential veto of additional funds for hospital construction; more hospital beds for our increasing numbers of veterans; and desperately needed funds to fight the battle against heart disease, cancer, diabetes and other crippling diseases. And he voted against food stamps for our needy and our efforts to wage war on poverty. Yes, he voted against the Model Cities Program in which Duluth takes such pride -- against the Area Redevelopment Act

which made possible the beautiful Duluth Auditorium - the cloquet water line, the Hibbing industrial park - ~~the cloquet~~ against legislation providing housing for our senior

citizens and people of low income. ^{*He voted*} Against the Upper Great Lakes Commission that is helping to build a new airport in Ely, ~~Minnesota~~ against Federal financial assistance to our schools and colleges -- against loans to our students and ^{*against more*} ~~increasing~~ funds for our vocational schools, ~~and~~

Against new Junior Colleges and modern library facilities.
 All of these programs are part of the economic and social life of Northeastern Minnesota.

Mr. Congressman, how do you justify this record of obstruction, neglect, and delay? ~~more needs~~

The heavy burden Property Tax can only be relieved by more Fed Aid - not less.

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EDUCATION

Education is financed from three sources --
property taxes, state aids, Federal loans and grants.
 Property taxes are at an all time high. State aids are inadequate. The only hope for better education and to prevent a sharp rise in ~~property~~ taxes is to be found in increasing Federal financial aid to our school system. How does my opponent, therefore, justify his vote against Federal aid to education? How does he justify his vote to support the Presidential veto of aid to education of January, 1970 -- a veto that cost the schools of

EDUCATION

Duluth alone \$300,000. Federal aid is drawn from the total tax base of the nation, the corporation, and personal income tax.

The Federal programs of the 1960's have brought to Northeastern Minnesota over 60 million dollars in Federal funds stretching all across the range from Grand Rapids to Duluth to Babbitt. There is the new industrial sewage treatment plant in Grand Rapids, the Hibbing Industrial Park with three new industries all assisted with EDA funds. There is the new Hibbing Sewage Treatment Plant made possible by funds from EDA, HUD and water pollution control

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program. In Chisholm there is urban renewal and the new water works -- the first project under the program of accelerated public works and then there is the largest EDA project in America -- the water line from Lake Superior to Cloquet making possible private industries of over 450 million dollars -- Northwest Paper Company with over 400 jobs .

In October of 1969 while Congressman Baltnik

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was seeking to increase water pollution control funds from 600 million dollars to one billion dollars three Minnesota Congressmen who had within their power to make this possible on a teller vote, voted "no", thereby reducing the funds and denying Minnesota communities the resources for sewage treatment facilities.

DULUTH OPENER

Sis had a wonderful day in

It is a delight, as always, to be back in Northeastern Minnesota.

~~This area is so beautiful --- it gives meaning to what we call "the quality of life".~~

But yet, I've heard and seen some things that deeply trouble our people

But there is a shadow on the face of Northeastern Minnesota. It is a shadow, I believe, that is cast in part due to the traditional Republican lack of vision, the conservative, do-nothing approach to government that is held by my opponent.

me and you all of us.

Some of the problems here are the problems that face Americans all over the country.

*** Unemployment is climbing here, as elsewhere. (Duluth Avionics closed recently; more than 600 men lost their jobs as that company phased out.) There are a million and a half people out of work today in America who were on the job when the Republicans took over. In Minnesota the number of people out of work has doubled. Overtime pay has dwindled. Paychecks are shrinking. Part-time work is hard to find, *particularly* for young people who want to stay in school.

*** The cost of living is *rising* ~~soaring~~. According to federal statistics, the Twin Cities had the highest rate of inflationary increase of any city in America. The families of this area, the housewives of Northeastern Minnesota, don't need a government economist to tell them about the cost of living. I've talked with many of you ladies. *Housewives in Duluth and across the Range as you struggle each week to stretch that family food dollar.* - *yet the farmer gets less*

How can he justify his ~~support for~~ ^{Vote to}
~~of cutting~~ ~~slashes~~
~~disposable~~ ~~needed~~ funds for ~~Alzheimer's~~
Heart, Cancer, Stroke
diabetes ~~and~~ medical
research —

How can ~~he~~ ^{he} justify ~~supporting~~
~~reducing~~ ~~services~~ ~~fewer~~
hospital ~~beds~~ for our Veterans,
less ~~money~~ for our handicapped,

~~Businessman suffers loss~~

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~~Hawley~~

*** Interest rates have never been higher. As many of your sons and daughters have grown up and gotten married, --- they have had to move away from this area because there was no mortgage money to buy a home or, if they could find the money, the interest rates made a home purchase of even a modest home, an impossible dream. How can ~~he~~ justify a

Republican opponent Justice

How can he justify a my

\$20,000 home requiring interest payments of \$35,000 over the next 30 years?

*** For the ~~good~~, the economic situation has been particularly cruel. I've seen the faces of the senior citizens of this area. They are the same in Duluth, West Duluth, Hibbing, Virginia, Aurora, Sibley. No matter where I travel I see written on these faces a portrait of the pain

How can he justify approving
Deep nursing home + medical
How can he
justify this Republican Administration's cutbacks

caused by a government that doesn't care --- a government that doesn't care about its citizens. To busy itself with increasing social security payments, a government that should never let a back-breaking real estate tax drive the elderly from the family, a home they scrimped and saved for over the years.

But you and I know this is happening.

These dreadful economic conditions have been fostered by Republican mismanagement at home here in Minnesota and in Washington. ~~and my opponent~~ apparently supports these policies.

Republican of neglect and delay.

The problems of Northeastern Minnesota are more than just the straight economic ones that afflict the rest of America. There is a vicious circle at work here. ^{Property} Taxes are at an all-time high; new businesses are not attracted here; people leave both the rural areas and the urban areas --- and those that stay are taxed even higher to provide desperately needed services, ~~The struggle~~ here is to maintain the quality of life, to provide people with the decencies of life without making taxes so high as to be unbearable.

back on
living
elderly-
medical
financial
Security
Chances

I've seen what a Federal and
local Partnership of action ~~and~~
can do. ~~I've seen what~~

I was in Ely yesterday ~~at~~ - a
city that seemed doomed when
the mine was closed ~~in 1967~~
~~then~~ then with Federal Aid
plus community leadership things
began to happen -

a new Hospital, nursing home,
Jr College, Pollution Control,
~~Small~~ ^{new} Businesses with ~~small~~

low income Housing + now
a new airport - all made
possible because of Federal
financial aid.

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Now, the solutions to the specific problems of Northeastern Minnesota are not easy, nor will they be accomplished with less than full support from local, state and federal governments,

Yet, when federal aid to education was presented as one way of helping local citizens meet their school bills, my opponent voted NO. If his vote, which represented the most obstructionist view in the Congress, if his vote had decided the issue, your schools would today be in serious trouble. Your University, your technical schools, your junior colleges - all of them would be in even greater difficulty because of lack of necessary funds. The answer to our school financing is more federal aid, not less, more federal funds, not vetoes. The answer is money coming back to Minnesota from the federal treasury in Washington.

Northeastern Minnesota, like the rest of America, wants and needs better hospital and medical services. There's a shortage of doctors in this area, and there's a shortage of adequate hospital facilities. My opponent supported

a Presidential veto of a bill that would have provided more aid for Minnesota hospitals, and would have provided for more doctors for Minnesota communities.

He voted against legislation that would help train more doctors. There is a large number of elderly in ~~the~~ this area - people of modest means - people who need a new medical school at Duluth. It is jeopardized by this kind of short-sighted obstructionist opposition in the field of health. Do you know that they have ~~not~~ it now in Medicare. I voted for it.

Everett Dirksen, Mr. Republican, voted for Medicare --- but not my opponent. *my Rep opponent voted no.*

What area of the country needs development more than Northeast Minnesota?

What area needs new industries, and ~~new energy~~ *more housing, new + modern city services* to combat the difficulties of a one industry economy more than Northeast Minnesota? Yet, when the Model Cities Act of 1966 was voted on ~~to help Duluth~~ *on to help Duluth* that fiery radical Everett Dirksen voted ~~yes~~ *no* -

and my opponent voted NO. When the Area Redevelopment Bill was voted on --- ~~this is the legislation that ultimately helped build the Duluth Arena Auditorium and the airport in Ely,~~ *which* Clark MacGregor voted NO.

and the upper Great Lakes Commission which has helped provide help in building the airport in Ely, my

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These conditions threaten the future of our
N. Eastern Minnesota. This Area needs
economic development - ~~new industry~~
~~It needs credit~~ not stagnation.

It needs a lift, not a burden -
It needs the ~~helpful~~ partnership & the
~~helpful~~ cooperation of a helpful
Federal Government

Republican opponent voted no.

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Senate contest is not

Let us make one thing clear: this is ~~not a race~~ just between a Democrat and a Republican, or between a centrist, a liberal or a conservative. ~~This contest~~ is between an activist and an obstructionist, between a man who says "let's get on with job" and a man who says "more". go slow veto

I say we need more help from Washington for Northeastern Minnesota --- not less. We need schools, hospitals, roads, and new business here. Your Congressman, John Blatnik has fought for these things, as I did during my service in the Senate. I look forward to being in the Senate once again to team up with Congressman Blatnik ^{vs Mondale} to see that Northeastern Minnesota which has so much to offer to this nation and which has given so much to this nation, has a chance to share in the economic growth of this nation.



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