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Thank you, Governor Muskie .....

Your great Democratic victory in Maine has set the pattern for a great nation-wide Democratic victory tomorrow.

We are going to win because the people are no longer deceived.

And, no longer complacent about bungling national leadership.

The Republican fiction of peace and prosperity is a punctured balloon.

Instead of prosperity, we have a farm depression in the Middle West.

Instead of peace, we have war in the Middle East.

And farmers, as well as others, know that the failure of the Eisenhower-Nixon-Republican Administration is largely responsible for both.

We are unwilling to let our fate for the next four years rest in the hands of Nixon, Herbert Hoover, Jr., and Ezra Taft Benson.

We have watched our farm economy totter and retreat from neglect, lack of vision, and duplicity.

We have seen our position of leadership in world affairs collapse because of the same Republican indifference and indecision.

There is trouble -- deep trouble -- in rural America.

In less than four years, the Eisenhower Administration has plowed under an effective and successful farm program.

Our young farmers are being driven from the land. Farm income has dropped at the rate of over a billion dollars a year. Surpluses have mounted under Republican mismanagement -- and the losses to taxpayers under the GOP have soared. Mortgage indebtedness is increasing, interest rates are up, and farm credit is tight.

Businessmen on Main Streets, already squeezed by Republican hard money policies, are feeling the added pinch of the farm depression. Factories producing farm machinery are closing their doors.

Yet, the Republicans still tell us to "Trust Ike".

Our question is - who does Ike trust?

He trusts Ezra Benson, who has sold out and double crossed our farmers.

He trusts Herbert Hoover, Jr. --knee deep in Arabian oil-- on our foreign policy, in the Middle East.

Farmers learned long ago they were not getting the truth from Ezra Taft Benson -- and the Eisenhower Administration.

Now we have all learned that we have not been getting the truth about our crumbling position in world affairs.

A few weeks ago in Minneapolis, Vice President Nixon assured our people that "there will be no war in the Middle East."

A few days later both Benson and President Eisenhower declared the farm price decline had ended and farm prices were going up.

But farm prices still dropped, and the Middle East is aflame.

We in the Midwest face the burden of a sick farm economy.

Now we face the added worries and burdens of a sick world at war.

Is it any wonder we hesitate plunging into the whirlpools of such problems with a tired, confused, faltering, and blind Republican Administration?

Is it any wonder we want to change to a fresh and stronger team,  
before we are in too deep?

That is why we in the Midwest are going to the polls tomorrow to  
elect Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver .. and cast our votes for a better  
America, a better farm program .. and better and wiser leadership to bring  
about peace with honor .. peace with freedom.

And now - back to Boston .....



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