

From Senator Hubert H. Humphrey
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Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) in an address ^{Saturday}tonight at the High School Auditorium in Hutchinson, Minnesota, called upon the people of Minnesota to "separate the wheat from the chaff" and vote for Governor Adlai Stevenson for President.

Senator Humphrey said that "the Republican Party has proved that it is not a friend of agriculture nor of labor. Its record in the Congress is that of opposition to rural electrification and to 90 percent parity farm price supports." Senator Humphrey referred to the fact that just this spring a majority of the Republican Congressmen voted against farm supports at 90 percent of parity. He claimed that under the plan championed by the Republicans in Congress, farmers would today be receiving \$2.13 per bushel for wheat. Under the 90% parity program of the Democratic administration, that price is today \$2.41.

In support of his case that the Republican Party had voted against the best interests of the American farmer, Senator Humphrey reminded his audience that -

(1) The first AAA program was opposed by two-thirds of the Republicans in the House of Representatives;

(2) The Republicans, by a large majority, voted against the soil conservation and allotment act of 1936;

(3) Republicans in Congress, by a five to one majority, opposed the AAA Act of 1938 "which is still our basic farm support legislation";

✓ (4) The Republican 80th Congress voted against the soil conservation program and by a vote of 12 to 1 in the House of Representatives, voted in favor of killing the agricultural conservation program entirely;

✓ (5) The Republican controlled 80th Congress banned the Commodity Credit Corporation from providing grain storage which "helped the grain trade and hurt the farmer";

✓ (6) In the 81st Congress, the Republicans voted 74 to 59 in the House and 32 to 0 in the Senate increasing the borrowing authority of the Commodity Credit Corporation;

✓ (7) It was the Republicans in the House and the Senate, led by Congressman Mason and Senator Williams, who "constantly threatened to tax the farm cooperatives out of existence"; and

✓ (8) A majority of Republicans in the House voted against a new rural telephone program.



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