

Tuesday

Mr. President:

The attached papers came from Jim Roe, Democratic leader in Queens. They relate to your talk tonight in Queens.

Respectfully,

GEORGE M. ELSEY

Dear Paul:

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(Will you phone me on receipt)  
of this N.Y. 2-0232

Jim Roe



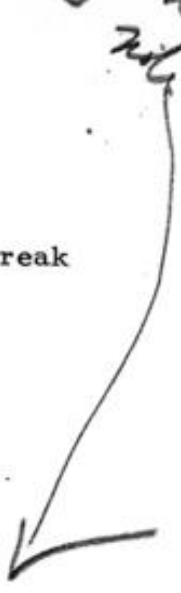
Re President

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN

QUEENS TOPICS

(Oct 29)



I

IN ENTERING LOST BATTALION HALL REFER TO WALL PAINTINGS SHOWING PICTURES DEPICTING RECORD OF LOST BATTALION. REFER TO PRESIDENT'S PART AS AN ARTILLERY CAPTAIN IN BATTLE OF ARGONNE AND MEETING MANY QUEENS MEN. PARTICULARLY, THE LATE MAJ. GEN. ALEXANDER E. ANDERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE FIGHTING 165<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY.

II

THE KILLING OF PRICE CEILINGS HAS COST QUEENS HOUSE WIVES AND QUEENS CONSUMERS OVER 120 MILLION DOLLARS IN LESS THAN 2 YEARS. THE COST OF LIVING IN QUEENS HAS RISEN OVER 30 PERCENT AND FULL BLAME MUST BE PLACED ON REPUBLICAN CONGRESS. ALL QUEENS REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEN VOTED TO KILL PRICE CONTROLS WHEN HARRY TRUMAN WANTED TO HOLD THEM ON MANY COMMODITIES FOR ANOTHER SHORT PERIOD.

*There are over 300,000 families in Queens Co. Certainly the cost of living has risen at least \$400 per families.*

*That is the huge sum that the 80th Rep. Congress cost the Queens Home Owner & the Rep. Queens Congressmen voted for it.*



III

THE REPUBLICAN TAX RELIEF BILL IS OF LITTLE HELP TO THE AVERAGE QUEENS CITIZEN WHOSE MODEST SALARY IS NOT IN THE HIGH BRACKET. THE REPUBLICAN TAX BILL ONLY GAVE A \$2500 WAGE EARNER A \$78 REDUCTION WHEN HARRY TRUMAN HAD RECOMMENDED \$160 IN HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS. THEY DID, HOWEVER, GIVE THE "BIG SHOT" (\$50,000 MAN) A REDUCTION OF \$7,550 AND THEREBY PROVED THEIR DESIRE TO FAVOR THE RICH AND PRIVILEGED.

IV

I REMEMBER JIM ROE, YOUR LEADER, JIM DELANEY AND THE LATE BILL BARRY WHEN THEY WERE IN CONGRESS. ALWAYS FIGHTING FOR QUEENS AND OFTEN BREAKING WITH PARTY HEADS. ROE PUT UP A TOUGH FIGHT AGAINST THE LOAN TO ENGLAND AND ONE OF HIS STRONGEST ARGUMENTS WAS THAT WE SHOULD NOT GRANT IT UNTIL ENGLAND SETTLED THE PALESTINE QUESTION. HOW DIFFERENT THE REPUBLICANS ACTED IN THE 80<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS WHEN THEY NEVER RAISED A FINGER FOR THE QUEENS PEOPLE.

(DO NOT MENTION LABOR OR TAFT-HARTLEY ACT)

Note