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NEGLECT OF RESOURCES AT HOME UNDERMINES LEADERSHIP ABROAD:
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Lack of concern for our own resources, -- both natural resources and human resources -- undermines and weakens our role of world leadership, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (DFL, Minn.) declared yesterday in an address before Minnesota's Plowville 1958 at Sanborn.

"When we neglect or exploit our own resources, we can hardly expect other areas of the world to look to us for leadership toward fulfillment of their own aspirations of progress," Senator Humphrey warned.

"How can conservative politicians who are more concerned with the budget than they are with preserving our soil, water, and timber -- how can conservative leaders who neglect farm families in our own country and oppose such developments as TVA and Hell's Canyon -- be expected to really have their hearts in flood control in Africa and village development projects in Asia?

Conservative
"One of the reasons why we lack a comprehensive, integrated foreign policy for the United States today -- one of the reasons we are in trouble in the Middle East and in the Far East -- is because a conservative government is incapable of coming to grips with a worldwide revolution

and of devising bold, creative, flexible policies designed to promote the well-being of people everywhere," Senator Humphrey declared.

"We need leaders with vision and foresight, men willing to look ahead and plan for generations to come -- whether it is in conserving our soil resources, or building for a more peaceful world," Senator Humphrey said.

"Men who jeer at and oppose the philosophy of a welfare state are the wrong people for the responsibilities of leadership in a world where 3 out of 5 persons are the have-nots of the underdeveloped nations -- where more than half of the population lives in hunger, disease, poverty, and insecurity -- where a majority of mankind seeks immediate answers to old problems.

"How can a nation that is governed by timid, cautious, and tired old men give the kind of dynamic, fearless, and imaginative leadership that is required if we are to match and outstrip the wily, cunning and strident and vigorous tactics and challenge of Soviet power?"

Among the "outstanding failures" of the Eisenhower-Nixon Republican Administration, Senator Humphrey said, was "neglect of and exploitation of our God-given resources"

"The fact that nature endowed our country with more than our share of natural wealth charges us today with a tremendous responsibility to conserve it and use it wisely," he declared.

Senator Humphrey praised the work of dedicated men serving as leaders in the Soil Conservation District movement, and the progress being made in Minnesota toward "getting conservation practices on the land."

He declared that recent Democratic election victories throughout the country "reflect the disillusionment of the people with the present national leadership, and a desire for returning the control of government into the hands of people of vision -- into the hands of men looking ahead, instead of merely trying to preserve the status quo or turning to the past."



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