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HUMPHREY URGES SPEED-UP OF
ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS

CHICAGO, Dec. 9 -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) said today that the Alliance for Progress is the "New Hope" for the people of Latin America, but that its programs are "starting too slowly."

Humphrey, who just returned from a three-week trip through South America, spoke at a meeting of the National Food Brokers Association here.

"The Alliance for Progress is a major program of historic importance," Humphrey said, "and we intend it to have in Latin America the same impact that the Marshall Plan had in Western Europe."

The Senate Majority Whip added some criticisms of U. S. programs in Latin America, which he said he will "bring to the attention of the President."

"The Alliance for Progress is starting too slowly," he said. "We need to quicken our efforts, and to ask our Latin American friends to do the same. We must be bolder in concept, for some problems are too deep and widespread to be cured by anything less than massive and immediate action."

Humphrey added three points:

1 -- "Our information programs in Latin America have improved, but they are shockingly inadequate -- under-financed and inadequately staffed.

"We are not even in the game. Our book and periodical programs in Spanish are almost insultingly inadequate. Our technical, agricultural and medical documents must be printed in Spanish or Portuguese.

2 -- "Our medical and educational programs are barely scratching the surface of needs in Latin America. I saw hospitals without doctors, schools without textbooks.

3 -- "The AID program still underemphasizes agriculture. We must make a far greater concentration on agricultural productivity, on food and fiber distribution, the improvement of diet and the care and processing of food."



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