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Election of a Democratic Congress in November will "give hope for more schools and hospitals" to meet the nation's argent needs, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared last night in an address at a public rally in Winona, climaxing a day's visit to the southeastern Minnesota community.

"Americans need only to look at the record of the most recent session of Congress, and judge for themselves", Senator Humphrey said.

"Judging from that record during the 83rd Congress, it is obvious that a Democratic Congress in 1955 would likely mean more hope for:

- "1. More schools -- because the Democrats pushed vigorously for a school construction bill.
- "2. More hospitals -- because the Democrats pressed consistently for more hospital construction funds under the Hill-Burton Act
- "3. More REA funds -- because the Democrats tried to add \$35 million more in loan funds during the last session.
- "4. Better Defenses -- because the Democrats have pressed for more adequate air force and army funds.
- "5. Fairer tax treatment -- because if further tax cuts are in order, the Democrats have shown they stand for tax cuts for all, not just for the wealthy.

"In short, a Democratic Congress will mean a more responsible Congress, one that will more faithfully serve the general public, and not a few favored interests", Senator Humphrey declared.

But a Democratic Congress in turn would also mean less "giveaway" of public resources, Senator Humphrey added.

"Democrats in Congress have firmly resisted such 'giveaways' as the atomic energy bill, the stockmen's grazing bill, and the timberlands exchange bill. In many instances, they have been outvoted by the Republicans. A Democratic Congress would be better able to stop further 'giveaways'".

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RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP PLEDGED IF DEMOCRATS WIN CONTROL OF CONGRESS

Responsible leadership, rather than obstructionism, if the Democrats regain control of the next Congress was pledged by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey last night in an address at the Wabasha high school auditorium.

"A Democratic Congress would help end the paralysis in foreign policy", Senator Humphrey said. "Most observers agree one of the main reasons we have lost the initiative in many areas of the world, and one of the explanations for 'foreign policy by bluff', is that the Administration is paralyzed by Old Guard domination of Congress and its Committees. Many attribute Secretary Dulles' humiliation at Geneva to the refusal of Old Guard Senators to allow him either to negotiate a settlement or use force in bringing a successful conclusion to the Indo-China war.

"A Democratic Congress would mean greater freedom of action for the Administration in the field of foreign policy, since the Administration would no longer have to wrestle either with the Old Guard or with much of the political oratory of the past to which the Old Guard is wedded."

Judging from the record of the 83rd Congress, Senator Humphrey said, a Democratic Congress "represents the best chance of:

- "1. Enacting the Eisenhower trade program;
- "2. Enacting the Eisenhower public housing program;
- "3. Staving off another attempt to restrict the President's authority in foreign affairs by the Bricker amendment."

Claiming the Democrats "fulfilled the role of a responsible opposition" in the recent Congress by opposing GOP programs which were contrary to the public interest while supporting the Administration when it acted in the public interest, Senator Humphrey called attention to an array of instances where the Democrats supported the Eisenhower Administration:

"In 1953, Democratic votes were necessary to put over Ike's views on 74 out of 83 roll call votes;

"On such issues as foreign aid and the Bohlen nomination, the Democrats gave Ike more support than the GOP;

"The Democrats led the fight against tying Ike's hands in foreign policy-making via the Bricker amendment;

"Senate Democrats insisted on making Ike's fight on his trade program despite his surrender to GOP protectionists;

"House Democrats led Ike's fight for his public housing program. In 1954, House Democrats voted 2 to 1 for Ike while House Republicans voted 3 to 1 against the President.

"House Democrats voted solidly to give Ike the same powers to reorganize the government as President Truman had had, while GOP Committee members voted solidly against him;

"When Senator McCarthy openly invited Government employees to violate a Presidential directive, it was the Democrats on the McCarthy-Army Committee who came to President Eisenhower's defense."

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