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HUMPHREY CHALLENGES COMMERCE DEPARTMENT CLAIM

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey last night condemned what he called "the political juggling of statistics" in a September Department of Commerce report on personal income in the United States.

Humphrey told a Minneapolis meeting of the National Federation of Federal Employees that the report claims a new high of personal income for September of \$408.4 billion, up \$200 million from August.

"But those figures include personal income from unemployment insurance, Social Security payments and veterans' benefits," the Senator said.

"The truth is that such payments and benefits increased \$400 million from August to September to a total of \$29.5 billion.

"The Department of Commerce is trying to mislead the people when it includes unemployment insurance payments in a report which boasts about rising personal income and prosperity.

"These figures do not prove prosperity. They indicate recession."

Humphrey reported that personal income from factory payrolls fell by \$500 million from August to September, that retail trade payrolls were down \$200 million:

And farm income "remained at the same low rate -- despite heavy marketing activity."

"The only significant increases in personal income," the Senator concluded, "were financial institution payrolls, up \$200 million, and interest payments, up \$100 million."

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President Wilson, Mr. Secretary, members of the

Department of the Navy, and members of the Upper Midwest

business and scientific community:

It is a pleasure to welcome you here on behalf

of the Governor of the State of Minnesota and the

Minnesota Congressional delegation. I trust that the

Navy will be able to set before you new opportunities

to participate in the wide spectrum of research and

development being carried out by the Navy.

+ Navy  
to be helped  
Free  
interpretation

That is why they are here; that is why, last

spring, I asked the Navy to send its people here, and

why we asked the University of Minnesota to make its

facilities available for this conference.

The University of Minnesota has performed a

real public service in providing these magnificent

facilities, and I wish to thank the University most sincerely.

It has taken much time on the part of staff members and faculty to work out the details of the meeting.

I have always felt that the skills in management and labor in Minnesota, and in the Upper Midwest generally, give us an advantage over many other parts of the nation -- an advantage that overcomes problems of distance and climate - and which becomes an increasing advantage as our economy (and particularly our defense effort) becomes more highly technological, ~~more esoteric~~, more skills dependent on brain power.

I am very pleased to see the fruition of our idea last spring, to see the splendid turnout of the business community. We felt that such a clinic as had been held at Chatanooga and which was then to be held in Boston should also be set up in the Upper Midwest. It took about two minutes, as I recall, to make our decision, about five  $\frac{1}{2}$

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minutes for the University to make its decision, and I think the Navy Department was close behind.

Mr. Secretary, you are going to have the best of the clinics which the Navy has sponsored, here in Minnesota.

You can't help but have, for we have the resources and the talent here in this room that you need.

And we are going to follow up ~~when~~ when the clinic is over. We are going to be in touch with you later this year, to make sure that what is <sup>initiated</sup> ~~being~~ here is developed to its

logical conclusion - that is, ~~that~~ some R & D contracts are placed in the Upper Midwest.

Thank you, and good morning.

+ Production contracts too,



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