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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION - PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
JULY 1948

MR. CHAIRMAN,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION - - - -

Montana
~~WYOMING~~ WISHES TO EXPRESS THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO OUR GOOD
NEIGHBOR STATE OF COLORADO FOR YIELDING, THAT ~~WYOMING~~ *Montana* MIGHT
HAVE THE HONOR TO PLACE IN NOMINATION BEFORE THIS CONVENTION
FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THE NAME OF A ^{*neighbor, a friend, &*} GREAT
SENATOR AND THE RECOGNIZED DEMOCRATIC SPOKESMAN FOR THE ENTIRE
WEST.

THIS LEADER OF DEMOCRACY IS A FAVORITE SON OF THE EAST. HE WAS
BORN AND SPENT HIS YOUTH IN MASSACHUSETTS - - - - ATTENDED THE
FAMOUS CAMBRIDGE LATIN SCHOOL - - - - IS A GRADUATE OF COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AND GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON.
HIS ADULT LIFE HAS BEEN SPENT IN WYOMING, AND WHILE FOR FIFTEEN
YEARS HE HAS BEEN REGARDED AS THE CHAMPION OF THE WEST IN THE
UNITED STATES SENATE YET HIS INTERESTS HAVE NOT BEEN CONFINED
TO ^{*that section alone.*} ~~THE WEST~~ - - - - RATHER HE HAS BEEN EQUALLY AS EFFECTIVE IN
BEHALF OF ANY RIGHTEOUS AND PROGRESSIVE CAUSE PECULIAR TO ANY
SECTION OF OUR GREAT COUNTRY - - - - THAT IS WHY TODAY AT THIS
CONVENTION HIS SUPPORTERS COME FROM PRACTICALLY EVERY STATE IN
THE UNION.

THIS SENATOR IS A WINNER - - - - HE GOES AGRESSIVELY BEFORE VOTERS PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF LIBERAL DEMOCRACY, CHAMPIONING THE CAUSE OF THE COMMON MAN - - - - AND REGARDLESS OF REPUBLICAN TRENDS AND A REPUBLICAN STATE, HE IS ALWAYS OVERWHELMINGLY ELECTED. LAST ELECTION HE WAS THE ONLY DEMOCRATIC SENATOR WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI AND NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE TO BE ELECTED.

THIS BRILLIANT SENATOR, IN THE RECENT UNFORTUNATE AND UN-LAMENTED CONGRESS, WAS A SPEARHEAD FIGHTER FOR EVERY SOUND, PROGRESSIVE MEASURE ADVANCED BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN AND HIS ADMINISTRATION. FEW CARE TO CROSS SWORDS WITH HIM IN SERIOUS DEBATE ON THE SENATE FLOOR, WHERE HE IS THE RECOGNIZED AUTHORITY ON THIS NATION'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, NORTH - EAST - WEST OR SOUTH.

DOWN THROUGH ALL THE YEARS OF HIS PUBLIC SERVICE, HE HAS STOOD STEADFAST AND IS HITTING HARDER FOR DEMOCRACY EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR. WHEN HE MADE HIS FIRST BID FOR A SEAT IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE, HE RECOGNIZED CERTAIN FUNDAMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC WRONGS AND SPOKE OUT AS FOLLOWS - - - - "I STAND FOR THE EXERCISE OF EVERY GOVERNMENTAL INSTRUMENTALITY PRIMARILY IN THE INTEREST OF ALL RATHER THAN IN THE INTEREST OF A FEW. I STAND FOR THE LIBERAL AS OPPOSED TO THE REACTIONARY THEORY OF GOVERNMENT - - - - AGAINST ALL FORMS OF EXPLOITATION - WHETHER THEY BE DIRECTED

AGAINST THE FARMER, THE LABORER, THE PUBLIC OR PUBLIC RESOURCES."

- - - - WITH THIS BASIC PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNMENT, IT IS EASILY UNDERSTANDABLE WHY THIS GREAT DEMOCRAT FROM WYOMING HAD SUCH A FIELD DAY EVERY DAY OF THE LAST SESSION OF CONGRESS.

DELEGATES OF THIS CONVENTION, LET US MAKE NO MISTAKE. THE FORCES OF REACTION ARE AGAIN ON THE MARCH. THE LATE CONGRESS WAS, AFTER ALL, ONLY A REPEAT PERFORMANCE OF THE CONGRESS THAT CAUSED THEIR SHOW TO FOLD UP IN 1932. IT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY FOR A FEARFUL OR TIMID DEMOCRACY TO TURN BACK NOW - - - - TO LOSE THE GREAT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC GAINS MADE FOR THE PEOPLE DURING THE PAST SIXTEEN YEARS - - - GAINS THAT HAVE BROUGHT TO OUR PEOPLE THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF LIVING AND THE GREATEST HAPPINESS THAT ANY NATION ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH HAS EVER ENJOYED.

OUR CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT WAS JIM FARLEY'S RIGHT HAND MAN DURING THAT CAMPAIGN OF 1932 - - - - HE PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN DRAFTING THE HISTORY-MAKING PLATFORM OF THAT YEAR - - - - AND HAS NEVER DEVIATED IN THE SLIGHTEST DEGREE FROM THE IDEALS EXPRESSED IN THAT PLATFORM IN NOW HIS NEARLY FIFTEEN YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

Wyoming's

~~OUR~~ SENIOR SENATOR HAS CHAMPIONED AND LED THE FIGHTS AGAINST THOSE WHO WOULD HAMSTRING AND CRIPPLE THE WEST BY CURTAILING OR

IN SOME INSTANCES DISCONTINUING ENTIRELY THE GREAT RECLAMATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF THE PREVIOUS DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS - - - - HE HAS CHAMPIONED AND LED THE FIGHT AGAINST THOSE WHO WOULD HAMSTRING AND CRIPPLE THE FARM PROGRAMS OF THIS NATION - - - - RETARD AND SLOW DOWN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC POWER IN THE SOUTH AND THE WEST - - - - AND THE ALMOST TOTAL ABANDONMENT OF GOVERNMENT PARK APPROACH AND FOREST HIGHWAYS. - - - - HE HAS ALSO BEEN A FORCEFUL ADVOCATE OF LEGISLATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREAT RESOURCES OF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY - - - - SPECIFICALLY HAS HE LOOKED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES BY INTRODUCING AND SUCCESSFULLY SPONSORING LEGISLATION TO INCREASE OIL PRODUCTION, AND PROVIDED PROGRAMS OF STOCK-PILING OF STRATEGIC WAR MINERALS AND MATERIALS LOOKING TO THE PROTECTION OF OUR BELOVED COUNTRY WHEN BASIC MINERALS AND LIQUID FUEL RESOURCES MAY BE EXHAUSTED.

HE BELIEVES THAT INCREASED PRODUCTION IS THE KEY TO PEACE AND POST-WAR RECOVERY AT HOME AND ABROAD. HE TAKES THE POSITION THAT DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES MEANS INCREASED BUSINESS , MORE JOBS, AND HIGHER LEVELS OF PERMANENT PROSPERITY FOR ALL AMERICA, NORTH - SOUTH - EAST AND WEST - - - - AND IT HAS BEEN PRIMARILY THROUGH HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS IN THIS FIELD THAT HE HAS BECOME KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE VAST WEST AND IN THE SENATE AS THE SPOKESMAN AND CHAMPION OF THE WEST.

IN THE BRIEF TIME AT MY DISPOSAL, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO
REMOTELY ATTEMPT TO ENUMERATE ^{this} OUR SENATOR'S RECORD. IT IS AN
OPEN BOOK - - - - WE OF ^{Montana & the west} WYOMING ARE PROUD OF IT - - - - ALL
THE NATION IS PROUD OF IT - - - - THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS
PROUD OF IT - - - - IT IS ONE OF COMPLETE INTEGRITY, ENLIGHTENED
PROGRESSIVISM, AND MARKED BY OUTSTANDING ABILITY - - - - HE IS
A PROFOUND STUDENT OF THE GREAT ECONOMIC FORCES THAT GOVERN OUR
NATIONAL LIFE AND THE LIFE OF EVERY OTHER NATION - - - - YES,
CERTAINLY HE IS THE ENEMY OF MONOPOLY, OF CARTELS, AND THE LEADER
IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST THEM.

MY FELLOW DELEGATES - THE WEST IS ON THE MOVE - - - - 4 MILLION
OF CULTURED AND FINE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH AND THE EAST AND THE
CENTRAL STATES HAVE MOVED TO THE WEST IN THE LAST FEW YEARS,
WITH POPULATION INCREASES IN VARIOUS WESTERN STATES RANGING UP
TO 43 PER CENT. NEVER HAS THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, THE OLDEST
CONTINUOUS POLITICAL INSTRUMENTALITY OF ALL TIME, PRESENTED A
CANDIDATE FOR THE VICE PRESIDENCY FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN OR
PACIFIC COAST STATES. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS OFFERING AS
VICE PRESIDENT A POPULAR GOVERNOR OF A GREAT WESTERN STATE, AND
I ASK YOU - - - - DOES THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WANT THE WEST IN
THIS CAMPAIGN? - - - - DOES THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WANT A
CHAMPION TO MEET GOVERNOR WARREN? - - - - IF SO, THERE IS ONE
SURE, DEFINITE, POSITIVE WAY TO ACCOMPLISH IT - - NAMELY, TO
NOMINATE A CANDIDATE EVEN MORE POPULAR THAN THE REPUBLICAN VICE

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AND WITH A LONGER RECORD OF SERVICE TO THE WHOLE NATION, AND WITH A GREATER NATIONAL ACQUAINTANCE.

DOES THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WANT A VOTE GETTER? - - - - WE OFFER ONE - - - THREE TIMES ELECTED TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE, AND IN 1940 HIS VOTE SUBSTANTIALLY EXCEEDED THAT OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, THE INCOMPARABLE VOTE GETTER OF ALL TIME.

HERE INDEED IS THE UNIQUE CANDIDATE - - - - WHILE HAVING ALWAYS ENJOYED THE SOLID SUPPORT OF LABOR, HE ALSO ENJOYS THE ADMIRATION, RESPECT AND SUPPORT OF BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURE.

DOES THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WANT AN OUTSTANDING CAMPAIGNER? - - - IF SO? WE OFFER ONE - - - - NATION ALLY KNOWN AS ONE OF THE GREATEST ORATORS OF THE DAY; WITH A VOICE THAT APPEALS OVER THE RADIO, OUR CANDIDATE CAN PRESENT THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY WITH POWER, VIGOR, ENTHUSIASM, AND ELOQUENCE.

WE PRESENT SUCH A MAN TO THIS CONVENTION.

THIS WILL BE A FIGHTING CAMPAIGN - - - - OUR MAN KNOWS HOW TO FIGHT. HE IS A CAMPAIGNER AND A CANDIDATE WHO HAS PROVED HE CAN WIN WHEN THE TIDE IS RUNNING AGAINST OUR PARTY - - - - HE IS A MAN OF BRILLIANT INTELLECTUAL ATTAINMENTS, AND, IF GIVEN THE

OPPORTUNITY, WILL DO HIS SHARE AND MORE IN CARRYING OUR PARTY TO VICTORY.

AS A COMPLIMENT AND AS A SERVICE TO ALL OF THE UNITED STATES,
Montana
WYOMING HAS THE HONOR TO OFFER AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE VICE
PRESIDENCY OF OUR UNITED STATES AN INSPIRED LEADER - - - - A
FIGHTER AND A WINNER WHICH DEMOCRACY MUST HAVE TODAY - - - - TO
ALL WHO KNOW HIM PERSONALLY, HE IS JUST PLAIN "JOE" - - - THE
HONORABLE UNITED STATES SENIOR SENATOR FROM WYOMING - - - -
JOSEPH C. O'MAHONEY.