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

11:55 p.m. E.D.T.
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.
10. First - is the Taft-Hartley Act.

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 held 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. Secondly - 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.