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SEN. HUMPHREY SAYS JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION'S 'BETTER DEAL' CONTINUES NEW FRONTIER PROGRAM TO BUILD A BETTER AMERICA

Senate Majority Whip Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) said tonight that President Johnson's "Better Deal" continues the New Frontier program that enabled President John F. Kennedy's administration to inspire the nation.

"I am proud to be a part of the Kennedy-Johnson team that will continue the New Frontier program to Build a Better America," he said.

"We have done much in the last four years but we know there still is much to be done."

Humphrey spoke in Boston at the third biennial Gompers-Murray Memorial Banquet, where he was awarded the Gompers-Murray Memorial Award.

He said it is to the nation's advantage to have everyone aspiring to live a better life, have better economic opportunity, and enjoy more social justice.

"Our goal - the goal of the Kennedy-Johnson Administration - is to give a Better Deal to All Americans - better education for our youth, better medical care for our elderly, better living conditions in our cities and on our farms, etter housing, better opportunities for labor and business," he said.

Humphrey said the job of reaching these goals is one the federal government is unable to do alone.

"We need labor's help and support," he said. "Labor will play a leading role in reaching these goals."

The late President Kennedy, Humphrey said, had inspired everyone to seek higher personal and national goals.

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told the Congress 'Let us continue,'" Humphrey said.

"Remember those three words - let us continue - for they are the central theme of the Johnson Administration."

Humphrey said the nation had made a major start in reaching New Frontier goals with enactment of the most far-reaching program of Federal Aid to Education the nation had ever known and a massive program in the field of mental health and mental retardation.

Financing these programs, he said, is made possible by a growing economy that has brought 39 months of continuing prosperity and progress and an addition of \$110 billion to the Gross National Product.

"But we shouldn't be fooled by this," he said.

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Samuel Gompers and Philip Murray were two of the most universally respected leaders in the American labor movement.

Their work made it possible for Americans to live a better life. More importantly, their inspiration and their efforts have guaranteed that the working men and women of America can live their lives in dignity.

I am also proud to be in Boston - the home city of one of the greatest Presidents ever to grace this country.

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John F. Kennedy was left this nation a great legacy.

This vigorous young President revived the idealistic

faith of the American people and set this nation firmly

down the road to peace and prosperity.

He inspired all of us to seek greater goals - not only for ourselves and our children but for our country.

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We have done much in the last four years but we know there still is much to be done.

But you and I know that the federal government

can't do this job alone. We need the help of everyone

in this country. We need labor's help and support.

Labor will play a leading role now - as it has in the

past - in working for a Better America.

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We must give Better Education to our children.

This is going to cost money. But there is no such thing as an expenditure for education. There is such a thing as investment in education. An investment for your sons and daughters, for your grandchildren, for your country ... because education is power, education is wealth.

This means we must build more schools for elementary, secondary and higher education and provide the money for higher salaries for teachers. The Kennedy-Johnson Administration has made a good start by enacting the most comprehensive and far-reaching program of Federal Aid to Education this nation has ever known. But we must - and we shall - do more.

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We also are building a Healthier America. We are adding to our health facilities, to our great medical institutions. And we are educating and training more doctors, dentists, pharmacist, nurses and laboratory technicians.

We have made a start by enacting the most ambitious program of federal aid to medical, dental, nursing and pharmacy schools in the history of our nation.

We also have made a start by enacting a massive program in the field of mental health and mental retardation.

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This is a good beginning. But we shall do more.

Before this year is through we are going to provide better hospital and nursing home care at much lower cost for our elderly. And we are going to make sure that an elderly person who needs this care does not have to take a pauper's oath to receive it. Yes, hospital and nursing home care as a part of social security.

We are going to build more and Better Roads, provide

Better Transportation and improve our ports. We need

more roads for our growing population. We need better

airports as we enter this supersonic age. We need better

ports and we need to strengthen our merchant marine.

And we simply must come to grips with the problem

of urban transportation or America will choke to death

riding to work in a new car.

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We need Better Houses. We haven't even scratched
the surface of the housing possibilities of this country.

We need to make sure that every American has a decent,
home in which to live.

We are going to build Better Cities. The cities of

yesterday are not built for the life today. We will have to clean out the whole center of many cities, clean out their fringes and rebuild them - rebuild them so we can all live better lives.

Yes, we are going to Build a Better America.

We are determined to offer to the American people the means and the opportunity to secure the better things of life for themselves and their children.

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We know that business is good in this country today.

We have had 39 months of continuing prosperity and progress. We have added \$110 billion to our Gross National Income. Profits are up, incomes are rising, unemployment is reduced, and we have more people working than ever before.

But we shouldn't be fooled by this. The richest nation in the world can't afford the unemployment we have in this country. The richest nation in the world can't afford pockets of poverty and periods of economic recession.

We are living in an age of unbelievable technological revolution. The incredible pace of automation and technology is remaking our entire industrial economy - with machines doing more and more work - and we face serious problems of unemployment.

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The introduction of new machines is not a new story to labor. Samuel Gompers once wrote: "One of my most vivid early recollections is the great trouble that came to the silk weavers when machinery was invented to replace their skill and take their jobs. No thought was given those men whose trade was gone. Misery and suspense filled the neighborhood with the depressing air of dread."

The words of Samuel Gompers have a prophetic ring.

But what he said need not be true today. As President

Johnson said, we have the opportunity to make automation

a "boon and not a bane."

But we won't do it by standing still and wringing our hands. This is why I have introduced a bill in Congress to establish a Commission on Automation, Technology and Employment - so we can begin planning to deal with the problems being forced on us by automation and the shifting emphasis in defense spending.

It is to our advantage - to everyone's advantage to the nation's advantage to have everyone in this country aspiring to live a Better Life and to reach a little higher on the ladder and have better economic opportunities and more social justice.

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Poverty is not new. But what is new is that we have the resources and the knowledge to eradicate poverty.

All of this was summed up clearly by President Johnson on a television program a short time ago. A reporter asked President Johnson this question: Franklin D. Roosevelt had the New Deal, Harry Truman the Fair Deal and President Kennedy the New Frontier. What do you call your Administration?

And President Johnson in a quiet and humble way said in thoughtful and restrained words - "All I seek to do as President of the United States is to give our people a

Better Deal."

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