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Farmers can't live on "hollow but high-sounding promises" and "glib assurances that 'everything's going to be all right'", Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared last night in addressing a joint Anoka and Isanti county Democratic-Farmer-Labor dinner rally at Bethel, Minnesota.

"Farmers keep reading such promises in the press. But they can't take such clippings to the bank when their notes come due. The banker needs his cash, not just promises; so does the farmer," Senator Humphrey declared.

"I think farmers have a fair question to ask about these glib assurances that 'everything's going to be all right' -- a simple question, just one word: When?

"When is the Administration going to act, instead of talk? When are they going to commit themselves by action in the farmer's behalf, instead of voicing hollow but high-sounding promises?

"Farmers have a right to know. They have every right to be suspicious of sudden shifts of public statements for political expediency, when they see no evidence in the underlying attitude of Republican leaders toward the farm programs they have been fighting for years.

"The Democratic party has fought for agriculture because it believes in justice for agriculture, not just because it doesn't want farmers to get mad. There's quite a difference in the two viewpoints, as Republican lip service and Republican voting records well prove.

"The Administration is obviously confused about what to do on farm policy, because it is discovering farmers overwhelmingly approve the programs built up over the past twenty years.

"They don't have to be confused or embarrassed at embracing our Democratic policies. We welcome them into the fold. We're more concerned with getting results for the farmers, than we are with making political hay out of somebody's troubles. That's something the Republicans just don't seem to understand.

"Let me give them this assurance right now: If the Eisenhower Administration will forget politics long enough to make a sincere attempt at halting the recession in agriculture, plenty of us will give them all the help we can.

"But they can only count on that help and support in the coming Congress if they are willing to put the welfare of American agriculture and the American people ahead of political maneuvering and expediency," Senator Humphrey said.



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