The Democratic Party writes this, its platform, in the unalterable conviction of the destiny of America and the strength of its democratic institutions. We shape our future course, as we we have shaped our course under the leadership of Franklin D. Roosevelt, in the abiding belief that democracy, unsullied by subservience to a privileged and powerful few but dedicated to service to all, by its own strength proves its superiority over, and is the unassailable bulwark against, all other forms and theories of government.

Our record of the past is the people's assurance of the future.

Ours is the party which led us from despair and depression to the broadest prosperity in our history.

Ours in the party under which this nation, before Pearl Harbor, gave aid and strength to those countries which were holding against the Nazi and Fascist tide.

Ours is the party which guided this nation as it built the mightiest war machine of history.

Ours is the party which stood at the helm and steered us to victory in the war.
Ours is the party under which the framework of a world organization for peace and justice was formulated.

Ours is the party which, during war, so well prepared for peace that, when peace came, reconstruction promptly led to the greatest production and employment in this nation's life.

Ours is the party under which the many, not the few, the underprivileged, not the Titans, the ordinary people, not the favored few, were assured of that which was their due -- the right to equality of opportunity, the right of freedom from want and fear and exploitation, the right of security and the right of a government which is the servant of all the people.

From this source hewed by Franklin D. Roosevelt we shall not turn. To its further building and perfection, we rededicate ourselves, and to achieve our resolve, we affirm that we reject the principle which we have always rejected but which the Republican 50th Congress has wilfully accepted, that special privilege for the few is good or wise government.

To serve the interests of the many, not the few; to assure a world at peace and a world in which justice can prevail; to assure decency, tolerance, security, full production and full employment at home; -- this is our platform.
To serve the interests of the many and not the few we
pledge that we will fight, as we have fought, all groups which
enjoy special privileges — privileges which the 80th Congress
has already granted. We resolve to oppose all those selfish little
bands who would profit from the misery of their fellow men, and who
increase the power of those already too powerful. Hence we oppose,
and will continue to oppose:

1. Those who would maintain high prices in order to make
large and excessive profits out of the necessities of life.

2. Those who would continue the shortage of homes, and
end all rent control, in order to exact exorbitant rents, even from
veterans.

3. Those who would destroy the workers' right of industrial
democracy, the right to bargain collectively as equals of their
employers, and those who would deny them fair wages and decent
working conditions.

4. Those who, while falsely pretending to represent the
farmers of the nation, would profiteer at the expense of the farmers
by deranging their flexible system of price supports and by rejecting
programs which would assure adequate consumption of farm products
and a more stable future for the farmers.
5. Those who would exploit the numbers of any race, creed, or group of national origin for their own political, economic or social advantage.

6. Those few in number but large in wealth who would reduce taxes for themselves and would shift the burdens of taxes to the smaller wage earners and investors and the smaller business men and women of the nation.

To assure a world of peace and justice, we pledge:

To continue to reject isolationism and to continue to lead the way to a full partnership in world affairs.

To give full and unflinching support to the United Nations, and to thereby maximum effectiveness the participation and leadership of the United States in the perfection of this great instrument of peace.

To lead the way, in order that the United Nations may realize fully its potentialities as a means through which world order and justice may be achieved, toward curtailment of the use of the veto in the Security Council.

To continue support of the use of regional arrangements within the framework of the World Charter.
To continue to support the principle of international
control of atomic energy under safeguards to assure all nations
against the misuse of this terrible weapon which may otherwise
destroy civilization.

To make all efforts to obtain agreement for the maintenance
of adequate forces to the United Nations under Article 48, and,
meanwhile, to support the formation of a U.N. guard force under the
direct authority of the Security Council.

To work through the United Nations to obtain universal
reduction of armaments under appropriate safeguards.

To maintain, until such time as the United Nations can,
as it must, become strong enough to enforce peace in the world,
our own armed forces sufficient to defend ourselves and to defend
all free nations.

To provide the economic means by which the United Nations
can construct its headquarters in this country.

To continue to recognize that the economic health of each
nation affects the economic health of all, and affects peace in the
world.
Emphatically and unambiguously to reject a return to the short-sighted policies of the high tariff and the principles of "trundgum.

To reestablish the Trade Agreements program, crippled by the Republican 60th Congress.

To continue to give hope and confidence to all freedom-loving nations through generous but efficient administration of the European Recovery Program.

To maintain occupation forces in order to fulfill our responsibilities in Germany, Austria, Japan and Korea, until such time as U.S. forces may withdraw without danger to the peace and security of the world.

To continue to assist the efforts of China to maintain her freedom, independence and economic stability.

We shall continue to welcome the invaluable and generous partnership of those Republicans who have rejected partisanship and have worked consistently and effectively to achieve the great objective of achieving a world of peace and justice.
We pledge support not only for these principles. We pledge, further, that we will not withhold the necessary means by which these principles can be achieved. Therefore we pledge that we will implement with appropriations any commitments which are made in this nation’s foreign program.

We affirm our pride that President Truman, by granting immediate recognition to Israel, led the world in extending friendship and welcome to a people who have long sought and justly aspired to freedom and independence; we affirm our pride, too, that the United States played a leading part in the formulation and adoption of the U.N. General Assembly of November 29, 1947.

We pledge our support to Israel as it takes its place in the United Nations as a member of the family of peace-loving nations. We pledge our support in safeguarding Israel’s political independence and territorial integrity within the boundaries embodied in the Resolution of the U.N. General Assembly of November 29, 1947. We pledge de jure recognition of Israel and assistance in developing its economy and resources. We shall continue to support, within the framework of the U.N., the internationalisation of Jerusalem and the protection of the Holy Places in Palestine.
We pledge to act promptly to take all steps appropriate to achieve justice and stability at home, to achieve a more perfect democracy, and to fulfill a democratic government's obligations to all of the people who comprise this nation. In support of this pledge:

We obligate ourselves to act to curb inflation. We shall undo the tragic errors of the Republican 80th Congress and we whole-heartedly reaffirm President Truman's recommendation to the Congress that it

1. Restore consumer credit controls and restraints on the creation of inflationary bank credit;

2. Authorize the regulation of speculative trading on the commodity exchanges;

3. Authorize machinery to induce the marketing of livestock and poultry at weights and grades which represent the most efficient use of grain;

4. Authorize allocation and inventory control of scarce commodities which basically affect the cost of living or industrial production;
8. Extend and strengthen rent control, eliminating those provisions enacted by the Republican 90th Congress which have deprived many tenants of important protection and permitted profiteering exploitation.

6. Authorize consumer rationing of products in short supply which basically affect the cost of living.

7. Authorize price ceilings on scarce products which basically affect the cost of living or industrial production, as well as such wage ceilings as are essential to maintain such price ceilings.

8. Authorize all other measures which may be made necessary if Republican inflation continues.

We deplore the Republican tax bill which gave 40 per cent of its tax relief to the less than 5 per cent of the taxpayers whose income exceeds $5,000 a year. We favor legislation which would undo such inequity. In order to adjust the tax burden fairly, we recommend that family exemptions be determined annually at the amount necessary to meet the minimum annual cost of living for American families as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
We recommend repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act which has proven to be administratively unworkable and to have shown workers of the strength necessary for equitable collective bargaining. We recommend enactment of minimal legislation confined to prohibiting certain unexcusable secondary boycotts and to protecting the urgent demands of the public health, safety or welfare against a tiny minority of irresponsible labor leaders who have demonstrated their disregard of such demands.

We favor the extension of the coverage of the Fair Labor Standards Act and the substitution of the present obsolete and inadequate minimum of 40 cents an hour by a minimum of 95 cents an hour.

We urge that the Labor Department be rebuilt and strengthened, restoring to it the functions, including mediation and conciliation, which properly belong to it and which the Republican 80th Congress recklessly took away. We urge that the U.S.I.N.S. be returned to the Department of Labor, that its facilities for collecting and disseminating economic data be expanded, and that there be created with the Department an extension service, to encourage and aid the education of workers.
We favor legislation assuring equal pay for equal work, regardless of sex.

We deplore the action of the Republican 80th Congress in removing almost a million workers from the benefits of Social Security. We recommend a reversal of this action and enactment of a program to provide additional protection against the hazards of old-age, disability or death. We recommend that this program include:

1. Increases in old-age and survivors' insurance benefits by at least 50 per cent, and reduction of the eligibility age for women from 65 to 60 years;

2. Extension of old-age and survivors' and unemployment insurance to all employees;

3. Insurance against loss of earnings on account of illness or disability;

4. Improved public assistance for the needy.

We favor the enactment of a national health program with adequate medical care for all prepaid by insurance.
We support the President's proposal, ignored by the Republican 80th Congress, for the appropriation of $200,000,000 for Federal aid to education.

We recommend the establishment of a separate executive department to administer all federal functions relating to education, health and security.

We are shamed by the surrender of the Republican 80th Congress to the real estate lobby, a surrender which resulted in the failure to pass the imperative general housing bill. We urge that among the first order of business of the next Congress there be included legislation to provide funds for slum clearance and a low cost large scale rental housing program to be initiated by local agencies.

We pledge to continue and improve, wherever necessary, the comprehensive program for veterans and their families.

We assert our conviction that no nation can survive which consigns any of its peoples to second class citizenship or which tolerates distinctions on the basis of race, religion, color or national origin. We favor legislation by which the Federal
Government will exercise its full constitutional power to assure that due process, the right to vote, the right to live and the right to work shall not turn on any considerations of race, religion, color or national origin.

We favor immediate abolition of segregation in the armed forces to the full extent that the imperative demands of national defense permit, and a long term program of education to permit ultimate abolition of any vestige of such segregation.

We pledge immediate statehood for Hawaii and Alaska, and for Puerto Rico if its people want it; the maximum degree of local self-government for the Virgin Islands, Guam and Samoa; and civilian government for the Trustee Territory.

We pledge to continue the protection of the lands of the Indians in the United States. We shall improve educational and economic opportunities for Indians; provide adequate health and welfare facilities; and provide full participation in the economic and political life of the country.

We favor the extension of the right of suffrage to the people of the District of Columbia.
We shall fight communism at home by attacking its breeding grounds of communism — injustice, poverty, hunger and social evils. We shall continue vigorously to enforce all laws against subversive activities. But we pledge that our program will be free of hysteria and will at all times observe the great guarantees of our constitutional freedoms. We pledge that all persons, no matter how distasteful their ideas, shall be free to engage in peaceful domestic political activities.
We condemn the hasty and un-democratic action of the Republican 80th Congress in passing an inadequate bill providing for the admission of displaced persons into the U.S., and setting standards of race and religion upon such admissions.

We favor the admission of a minimum of 400,000 of these displaced persons found eligible for U.S. citizenship without discrimination as to race or religion.

We pledge the continuance of the program to conserve and develop our national resources to serve all sections and all people in the nation.

We pledge the protection of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and we urge legislation to permit integrated valley-wide development programs for the Missouri, Columbia, Colorado and Sacramento-San Joaquin Valleys. We favor development, in orderly progression, of all our major rivers and of the resources of their basins for flood control, irrigation, navigation, hydroelectric power, water supply, sanitation, fish and wildlife conservation and recreation.

We pledge intensive attention to the needs of the semi-arid West. We shall continue to provide, through self-
sustaining reclamation, family-size farms for veterans and others on irrigated land.

We pledge low-cost power from Federal projects, we shall not permit the monopolization of this power by private interests. We shall continue to construct transmission lines to assure to public agencies and IRA cooperatives the preferences guaranteed them by law.

We pledge all our efforts to the continued improvement of the standards of living, the security and the conditions of the farmer. To achieve that improvement, we favor

1. continued price support for major farm commodities on a parity basis which will give reasonable protection against fluctuations of supply and demand;

2. the strengthening of crop insurance and the extension of its benefits;

3. improvement of the method of distributing farm products from the farm to the markets and the consumers by means, among others, of encouraging cooperatives which serve this purpose;

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4. continued and adequate financing of the
school lunch programs;

5. expansion of the rural electrification program
to bring electricity to all farmers; and

6. a program of intensive research to improve
agricultural practices and to find new uses for farm
products.

We pledge adherence to the principle of civilian control
of atomic energy to realize its enormous potential benefits for
peacetime progress.

We reaffirm our abiding faith in competitive private
enterprise. We oppose monopolistic concentration of economic
power, and we deplore the action of the Republican 80th Congress
in exempting from the antitrust laws the fixing of rates by
railroads. We pledge the vigorous enforcement of laws to prevent
cartels, monopolies and restraints of trade.