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PORTAGE Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) today applauded President Eisenhower's "statesmanlike" address in New Delhi, India, in which the President strongly endorsed the idea of a vigorous Food for Peace program to make greater use of America's surplus food and fiber production in the developing nations of the world.

Humphrey spoke to a coffee-hour reception at the Raulf Hotel in Portage. The Minnesota Senator, a leading Democratic Presidential hopeful, is making a two-day tour of Wisconsin.

Senator Humphrey, who is the chief author of the International Food for Peace Act of 1959, pending on the Senate calendar since August 10, commented: "I welcome the President's endorsement of this idea, and I hope that we may now count on his Administration's specific support of my legislation, which up to now it has opposed."

"With support from the White House, there is no doubt in my mind that we could swiftly pass the Food for Peace Act in both Houses, thereby inaugurating in 1960 precisely the kind of long-range and constructive program outlined by the President, and for which we have fought for the last five years," Senator Humphrey predicted.

Recalling that in the bitter in-fighting last session on the extension of P. L. 480, the Surplus Food Disposal Act, the Republican opposition steadily opposed the use of the term "food for peace" in the title of the Act, Senator Humphrey wryly remarked: "A change of heart is always welcome, but it would have been nice to have had the President on our side when the chips were down this year."

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"Charter of Hope for  
Agriculture"

WAUSAU Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) last night outlined four goals to be achieved by a "charter of hope for agriculture" as embodied in his proposed Family Farm Progress Development Act.

Humphrey spoke to a meeting of the Marathon County Farmers Union in Marathon City. The Minnesota Senator is making a two-day Wisconsin tour; he is expected to enter the April 5 Wisconsin Presidential primary.

Declaring that the American farmer is "today's forgotten man," Senator Humphrey scored the "deliberate Republican policy of farm deflation," and said:

"The result of the current farm policy has been a great deal of suffering. The farmers have suffered, the consumers have suffered, business has suffered -- but there's another group of people who have suffered, too. I'm talking about the millions of people who go to bed hungry every night. How shameful that America's granaries should be bulging at their seams while there remains a mouth unfed."

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Senator Humphrey said the four goals of farm policy should be:

1. "Determination of fair price for farm commodities and a fair income standard for farmers." Pricing policies should be "geared to the attainment of a fair income for farmers --and this can be accomplished in a way that lessens the tax burden instead of piling it on higher."

2. "The second ~~subjective~~ objective is a production goal -- to be determined by what is needed to satisfy the true needs of the

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American people, the commercial export market, necessary reserves, and foreign policy purposes."

3. "We need an agricultural resources conservation program . . . Soil and water resources are vital to national well-being and to international well-being."

4. "Employment goals ~~which~~ should envisage a farm population, and especially farm families, which have adequate opportunity to be fully and usefully employed." This includes proper credit facilities.



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