

### STATE ADMINISTRATION.

We commend our State Administration upon the efficient and economical manner in which the State's business has been administered during the past five years, as a result of which huge sums have been saved for the people of our State; the State debt has been reduced by almost \$40,000,000.00 and our Commonwealth has been placed upon a thoroughly sound financial basis.

### LEGISLATURE

We reiterate our faith in our constitutional form of government, which entrusts to the Legislature the sole power to enact law and declare legislative policy.

We express our confidence in the Legislature of the State of Minnesota and our appreciation of its devotion to the cause of good government.

We commend our Legislature for its adherence to constitutional principles, for its initiation and enactment of sound and constructive legislation, for its sane and orderly leadership, and for its substantial contribution to the progress and social and financial well-being of the state.

### EDUCATION.

We commend the progress which has been made in recent years to provide equal educational opportunity to all the children of our state, and advocate and urge the continuance of special studies which have been, and are now being made to further improve our educational facilities.

We recommend that education of our children be given its

fair share of consideration in the post war program of the state.

Careful consideration should be given to the education of returning veterans and other adults seeking post-war adjustment. The plan accepted should use existing channels rather than set up new departments and bureaus to offer this service.

#### SOCIAL WELFARE

We express our approval of the increases that have been provided in funds for old age assistance and pledge continued support of a Public Welfare Program that will give equitable treatment to all persons in need.

We insist upon local administration of Public Welfare Programs and services to give full expression to the democratic processes of government.

#### CONSERVATION.

The global war in which we are now engaged has emphasized as never before the vastness of Minnesota's resources and the strategic part our state is being called on to play in this struggle.

Our iron mines supply 60% of the steel that goes into the preparation for and pursuit of this conflict. Wartime drains on our present known deposits of merchantable ores are speeding the day when they will be exhausted and calls for a constructive and energetic pursuit of ways and means of treating our almost limitless low-grade and at present ~~unmer~~ unmerchantable deposits to take their place in sustaining our iron ore communities, state trust revenues and tax yields.

Our forests are being made to produce timber to their utmost

limit for the pursuit of the war. When peace returns we shall need to appraise them in terms of their capacity to sustain continuous yields sufficient to meet future peace time demands.

When our men in the service return they will be in need of and will seek recreation in our parks and in quest of game, fish and other recreational pursuits. They will expect to find conditions for the enjoyment of these pastimes at least as favorable as they were when they left for the Armed Services.

The Republican party advocates as a post war project of first priority, a special study of our ores, forests, wild life and recreational facilities for their best utilization to meet peace time needs.

#### LABOR

The Republican party affirms its belief in the strength, the character and the rights of the American working man; his pride in himself, his aim through honest effort to get for himself a bank account, an insurance policy, a home of his own with a self-reliant American family in it; his right to organize and bargain collectively through agents of his own free choice and we compliment and commend American labor for its contributions and achievements upon the production line in the present emergency.

We denounce the political effort to reduce labor in the United States to the European level of a class-conscious vote-shackled proletariat.

The basis position of American labor in the American economic system must be guaranteed by fair and equitable laws, restricted



by only such government control as will insure to every man a :  
to work in the calling or industry of his own choice not hindered  
bureaucratic discrimination, taxation or requirements impossible  
performance.

If in the period of post war readjustment it be found  
necessary to carry on government projects as an absorption of surplus  
labor, the only requirements of applicants for jobs on such projects  
should be American citizenship and physical and mental fitness for  
the job, free of political or foreign control.

#### INDUSTRY

The response of industry and labor to the "call to arms"  
stands without parallel in world history to the great glory of  
American industrial achievement, and conclusively proves the superior  
value of our system in development of individual initiative, and  
refutes all possible argument or theory in favor of socialistic and  
bureaucratic control of industry. Let us now, and for all time,  
strike off the shackles of industrial suppression and coercion by  
which for 11 years the present administration has attempted to per-  
petuate itself in autocratic and totalitarian control of industry,  
labor, agriculture, finance and education.

#### AGRICULTURE.

Immediate planning leading to the perfection of a sound  
post-war program for agriculture is imperative and we urge the  
government, in cooperation with the industry, to create machinery  
for this purpose. We are opposed to a program of scarcity, and feel  
that a floor price must be placed under farm products; the floor price

received by the farmer for his products must keep pace at all times with the value of his labor, and the price he pays for labor, feed, machinery, supplies or other goods, used by him in producing food products, thereby maintaining unimpaired the farmers' position as a major factor in the economic life of our country.

We advocate that a permanent agricultural program be evolved embracing as one of its fundamentals a two price system to handle agricultural surpluses.

The record of agriculture in the present emergency is one of outstanding achievements to which every citizen points with pride. The American farmer has made and is making a magnificent contribution to the winning of the war.

#### INCOME TAX.

We recommend that Federal and State Income Tax Laws be thoroughly revised and simplified to the end that the tax payer shall not be required to keep the mass of detailed records now necessary to compile the data needed to prepare the present income tax returns.

We further recommend that provisions be included in the Federal Income Tax Laws granting special consideration to farmers selling out at auction sales.

#### VETERANS.

We fully appreciate the high service to their country of the men and women of the armed forces and their sacrifices and that of their families willingly made for their fellow citizens; and we pridefully acknowledge to these men and women an obligation

which can never be met in full measure, but which can be recognized in part by foresighted governmental action making adequate provision for the wounded and disabled, and assisting our service men and women in properly readjusting themselves to civil life, both in obtaining permanent and remunerative employment and in completing their education. We commit ourselves to the support of an appropriate and timely legislative program, federal and state, which will provide for our service men and women:

#### I

Adequate and properly located hospital facilities and the decentralization of all services of the Veterans' Administration.

#### II

Full compensation for our wounded and otherwise disabled service men and women and for the dependents of those who have answered the last summons.

#### III

Vocational rehabilitation for our disabled and assistance in completing their education for those whose training has been interrupted by their war service.

#### IV.

Readjustment allowances for unemployed former members of the Armed Forces; aid and assistance in obtaining employment; loans and assistance in the acquiring of homes, farms and businesses; cooperation with private employers to the end that stable and remunerative employment be furnished.



## POST-WAR PLANNING

We commend the Legislature and the State Administration for building up cash reserves to take care of post-war construction and projects.

We suggest and recommend that the necessary plans and ground work be perfected so that work may commence as soon as can be when war has ceased.

Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of this report.

CHAIRMAN ORR: You have heard this very fine report of this committee. The question is on the adoption of this report as the platform of the Republican Party.

Motion carried and Platform adopted.

CHAIRMAN ORR: Is Roy Dunn in the audience? (Mr. Dunn comes to the platform.) Ladies and gentlemen, members of the convention, I have great personal pleasure in presenting your National Committeeman, with whom I have worked in public life on very fine terms over a period of many years - Roy Dunn. (applause)

MR. ROY DUNN: Mr. Chairman and Fellow Republicans: I am very happy to be given two or three minutes on this program this afternoon to express my appreciation of the splendid cooperation I have had in the posts I have handled in political life in Minnesota. We are headed into, not only one campaign but several. We start out in Minnesota with the legislature -

I want to say to you good friends, who are here this afternoon, all of you are identified as leaders in your districts or representative territories, or you would not be here.

Just such people as you are here this afternoon have repeatedly helped elect a conservative Senate and lower House in this state in recent years. I wish I could call the names this afternoon if time permitted I would, or the men and some women who have helped us do this job for you. I would start by calling the name of one of the most distinguished men in the whole crowd, your presiding officer this afternoon. (applause) From there I would go to any number of others of the Senators who have spent so much time in the interest of good government. I would start in the House with the Speaker, Lawrence Hall of the Sixth District. (applause). I wish I could go down through the list and tell you how I love those boys and what a great job they have done for you in the State of Minnesota. (applause)

In heading into this campaign I must remind you that this legislature must be taken care of. There is not a senate to elect except in two or three districts. I hope when we go into this campaign you will devote the same attention and give the same thought to the election of a new legislature as you have in the past years. I want to make the same plea with reference to the Congress of the United States. After all the legislative bodies go on and on and on, your political parties do, however your governors come and go. It used to be your presidents came and went (applause)

So, as we go along with the major candidates, don't forget the legislature and don't forget congress, and you people in the Ninth District, don't over look the fact that a man is being endorsed a Republican - in the Ninth District - and we are going to elect him



next November. (applause)

This Convention represents a lot of hard work. All of you who have helped organize precincts, wards and counties know these large conventions do not spring from nothing, they represent real effort, year around work and solid thinking. The State Committeeman and especially the State Committeewoman are to be commended for this fine result of their efforts.

I do not think it necessary to make a partisan speech this afternoon - you are all Republicans already - but I want to emphasize one thing that each of you can do in your respective localities, particularly among those who have supported President Roosevelt in the past, and that is to sell the idea, sell the idea that the present administration is old and tired out, 12 years of strife in Washington has dulled the minds of the Roosevelts, the Hulls, the Wallaces and the Perkins and the Iokes and the entire crowd. It is up to you and to me and others like us to convince people throughout the country that these men and women are tired out, they have run their day - we need new blood, new faces and new mentalities. We need vigor, we need freshness at the national capitol. Unless we have new leadership the country will stagnate, the war will stagnate, and the peace will be a stagnant peace and we will face the possibility of a third World War.

The Republicans have vigor, they have youth and they have freshness to offer, no matter whether our name is Commander Stassen, Mr. Willke, Governor Dewey or Governor Bricker, General McArthur or some other person, ~~or~~ The man we will elect in November

will have a new view point, a freshness, a renewed spirit to free America and the World and will go forward restoring, we hope, our American way of life.

So far as the Democratic situation is concerned nobody could make it worse than what the present administration has - regimentation, dictatorship, bureaucracy, absolute inefficiency of the men running American represent an absolute threat to the continuance of our Republican form of government.

The change will renew the nation, make us a power on earth and restore faith in themselves. Having served two terms, eight years as National Republican Committeeman, especially in the dark days when victory was not achieved. I caution, <sup>not to</sup> ~~when~~ go home from this meeting deluded with a false sense of security. Franklin Delano Roosevelt is no mean antagonist as we have learned three times during three campaigns and he is a cunning politician, a ruthless fighter and a cagey campaigner and one who it will take every waking hour from now until November on the part of every one of us to defeat.

I am sure all of you are wholly aware of this situation and of the great need, the concerted effort on the part of every one of us. I can only urge you to work as you have never worked before. I am confident success is within our reach but it will <sup>concerted</sup> require ~~concerted~~ effort on the part of every one of us working as individuals and as a party organization.

I want to thank you, thank you all for the honor you have given me. My only means of showing appreciation is in a continuing effort to serve the Party and the organization to the end that

Americans will be better governed and the American way of life shall survive. (applause)

CHAIRMAN ORR: We thank the National Committeeman for his good advice. I let him run beyond the limit, not because he said something nice about the chairman but he was on the program without a limit attached, but from here on - from here on - we are going to be obliged to adhere strictly to five minutes for delegates at large and three minute rule for seconds.

You have been a patient convention and a delightful convention to preside over. I hope you will not run away until all is completed. It is vital we get delegates and alternates and we don't want you to depart until that is finished.

The order of business before this convention now, is the selection of seven delegates at large to the National Convention. I am ready to receive nominations but any one nominating must come forward and speak over this microphone because I never care to listen to any one, however good, unless I can hear him. I will recognize Mrs. Bopple of Scott County.

MRS. BOPPLE, Scott County: Republican workers, I wish to place in nomination as delegate at large to the National Convention the name of Honorable Edward J. Thye.

MISS ANN STEWART, St. Paul: Mr. Chairman, I am very happy to second the nomination as delegate at large of Governor Thye.  
(applause)

CHAIRMAN ORR: Governor Thye's nomination has been second-  
ed.



MRS. JOHN LOUIS, Hennepin County: Mr. Chairman, honored guests and delegates: It is a privilege to present for your favorable consideration and election as a delegate at large, a woman who will be an excellent representative from Minnesota. She has been recognized by an over whelming majority in her own district, the Third. This year we must use the greatest care, their task is so important, geographical location, personal friendship, appeasement of minorities is not the basis for a choice of delegates, rather it should be ability to make friends and influence votes. This woman has political acumen, she is not provincial in her view point but has an exceptional understanding of the people of the United States, knows how to meet both the individual and groups. She came as a bride to Minnesota when it was as a and/she cast her first vote as a Republican. ~~when~~ She has been loyal to the party of her choice. She is the mother of five children, she is interested in good government and in the Republican form of government and in the type of freedom for which our boys are fighting. With her son, a good organizer, four years ago she visited every district in rural Hennepin County, talked politics and did such a licking job we had an overwhelming vote. I know this because I accompanied her. This year in the expansion of the Red Cross almost over night she established 30 production units. Then Pearl Harbor and the O.C.D. Because of her ability she was made Chairman. She campaigned for Harold Stassen, she arranged speaking dates for Governor Thye. Her opinion is respected because of the things she has accomplished and her real ability. She is loyal to her friends, she respects and keeps her word and promises. She has a high sense of

honor, she speaks with vigor, expressing herself with courage and force, has a good sense of humor, is a personable individual and will command the attention of delegates on the convention floor where votes must be made and opinions influenced for our candidate. It is with a great deal of pleasure and pride, I present for your consideration, Mrs. F. Peavey Heffelfinger, Elizabeth as we like to call her. (applause)

V. BROWNELL, Hibbing, 8th District: I have great honor as a representative of the 8th district to second the nomination of Elizabeth Heffelfinger for delegate at large.

LEONA MATTSON, 7th District: Seconds nominations.

SENATOR GALVIN, Winona: If I may I wish to add a feeble voice from southern Minnesota to ~~the~~ second the nomination of that charming and capable woman from Minneapolis, Mrs. Heffelfinger.

CHAIRMAN ORR: Senator Sletvold of the 9th is recognized.

SENATOR SLETVOLD: Mr. Chairman and fellow delegates of this Republican Convention: I want to nominate a friend and fellow worker in Republican ranks and a colleague for the position of delegate at large to the National Convention soon to be held in the City of Chicago. I want you to bear with me for just a few minutes so I may tell you something about the man whose name I am going to propose to you. This man has lately supported and headed the drive in the organization of volunteers in the Stassen for President Committee and he has done a splendid job in that respect.

I want to go back for a <sup>few</sup> years to tell you about the things he has done for the Republican Party. This particular gentleman has

always answered the call for service in the Republican Party and has served the Party well for at least a quarter of a century. He is editor of a newspaper, a capable editor and his editorials are quoted widely by other newspapers in the state. He has continually and consistently espoused the principles of the Republican Party through all that period of time. He is now serving his fourth term in the State Senate of Minnesota, and I want to tell you what he did at the time he first entered the Senate of Minnesota. That was in the days of 1930, when things did not look so favorable for Republicans of the Conservative Party of our great state. This gentleman at that time traveled 3,000 miles in his own automobile, visiting every legislative district in the state to organize what was known as the Conservative Group in the Senate. It has often been said and I believe justifiably so the State Senate as done as much if not more than any other organization to keep the ship of state steady. There were times when the House of Representatives were over turned, I mean the radicals succeeded in electing a majority of the members and took control of the House. However, the people of Minnesota at all times appeared to have good judgment to elect a majority of conservatives to the state Senate, with the result that the Senate stood with its back against the wall on many occasions but it saved the day for the Conservative Party of Minnesota, and in this connection the gentleman I am going to nominate was one of the leaders. He did this traveling to help organize the Conservative Group in the Senate which has functioned since that time. He has always been a leader, a member of the Rules Committee and a member of other



very important committees of the Senate. It would seem if there is such a thing as recognizing service rendered for our Party this particular gentleman should be recognized at this time, not only because he comes from the 7th congressional district and that district gave him a very fine over whelming endorsement for this delegateship at the district convention but this thought further occurs to me, I think he is the one member from the State Senate of from Minnesota who is a candidate for delegate at large.

At this time with the record the State Senate has made during the period from 1930 the State Senate is entitled to some recognition.

The gentleman I have been talking about these few minutes, ladies and gentlemen, is none other than my very good friend neighbor and colleague, Senator Weber from the 7th. (applause)

CHAIRMAN OHR: I tried to let the second come in order, it may not be necessary however. I present Senator Nelson of McLeod County, who desires to second the nomination of Mrs. Heffelfinger, and I recognize him at the moment.

SENATOR NELSON: Now that I am here I have decided not only to second the nomination of Mrs. Heffelfinger but of Senator Weber and I suppose by that token I am entitled to six minutes.

Back in 1935 I came into the State House, practically out of high school, and one of the finest gentlemen I had to deal with was none other than my neighbor Senator Weber. It is a great pleasure to second his nomination.

May I follow that by seconding the nomination of Mrs. Heffelfinger. I come from a rural community. I happen to be a farmer

believe it or not, and the only vice I can claim is that I am a member of the Senate. I think the rural people of the State of Minnesota deserve commendation for their support of good government. I believe the rural people believe in fundamental things as far as government is concerned and take seriously our pledge to the flag which we all stood up and made this morning, and because of that we support people who support good government, not for what they can get out of it but what they can contribute, and we believe Mrs. Heffelfinger's interest in politics and interest in going to the convention is not because of something she can get, but we believe and she believes she can contribute something to the convention and therefore ladies and gentlemen of the convention, it is a pleasure for me in behalf of my county McLeod, to second the nomination of Mrs. Heffelfinger. (applause)

Mr. Evans of the 7th District, seconds nomination of Senator Weber.

MRS. HELEN O'Connor, Olmsted County: Mr. Chairman and Republican friends: In nominating Mrs. M. L. Spencer of Winona, our State Chairwoman and the one and only candidate from the First District, I am not going to stress what she has done for this Republican Party, for this State of Minnesota and for our late Governor. She did not seek this position, it devolved upon her from her friends who had such confidence in her conception of politics, in her opinion and regard for her judgment. How often all of us have heard her firm, informative discourses concerning the political state of affairs and that same voice has dropped to a pleading earnest appeal

to our better selves. She has all those qualities which are needed in that delegate who goes to Chicago Convention and I hope she is elected. She is trained to rub noses too, never affiliates with any faction, her integrity has helped to continue the unity of this Republican Party loyal to what was best in the State of Minnesota. She has been loyal to Harold Stassen <sup>and</sup> <sup>much</sup> ~~has~~ ~~done~~ ~~more~~ to advertise our good government through well organized programs throughout the state. Our good government of Minnesota - Harold E. Stassen's good government. Long, long ago she said, we will dance in the White House. I believe her and you people must help her to make that promise come true. I nominate Mrs. M. L. Spencer for delegate at large from Minnesota. (applause)

CHAIRMAN ORR: Mrs. Spencer has been nominated.

MR. DICKINSON, BEMIDJI: Chairman and members of the Convention. It is to me a distinct pleasure and an honor to second the motion of our good friend Mrs. O'Connor in favor of Rose Spencer. I never go to a Republican meeting and see Rose Spencer but what I think of the work she has done, her faithfulness and the fact that she stays on the job lots of times when we are here and sometimes when she is not here. I don't know of any one in any part of our state who has been more faithful not only to Harold Stassen but to the Republican Party. I have the very highest regard for the work she has done. All of us have taken our share here and there, but we have never known Mrs. Spencer to fail, she has been in every corner and part of our state. I think in sending Mrs. Spencer to Chicago, we are not sending her as a favor to her, we are merely sending her



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as a reward for work she has already done and if there ever was a title she was entitled to it is to be at Chicago and put in the work which she will do, I am sure, in favor of Harold E. Stassen. I ask you, members of this convention, to lend your unanimous support for our very good friend in the first District. I second the nomination of Rose Spencer. (applause)

CHAIRMAN ORR: I recognize Mr. Drill of Ramsey County.

MR. L. L. DRILL: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the convention, I wish to have the attention of the convention for a moment. I desire to make a nomination also. I desire first and particularly, to indicate to you why I desire to make this nomination and request of you to elect my candidate a delegate at large. If what we have heard here today is true and I assume it is, it is that we are directing our efforts towards the Chicago Convention which has for its purpose the selection of a candidate on the Republican ticket who is best able to meet our adversary in the fall election for the presidency of the United States. So far I assume we are all agreed. Through the caucuses, the county and district conventions we have already selected our delegates from the districts. By this state convention we are now selecting seven delegates at large without regard to geographical boundaries or restrictions. You have already elected your delegates from your districts. Each one has been entitled to elect two from each district, we are now engaged in selecting seven delegates at large and that means at large; and the purpose of that provision as it has been arranged for a long time is to be able to pick out persons best able to do the job we have to do

which is, as they have said here today, so important, and for that purpose I adopt all that has been said, particularly by Mr. Hutchinson and our esteemed National Committeeman. The point is who is best able to do that job? This is not an excursion to Chicago or anything like that, you have said it is an very important job. Our freedom is at stake. They have been creeping up on us and taking our rights and privileges for twelve years, just like the Japs crept up on the boys at Bataan when they did not have guns or airplanes to defend themselves, after which they disemboweled them and cut their throats. We need the strongest people we have for this job. We are not electing officers for our state at this time, we are electing seven people to go to Chicago who can best serve this job, making the contacts, doing those things that are necessary to bring about the selection of Harold Stassen for president first, and after him, if that is not possible somebody on the Republican ticket who can drive out of power this thing that has been slowly sneaking in on us for the last 12 years. The Chairman has indicated I have taken up my time. I want to call this to your attention. I ask your attention for this purpose and let me say this in addition. A few weeks ago a group from all parts of this state met because they were concerned about the affairs of this state and they selected a committee from each district to pick out a committee to head up a Stassen for President Committee. Senator Vin Weber has been doing that job as Executive Secretary. I am speaking at large and I am now speaking for a candidate for delegate at large, one who has been elected at large as one of your United States Senators. I nominate Joseph H. Ball.

CHAIRMAN ORR: Senator Ball has been nominated as delegate at large. I recognize Mr. Barron.

MR. R. BARRON, Wadena: Fellow delegates: I have no ax to grind, I seek no political preferment, I have only one object in mind and that object is the same as thousands of loyal Republicans all over the state have - the nomination and election of Harold Stassen as our next Republican President.

I am speaking now in behalf of the men and women you call upon to organize your meetings, to hold your rallies, take care of your caucuses - I am not interested in an fights or schemes of this sort or that - if the purpose of the Republican Party in Minnesota is to nominate and elect Harold Stassen, there is only one man whose name has been mentioned, who can accomplish that purpose by adding weight and prestige to the Minnesota delegation, and for that reason and on behalf of those always loyal to Stassen, I second the nomination of Senator Ball as delegate at large.

CHAIRMAN ORR: I recognize Representative Claude Allen of Ramsey County.

MR. CLAUDE ALLEN: Mr. Chairman and delegates to the Convention: It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of a person with whom I have been intimately and closely acquainted for the past ten years. It has been my privilege to serve with him as a member of the Legislature and my privilege to watch him in that work in carrying out the program of the legislature under the direction, if you please, of Governor Stassen for the past six years. The program that has been carried out, the legislative program as carried out





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