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HUMPHREY ASKS CANDIDATES PLEDGE AGAINST BIGOTRY

Milwaukee, October 31 -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) promised tonight that if he entered the Wisconsin primary, it would be a campaign based solely on issues.

The Minnesota Senator told a dinner meeting of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Ladies Auxiliary in Milwaukee: "I call upon all those in both parties who aspire to leadership in this nation to pledge themselves to eradicate from politics the cancer cell of bigotry and intolerance, be it racial or religious, or in any of its ugly forms.

"The heart of democracy is understanding and respect for every human being. Discrimination and bigotry, whether it be racial or religious, dishonors the name and spirit of America," said the Senator.

In specific reference to the Wisconsin primary, Senator Humphrey told his audience: "It is rumored that there is going to be a primary contest here in Wisconsin next April. It is rumored, too, that this contest is likely to be a pretty hard fought battle.

"I pledge to you here tonight and to the people of Wisconsin that any such primary in which I may engage will be fought solely on the issues that face the American public -- the issues of full employment, of human dignity, of expansion and growth of our economy, of national security, and above all, of disarmament and peace.

"We need a real reawakening in America," continued the Senator. "We cannot afford to bury the challenge Mr. K. left on our doorstep. That challenge -- political, economic, social -- stands before us, and we all, every one of us, must awaken to it.

"We cannot allow the concern over new small car production to be great-

"We cannot allow the concern over TV quiz shows to bury the concern for our elderly, our handicapped, our young.

"We cannot allow publicity and public relations magicians to discolor and distort the desperate need for full-time leadership," said the Senator.

"We cannot stand by while government and special interests team up against the people. These are the issues and we must keep them in mind. We cannot let them drop into a well of confusion. The American political system at its very best is a political campaign based on mutual respect, stressing the issues. Let's talk sense to each other, and bigotry to no man.

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