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HUMPHREY HITS GOP

"OBSTRUCTION AND REACTION"

SPRINGFIELD, MO., February 3 -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) said tonight that the "political dinosaurs of the extreme, radical right have nudged the Republican leadership deeper into the realm of reaction."

The Senate Majority Whip declared that in one year the Democratic Administration has given American new strength and confidence and moved the country ahead from the valley of recession and retreat to the high ground of prosperity and economic growth.

Humphrey's remarks were prepared for delivery at the 39th Annual Jackson Day Banquet in Springfield.

"After one year of good political manners," Humphrey said, "the Republican leaders are again beginning to act like Republicans.

"How do Republicans act? -- They react.

"With no program of their own, they become professional 'aginners.' They become experts at carping criticism and

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obstinate obstruction.

"Here is the score board for the Republicans of the sixties.

"They are against the establishment of a Department of Urban Affairs and Housing.

"They are against an agricultural program of abundance, balance, conservation and rural development.

"They are against a program of prepaid health and hospital care insurance under Social Security.

"They are against desperately needed federal aid to education.

"They are against support of the UN Bond Issue -- the success of which may spell life or death for the United Nations.

"The sixty-four dollar question -- or I should say the 1964 question is: What is the GOP fix?

"Bewitched, bothered and bewildered by their political cronies of the extreme right -- the Birchites, the so-called anti-communist crusaders and other political dinosaurs -- the Republican leaders drift aimlessly and unhappily between New York, Texas, Arizona and Southern California.

"They are still debating this question: Is it or is it not patriotic and American to enter the 20th Century?

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"Under the pressure of the noise and the demagoguery of the political dinosaurs of the right, Republican leaders shuffle and stumble deeper into the realm of reaction.

"We Democrats will not be moved backward. We are moving ahead.

"In one year, we have seized the initiative on the international front with the Alliance for Progress, the Peace Corps and our successful efforts to save the United Nations from the paralyzing grip of the Soviet Union.

"We have reorganized our foreign aid program, strengthened the NATO Alliance and have set before the world the challenge of the Peace Race.

"We will continue to move ahead under responsible, progressive, Democratic leadership."



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