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America's great midwestern industrial and agricultural empire must insist upon an outlet to the sea without further delays, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared last night (Saturday, September 5) in an address at the Lake County Fair at Two Harbors.

Calling upon the midwest to unite in a concerted effort to push the long-awaited St. Lawrence Seaway to completion, Senator Humphrey declared it was "an economic and development issue, not a partisan political issue; an essential contribution to the strength of America's national defense, not just a regional improvement."

While expressing "keen disappointment" at the Administration's decision not to press for action on the St. Lawrence Seaway before the recent recess of Congress, Senator Humphrey said that "national security interests make the Seaway project too important to be sidetracked any longer, and too significant to the economic development and progress of America's vast heartland to be permitted to become a mere partisan political issue". He urged Democrats and Republicans alike to join in insisting that the Seaway be made an "early order of business" when the Congress convenes in January.

"There can no longer be any doubt as to the Administration's favorable views on this long-deferred yet long-needed project," Senator Humphrey said. "Both the National Security Council and President Eisenhower's Cabinet have expressed their unqualified support for the project as now presented to the Congress. Any further failure to act upon this vital legislation will be a serious reflection upon the leadership of the Congress itself."

Senator Humphrey is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which is pushing for the Seaway development, and led the fight to prepare for Minnesota's participation in the St. Lawrence project through obtaining authorization and appropriations for the U. S. Army Engineers to conduct necessary surveys toward deepening the Great Lakes Connecting Channels.

"Deepening of the Great Lakes connecting channels must go hand in hand with other St. Lawrence Seaway developments for Minnesota and the upper midwest to share fully in the benefits of this great project," Senator Humphrey said.

A separate move for a channel deepening survey by the Army Engineers was initiated by Senator Humphrey earlier this year when it became apparent the Administration planned to omit dredging of the connecting channels from the present St. Lawrence Seaway Bill.



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