

G.O.P. "BODY BLOWS" SCORED BY HUMPHREY

WEST DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 16 -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey charged tonight the Republican Administration had "badly hurt" areas such as Northern and Northeastern Minnesota "in three crippling ways."

In a speech tonight at Steelworkers Hall, the Minnesota Democrat listed the Republican "body blows" as:

1. "The Republican opposition to area redevelopment, a measure which has been pushed by Democrats to bring life back to depressed areas in the form of new industries, new jobs, and new opportunities for economic growth and expansion."

2. "The Republican 'tight money' policy, which particularly in high-risk areas has slowed economic growth, hurt basic industries and homebuilding activity, and crippled purchasing power. This Republican Administration has pushed up the price of money to the highest point in 25 years."

3. "The Republican agricultural program, which is destroying the values of small-town life, wrecking whole communities and hiding America's hope for the world's hungry under bushels of unused surpluses."

"Incidentally, I welcome the President's endorsement of my 'food for peace' plan in his speech in India, and all I hope is he will tell his Administration to get behind our bill in Congress -- on the calendar since last August. With such support - however belated - we can enact a meaningful program without further delay."

Labeling the Republican Administration as one of "no go, go glow, not now, veto," Senator Humphrey declared:

"This Republican Administration uses Wall Street as its economic barometer instead of the true measure of economic improvement in the thousands of cities, towns and villages across the nation. It has shown a callous disregard for unemployment, despite its pious claim to having brought prosperity."

"And as for tight money, this Republican Administration has laid tribute on working people, farmers, and small businessmen, who pay the cost of high interest rates whenever they buy a house, a car, a tractor, or make some business improvement."

"The Republicans have run up the government's interest payments on the national debt by \$1.5 billion. Today, more than \$1 of every \$8 the government takes in in taxes, it pays out in interest. Think of what that billion and a half a year could provide in schools, housing, hospitals, in area redevelopment to breathe new life in distressed communities."

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"America deserves a better deal than it's getting. America's greatest hope lies in a return to popular government led by a vigorous Democratic President."

Mayor - Sen Carr - Joe Donovan
Gerry Heaney
Karl Belvaag

EXCERPTS FROM REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

STEELWORKERS HALL

WEST DULUTH, MINN. -- DECEMBER 16, 1959

John Blatack - Gov Treiman - Igor McCarty

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Northeastern Minnesota in three crippling ways.

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It has dealt three major body blows. These are:

- Community Facilities
- ✓ Y. C. C.
- ✓ Pub works
- ✓ Airport
- ✓ unemployment Comp

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Interest on \$15,000
 Home - 25 yr mtg
 up \$13.20 per month

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① Steel Strike | Big Govt, Big Business
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Unemploy - Area - Steel Struck
June FoleyEly, Minn
Dec. 17

AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

I want to take this occasion to announce to you that my staff and I have been ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ working out a program that might prove of some tangible to the Iron Range Area. I don't mind telling you that I am thoroughly disgusted with the plain lack of human interest the present Administration has in the problems of chronically labor surplus areas. Perhaps some of you will say, "Oh--- there goes Humphrey again; wacking away at the Republicans". Well, sir, I mean it. The Democratic Senate has passed any number of bills that would have brought immediate, direct benefit to this area.

Area Red., Y. CC. Commandant (ENUMERATE THE VARIOUS BILLS: Youth Conservation, et.)
The Republicans just plain don't seem to understand that when a person

sinks his roots into an area, it takes a good deal ~~more~~ of soul searching and soul wrenching to uproot associations of many ~~xxx~~ years standing and start out ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ on an unknown exodus to strange country and an uncertain future.

Wilderness Bill - Forest Service - Park Service

With the help of my colleagues John Blatnik and Sen. Gene McCarthy we have fashioned together an AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM; a program that is modest in scope and yet could well be the first big step toward the industrial development of the Iron Range.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Area Red., Y. CC. Commandant Industry
Briefly explained, I have arranged for a team of industrial engineers from Washington D.C. to visit this area from January 18, 1960 to Jan. 23, and possibly through the 27th Of Jan. ^{to} make an economic analysis of the entire area. This analysis will be the most thorough ~~xxx~~ economic survey this area has ever had and, furthermore, will be the most thorough that this particular group has ever made.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this survey is to find out what the natural economic advantages of this area are. In other words, before you can go about locating industrial prospects in any organized fashion you must first determine what a given area has that industry wants and then decide which industries

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which industries are best fitted to the area's advantages and needs. Once these important steps are taken, the area can then focus on the types of industries that are most likely to be attracted ^{here} ~~to the area.~~

FURTHER STEPS

There is actually a good deal more that must be done before you and the other communities in the Area can actually start getting industry here.

I want you to understand that I am not promising new industry is going to move into this area as soon as this research group leaves. Much will remain to be done by the local communities themselves; such as, compiling a list of industrial prospects, contacting them, ~~keeping them~~, arranging for locations, etc. It will probably involve the organization of ^a local development corporation

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS

Along that line of local development corporations, I want to report to you that I was astonished to learn a few weeks ago that the Federal loan program for local development corporations has been practically scuttled by the present Administration. I took an active part in getting this program through the U. S. Congress and passed into law. It is a good program; the kind of program that ~~XXX~~ is ideally suited for the economic development of just such an area as the Iron Range. But what has happened. In the year and one half that this law has been on the books, not one ~~XXXXXXXX~~ piece of printed literature has been published or ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ distributed explaining the program. Only 28 such loans have been made in the entire country, and ^{only} a paltry two in the State of Minnesota.

Do you know how that program works? Just briefly --- if you have a chance to get a new industry, and they need a building that costs $\frac{1}{2}$ - let us say \$100,000 - you need raise only \$20,000 in the community. You can borrow the rest --- 80% of the total cost of fixed assets -- from the Small Business Administration.

Well, let me tell you -- I have warmed a few ears in Washington since I learned this; and I don't mind telling you I am going to warm a few more things

few more things if things don't change.

SUMMARY OF AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Summing up, therefore, a team of industrial ~~experts~~ will be coming into *this* area - into (name of town) --- from Jan. 18 to Jan. 23, and possibly through the 27th of Jan. to conduct an extensive economic survey of the area. They will tell you the best ways to go about attracting industry, and advise you of the many Federal programs available that might be worked in. And finally, to guarantee that this program is followed through, I am assigning Mr. Gene Foley, Legal ~~Counsel~~ Counsel of my Subcommittee on Small Business, to accompany the group of experts on ~~this~~ tour and to continue to act as my personal liason with the people of this area once the survey has been completed.

Any interested parties here today should see Gene Foley as soon as this meeting is over and talk over details for an exact itinerary and other matters that might ~~be~~ have to be done locally before the ~~research~~ research group gets to this area.

Gene Foley



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