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Thank you, Mr. Lawson.

We Americans are just six days away from a great
decision.

We are going to choose a President of the United
States----we are going to ^{elect}~~choose~~ a Congress----and as we do
so we shall resolve the history of a decade----we shall
determine the history of the world in our time.

This ~~weight~~ burden of decision has not suddenly been
thrust upon us.

This generation was born to it and the welfare of
the world today has been wrought by the United States.

At the polls next Tuesday, we shall secure that
welfare, or expose it to new dangers. >

Our world today shivers in an armed and uneasy truce.

Shall that become a real and enduring peace?

Or shall we plunge back into the chaos from which we have just delivered ourselves?

< Our country is trembling in the course of a breathless inflation.

Shall that be turned into a stable and prosperous economy?

Or shall we be hurled into a new and more terrible depression?

These are great issues----and they call for plain talk----~~this is no time for pretty little amenities.~~

The Democratic Administration has met these issues---- and has dealt with them.

That administration gave our country and our world the Marshall Plan----the only program for peace that has worked in this century.

If we should reject the President and his administration, we should by the same ballot reject *Secretary* ~~General~~ Marshall.

Shall his place be taken by some carefully
hand-picked miniature statesman?

President Truman more than four years ago--when he
was a member of the Senate----went to work upon the problem
of restoring our American economy to a stable peace time
operation.

We have heard much of the mistakes that he has
made----and it is true----he made ~~some~~ *some - who has not?*

I say we shall fare better with a President who
DOES something----when something must be done----than in the
hands of men who hide behind platitudes and timidly lick
their fingers to see which way the wind blows.

And then say----"me, too."

We cannot afford a "me, too" president.

We know what President Truman has done----and it
has been good.

We know where he stands.

The Democratic Party stands for building houses for our people to live in.

Mr. Dewey murmurs----"unity."

The Democratic Party stands for taxes to stop profiteering----for a program to curb inflation.

Mr. Dewey whispers----"unity."

The Democratic Party stands for the civil rights of all Americans.

Mr. Dewey sighs again----"unity."

This mystic "unity"----this marvelous word so feelingly spoken----must mean something.

Surely Mr. Dewey and his party have tasted of its blessings.

I am not one of those who suspects the Republican candidate of a design to make himself the Fuehrer of his party----and then of his country.

~~I don't think that's what he means by "unity."~~

He must mean that he is of the Republican Party

now-----and it is of him. *That must be the unity of which he speaks with such feeling*

And the Republican Party controlled the 80th Congress.

as Mr. Brun, Pres of the Amer Fed of Labor has just stated
That Republican Congress for two years blocked every

effort to ~~protect~~ ^{protect} this economy.

That Republican Congress paid lip service to housing-----

but did nothing about *building houses*

That Republican Congress scuttled price control and

gave the people no safeguard ~~in its stead~~ *against the fury of inflation!*

yes That Republican Congress sabotaged the curbs against inflation brought in by its own Council of Economic Advisors-----

and trampled upon the President's program to stop runaway prices.

Now this Republican Candidate talks about unity with

that Congress of his party-----and his whispers have their echo

in the ~~signs~~ ^{fear} of unemployed men, the ~~signs~~ ^{fear} of ruined farmers,

the ~~signs~~ ^{worry} of a people ~~struck down by depression~~ *who remember the last Republican depression*

We shall not risk ~~our future~~ *our future* —

We shall not expose our economy to these apostles of the "Dead hand of government" — who whisper of some "mystical unity"

We have seen the Republican 80th Congress-----.

∠ We've had enough!

We shall undo the harm of 1946-----and next Tuesday- *Nov 2-*
elect a Democratic Congress-----to carry forward the program
of President Roosevelt-----of President Truman-----the program
of the American people.

now back to Hollywood.



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