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HUMPHREY BLASTS GOP HIGH INTEREST RATES

ORTONVILLE, October 14, -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey today continued his attack on GOP farm and fiscal policies, with an emphasis on "the wasteful and stifling high interest rates "of this administration."

The Senator, speaking at a DFL breakfast meeting here, declared that "the facts and the record prove the fiscal irresponsibility of these policies."

"Tight money policies and high interest rates have pushed up the costs of government by billions," Humphrey charged.

"American taxpayers are now playing \$3 billion a year more on the costs of the public debt than would have been necessary if the interest rates of the Truman years were still in effect.

"More than 10 percent of our Federal budget is eaten up by interest on the national debt."

The GOP's fiscal policies, Humphrey said, also "pinch directly the average American citizen."

"The high interest policies of the Administration have increased the interest rates on FHA loans to homebuilders from 4 to 6 percent, added at least \$400,000 to the cost of a \$2 million school and jumped the costs of loans to farmers to 6 or 7 percent," the Senator said.

"What is the result?" he asked.

"The annual income of the money lenders is up by about 62 percent. And the number of business failures has almost doubled since 1952."

TIGHT MONEY -- TIGHT EXISTENCE

DFL Breakfast
Ortonville
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interest rates have pushed up the
costs of government by billions of
dollars.

American taxpayers are now paying
\$3 billion a year more on the costs
of the public debt than would have been
necessary if the interest rates of
the Truman years were still in effect.

Nine billion dollars -- more than
10 percent of our federal budget is
eaten up by interest on the national debt.

*Interest up
\$3 B. 11. or*

*\$9 Billion
Interest
over 10%
Fed Budget*

① *Newspapers
In Not Running
Against the newspapers
and in Not being
directed!*

⌈ The wasteful and stifling high interest rates of this Republican Administration have fattened the profits of big bankers and Wall Street money-lenders at the expense of farmers, small businessmen, and every low and middle income family budget.

⌈ Every family buying a TV set or an automobile with installment payments is paying more because of tight-money.

⌈ For small business, debt has risen from 28 percent of assets to 36 percent of assets since 1952.

⌈ And farm mortgage debt in Minnesota rose from \$14.7 million in 1952 to

Profits Fattened
for
money lenders
up 62%
Business failures
doubled since
1952

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Small Business

Farm Mtg
up 14.7 to
25.9

Facts ①

\$25.7 million in 1959 -- an increase
of 75 percent in farm debt during a
period when farm income was dropping
20 percent.

The high interest policies of this
Republican Administration have increased
the interest rates on FHA loans to
homebuilders from 4 1/2 to 5 3/4 percent --
they have added at least \$400,000 to the
cost of a \$2 million school building --
and they have jumped the costs of loans
to farmers to 6 or 7 percent.

Republican tight-money policies
impose terrible burdens on state and
local governments which must borrow money

FHA

Farmers Home
Ad.

to build schools, roads, and other public services.

What is the result of the Republican tight-money policy?

The annual income of the money-
lender is up by 62 percent. And the
number of business failures has almost
doubled since 1952.

Tight-money has raised the cost of
living. It has triggered two recessions
in five years. And it has bankrupted
many of America's farmers.

money lender
62%
business failures
up since
1952

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Slowdown...Stall...Stagnation

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America a growing country

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The tight money policies and high

interest rates of this Republican

Administration have tied a ball and chain
to an economy which should be growing and

dynamic.

Under Franklin Roosevelt and Harry
Truman, the American economy grew an
average of 5 per cent a year -- but for
the past eight years our economy has been
limping along with only $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent average
growth a year.

This low growth rate has cost the
people of Minnesota alone more than \$3
billion in loss of personal income.

Nixon farm program

Low growth
Rate

~~James Earl Ray~~
~~Alvin Karpis~~
~~Alvin Karpis~~

Costus
\$3 Billion

Fred Fosken
Mrs Ed H. Kelly
Rader in Kitchen
Mrs Chris Hammer

H. Carl
Green Acres
But Green Books

New Nixon
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Geography
Story
(X)

Soil Bank
my Granddads
Farm
No Acres!

The American economy will stall and stagnate if we fail to restore the 5 per cent growth rate of the Roosevelt-Truman years.

↳ We must end the restrictive, stifling, wasteful fiscal policies of the past eight years -- or our Nation will not move anywhere but in reverse.

↳ We must start constructive, public investment to revitalize our economic health.

↳ America is a growing county. Our population, our needs, our obligations are growing.

*Interest Rate Increase
Cost \$22 Billions
& more to come*

It is time America restored the sound
business principle of capital investment.

It is time for us to step up capital
investments for flood control facilities,
airports, roads, schools, hospitals and
other necessary public projects.

These capital investments -- for
our growth and for our future -- will
benefit all Americans, and will make
America stronger.

That is why we need action on Area
Redevelopment -- to build up the economic
strength of northeastern Minnesota.

That is why we need a Youth

Area
Redevelop

Youth Peace
Corps
White Fleet

Conservation Corps -- to protect our
great natural resources -- to invest in our
land and our forests -- yes, and in our
young people also.

Slum Clearance, urban renewal,
roads, schools, hospitals, river and
harbor development, Area Redevelopment---
all of these projects are investments which
will give us tremendous dividends in the
future if we have the courage, the
vigor and the imagination to move ahead
now.



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