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Excerpts from Remarks

By Senator Hubert H. Humphrey

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"As representatives of Western States you know better than anyone else how dismally the Republicans have failed to manage the resources of the nation. Not only our national resources, but human resources as well.

"The Republican policy of 'no new starts' applies not just to reclamation, power development and other water control projects. It extends clear across the board -- no new starts in education, no new starts in social welfare, no new starts in foreign policy, no new starts on defining objectives and goals, no new starts in anything.

"Drift, delay, put off, turn down -- this negative action of the Republicans all adds up to waste and more waste. Indeed, they are the Great Wasters.

"Resource management, resource mobilization -- these concepts get little recognition from the Republican leadership. And it helps explain why this great nation is falling behind on so many fronts.

"The last seven years have seen too many problems that didn't fit the budgetary straitjacket fashioned by the Republicans or threatened to disturb the air of complacency so diligently fostered by them.

"So the problems were ignored. Or 'cut down to size' and dealt with on a pinch-penny basis. Or stuffed into the closet with all those other skeletons.

"As a result, the great United States of America has coasted for the last seven years. And the momentum has just about given out.

"Wasted resources! Nothing so well symbolizes the end result of no-go, go-slow, not-now, veto Republicanism!

"The Republican leadership is conditioning the American people to accept 3 1/2 million to 4 million unemployed as a 'normal cushion' in the work force.

"The result is that manpower is wasted, talents and skills are wasted, potential public revenues are lost.

"The Republican leadership says that natural resource development here in the West costs too much -- that it is better done on a so-called 'partnership' basis that simply reflects a denial of Federal responsibility.

"The result is that resource development fails to keep pace with a growing population and growing industrialization. In consequence, during the past ten years, while the Far Western states have been at the top of the United States in population growth, they have been practically at the bottom in real per capita income growth.

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"The Republican leadership -- faced by the Soviet challenge on the education front -- holds Federal expenditures on education to less than one-tenth of one percent of our total national production!

"The result is that our schools are horribly overcrowded; our school teachers miserably underpaid.

"Even if the Soviet Union had never been heard of, the nation as a whole has no more precious potential asset than achievement of the highest level of literacy and education that a nation as wealthy as ours can afford.

"The Republican leadership ignores or shunts aside the new problems of metropolitan living.

"The result? Our cities are in trouble. Transportation is snarled. Housing is inadequate. Suburban areas are outrunning facilities. Delinquency is on the rise. No plans are made to receive the people shoved off the farms under the Nixon-Benson program and who must live and look for work in strange surroundings.

"The Republican Administration put into effect a hard money, high interest rate, tight credit policy, which is at best only a special privilege to a handful of people and a burden upon the multitude.

"The result? Let's take into account all kinds of private indebtedness, and also the Federal, state and local public indebtedness on which the interest costs are ultimately paid by the people in the form of taxes. The results are as follows:

"During the seven years of Republican control, the American family on the average -- and this includes the older family as well as the younger family -- has paid out about \$194 more in interest than if the 1952 level of interest rates had been maintained.

"If there should be another Republican administration, and a continuation of this high interest rate policy, the American family on the average, during the 12 years 1953-1964, will have paid out about \$885 more in interest rates than if the 1952 level had been maintained.

"Translated into totals for all purposes, the total interest payments of the whole American people, public and private, would be more than 50 billion dollars higher, for the 12-year period, than if the old reasonable rates had been kept.

"This amounts to more than 4 billion dollars a year!

"This would be enough to maintain our military supremacy instead of allowing the Soviets to get ahead of us.

"This annual sum could more than double the annual Federal outlays for education and health, public assistance and other welfare purposes, and national resource development.

"It is time to call a halt to this waste of resources. It is time to put the stopper in the drain pipe.

"But even more than that: it is time to mobilize our resources for the great challenge of the Sixties.

"That challenge is to organize our society to compete with the monolithic, disciplined and onrushing Communist system, and at the same time to preserve the letter and spirit of freedom in America.

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"It is time to put a grand design into our national effort. Let us make clear to the people that we as Democrats are builders-- investors -- that we have a grand design and the ability to put it into action.

"The next President of the United States will have to take off the wraps -- to free America's energies and resources for constructive work -- and to tell the American people the plain truth.

"The next President must have more than executive ability. He must have a vision of a stronger, more prosperous and just America.

"He must show our people that America can afford what needs to be done.

"And there are some things America cannot afford, such as complacency in a world of unrest, poverty, disease, and illiteracy --or slogans as a substitute for programs, public relations as a substitute for public service.

"This, too, the next President will have to make clear.

"As a Democrat, let me suggest how our party can make sure the job gets done properly in the years ahead.

"First, our party must stick to its progressive, constructive social and economic program -- and not trim our sails an inch.

"Second, we must nominate a progressive Democrat to carry out that program in the White House.

"America is ready to go back to work. The siesta is over.

"Let us provide the vigorous, energetic, progressive, liberal leadership that history proves is the only kind of leadership under which America advances."

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[1953 marked the beginning of
an era in which programs
and solutions were not measured
against the size of the problems
to be solved, but were trimmed and
Tailored to fit the economic
straitjacket that has been
fashioned for us.

Yes, the Problems have been ignored - or
cut down to size - or dealt with on a
pinch penny basis - or stuffed into the
already over stuffed closet with all
those other Republican skeletons -
like "Dixon Yates", al serrano,
Sherman Adams, and Hills Canyon Jim Henry"

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Drift, Delay, 'Dilly-Dally' -
Put off - turn Down - This
negative attitude of the Republicans
all adds up to Waste - Extravagance
and More Waste - They are the GOP
'Great Wasters'. Just as Democrats
are the liberals, ^{so} the Republicans
are the 'Wasterels'. (Republicants)

At a time when 'baldness' and
'confidence' ^{has been} ~~is~~ needed, we
have been given blandness
and nonsense - Tranquilizers
and pep pills - Yip with the
glaring and obvious needs at

home, and a fierce challenge
abroad - We have had the

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government that has proclaimed
its desire to hold the line while

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the Communist outflanked us with
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passed over us with Sputnik,
+ scored again & again in science
technology, and production.

now As representatives of Western States you know better

than anyone else how dismally the Republicans have failed

to conserve & develop the resources of the nation. Not only our

natural resources, but also our human resources as well.

The Republican policy of "no new starts" applies not

Just to reclamation, power development and other water conservation and

control projects. It extends clear across the board -- no

new starts in education, no new starts in social welfare, no

new starts in foreign policy, no new starts on defining

objectives and goals, no new starts in anything. - and

no new candidates for the GOP nomination.

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Reaction of the Republicans all adds up to waste and more

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Just as we
Democrats are the Liberals, the Republicans are the
Wasterels
~~Resource management, resource mobilization -- these~~

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~~is falling behind on so many fronts~~

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that didn't fit the budgetary straitjacket fashioned by

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indeed,
Yes, the problems were ignored. Or "cut down to size"

or dealt with on a pinch-penny basis. Or stuffed into

the closet with all those other ^{Republican} skeletons. - ~~or abandoned~~

~~under the rug until the floor is beginning~~
~~to rot. Let's let Mrs. Waller put the rocks~~

As a result, the ~~the~~ United States of ~~the~~ has been
shipping
coasting for the last seven years. And the momentum has

just about given out. And, mind you, this has not been a
free ride - it's been expensive - extravagantly
expensive - ~~the~~ ~~debt~~ ~~has~~ ~~gone~~ ~~up~~,
yes Wasted resources! Nothing so well symbolizes this Republican

we have been the victim
and result of no-go, go-slow, not-now, veto Republicanism!

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American people to accept 3 1/2 million to 4 million
unemployed as a "normal cushion" in the work force.

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can't afford it - We know better -
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We know we can't afford not to
develop our resources!

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Unemployment
a victory
for
our opposition!

Debt
up!

atmospheric
water
pollution
control
Irrigation, Reclamation, Navigation, Power,
Reforestation, Fuels, Water ^{up} Stream Control!!
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The "No Go - Veto" ⁻⁴⁻ Policy means that

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keep pace with a growing population and ~~growing~~ ^{the need for expanded}
industrialization. ^{Consequently} ~~In consequence~~ during the past
ten years, while the ~~the~~ Western states have been at
the top of the United States in population growth, they
have been ^{lagging} ~~practically at the bottom~~ in real per capita
income growth.

Alaska - Yukon River
Unlock These Resources!

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money, high interest rate, tight credit policy, which is
at best only a special privilege to a handful of people

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*The Benson-Nixon
farm policy has cost
more & done less than
any in all our history*

*Lower farm
prices
Lower income
Higher costs
more surplus*

Agree

⊗ *Geo H. H. H. H. H.*

This trickle down policy has injured the
homebuilder and the homeowner - the small businessman
and the consumer - ⁻⁶⁻ the municipalities and
the farmers. It has given America

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"Tired blood"

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Enough to provide medical & hospital care for our elderly -

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Enough to build the classrooms & pay the teachers

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It's time to kick the Wasters out!

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critical and crucial decade of our lives.
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~~That challenge is to~~ organize our society to

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*- We must Plan —
think ahead!*

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We must be ourselves - Idealists
Realists
Progressives

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