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HUMPHREY URGES TEN-POINT 'PROGRAM OF PROGRESS' FOR
WEST VIRGINIA'S ECONOMIC REVIVAL

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Democratic candidate for President, has outlined a ten-point "Program of Progress" for West Virginia's economic revival.

All ten points "are needed for the nation, as well as for West Virginia", Senator Humphrey declared.

The ten points are:

1. Fiscal Reforms to encourage healthy growth of the U.S. economy at the Democratic rate of 5% a year, scrapping the Republican tight-money, high-interest policies that have held U.S. to a growth rate of under 2%.
2. Area Redevelopment -- Federal loans and grants to high-unemployment areas, technical assistance and retraining programs for displaced workers, to get these areas back on their feet and in high gear.
3. Coal Research and Development Commission -- To be appointed by President to aggressively seek out new uses and markets for coal.
4. Federal Standards for Unemployment Insurance -- Upgrading, extending and increasing amount and duration of benefits.
5. \$1.25 Minimum Wage -- Raising the Federal minimum wage and extending coverage.
6. Food Stamp Program -- To increase and improve diets of unemployed and low-income families.
7. Reform of Federal Tax System -- To close tax loopholes used by the privileged, to give tax credits for hiring of older workers and to encourage new industry where jobs are needed, to generally lighten the tax load on lower-income groups.
8. Stand-By Public Works Program -- Planning and programming to put men to work on needed public construction such as schools and hospitals, roads and conservation projects wherever unemployment becomes critical.
9. Youth Conservation Corps -- Constructive employment opportunities for West Virginia young men in the National Forests and Parks, and on state lands, to conserve, develop and improve our great natural resources.
10. Tourism Development -- Development of outdoor recreational areas on state and Federal lands, water pollution control, improvement of wildlife and fisheries, all designed to make West Virginia the year-round vacation center for families from the great metropolitan centers of the east.

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HUMPHREY URGES FOOD STAMP PLAN TO AID DIETS OF NEEDY

Mr. Alvin Mullins - Stonewall Jackson Grill
SUMMERSVILLE, April 25 -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey today vigorously
Arley M. Johnson - County Democ Chairman
denounced "this well-fed, complacent Republican Administration which ignores
Mrs. Leatha Neal - Pullman - Nicholas Chronicle
the terrible hunger now stalking communities in West Virginia and elsewhere."
Mr. J. L. Waters - Humphrey Chairman - Nicholas
speaking to a breakfast meeting of Nicholas county Democrats, Senator

Humphrey called for government action to more adequately meet the nutritional needs of unemployed and low-income families.

Use of "food stamps" to expand purchasing power of low-income groups, enabling needy families to supplement their diets through normal channels of trade, was urged as "more efficient, more effective, and more decent" than mere hand-outs of surplus commodities at welfare offices.

"Recently Congressman Miller, chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, had the incredible gall to declare that, if Americans are hungry, it is only because they have been so well fed under the Eisenhower Administration that they are dieting," Senator Humphrey declared.

"I would like to suggest Mr. Miller and his Republican friends take off their rose colored glasses long enough to ask some of the folks compelled to exist on a ~~major~~ hand-out of surplus foods whether they are happily dieting of their own accord."

Use of a food stamp plan to supplement diets of needy families "would assure them getting the kinds and types of foods they need -- milk, eggs, and meat -- instead of just becoming human dumping grounds for whatever unwanted surplus the Department of Agriculture has on hand," Senator Humphrey said.

"Such food assistance would be made available through regular channels of trade -- through your own neighborhood stores -- with the food stamps used as currency to supplement purchasing power of low-income families," Senator Humphrey declared.

Senator Humphrey said such expansion of purchasing power and increased food consumption would help meet farm surplus problems "without everything having to go through government hands."

Legislation for such a program, introduced by Senator Humphrey, is now pending before the Congress. Senator Humphrey said it was included in his "10 point program of progress for West Virginia's economic revival."

"It is incredible that the Administration can remain indifferent to actual hunger in so many communities," Humphrey said. "We already have food stamp authority but the Secretary of Agriculture has refused to use it."

"The food stamp program must be made mandatory. My bill requires the Administration to take action."

"The present Administration says the program is not needed, because there is no depression in the country."

"I don't care what the Administration's statistics say. I have seen the effects of hunger -- young men too weak to work, old women too gaunt to stand, children too thin to play."

"I don't care what the Republicans say about prosperity. As long as American families are pushed to hunger by forces beyond their control, I will not relax my efforts. We must have a mandatory food stamp program and measures to strengthen and expand distribution of surplus food. The hungry cannot wait."

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HUMPHREY URGES PROGRAM TO DEVELOP NEW COAL MARKETS AND USES

FAIRMONT, April 25 -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Democratic Presidential candidate, tonight urged a concerted federal program to develop new markets and uses for West Virginia's coal industry.

Humphrey proposed the establishment of a Coal Research and Development Commission as one part of his ten-point "program of progress" for economic revival of the state.

"We must find or create new markets for the vast reserve of coal in West Virginia, Humphrey said. "America must fully utilize the skills of your miners and the potential of your coal supply."

"Efficient, coordinated planning is needed. We should have a Federal Commission, appointed by the President, to launch aggressive research and development programs for new coal uses and markets.

"There must also be a concerted government effort to encourage industry to move to spots of direct coal supply, thus saving the huge transportation costs necessary to move coal.

"And the Government must assist in development of 'mine-mouth' power stations which could send electricity to the major consuming centers of the East.

"The present administration is doing nothing for the coal industry. We must have leadership, encouragement and stimulation for private enterprise to take advantage of cost-saving opportunities.

"This is the way -- the only way -- to expand West Virginia's coal industry so that it will continue to be a source of strength for the State."

Humphrey, campaigning here for the May 10 Presidential primary, outlined these additional points in his 10-point program for West Virginia's economic revival:

1. Area Redevelopment: Federal loans and grants to areas of high unemployment and technical assistance and retraining programs for displaced workers.
2. Fiscal Reforms to encourage healthy growth of the U.S. economy, scrapping the tight-money high-interest policies that have held U.S. to a growth rate of under 2%.
3. Federal Standards for Unemployment Insurance: A revised program to upgrade, extend and increase the amounts and duration of benefits.
4. Minimum wage of \$1.25: Raise the present minimum wage from \$1 and extend coverage.
5. Food Stamp Program: A mandatory program to use food surpluses to improve the diets of unemployed and low-income families.
6. Reform of Federal Tax System: Lower the tax load on low-income groups close tax loopholes used by the privileged few and give tax credits to encourage hiring of older workers and establishment of new industry where jobs are needed.
7. Stand-By Public Works Program: Efficient planning to put men to work on necessary construction of schools, hospitals, roads and conservation projects where unemployment is critical.
8. Youth Conservation Corps: A program to employ young men in the National Forests and Parks on conservation projects.
9. Tourism Development: Improvement and expansion of outdoor recreational areas on State and Federal lands to establish West Virginia as a year-around vacation center for the East.

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HUMPHREY CALLS FOR ACTION ON HEALTH CARE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

KINGWOOD, April 26 -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, continuing his campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination, today called for "government with a heart to provide health insurance through the Social Security program to "protect aged Americans against cost of hospital and nursing home care during their retirement years."

Senator Humphrey declared that Congress "must act before adjournment" to meet this growing problem.

"Our older people past 65, who use more than twice as much hospital care as the rest of our fellow Americans find that increased health needs and lower income create terrible financial worries and anxieties when hospital or nursing home care is necessary.

"I say Congress must act now, because, if we wait for this Republican go-slow, not-now, veto Administration to take action on a program to help finance health care for our senior citizens, we will wait forever," Senator Humphrey declared.

Senator Humphrey urged action on his proposal -- similar to the Forand bill -- to provide these additional benefits for those covered by Old Age and Survivors Insurance:

1. Hospital care -- up to 60 days, with subsequent nursing home care if necessary up to a combined total of 120 days in any year.
2. Drugs and services -- all hospital services, drugs, appliances and other care ordinarily furnished to patients in semi-private accommodations.
3. Free choice -- upon certification by a physician, freedom to choose any hospital that can admit them, and which has previously contracted with the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to furnish such services -- except tuberculosis and mental hospitals.
4. Nursing home care -- similar freedom to choose nursing home service, including skilled nursing care, related medical and personal services and accompanied bed and board provided by a licensed nursing home operated in connection with a hospital or in which a medical doctor directs the care.

The Humphrey hospitalization and nursing home insurance program would be financed by an increase in the present Social Security tax on one-fourth of 1 percent for employers and workers and three-fourths of 1 percent for self-employed people.

"In this way -- with the wonderful tool of social insurance -- we can spread the heavy health care costs of old age over an entire lifetime of earnings instead of demanding that our senior citizens use up their meager savings just at the time when their income is barely enough for the simple necessities like food and shelter, the Minnesota Democrat declared.

"We cannot be heartless or insensitive to the health care needs of our 16 million fellow citizens who have passed their 65th birthday," the Senator said, noting that in a few years many adult Americans will have both parents and grandparents living on retirement pensions as life spans lengthen.

Senator Humphrey pointed out that Social Security -- now in its 25th year -- has provided tremendous dividends in human welfare and dignity by making welfare benefits a matter of earned rights through social insurance rather than a matter of charity.

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NATION THAT NEGLECTS SOIL NEGLECTS PEOPLE, HUMPHREY WARNS

CHARLES TOWN, April 26--A nation that neglects its resources also neglects its people, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Democratic Presidential candidate, declared here today.

"Look back through the pages of history, and you'll find that exploitation of natural resources is usually accompanied by exploitation of human resources, and neglect of natural resources leads to neglect of the people," Senator Humphrey declared.

"No nation can afford the waste of neglecting its God-given natural resources -- its resources of land, forests, water, and minerals under the soil."

Senator Humphrey praised the work of West Virginia's Soil Conservation Districts for "effective voluntary leadership in getting conservation on the land, preserving and improving your productive soil resources for generations to come."

"We need these kind of dedicated people with practical vision, people who accept conservation as a matter of stewardship responsibility on the land they till, yet also have learned that it is good business not to exploit the land and then have to abandon it as useless," Senator Humphrey declared.

Long an active supporter of soil conservation district work nationally, and one of the boosters in Congress for the Soil Conservation Service, Senator Humphrey said that "proper conservation" could and should play a vital role in creating a more effective farm program.

"We need a broad Agricultural Resources Conservation Program that makes fullest use of the technical knowledge and guidance of the Soil Conservation Service technicians, that keeps all government farm assistance related to proper land use patterns and offers incentives for adjustments where necessary, and yet have all preserves and continues the voluntarism pattern of the locally-organized, locally-operated Soil Conservation Districts," he declared.



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