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Senator Hubert H. Humphrey has made "greater gains around the country since the first of the year than any other candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, announced or un-announced", it was claimed here today by Herbert J. Waters, administrative assistant to Senator Humphrey, who has just arrived in Milwaukee from Washington, D. C., to join other local Humphrey campaign forces for the next month.

"The swing to Humphrey has been particularly noticeable throughout the Rocky Mountain States and the far west, but it is also evident nationwide," declared Waters, who has been doing campaign organizational work in a dozen key states and has campaigned with Senator Humphrey in thirty-two states since October.

"Since December, there have been four opportunities in which Democratic leaders had an opportunity to see and hear the leading candidates from the same platform, at the same occasion. Each time, objective observers agreed that Senator Humphrey came out in front, gaining new strength and support as the candidate best able to lead the Democratic Party to victory next November," Waters declared. "People like the way Humphrey takes a clear-cut stand on the issues - - and they know he's a fighter like Harry Truman who can stand up to Nixon and the GOP".

Waters said the "candidate parade" events that helped add new support for Senator Humphrey were the Democratic Advisory Committee's banquet at the Waldorf Astoria in New York in December, the Democratic National Committee's big dinner in Washington, D. C. in January, the Western States Democratic Conference in Albuquerque and the convention of the California Democratic Conference in February.

"Four thousand California Democratic delegates interrupted Senator Humphrey's address with a standing, cheering ovation and demonstration that lasted seven minutes - - a spontaneous, enthusiastic response that neither Jack Kennedy or Stu Symington came close to receiving," Waters said. "The same thing has happened time and time again, all over the country. And it is

convincing many top national Democratic leaders that Senator Humphrey is the man who can really arouse and mobilize our Democratic Party for a victory in November - - and at the same time do it for a constructive purpose for the country".

Waters, a former newspaper editor, was also formerly an assistant to Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan during the Truman Administration. He plans remaining in Wisconsin most of the time between now and the April primary.

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