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September 1, 1955

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey will be a guest of honor in Cloquet's Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 7.

Senator Humphrey will take "time out" from a busy weekend speaking schedule in the Arrowhead country to participate in the Cloquet Labor Day procession, his office in Minneapolis has announced.

Senator Humphrey will go to Duluth after the Cloquet parade, to speak at an AFL Labor Day Picnic. During the afternoon he will attend a Farmers' Picnic at Bovey, then go to Hibbing in the evening to be main speaker at a Steelworkers Labor Day Banquet.

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Senator Humphrey has added Sovey to a busy Labor Day itinerary to meet with farmers of Itasca County. Since returning to Minnesota after recess of the Congress, Senator Humphrey has spent most of his time attending farmers' gatherings throughout the state and discussing farm problems. In his Labor Day talk to farmers at Sovey, Senator Humphrey will emphasize the interdependent relationship between American agriculture and the rest of the American economy.

Senator Humphrey will come to Sovey from Duluth, where he will speak at a noon AFL picnic. Earlier in the day he will participate in a Labor Day parade at Cloquet. From Sovey he will go to Hibbing to speak at an evening banquet of Steelworkers.

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Senator Humphrey will discuss the fight to protect the consumers' interests against the rising cost of living.

Senator Humphrey's Hibbing address will climax a busy Labor Day and Labor Day weekend itinerary in the Arrowhead country.

Saturday night Senator Humphrey and his wife and children will be guests at the Lake County Fair at Two Harbors, where the Senator will also speak, and Sunday Senator Humphrey will address a Labor Day picnic at Ely.

Monday morning Senator Humphrey will ride in the annual Labor Day parade at Cloquet; at noon he will address an AFL Labor Day picnic in Duluth; and during the afternoon he will speak at a Farmers' Picnic at Bovey.

Senator Humphrey's wife and children will accompany him to Hibbing.

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FOR RELEASE  
Friday  
September 4, 1953

United States Senator Hubert H. Humphrey will spend the Labor Day weekend in the Arrowhead country, with a busy itinerary including participation in six community events in the Duluth, Iron Range, and North Shore area.

Saturday night Senator Humphrey and his wife and children will be guests at the Lake County Fair at Two Harbors, where the Senator will speak at 8:00 P.M., after being honored at a dinner.

Sunday, Senator Humphrey will be a guest speaker at the annual Labor Day Picnic in Ely, sponsored by the Ely CIO Coordinating Committee.

On Monday morning, September 7th, Senator Humphrey will be a guest of honor in the annual Labor Day parade at Cloquet.

At noon on Labor Day, Senator Humphrey will speak at the annual AFL Labor Day picnic in Duluth.

During the afternoon, Senator Humphrey will address a Farmers' Picnic at Bovey.

In the evening, he will climax his Labor Day activities as principal speaker at a huge Labor Day Banquet in Hibbing, sponsored by the United Steelworkers of America.

In his Labor Day talks, Senator Humphrey will discuss the fight to protect the consumers' interests against the rising cost of living, reporting on activities in the first half of the 83rd Congress and outlining prospects for action in the final half next year.

At the Two Harbors fair, Senator Humphrey will discuss the importance of the St. Lawrence Seaway project to Minnesota's development and progress.

At the Bovey Farmers' Picnic, Senator Humphrey will speak on the interdependent relationships between agriculture and other segments of the American economy.

Senator Humphrey's wife and four children are accompanying him on the tour of the Arrowhead area.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Max  
FROM Senator

I am enclosing a round-up of all the labor speeches I shall be making this weekend. Various portions of this round-up have been used for individual releases on the 5-6 speeches I will be making. I want you, Max, to release the attached to the national labor press, and I think it should be for Tuesday release. I shall be making my last Labor Day speech at night up in Hibbing. If you get this out on Friday, it should get to all the papers by Monday, and at the latest Tuesday.

September 3, 1953



## LABOR DAY ROUNDUP

America must look behind and beyond the "wait-and-see" legislative record of the 83rd Congress to date to see how "the shape of things to come in governmental policy is being carefully and definitely moulded", Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared in a series of Labor Day addresses in Minnesota.

Unless the Administration reconciles its own internal differences and openly supports revision of the Taft-Hartley Act "to eliminate present injustices", President Eisenhower will be "breaking faith" with America's working men and women, Senator Humphrey told a Labor Day Picnic at Ely, Minnesota on Sunday, September 6th.

Senator Humphrey blamed "faltering leadership" for failure of the 83rd Congress so far "to make good on campaign pledges to modify the Taft-Hartley Act", and protested the Labor Department being "kept under wraps" during the recent session of Congress, rather than the Administration frankly presenting the Congress with its recommendations for improved labor legislation.

A deliberately-induced "slow down" in the nation's economic pace, including creation of "a larger pool of unemployed to ease pressures on wages," lies behind the Administration's "hard money" fiscal policies of higher interest rates and tighter credit, Senator Humphrey said in an address before the annual Labor Day Picnic at Duluth.

"They call it 'natural adjustments', but to the man squeezed out of work by tightening the reins on our economy, it's a pretty harsh way of combatting inflation. The human element is being ignored by the Wall Street theorists now calling the shots for the Administration's monetary policies."

In climaxing his Labor Day appearances at a huge annual Labor Day banquet at Hibbing, Senator Humphrey said:

"The signs of the times are clear and unmistakable: the Constitutional mandate of promoting the general welfare is being sacrificed for protecting the special interests."

"There are two areas in government, one legislative, and the other administrative," Senator Humphrey explained. "In the past the people's interests have been protected not only by forward-looking legislative policies, but effective and determined administrative regulation."

"But now, on both these fronts, the people are losing out," Senator Humphrey insisted.

"The handwriting is on the wall when it comes to our natural resources, and the protection of the public's interest in these great treasures. Tidelands oil is gone. Never in the history of the nation has there been a greater political payoff. Certain financial interests -- long the main support of the Republican Party -- have received their pound of flesh in one of the smoothest and quickest policy changes in the history of the country."

"Interest rates both on public and private credit were increased overnight - at the expense of the consumer, the creditor, and the taxpayer. The public never had a chance to be heard. The Congress was by-passed. The financial barons moved in to claim their booty, and nailed down the policy of 'tight money' and 'high interest' for years to come.

"The nation's public power policy is being scuttled. Public power and conservation policy of 50 years standing is being altered to please the private interests who have long clamored for the right to exploit the public domain and the great river and water resources of this nation," Senator Humphrey warned.

Much of the "changing course" in government policy is being achieved by "administrative maneuver" rather than direct legislative action "out in the open for all to see", Senator Humphrey said.

"The Federal Trade Commission, the protector of the competitive system in our economy, has been weakened by new appointments and denial of adequate appropriations. The FTC can well be termed the 'guardian angel' of America's free economic system - but I regret to say that the Congress and the Administration have now clipped the angel's wings. The new theory is the old axiom, 'Let the Buyer Beware'.

"The Federal Power Commission, the regulatory agency governing the price of natural gas and electric power, has been turned over to the producers. The consumers have been left out in the dark and the cold.

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"It started with agriculture, calling for return to the so-called 'free market', having as its spokesman Secretary Benson. Each speech by the Secretary has been directed toward scuttling the price support program and reshaping agricultural policy.

"But farmers, in no uncertain terms, repudiated the Secretary in their overwhelming support of acreage controls in the wheat referendum vote.

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Monday P.M.  
September 7, 1953

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Warning against the possible effects of "juggling with our economy", Senator Humphrey said:

"It's easier to start a snowball rolling downhill than it is to stop it, once it gets rolling. Past experience doesn't offer very convincing evidence that deflationary trends can be easily thwarted, once they are put into motion. You can't just stick a pin into the inflationary balloon to let out a little air -- the whole thing might pop. Deliberately slowing down our dynamic economy is a dangerous experiment. It's something like pulling a loose thread in your sock -- it's easy to get started, but its hard to push it back if you change your mind when you find the run has gone too far."

While the Congress "put off" action on most legislative proposals and contented itself with creating new "study commissions" on most issues, the Administration "plunged head-long into its new tight money policy aimed at deflating our economy without even the advice of a Council of Economic Advisors as provided by law, and without any hearings by the appropriate committees of Congress as to the ultimate effect on the American people," Senator Humphrey said.

Senator Humphrey termed the high interest, tight credit, "hard-to-get" money policies "reverting to the days of Harding, Coolidge, and Hoover."

The nation's increased interest bill now and in the years to come as a result of hiking the interests rates on the national debt alone, he said more than "wipes out all of the economy gains claimed for the new Congress".

Senator Humphrey spoke at the Duluth picnic after riding in a Labor Day parade during the morning at Cloquet. From Duluth he went to Bovey to address a Farmers' Day picnic, and tonight he is speaking at a Labor Day Banquet in Hibbing sponsored by the United Steelworkers of America.

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Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, (D. Minn.) in a Labor Day address last night delivered at Hibbing, Minnesota, attacked the Administration in Washington for "not having the consumer interest in mind". He pointed to the fact that the cost of living has increased "to new heights" in the last few months and that consumers "are not adequately represented in the advisory councils of government".

This shortcoming, he continued, exists not only in the executive branch of government, but in the Congress as well. "The interests of consumers do not now have adequate representation in vital economic legislation. There still exists no Congressional body charged specifically with dealing with consumer problems. No effective means exists in Congress to permit a citizen speaking as a consumer to make his opinions heard on questions affecting consumers."

He called for the establishment of a Special Select Committee on Consumer Interests.

"We need a Congressional body dedicated to protect the unorganized, voiceless consumer. We need a 'watchdog' for consumer interests. We need an Administration and a Congress which recognizes that the consumer interest is the paramount interest among all economic groups."

He characterized the present Administration as "big business, give-away minded".

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FOR RELEASE  
Tuesday A.M.  
September 8, 1953

America's ability to produce food and fiber in abundance is our "real secret weapon" in the fight against Communism in the world, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared yesterday afternoon (Monday, Sept. 7) in an address at the Itasca County Farmers' Picnic in Bovey, Minnesota.

"We've just read news dispatches about the Russians exploding another A-Bomb," Senator Humphrey said. "They've also made it clear that they have accomplished a Hydrogen explosion. The A-Bomb and the H-Bomb are no longer secret American weapons.

"But there's still one thing we do have which Communism Russia lacks, and the Kremlin is very rightly worried about it.

"That's our abundance of food and fiber, and our ability to continue producing in abundance.

"Food -- not bullets -- can be our most potent weapon for peace in the world, our greatest advantage in winning and keeping the world's underprivileged people on the side of freedom and democracy," Senator Humphrey declared.

He called attention to recent Kremlin pronouncements showing concern over falling farm production, and insisting that farmers increase their output of food.

"We should be thankful that America's farmers have more than done their part in creating a land of plenty, and providing us with a powerful 'secret weapon' for peace in the world if we only have the foresight to wisely and properly use it," Senator Humphrey said.

Senator Humphrey declared it was time to recognize the potent role food occupies in the world's ideological struggle, and to "make greater use of America's food and fiber abundance as the strongest arm of our foreign policy."

"It's time we served notice to the whole world that the United States is concerned with empty stomachs, and not just with full cartridge belts," he declared. "As long as there are empty stomachs in the world, we'll have to keep our cartridge belt full. But we can thank God for our opportunity to help speed the day when full stomachs can replace the full cartridge belts as our greatest defender of democracy.

"Two thirds of the world's population now goes to bed hungry every night, while we live surrounded by abundance.

"Communism progresses on empty stomachs and frustrated spirit. Democracy marches forward on full stomachs and spiritual faith.

"The real hope of democracy today is to offer underprivileged people a better alternative than ruthless Communism for eliminating such misery as hunger and famine creates -- a better future where hunger and mass starvation need not exist. In such a struggle, a million dollars for food might equal ten million for ammunition.



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