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United States Senator Hubert H. Humphrey will be a guest speaker at the Scott County Fair in Jordan, Saturday afternoon, September 12th, at 4:30 P.M.

Senator Humphrey will visit the fair and extend greetings to the fair crowd at the invitation of Scott County Fair officials, following a four-day tour of southern and western Minnesota that has, also, included acceptance of invitations to participate in Tri-County Conservation Day program at LeSueur, community and civic meetings in Mankato, St. James, and New Ulm, the Redwood Falls County Fair, the Windom Soil Conservation Day, and the Lac Qui Parle County Fair at Madison.

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Minnesota farmers were urged by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey yesterday (Saturday) to "speak up for themselves" at the House Agricultural Committee's Minneapolis hearing next month.

In an address at Jordan, Minnesota where he attended the Scott County Fair as the climax to a four-day tour of southern Minnesota's farming areas Senator Humphrey declared that every effort should be made to keep the hearing "a real grass roots expression of farmer-opinion" instead of allowing it to become "nothing more than a political sounding board".

"I'm sure that Congressman Cliff Hope (Chairman of House Agricultural Committee) is sincere in wanting to hear from farmers themselves, not just professional spokesmen for farmers," Senator Humphrey said. "Congressional Committees can hear from lobbyists, farm organization leaders, politicians, and big processors any time they want to down in Washington. Out here, the limited time available for the hearing should be ear-marked for bonafide farmers."

Senator Humphrey said he had been informed the one-day hearing would be held in Minneapolis on Monday, October 12 -- a change from an earlier announced date of October 17.

"The House Committee has assured us that any farmer requesting an opportunity to testify will be permitted to do so," Senator Humphrey said. "Farmers who want to voice their views on farm policy and farm legislation should write to the House Agricultural Committee, Washington, D. C., and ask for the chance to be heard at the Minneapolis hearing. I hope our farmers take advantage of this opportunity to speak up for themselves, in regard to future farm policy."

Senator Humphrey said he "regretted" the action of the state Republican organization in setting up a "screening process" for developing views and witnesses to be presented at the hearing. "I feel this is too important a subject to be made into a partisan football, and kicked around that way," Senator Humphrey said. "House committee members already know the official party views of both political parties; what they want now is views of farmers regardless of party. I hope farmers will speak up for themselves, and not just depend on others to speak for them. That's happened too often in the past."

Senator Humphrey expressed his views about the forthcoming agricultural hearings after participating in a series of agricultural events that included the Tri-County Conservation Day program at LeSueur on Wednesday, a meeting in Mankato, Wednesday night, gatherings in St. James and New Ulm on Thursday, the Redwood Falls County Fair on Thursday night, the Windom Soil Conservation Day Friday, the Lac Qui Parle County Fair at Madison Friday night, and the Scott County Fair at Jordan Saturday afternoon.



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