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SENATOR HUMPHREY CHALLENGES GOP TO EXPAND IKE'S 'POLITICAL FISHING TRIPS'

If President Eisenhower really wants to sample America's political climate, he "better make a few fishing trips to somewhere besides traditionally Republican New England states," Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared last night.

Speaking before a statewide West Virginia Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner at Charleston, Senator Humphrey declared:

"The Republican Party's high command must be worried about the President's reluctance to continue as their adopted 'front man'.

"For Ike's GOP bodyguard hauled him off to New Hampshire and Maine to see some real live Republicans cheering for him.

"Well, it might be a good thing -- he does not see much Republican support in the Congress these days.

"But Ike better not let himself be fooled. They took him up on the mountain, to hear Republican cheers ringing in his ears. But they did not take a chance of letting him get down in the valleys of disappointment and disillusionment spreading over most of the country.

"Why did they not bring Ike over to West Virginia for some fishing among your unemployed miners?

"Why did they not bring him up to Minnesota, or anywhere else in the midwest to try and convince our farmers there is no reason to worry about collapsing prices and falling farm income?

"Why did they not take him down into Tennessee--with Dixon and Yates as fishing partners?

"Are they afraid Ike will not continue to let himself be used for the Republican's masquerade party if he learns the real spreading sentiment of opposition in America's political climate."

Senator Humphrey said the GOP "master minds" might be able to keep their "captive president" from being exposed to any but "hand-picked groups of people who can hear no evil, see no evil, or speak no evil about anybody wearing the label 'Republican'", but they "cannot keep the people from letting the President know the Republican Party has failed them again when they go to the polling places next November".

"All the razzle-dazzle of modern hucksterism cannot sell a fancy package with nothing in it, and the American people have learned once again that there is nothing for them in a Republican Administration," Senator Humphrey said.

"Make no mistake about it -- President Eisenhower is directly responsible for the deeds, misdeeds, and lack of deeds of his Republican Administration -- and of the Republican party.

"He is not something set apart -- he is the head of the Republican Party as well as head of the Republican Administration. And Republicans are never invincible, once the American people get a reminder of Republicanism in power."



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