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I want Minnesota farmers to know what is going on down in Washington. The Voice of Big Business is squeezing out the Voice of Agriculture. The 'Wall street farmers' are moving in, and attempting to dictate farm policy for this country.

It isn't all out in the open yet. Much of it is still behind the scenes. But there isn't any doubt as to what is really going on--the battle lines are being drawn against continuing farm price supports.

A powerful bloc of speculators, food brokers, and processors are trying to pull the rug of price supports out from under our farmers. Some of us, Democrats and Republicans alike, are trying desperately to keep that from happening. It's more than a political battle--it's a bread and butter battle, YOUR bread and butter battle. Republicans with a bonafide interest in the farmer, men like Senator Young of North Dakota, share my concern. We're fighting on the same side in this scrap. Unfortunately, powerful forces within the Republican party are on the other side of the fence.

We're getting a taste of that right here in Minnesota.

I'm sorry to say that the Minnesota Employers Association, apparently taking its cue from Wall street, seems to be aligning itself with the foes of farm price supports, and beginning to wage war against anyone who speaks up for the farmers. They let themselves become a sounding board for a partisan political attack at their recent annual meeting, an attack against me just because I have endeavored to carry out in good faith the Mandate of the Minnesota Legislature urging the

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 Congress to preserve and improve the farm price support program,  
 rather than let it be killed.

They imported, as guest speaker, a partisan hatchet-man----  
 Congressman Richard M. Simpson of Pennsylvania, chairman of the  
 Republican Congressional campaign committee. Just who is this carpet-  
 bagger who professes to speak for the new Administration on farm  
 policy, and who invades our state trying to tell Minnesota farmers  
 they are all wrong, that the entire Minnesota State Legislature is  
 all wrong, and that Senator Humphrey is all wrong? What has been this  
 man's record in regard to agriculture?

Just listen to this: He voted against the law we now have  
 providing for 90% of parity at least through next year...he voted  
 against extending price support to cover perishables..he voted  
 against price support for wool...he voted against restoring grain  
 storage authority to the Commodity Credit Corporation..he voted against  
 increasing the CCC's borrowing authority to carry out price support  
 programs.

But at least he's been consistent; he's been against all  
 the farm programs. He's voted consistently to reduce conservation funds.  
 He voted for every attempt to curtail and cripple the Department of  
 Agriculture's services. He even voted to curtail the school lunch  
 program. During his years in Congress he has had 38 opportunities to  
 vote favorably to REA cooperatives. What's his record? He voted  
 31 times AGAINST the REA--and was absent the other seven. It would have  
 been better for REA if he had been absent oftener.

That's the kind of man the Minnesota Employers' Association  
 imports into our state to say that my farm views are all wrong, that

there's nothing for farmers to be concerned about, and that anybody who disagrees is a 'left winger'.

That's the kind of man the Wall street farmers are using to 'front' their drive to get ride of price supports.

And, unfortunately, it's that kind of men who are coming to the forefront these days as phoney farm spokesmen for the new Administration, instead of experienced men like Senator Young, Senator Aiken, or Congressman Cliff Hope.

If there's any doubt about that, look at who made the first major farm policy address for the new Administration in the Senate. It was Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, president pro tempore of the Senate and chairman of its powerful appropriations committee. Senator Bridges let the cat out of the bag, trying to set the stage for weasling out of President Eisenhower's pledges and turning back to the sliding-scale philosophy of dog-eat-dog, or starve out the little fellow.

Just what is the record of Mr. Bridges, another of these Johnny-come-lately Republican farm spokesmen?

He, too, has consistently voted against the farmer. He voted against the Agricultural Act of 1949. He twice voted against the Russel amendment to continue 90% parity support for basics, and voted to recommit the bill with instructions to report back with a sliding scale provision. He voted in favor of the Williams amendment to kill the 90% support for 1950, after it was already enacted.

His record is just as bad on other farm measures. He has continuously fought conservation appropriations, he voted to cut crop insurance funds, he voted against grain storage authority, he voted

against Commodity Credit ~~Board~~ authority. He has NEVER voted for a measure wanted by REA cooperatives. He has had 21 opportunities, but was absent twice, and voted against farmers' interests the other 19 times.

I want Minnesota farmers to know about these men, and the influences they represent. I want ~~the~~ farmers to be on guard against them. I want farmers to understand there's more than just politics behind the attacks made against me ever since I have spoken out vigorously for continuing high level price supports. It's the Wall street farmers at work, trying to re-write our farm policies to suit themselves.



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