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The people of the state of Minnesota are witnessing a political betrayal on the part of the Thye, Dunn, Dewey, Hoover political machine. The Republican party of the state had lead the people to believe that their candidate would stand for effective international organization to insure a just and durable peace. The party of the state in support of former Governor Harold Stassen lead us to believe that Stassen and Senator Ball would be leaders in the fight to take Minnesota out of the category of isolationism, but today the isolationists of this state know full well that Governor Thye, the hand-picked candidate, has betrayed the liberal forces of the Republican party and is now hand and hand with the Chicago Tribune and the reactionary political philosophy of Roy Dunn and our isolationist congressman. The people of this state want to know what happened to the nomination speech that Senator Ball was supposed to have made for the favorite son. The people of the state want to know what sort of political medicine was concocted to the Republican National Convention that so cleverly and completely put aside the liberal views of seventeen so-called liberal conventions. The people of the state want to know what kind of leadership exists in the republican party that denies Wendell Wilkie even a hearing. Possibly the people of the state know that the Republican party, national and international, has gone back to the political philosophy and double talk of Hubert Hoover. Any honest thinking man or woman who wants to make a careful analysis of the Democratic party platform plank on firm policy cannot help but admit that there are no weasel words and no rubber words that can be stretched to cover both isolationists and internationalists. The people of this state will find in the Democrat Farmer Labor party a chance to express himself by supporting Roosevelt and Truman and their militant candidate for governor, Barney G. Allen.

There is only one way to evaluate the promises of the respective national parties that way in looking at the record of twelve years of promises on the part of both the Republicans and the Democrats, the twelve long years of Republican administration and the economic collapse. For those who today continue to say that the Democratic administration is impracticable, visionary, and idealistic, let them look at the bungling and the impracticality of the twelve years of republican rule. The record is clear and it needs no process of explanation. For those who talk about the wasteful spending of the New Deal, let them remember that under the leadership of the Republican party in 1929 approximately \$56,000,000,000, was lost in speculative stock market, but the Republican administration is and has never been a New Deal that could establish such a record for wasteful spending.

The record of Franklin D. Roosevelt concerning his attitude on international work has been known for twenty-five years. He, in 1920, fought for the League of Nations, in the 1940's he more than anyone else has simpliarized the united nations, but as for Mr. Dewey, has not to this hour known quite where he stands. His political views vary with the latest reports of the gallup pole, and his running mate, Governor Brecker, has the economic destination of being selected as running mate also for the infamous Gerald K. Smith.

The Republican administration has apparently taken a great delight in ignoring the needs of the people of Northeastern Minnesota. Take for example your own community of Ely. Here is a delightful city that has but one main highway coming in to the city and that highway is greatly over-taxed and poorly maintained. For years the Republican administration has been preparing surveys for a new road or for the rebuilding of the old, on highway No. 1. Whenever a complaint has been levered, whenever a delegation has visited Governor Stassen or Governor Thye, the old "push off" is given by promises, a new survey, or by promising that something will be done soon. Governor Thye has made this under the post-war plans. Your common knowledge that the post-war plans for the State of Minnesota offer to the community be a near five-mile of improved highway. But, ofcourse, then there is always "another survey." Why hasn't your administration done something to repair state highway No. 1. It should be remembered that the hard surveying of the road was done under the administration of the Farmer Labor Governor, and since that time with the powers of the government of the republican party your community has been ignored and side-stepped. Then there is another matter which should be of concern not only to the citizens of this area but to the whole state and nation. Here is the tourist paradise. Here are lands rich in mineral, game and wild life. Your country has numerous lakes. The state of Minnesota has ignored its need for a state fish hatchery. If there is one community in this state that justly needs this sort of purchase it is the community of Ely and surrounding territory. The Democratic Farmer Labor Party pledges they will take to supply a fish hatchery to restore and maintain the fish facilities, of our beatiful lakes. And, of course, we should remember "how generous" this Republican administration has treated Northeastern Minnesota and the iron range on the matter of taxation. I mean specifically the per capita tax. You know, and I know that it was the Republican party and its leadership that reduced the per capita tax and reduced the evaluation on iron ore. Yes, the Republican party has found many ways to punish the people of Northeastern Minnesota for their loyalty to Franklin D. Roosevelt and the candidates of the Democrat Farmer Labor parties. You may rest assured that when Bryon Allen Becomes governor of this state that our party ~~will~~ and our government will remain the faithful and loyal support given to the cause of progressive government by the spendid and patriotic citizens of the iron range.



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