

From the Office of
Citizens for Humphrey Committee
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HUMPHREY CHALLENGES P.K. PETERSON TO REPUDIATE BENSON FARM POLICY

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey today challenged his Republican opponent, Minneapolis Mayor P.K. Peterson, to repudiate Benson farm policies.

"My opponent has had eight years to study Benson farm policies and their results," Humphrey declared. "He should know by now that these policies are bad for the farmer, bad for Minnesota, and bad for America."

"Yet my opponent continues to support the Benson-favored downward-sliding-scale price support program based on an average of the immediately preceding years' market prices.

"We need a national farm policy to raise farm prices and farm income to parity levels -- and farmers should have a voice in shaping this policy.

"I support the family farm system and I think it should be preserved.

"My opponent says my feeling about the family farm is sentimentality. Apparently he believes it will be no loss to America if the family farm disappears -- swallowed up by soul-less corporate farms.

"I disagree and I challenge him to repudiate such a callous betrayal of Minnesota's farm families by a continuation of Bensonism.

"For 12 years as a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I have worked for full parity income for America's family farmers. The farmers of Minnesota know where I stand on the Benson farm policies which have depressed farm income and pushed farmers off the land.

"My opponent should tell the farmers of Minnesota just what he thinks of Mr. Benson's policies. They have a right to know where he stands on this crucial question."

Here is the message sent by Humphrey to Peterson by telegram on Monday, October 31, 1960:

"I challenge you to repudiate Benson farm policies which have depressed farm income and pushed thousands of Minnesota farm families off the land. The farmers of Minnesota have a right to know where you stand on Bensonism."

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Senator Hubert H. Humphrey today challenged his GOP opponent, Mayor P. K. Peterson to back up "his wild distortions about the cost of the legislation I have sponsored in the Senate or else admit he hasn't even studied the record."

Humphrey accused Peterson of "batting billions of dollars around like so many baseballs. The only trouble is they are all going foul. He can't get to first base on this."

"Once again I ask the Mayor of Minneapolis to come out from behind his press releases and debate me in public in the Twin Cities. Let him make these wild charges to my face -- and then let him offer some proof to back them up," Humphrey said.

"I will show him the record -- and I will show him where I received a citation from the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report for my work in reducing needless government spending."

"The Mayor has attacked my 1959 legislative efforts," Humphrey continued. "Let him name one specific bill he thinks is bad for America or bad for the people of Minnesota," Humphrey continued.

"Is he opposed to the Area Redevelopment bill which provides for repayment of federal loans with interest by distressed areas like Minnesota's Iron Range?

"Is he opposed to my Family Farm Credit Act, a loan program which requires every dollar loaned to farmers to be repaid with interest?

"Is he opposed to my bill for a self-financed program of medical care for the elderly under Social Security?

"Is he opposed to federal water pollution control grants to help Minnesota communities build adequate sewage systems?

"Is he opposed to my Food for Peace, which would feed millions and would save taxpayers millions of dollars in the cost of storing surplus food?

"Is he opposed to a Youth Conservation Corps which has been endorsed by leading conservation experts and youth leaders?

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Senator Hubert H. Humphrey today challenged his GOP opponent, Mayor Peterson, to back up his charges that federal aid for education in the overburdened school districts of Minnesota is a waste of money.

"I challenge my opponent to answer these questions. I challenge him to back up his multi-billion dollar myth about the cost of these programs. I challenge him to speak the truth to the people of Minnesota."

Humphrey announced that he will challenge Peterson in a series of telegrams this week to state his position on national issues which affect the people of Minnesota.

"The people of Minnesota know my position on Benson farm policies, on area redevelopment, on small business, on civil rights, on foreign policy," Humphrey declared. "I think they are entitled to know where my opponent stands."

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"Is he opposed to the area redevelopment bill which provides for repayment of federal loans with interest by distressed areas like Minnesota's Iron Range?"

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HUMPHREY: "FOREIGN POLICY EXPERIENCE NEEDED NOW"

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared yesterday that the people of Minnesota "are too intelligent to accept the twisted truths and forlorn fiction dished out by desperate, ambitious office-seekers."

"The crucial issue of this campaign," Humphrey said, "is foreign policy. The central question is which candidate has the most experience, the deepest knowledge and the most responsible record in international affairs."

Humphrey, a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, needled his GOP opponent with the question, "Who know's more about Humphrey's record on foreign policy and international relations -- P.K. Peterson or national and international leaders respected for their experience?"

"Don't just take my word for it," Humphrey added. "My work in Free Berlin during the crisis there received the unqualified commendation of the late John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State. My service as a Delegate to the United Nations won the praise of former U. N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge.

"There are many letters in my files which discuss my work in international affairs -- letters from national and international leaders with the experience and stature to judge my record properly.

"I am proud of that record, proud of the bi-partisan approval of my efforts and proud of the awards and citations for my efforts in foreign affairs.

"The threats to our security are too grave and the challenges to Democracy are too big to entrust high public office to those who obviously have not studied the record.

"America needs experienced men in the Senate now. World events move too swiftly to allow an ambitious office-seeker to use the Senate as a training ground."

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HUMPHREY CHALLENGES P. K. PETERSON ON BENEFITS FOR ELDERLY AND
UNEMPLOYED

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey today challenged his Republican opponent, Minneapolis Mayor P. K. Peterson, to public debate on medical care for the elderly and on unemployment.

"The people of Minnesota are entitled to know where my opponent stands on these important welfare issues," Humphrey declared.

"I have sponsored, supported, and worked hard for sound, social welfare legislation for 12 years in the Senate, and I challenge my opponent to deny that his party has consistently opposed improvements in Social Security, public assistance, and unemployment compensation.

"I believe America's senior citizens are entitled to a sound, dignified system of health insurance, a system that maintains their self-respect with benefits received as a matter of earned right -- not charity.

"And I believe America's 4½ million unemployed men and women need better protection against economic slow-down and recession.

"No American should be stigmatized as a pauper or indigent simply because he passes his 65th birthday. No American should be forced on to relief rolls or charity lists simply because he loses his job through no fault of his own.

"It is insulting and degrading to require American citizens to swear they are paupers, to impose a means test before they are eligible for benefits which are earned rights," Humphrey concluded.



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