I am happy to be here today in Wilkes-Barre.

A Democrat ought to feel at home here in a city and county which have supported the Democratic Party consistently - except for a little mistake in Nineteen Forty-six.

We can't afford any mistakes like that this year.

This election is too important.
I have just been telling your neighbors
over in Scranton what the Republican 80th Congress
has done to labor and what the Republican Party plans to do
to labor if it gets control of the 81st Congress and
puts a Republican President in the White House.

All you have to do to avoid a mistake like
the 80th Congress is to come out and vote on November second.

Wilkes-Barre deserves to have a Representative
in Congress who will vote in the interest of the people
who live here - in your interest.

You ought to have a Congressman who will vote
to bring down high prices, to provide you with better
social security, and good, decent, American homes.
You deserve to have a Congressman who will vote for you, and not against you.

Don't make a mistake again — send Dan Flood back to the Congress where he belongs.

Your city of Wilkes-Barre is a perfect example of what has made this country the leading nation in the world today.

It is named after two great fighters for human liberty — John Wilkes and Isaac Barre.

Wilkes-Barre has grown because men and women who loved liberty have come here from all over the world. You have fought for human liberty too, — in your businesses, in building up strong labor unions, and in the armed forces of this country fighting for freedom throughout the earth.
This is the real American way.

We know that the people of the world really want freedom and liberty.

We understand the sufferings and the struggles of those in the lands from which we came. We know that they want freedom, no matter what regime may be imposed upon them by force or treachery.

The Democratic Party stands for aid to the people of other lands in their struggles against tyranny.

During the 80th Congress, one of the pieces of legislation in which I was most interested was the Displaced Persons Bill.
This bill opens the door to a portion

of those former victims of Nazi-ism, people from Poland,
Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary,
and other European countries, who have been persecuted
by the Germans and who now don't want to go back to tyranny
behind the Soviet Iron Curtain.

I wanted to see our country admit its fair share
of these helpless victims.

I wanted to see them come in without any
discrimination, but the Republican 80th Congress
passed a law which discriminates against certain groups.
It excludes nearly all displaced persons who belong to the Jewish faith, and it excludes an unfair proportion of those belonging to the Catholic faith.

I do not think this is right.

It is not American.

I asked the Republican Congress to change this law, but it refused to act.

Now, if you want to see these displaced persons, who have so much in common with us, treated on a fair and equal basis, you have got to elect a Democratic Congress on November second.
If you elect a Democratic Congress,
you will be sure of getting laws which will help out
all the people of the United States, not just the powerful
and wealthy few.

We need a law that will provide a half million units
of low-rent public housing, clearance of our slums, and
rural housing.

The Democratic Congress will give us that law.

We need federal aid to education.
The Democratic Congress will give us that aid.
We need at least a seventy-five cent minimum wage.

The Democratic Congress will give us that minimum wage.

We need extension of social security to everybody

In the entire Nation not now covered and a fifty percent increase in benefits.

A Democratic Congress will give us that extension and that increase.

We need controls on inflation.

A Democratic Congress will give us these controls.
Then we can go on to build the kind of people's America that our great President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, had in mind when he gave us the New Deal.

We can build the kind of prosperous Nation in a peaceful world that I want — and that you want.