



Below is President Truman's speech in MARSHFIELD, MISSOURI at a "whistle-stop" from the rear platform of the Ferdinand Magellan at 11:10 PM. The picture above on the right is from a similar stop in Iowa.

"Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, for that wonderful introduction. I think you are a good prophet. You know, it is always a pleasure for me to stop in Missouri and see my old friends. I have been here in this town time and again, when I was running for the Senate, and this town was always good to me in the campaigns that we have had here before, and I am sure that this town is going to be good to me this time. Some of the newspapermen on board say I talk too much about Missouri, in every State where I have been I am always comparing some of the things that they have with how much better Missouri is. They say I talk too much about that, but I can't help it because Missouri is just as good as there is, and they don't make 'era any better. As I came across the Nation--I have been across the Nation and back, starting in Washington and going to San Francisco, and I am this far on the way to Washington again--the country is in a more prosperous condition, so far as the farms are concerned, than ever in the country's history. I stopped in Iowa at Des Moines and attended a plowing contest, where there were a hundred thousand people present, and all those farmers were from all over, from Minnesota, and Wisconsin, and North Dakota, and South Dakota, and Missouri, and Kansas. And they were having a plowing contest; and I suggested that I would like to see whether I could plow again, if they had a four-mule, two-gang plow, I would see what I could do; and they said I was an old fogy, that they didn't use that sort of plow any more. So I told them all right, I wouldn't be like the Republicans who want to turn the clock back, they could go ahead and do their plowing with tractors. Then I went on from there to Colorado, across Kansas, and people turned out at every place, just like you have turned out here to see the President, because they are interested in the welfare of this country, they want to know what the issues are in this campaign, and I think all the people are going to try to vote intelligently this time. If they do that, they will vote the Democratic ticket, because the Democrats have always stood for the people, and they stand for the people now. The Republicans are for the special interests, every time they have had control of the Government--the special interests had a back-door entrance to the Treasury. I am sure that is not what you want. You want this Government to go on as our forefathers rounded it--a government of the people. You are the Government, when you exercise your right to vote; and if you exercise the right to vote, and enough people vote, the right people will always get into

office. It is the lazy people who don't go to the polls that cause bad men to be elected to office, they don't want to exercise that authority which they have, to create a government. Now Missouri has a splendid ticket in the field this time from top to bottom, and I would give anything in the world if every county in Missouri would go Democratic, because you have a Missourian running for President. Missouri is in the forward-looking column. Missouri does not want to turn the clock back. Missouri wants to go ahead with progress; and that is what the Democratic Party stands for. I wish I had more time to go into all the details of the issues in this campaign, but it is getting so late tonight, and you have been standing up here so long waiting for me to arrive, that I don't feel like I ought to bore you with too much conversation.”

NOTE: In the course of his remarks on September 29 the President referred to Governor Roy J. Turner, Democratic candidate for Senator Robert S. Kerr, Democratic candidates for Representative Tom Steed and Dixie Gilmer, and Representatives Carl Albert and William G. Stigler, all of Oklahoma; Representative Clarence Cannon and Democratic candidate for Representative George H. Christopher, both of Missouri; Representative Sam Rayburn, Governor Beauford H. Jester, and former Vice President of the United States John Nance Garner, all of Texas; Representative John Tabor of New York; former Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota; Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio; and Mrs. Paula Love, niece of Will Rogers.

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