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REPUBLICAN PARTY BOTH CORRUPT AND COMPLACENT: HUMPHREY

Lincoln, Nebraska - November 7 -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey lashed out at the Republican Administration tonight accusing it of turning the other cheek while scandals and corruption abound within.

"But", he told the Nebraska Democratic Convention, even with the internal scandals we have uncovered, "the worst corruption is the misuse of human and natural resource."

Said the Minnesota Senator: "The Republican Administration stands indicted by its own corruption. But the most damning indictment, for which this Administration will stand convicted by history, is that they have not strengthened the country but weakened it."

In its gross complacency and "all is well" attitude, the Republicans "have surrendered the initiative we had earned by the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan, Point Four and Mutual Security.

"The Republican Administration has stood still behind a Maginot line of complacency and self-righteousness while the Russians have outflanked us in political and economic maneuver as well as in missiles and rocketry," he charged.

At the same time, Senator Humphrey emphasized the three great tasks ahead of us that we must fulfill. These are, he said:

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4 yr GOP  
"Face lifting"

✓ Will Rogers }  
✓ Notre Dame / Minn }

JACK SKE, D.H., Lyndon

Nebraska State Democratic Convention  
Saturday, November 7, 1959

Republicans  
Repent!!  
Contribute!

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

Peray Report - Republicans for - (in 1975) "LOOK AT RECORD"

Remember the "hound's tooth" that the present Republican Administration was going to be "as clean as"? Don't you sometimes wonder what happened to it? — Kicking that old Hound Dog around long enough!

The Republican motto has been: "See no evil; hear no evil; speak no evil" -- of Republicans, that is. But the evil has been there, all the same. And all the sanctimonious varnish that has been painted over it will not cause the country to overlook it or forget it.

An endless stream of pious "Eisenhower-isms" and a forgiving and partisan press have treated the Republican lapses from personal and political morality as if they were innocent pranks of political juveniles. But look at the record.

It was not only that the country has been run according to "what's good for General Motors" -- though that bit of unconscious candor was scandalous enough.

There was the case of the Republican National Chairman who resigned when he was caught collecting a fee for selling the State of Kansas property it already owned.

And there was the case of the Commissioner of Public Buildings who recommended to a subordinate that a government contract be awarded to an active client of his engineering firm -- in which he kept a 90 percent interest. This same Commissioner was the one caught pressing a claim against the Government on behalf of his

Investigation

"Truth or Treason"

Pious Eisenhower-isms

Report Chairman



former firm while holding high Government office. But then he said it was all right because he did it "during his lunch hour"!

Well, no one in "The Great Crusade" saw reason to fire him for these enterprising pranks. And when he resigned, his boss praised him for his "loyalty to the Administration" and his "fine attitude". <sup>cable</sup> The boss's tolerance became a little more understanding when, a few months later, he in turn got caught steering insurance contracts to his own political patron. He, too, resigned -- not at the request of the White House, but with the best wishes of its principal tenant.

The corruption was not confined to the fringes of the Administration and the Republican Party. It reached into the Cabinet and into the White House itself. <sup>H. D. ...</sup> The Secretary of the Air Force apparently saw nothing amiss in using his official position, and his official stationery, to ~~xxx~~ persuade defense contractors to do business with a firm in which he had a half interest and from which he received more than \$100,000 in profits while he was Secretary of the Air Force. Five percent wasn't enough for these influence peddlers -- they were "50 percenters"!

In reward for his "private enterprise" in public office, <sup>this name</sup> Secretary Talbot, when he resigned, received Presidential commendation for his "diligence" and his "fine accomplishments", and a special air display and the Defense Department's highest civilian award. He was diligent, all right. ||

Then there was the Assistant Secretary of Defense who was doing business (in his wife's name!) with the Defense Department. The Comptroller General called this "repugnant to public policy,"

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but the President praised his Assistant Secretary for the "service" he rendered and his "contribution" to the Department's programs -- though it would seem that some of the "contributions" were the other way round.

I'm sure you remember the Dixon-Yates scandal which led through the Budget Bureau to the Executive Office of the President. It has always struck me as strange that the Curator of Hounds' Teeth professed never to see anything improper in this palpable conflict of interest.

Dixon  
Yates

And you remember the scandals in the Federal Communications Commission -- in which votes for allocating TV channels were sought -- and even bought -- with cash and favors.

\* Now TV  
Ginz

And, of course, that scandal to end all scandals -- we hope! -- in the innermost sanctum of the White House itself, which ended in the departure of Sherman Adams and the contempt sentence on Bernard Goldfine. How revealing that none of these "crusading" Republicans could see anything wrong ~~with~~ in the way Governor Adams used his perch on top of the White House to nudge Federal agencies on behalf of his old friend and benefactor, Mr. Goldfine. Mr. Eisenhower's comment was a stubborn "I respect Adams because of his personal and official integrity," and a plaintive "I need him." It took the up-coming shadow of the 1958 elections to convince Governor Adams to offer his resignation and the President to accept it. <sup>oh yes</sup> Take liberties with the public interest -- yes, but not with the political interests of the Republican Party!

( young minister -  
Been a Republican only 15 minutes  
+ already stealing )

My friends, this is part of what we have found out about the dirty linen of the Great Crusade. Most of it has been uncovered by the efforts of the Democratic Congress. How much more there is that we have not uncovered, we won't know until we have a Democratic Administration in 1961.

I promise you that if I have anything to say about it we will put an end to pilfering and plundering. We are going to stop the promotion of private interest in public office and running the Government as if it was somebody's business instead everybody's business. The Government is everybody's business in Minnesota and in Nebraska, and that's the way we'll do things in Washington, come 1961.

Democrats  
Govt  
everybody  
Business

Now, my friends, if this were 1923 and we were talking about the Harding Administration, the kinds of corruption I have been reporting might not be so tragic. But this is not 1923; it is 1959. And we are not talking about a Harding Administration that came to office on a simple pledge to return the country to "normalcy" in a simple world at peace. We are talking about an Administration that came to office on a wave of "self-righteous" promises to strengthen the country and give it leadership in the grim competition of the Cold War.

100% Purity + 60% Purity!  
Cummings

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The Republican Administration stands indicted by its own corruption. But the most damning indictment, for which this administration will stand convicted by the verdict of history, is that they have not strengthened the country but weakened it. They have not led it, but have allowed it to drift to the brink of disaster.

Yes!

Govt  
Banks!

Substituted Popularity for Leadership  
Mediocrity for Principle!

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The worst corruption of all is the Administration's aimlessness, its lack of purpose, lack of direction, lack of zeal. When the people fail to see these qualities in their national leadership, they lose interest and their morale is eroded and corrupted.

America is not soft. Americans are not soft. Our big problem is the soft thinking and soft leadership.

I say to you that the Republican Administration, for all its talk of "peace and prosperity", has squandered the country's economic strength and national security, and weakened the prospects for a just and enduring peace.

I say to you that the Republican "peace" is not peace, but a breathing spell in which the communist world can build its strength while the Administration neglects ours.

The Republican "prosperity" is not prosperity but an interval between Republican recessions.

The Republican Administration has provoked -- not just permitted, mind you, but provoked -- two painful and costly recessions in 7 years. These have cost the United States more than \$100 billion in lost production, <sup>10</sup> millions of man-years of unemployment, and billions of tax revenues that could have balanced Federal and state budgets without starving the national

Sputnik  
CIA  
Basic Research

not  
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Recessions



Family Farm  
youth

defense and public services.

The Republican Administration has reduced farm prices to the lowest parity ratio since 1940, and farm incomes to the lowest in 17 years. Since Secretary Benson took charge, farm income has dropped by one-third.

Ague

The Republican Administration, by resorting to a policy of tight credit, has raised interest rates to the costliest levels in years, in the name of stopping inflation. But what they have stopped is not inflation but the economic growth of the country -- and at a time when we needed to mobilize the full strength of our economy as we have not needed it since the War.

Interest  
Pilfering  
Plunders

On the plea that we "could not afford" more, the Republican Administration has starved the national defense and stunted research and development of modern weapons.

Do you realize what the missile gap means right here in Nebraska? Do you know that you are closer to Soviet missiles than Washington or New York? Two oceans are no protection to America's heartland in these days when attack can come in minutes across the Pole. Do you think there is any future -- any just and enduring peace -- in being second strongest to the Soviet Union?

Missiles

My friends, we may as well face it: for the past six years we have been living precariously on borrowed time. For the sake of present ease, we have pushed off into the future the difficult, dangerous and expensive decisions about our national and international affairs.

Borrowed  
Time

We Democrats  
will  
inherit.

We have lived under an Administration that does not have the

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resolute determination, as Harry Truman did, to wage the struggle against international communism with all the resources at its command.

We have lived under an Administration that does not have the foresight to see America's rendezvous with destiny, as Franklin Roosevelt did, or the courage to summon us to it.

We have bought a rising standard of comfort for some of us by neglect of what should be the highest priorities of our national life: our national defense; our educational system; the housing of our population; the rehabilitation of our cities; the abolition of poverty which still grips so many of our people, young and old. The neglect of these priorities has accumulated, year after year, compounded by a growing population. The reckoning cannot be postponed any longer.

In international affairs, the <sup>total</sup> cumulative neglect is even worse. We have surrendered the initiative we had earned by the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan, Point Four and Mutual Security. The Republican Administration has stood still behind a Maginot line of complacency and self-righteousness while the Russians have outflanked us in political and economic maneuver as well as in missiles and rocketry.

The Republican Administration, in storing up neglect, has sown the seeds of future catastrophe. It has pretended to offer us cheap and easy answers when there are none. It has lulled us into believing that time is working for us when, in fact, time will work for us only if we use the time to work for ourselves.

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Mark's  
Visit

Now, if I have any business speaking before this convention of Democrats here at the center of America, it is to say this: we have got to stop fooling ourselves. We have got to stop pretending that things are going fine, when they aren't. We have got to stop thinking that because Americans are strong and well-intentioned, we can't lose. Because if we do not put that strength to work where it counts, and translate good intentions into action -- we can lose.

My friends, there is nothing wrong with this country that another good election can't cure. We have all the resources it takes to win this great competition, but if we neglect to use them now, we will not get a second chance.

Another  
Election

We have the material strength, the intellectual strength, the ideological strength, the spiritual strength.

We have seen in ~~the~~ depression and in ~~the~~ <sup>war</sup> ~~was~~ how these strengths could be mobilized to win, when we knew what we were after and what we needed to do to get it. It will not be easy. It will not come cheap. It will involve risks and some sacrifices of comfort. But the American people have shown again and again that they can rise to the great emergencies of survival -- and they will now if the way is shown and if the summons is certain and clear.

Leadership

That is the task of leadership. That is what is missing. That is what has been missing these six tragic years. That is what it will take and election to cure.

① Planning out of Dog House  
into White House

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3 Challenges

I offer you no blueprint for survival. But I am sure of this: there are three great tasks we must fulfill.

We must break out of the economic strait jacket that has tied us down these past six years, and restore the growth and productivity and equity of which our economy is capable. This is the key to a strong defense and a strong country -- without inflation.

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I say, further, that the road to the last of these leads through the first two, ~~rising~~ through strength and freedom. There are no short cuts to peace with the Soviet Union.

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Peace is disarmament -- enforceable disarmament by agreement,  
not disarmament by the United States alone, on the order of some  
Secretary of the Treasury.

Food  
Health  
Educ

I pray most of all that it will be given to the people of the United States to see the peril before it is too late -- to rouse themselves to the stern tasks ahead -- to keep this rendezvous with destiny as they have kept others.

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