## Humphrey Endorsed

## 'He Cares About Our State'

By George Daugherty

I am proudly supporting Hubert Humphrey for president of the United States. He is simply the best man for the job—the man with the most experience, the best ideas, and the best chance of giving leadership to all Americans.

Our times require vision and the capacity to solve our problems. And this is where the Nixon administration has failed us. It has failed to provide leadership. It has failed to provide a commitment to solve America's problems and put this country back to work.

There is a quote from the Bible that Sen. Humphrey is very fond of: "Without vision, the people perish."

He says concern is not enough. Even a good idea is not enough. And certainly rhetoric is not enough.

As mayor of Minneapolis, as senator from Minnesota, and as vice president, Hubert Humphrey has learned to translate ideas and ideals into action.

His record of performance over three decades is a record West Virginians and all Americans can be proud of.

It was not enough to speak against crime when Humphrey served as mayor of a major American city. It was necessary to take action, and he proved that a big city's crime could be cleaned up.

It was perhaps easy to talk about Medicare for the elderly, a Youth Conservation Corps for the young, and a Peace Corps. But his intiative and action were required to bring about the legislation which did, in f a c t, create Medicare, a Youth Conservation Corps, and a Peace Corps.

It is all very fine to speak of peace. But Humphrey realized that talk would be wasted if we could not get concrete action—and so Humphrey was a major architect of the first treaty to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

Throughout his career Hubert Humphrey has fought for the people. And he has fought the fights we West Virginians care about. Hubert Humphrey knows West Virginia. He and John F. Kennedy travelled across the state in 1960. Humphrey has spent more time in West Virginia than all the other candidates for president combined. He alone among the candidates cares enough

to come back once more and campaign in West Virginia. He has been our friend in Washington for a long, long time and he will be our friend.

For years Humphrey championed the preservation of our wilderness areas. In the mid-1950s he was the only senator to support wilderness legislation. And finally, with his leadership and after much effort, Congress passed the landmark Wilderness Act of 1964. Humphrey knows we must push forward to protect our environment. He knows West Virginians want and need more wilderness protection—and he supports us in our fight.

Hubert Humphrey was one of the authors of the Appalachian Regional Commission—and he strongly opposes President Nixon's plan to abolish it.

There is a great danger that Applachia will become a forgotten and neglected land in the 1970s—unless we get an administration in Washington that cares about West Virginia and our needs.

Humphrey has pledged that he will develop an Appalachian Master Plan as a top priority in his administration—to coordinate the many programs that concern West Virginia and the entire Appalachian region.

Humphrey will give West Virginia and the nation the leadership and commitment we need if we are to make the 1970s a decade of dynamic domestic development. Humphrey will work for the people—not for the special interests and big business friends of the Nixon administration.

Humphrey knows the number one issue in America—the number one issue in West Virginia—today is jobs.

Jobs in our steel mills, in our factories, in our coal mines, and on our farms.

Today, five and a half million Americans are out of work and out of luck. Almost 60,000 West Virginians can't find work.

Humphrey grew up in the



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Depression of the 1930s and he knows what unemployment means.

He knows it means drawing your last unemployment check with no job in sight.

He knows it means eating a little less so the kids can eat a little more.

He knows it means facing your wife and children and asking, "What kind of man am I?"

Hubert Humphrey believes the Employment Opportunities this nation and our toughest problem and first priority.

Humphrey has introduced the Employment Ocoprtunities Act of 1972 to put one million Americans back to work and put paychecks into the homes of hundreds of thousands of working families.

Humphrey wants to cut the welfare rolls and the unemployment compensation lines by putting Americans on their feet.

Too many working families are a pay day or two from bankruptcy. Too many working families know that they are on an economic treadmill and can't get ahead.

We West Virginians are fed up with a system that allows a privileged few to reap vast benefits at the expense of working Americans. And Humphrey will work to end the injustice and unfairness of an administration which sacri-

fices jobs to fight inflation.

We West Virginians are fed up with a tax system that is riddled with loopholes and special deals for the superrich. And Humphrey will end the inept and inequitable tax policies of this administration that allows giant corporations to pay less taxes than a working man or woman making \$10,000 a year. Humphrey wants a return to fairness in our tax system.

Humphrey's goal is a fair society for all Americans—that will never let prices and profits skyrocket while wages are frozen.

A fair society uses the productive resources of this nation to solve the needs of all the people—a society that makes all the people the beneficiaries of our wealth and resources, not the victims of recession and hard times.

This is what Hubert Humphrey wants—and what the people of West Virginia need —a fair chance and a full opportunity for every American.

None of the tasks ahead are easy, but they must be done. It is for that purpose Hubert Humphrey is running for president.

And it is for that purpose that I am supporting him and will be voting for him in the West Viriginia primary on May 9.

Our next president must lead us—to a reconciliation of our differences, a rebuilding of our society, and a rebirth of our spirit.

And Hubert Humphrey is that man. As he has said: "You and I could do a lot together. I know this country. I've lived here a long time. I know this government. I know what makes it work and why it doesn't. You give me your idealism, your energy. I'll give you my experience. I'll give you everything I have."

Let's vote for Hubert Humphrey on election day—for all the things we have to do and all the things that can be

West Virginians, Americans, and the cause of humanity generally will benefit if Hubert Humphrey is our next president.

Sincerely George A. Daugherty

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