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NEAR PLATFORM REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
AT TOLEDO, OHIO - SEPTEMBER 6, 1948

11:55 p.m. E.D.T.
TOLEDO

1. This is a fine crowd for this time of night.

2. I have appeared before six Labor Day audiences
   in Michigan today and I am glad to finish up the day
   in the great State of Ohio.

3. This may be the end of Labor Day,
   but I am just beginning the most important labor
   of my life.
4. I intend to cover the length and breadth of this land
to take to the American people a Message
of the utmost significance.

5. That Message concerns November second.
The question before you people is whether
you want to go forward with the Democratic Party
or backward with the Republicans.

6. These are not just words.
Let me give you two vital illustrations of what I mean.
7. Most of you people here are working people — just as I have been all my life.

8. You are interested in security and good wages in your jobs — and in the prices you are paying to support your family.

9. The Republican 80th Congress has struck you people deadly blows in each of these major fields.

   a) The Taft-Hartley Act was passed by the Republican Congress for the sole purpose of weakening the strength of labor unions.

   b) Big Business was getting worried about the strength of your unions and the Republican Congress joined with Big Business in a plot to weaken unions.

   c) I vetoed that Bill and did all in my power to stop it but the Republican Congress passed it over my veto.

   d) What's more - it is just the opening gun in the Republican plan to go back to the days when Big Business had the upper hand and forced the working men to take only what they wanted to give them.
e) I don't believe you men are going to take that
lying down and with your help we'll get that
unfair law off the books and get a fair
labor law instead.

II. Second - The Republican Congress refused to do
anything about high prices.

a) I have tried time and again to get the Congress
to pass a price control law so you people
won't have to suffer from high prices.

b) They refused every time. By last July
prices had risen so high I thought they couldn't
refuse again, so I called a special session
of the Congress.

c) I appeared personally before the Congress
and pleaded with them to help the American people.
d) I sent up a Bill that would have controlled prices. It could have been done, and I showed them how. it could be done.

e) But they refused again. Big Business does not want lower prices, and again the Republican Congress knuckled under to the wishes of Big Business.

f) There's the record. Plain for all of you to see.
You people are faced with a choice.

a) You can choose the Republican party

and live in fear. Fear for your jobs,

fear of a depression, fear for your families.

b) Or you can choose the Democratic Party

and live in confidence. Confidence in

keeping the gains you have made,

and confidence that you will go on to a happier

and more prosperous future.

c) I know what your choice will be.

And if you all will register now and vote

on November second, we will demonstrate

that the people of this country are still in control

of their own destiny.

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