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400,000 WORKERS OF MISSOURI APPEAL TO YOU TO SEND

THE HON. HARRY S. TRUMAN BACK TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE

More than 400,000 laboring men and women of Missouri are appealing to you to vote for United States Senator Harry S. Truman at the August 6th Primary. We, the undersigned Labor organizations in Missouri make this appeal to all fair-minded citizens of our great state to help us give United States Senator Harry S. Truman the re-nomination to which his brilliant record entitles him. This appeal is predicated upon sound reason and the welfare of every citizen of Missouri. Here are some of the reasons:

1. The State of Missouri is one of the nation's greatest Railroad Terminals. To protect its economic interests, our state must have a representative on the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee. As a member of that committee for over five years, Senator Truman has become recognized as a foremost authority on transportation, including aviation. We fear that, should another candidate be elected, he may not be appointed on the Interstate Commerce Committee and, thus, the people of Missouri would suffer the loss of this advantage.

2. Senator Truman has become one of the most popular members of the U. S.

Senate, as attested by letters on file from outstanding members of that body. Such popularity, of course, enables him to enlist co-operation from his colleagues and "get things done" in the Senate.

3. It is an incontrovertible fact that no administration in the history of our great American Republic has equalled the Roosevelt Administration as a friend of Labor, as a champion of the "Forgotten man," and, the general welfare. For example, the American Federation of Labor has, during the present Administration, enrolled the highest membership in its 55-year history; moreover, the CIO has organized millions of workers, and our Railroad Unions have made exceptional progress. Major railroad lines, once considered hopelessly "Company Unionized," are now under agreement with the bona fide Labor organizations. The Railroad Retirement Act establishes a pension system for railroad workers when they wear out in the service. We mention these facts as a preface to our statement that no member of the Senate has more consistently supported Roosevelt measures than has Harry S. Truman, who repeatedly came to active aid of major Labor and Social bills when their destruction was threatened.

4. Senator Truman voted for the Wagner Law, which places "a ceiling over hours and a floor under wages, decreeing that wages in interstate commerce cannot be below a stated level, nor can hours be more than a limit specified in the Act. This law was a boon to unorganized workers who do not enjoy the protection and utility of Unionism. Untold thousands of sweated, exploited, unorganized workers were lifted out of starvation wages and killing long hours by this law, which had Senator Truman's hearty support.

5. Senator Truman served with American forces during the World War. He rose to the rank of Major and is now a Colonel in the Reserve Corps. Both in service and since, Senator Truman has made an exhaustive study of aviation and has become a recognized expert. He is a member of the Sub-Committee on Appropriations of the Senate Military Affairs Committee. As co-author of the Civil Aeronautics Bill, Senator Truman has made an immeasurable contribution to national defense needs, for aviation will be a major feature of our National Defense Program. In the World War, Senator Truman was ready to die for the Stars and Stripes and much of his fine career in the Senate has been devoted to helping make American shores safe from attack by any

foreign foe. So, we need Harry S. Truman in the Senate now as never before.

How To Vote For SENATOR TRUMAN

SAMPLE BALLOT

Democratic Ticket

For Senator in Congress For Missouri:

(Vote for One)

HARRY S. TRUMAN Independence, Mo.

~~MAURICE M. MILLIGAN~~ Richmond, Mo.

~~LLOYD CROW STARK~~ Louisiana, Mo.

6. Senator Truman has alertly grasped every opportunity to serve the public welfare. In 1938, when the railroads sought to cut wages 15% and a general strike of 1,000,000 workers was threatened on the nation's railroads, Senator Truman Acted! He went before the President's fact-finding board and made a convincing plea against the wage-cut proposal—the wage reduction was defeated and the strike averted. The quick-thinking Senator Truman thus prevented what might have been a national calamity, he also helped defeat an unjust attempt to lower the railroad worker's living standards.

7. Senator Truman voted for the sensational and immensely valuable LaFollette Committee investigation of the dirtiest business known — the Anti-Labor spy racket. As this Senate Committee gathered and made public the horrible facts as to the conscienceless methods which for many years had been utilized by "open" shop corporations in their warfare upon organized Labor, the public was astounded. The Union-wrecking stool pigeon business was left badly disfigured in the wake of the LaFallotte investigation, which Senator Truman voted for. SENATOR HARRY S. TRUMAN WAS FOR US THEN—WE SHOULD BE FOR HIM NOW!

Labor's age-old political slogan is: "Support your friends, regardless of political party." Senator Truman has been a genuine friend of Labor, not in mere words but in deeds. We are appealing to fair-minded voters of every political faith to give Harry S. Truman their support on August 6th.

Senator Truman personifies a true Democrat. He is modest, congenial and humane. He constantly toils and plods for the welfare of his people without fanfare and bluster. As

a man, he is a prince. As a patriot, he is par-excellence. As a legislator, he is seasoned and experienced. His character has long been acclaimed by the Kansas City Star—on November 7th, 1934 as a man of "unimpeachable character and integrity." Senator Truman has made good in every endeavor. He was a successful farmer, a faithful soldier, an able administrator and is hailed by his Senatorial Colleagues as one of the most popular, one of the most beloved, and as one of the most ethical men in the United States Senate. His education, his moral character, his intellectual attributes can be best judged by his record, which is open to scrutiny by every citizen in the United States. His character is written into his record and his record is engraved in his character. It is a record of work done with honor, faithfulness and dignity.

The treacherous war in Europe is threatening the American shores. Our national fate is at stake. All of us are shivering as to what may happen to us tomorrow. Can it be said that people of higher character, who profess loyalty to America, would seek to replace Senator Truman, a seasoned member of the Military appropriation sub-committee and one who served on the battle fields in Europe and knows all about war, National Defense and what have you not, merely because Mr. X. or Y. or Z. decided to be a candidate? In a time like this, when the emergency is so great and the United States needs his great genius, are we to be enticed from the main issue which when boiled down to its essence is:

Has Truman Been True To His Sworn Duty?

Answer this question with a hearty vibrant "YES"!!! and your sincerity will make every other good American feel the same way.

It is this man, this great man, that we are anxious to retain in Congress. We plead with you, we appeal to you, we beg of you to vote for Senator Harry S. Truman on Tuesday, August 6, 1940. AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND AFFILIATES

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WHAT THE SENATE THINKS OF MR. TRUMAN

" . . . We in the Senate . . . judge the membership by the work that is done in the

committees . . . The work which he did in uncovering the financial status of the railroads . . . is about as important a contribution as anyone has made since I have been in the Senate . . . "

Lewis B. Schwellenbach (U. S. Senator, Washington) Chrm. Special Comm.

Conservation.

"... In every major test of the Administration Senator Truman has given his support and influence ..."

Pat Harrison (U. S. Senator, Mississippi) Chrm. Finance.

"... Missouri is deeply interested in aeronautics and transportation . . . Senator Truman is second to no other Senator in knowledge on those subjects . . . You will make no mistake in supporting him for re-election ..."

Harry H. Schwartz (U. S. Senator, Wyoming).

" . . . Not only has he" (Truman) "been a most valued member of the Committee on Interstate Commerce, but is largely responsible for the enactment of our present Aeronautics law ..."

Frederick Van Nuys, (U. S. Senator, Indiana) Chrm. Expenditures Executives Debts.

" . . . Senator Truman is a Democrat in every sense of the word, whether you spell the word with a small "d" or a large "D" ..."

Sherman Minton, (U. S. Senator, Indiana) Chr. Pensions.

"... Senator Truman ... is looked upon as a man of the highest integrity and honor ..."

Alben W. Barkley (U. S. Senator, Kentucky) Majority Leader.

"... Senator Truman is of high stature in every sense of the word . . . Truman is not a showman ... He is a true gentleman ..."

Elbert D. Thomas (U. S. Senator, Utah).

"... Senator Truman ... is an authority on transportation . . . He has made a large contribution to the work of the Senate ..."

John E. Miller (U. S. Senator, Arkansas).

" . . . I would cast my vote for him" (Truman) "without reservation. He is the kind of a Senator that is needed in the United States Senate ..."

Vic Donahey (U. S. Senator, Ohio).

"... I served on the Appropriations Committee with Senator Truman . . . He has not only

worked well for his state, but has contributed . . . largely to legislation for the entire country, I hope the Democrats of Missouri will nominate him ..."

Kenneth McKellar (U. S. Senator, Tennessee) (Chrm. Post Offices and Post Roads.

. . . I consider him" (Truman) "one of the most useful, dependable and public spirited Senators upon the floor ..."

Cyde L. Herring (U. S. Senator, Iowa).

WHAT LABOR THINKS

OF SENATOR TRUMAN

"We will be pleased to, support you for renomination and re-election in any manner you might think best."

Building & Construction Trades Council, Kansas City, C. G. Hamilton, President.

"Your record on social legislation, during your 6 years in the Senate, is 100% perfect."

Missouri State Federation of Labor, R. T. Wood, President.

"Your fine record leaves no room to doubt ... it is with pleasure that I acknowledge it."
M. S. Warfield, Pres., Order of Sleeping Car Conductors, Hamilton Hotel, Washington, D. C.

"Senator Truman has at all times been sympathetic with the aims and aspirations of men."

Geo. Wright, Vice-President in charge of Railroads.

"I can say positively that he (Truman) is as good and true a friend as we have in Congress. We need him badly in Washington."

L. M. Wicklein, Vice-Pres., Sheet Workers' International Ass'n, Washington, D. C.

"I will do whatever I can to assist you in your campaign for re- election."
J. A. Phillips, Pres., Order of Ry. Conductors of America, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

"Senator Truman has performed an outstanding service in the Senate. He should be re-elected."

A. E. Lyon, Pres., T, A. Austin, Grand Secy-Treas., B. of R. R. Signalmen, Chicago, Ill.

"In recognition of the signal service you have given to your constituents in the Senate, we expect to be very active in supporting your re-election."

V. O. Gardner, Pres., Order of Railroad Telegraphers, 3673

W. Pine Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

"Let us get behind our good friend, (Senator Truman) and assure his success at the polls."

A. F. Whitney, Pres., G. W. Anderson, Gen. Secy-Treas., Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

"Anything I can do to further the interests of Hon. Harry S. Truman, I will be glad to be of service."

A. Johnston, Grand Chief Engineer, Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers, Cleveland, Ohio.

"Senator Truman's record, in behalf of the workers and the whole people, entitles him to another term."

D. B. Robertson, Pres. Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen, Cleveland, O.

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Honorable Harry S. Truman is about to complete six years of service in the United States Senate, as Junior Senator from Missouri, and

WHEREAS, it is the consensus of opinion of Senator Truman's colleagues that he has

"risen faster, developed more, and reached a higher position in either the Senate or House" than any other man who entered either the House or Senate in their legislative experience, and

WHEREAS, Senator Truman enjoys the respect, friendship and confidence of practically all his colleagues, an achievement which places him in excellent position to render further distinguished service to his state and to his constituents, and

WHEREAS, Senator Truman has been acclaimed as an outstanding authority on Transportation, and

WHEREAS, The Civil Aeronautics Act which Senator Truman was instrumental in framing and guiding through the Senate is a monumental contribution to the national welfare, and

WHEREAS, Senator Truman's devotion to the needs of the common people on the farm and in the factory have stamped him as one of the most useful and able members of the United States Senate, and

WHEREAS, Senator Harry S. Truman, on July 31, 1937, had given his support to the

Fair Labor Standards Act, in Interstate Commerce, being Senate Bill 2475, and WHEREAS, Senator Truman has consistently voted for the rights of labor to organize and bargain collectively, and supported the Wage and Hour Bill, the Child Labor Amendment, as it affects Interstate Commerce, Social Security and Unemployment Insurance Bill, the National Labor Relations Act, and

WHEREAS, Senator Truman was the only other member of the United States Senate to appear before the President's Emergency Facts Finding Committee, under the Railway Labor Act of 1934 to testify in opposition to a wage reduction of 15% proposed by the railroads, and as a result of the testimony of Senator Truman and his colleague, Senator Wheeler, such a reduction of 15% in the wages of standard railway employees was avoided, and

WHEREAS, the present devastating warfare in Europe has aroused the American Public to the need of an unprecedented National Defense Program, requiring the services of legislators, specially skilled in such efficient and long period planning, and

WHEREAS, Senator Truman, through service overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces in the World War, acquired invaluable knowledge on the battlefield, and having since served on the sub-committee of the Senate Appropriations Committee handling army appropriations, and as such committeeman made an official tour throughout the United States thereby equipping himself with the needs of military defense both for land and air service, and

WHEREAS, Senator Truman is now a candidate for renomination and re-election as United States Senator from Missouri, now therefore, we, the chairmen, legislative representatives, and executives of the 21 standard railway Labor organizations of Missouri, assembled in convention at the Statler Hotel on July 3, 1940, do hereby RESOLVE, first: to endorse the record of Senator Harry S. Truman as a friend of Labor and the general public,

Second: to call upon all labor organizations and their constituencies to join us and assume active participation in the primary campaign for the re-nomination of Senator Harry S. Truman,

Third: to urge every member of our respective organizations to cast his vote, on Aug. 6, 1940 for Hon. Harry S. Truman for United States Senator, Fourth: that each member

of the standard railway labor organizations should volunteer his services to. procure the support and the vote of the members of his family, his business acquaintances, and his friends for Hon. Harry S. Truman on primary day, Tuesday, August 6, 1940, and to see to it that they go to the polling places and so vote, and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is the sense of the 21 standard railway labor organizations that all railroad employees do everything which, in honor bound they should do to make sure of an overwhelming vote for the renomination and re-election of Senator Truman.

J. H. McDonald, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen

J. A. Skillman, Brotherhood Trainmen

J. B. Tipler, American Dispatchers Association

J. B. Corn, Order of Railway Conductors of America

Paul Endsley, Brotherhood of Railway Carmen

E. A. Reagan, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks

E. B. McCormick, Order of Railroad Telegraphers

"We are determined that Senator Truman be re-elected."

C. L. Darling, Pres., American Train Dispatchers Ass'n, Chicago, Ill.

"I express sincere appreciation for the continuous, valuable, loyal and sympathetic service Senator Truman has rendered to the cause of railroad workers."

B. M. Jewel, Pres., Railway Employees' Dept., American Fore Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

"I urge every member of your family to vote for Senator Truman and hope that you will also solicit all of your friends."

F. H. Knight, Pres., Brotherhood of R. R. Carmen of America, Kansas City, Mo.

"We urge all members of organized labor in Missouri to work for, support and vote for the Hon. Harry S. Truman."

Harry Nicholas, Int'l V-Pres., Boiler Makers, Ship Builders and Helpers, Kansas City.

"We need hundreds of 'Trumans' in our National Congress! Senator Truman now needs friends. We must respond, giving a helping hand to those who deserve our help."

"One of the most effective steps to give assistance to Senator Truman is to join the Truman-for-Sena- tor Club; membership fee \$1.00."

H. W. Brown, Pres., Int'l Ass'n of Machinists, Washington,

D. C.

"Senator Truman has been a real champion of the people during his service in the United States Senate. His record warrants his re-election."

Geo. M. Harrison, Grand Pres., Br. of R. Steamship Clerks, Cincinnati, Ohio.

"I give him (Senator Truman) my wholehearted endorsement for re-election and trust that the people of his state will reward him for his faithful service."

F. H. Fljzodal, Pres., Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, Detroit, Mich.

"Your service as a member of the committee which drafted the Civil Aeronautics Act and your broad knowledge constituted a substantial contribution to the entire industry. I express my sincere appreciation." T. E. Braniff, Pres. Braniff Airways, Braniff Bldg., Oklahoma City, Okla.

"I feel confident Missouri will be proud to return him (Senator Truman) to the Senate." Carleton Putnam, Pres., Chicago and Southern Air Lines, Robertson, Mo.

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WHAT THE PRESS THINKS OF SENATOR TRUMAN

(From the Kansas City Time of May 26, 1930) THE RECORD OF JUDGE TRUMAN

It should be a satisfaction to the people of Jackson County that Judge Harry S. Truman, presiding judge of the county court, has filed for renomination. When a public official makes a good record he has a particular claim on the support of his constituents, while his constituents, in turn, have in him the assurance they like to have is supporting a candidate.

Judge Truman has been much more than a routine official. He is enthusiastically interested in county affairs. He has contributed leadership to an efficient county administration. He worked to bring in the outside supervising engineers for the \$6,000,000 road bond issue, who are making such a fine record in the construction of the county highway system. He initiated and has considerably advanced the interesting and important regional plan proposed for the six counties about Greater Kansas City and has enlisted real cooperation from the other counties. His important achievements certainly deserve the reward of renomination.

(From the Kansas City Times of Oct. 17, 1930) THE SERVICE OF JUDGE TRUMAN

Kansas City and Jackson County are unusually fortunate in this year's nominees for presiding judge of the county court. Both Harry S. Truman and Herman W. Ritterhoff are men of outstanding character and ability. Judge Truman is running for reelection. He has given the county an able, honest, and efficient administration. Mr. Ritterhoff has had a notable business career, is a citizen of genuine public spirit, is keenly interested in county affairs and, if elected, could be depended upon to render effective service.

While the county is thus assured of a representative, competent and dependable
TRUMAN STRAW VOTE REGISTER

BECAUSE SENATOR TRUMAN for six years supported every measure in Congress to bring the realization of more abundant life to every American, regardless of creed, race or color; and

BECAUSE SENATOR TRUMAN supported President Roosevelt in his devotion to Peace and to preserve that peace labored with him to revitalize the arm of National Defense, and

BECAUSE SENATOR TRUMAN stood for and vigorously championed the dignity of labor and the right of every man to an equal opportunity under the Law. Therefore, I feel it is to my vital interest that Harry S. Truman be renominated and elected again to the United States Senate. I intend to vote for him and will ask my family and friends to do the same.

Name

Street Address City and County

CAST YOUR STRAW VOTE

FOR

UNITED STATES SENATOR TRUMAN

—ALSO—

Get Four Friends To Do Likewise

Please mail the ballot to EXECUTIVE OFFICES, TRUMAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE,
1407 Ambassador Bldg.,
St. Louis, Mo.

presiding judge for the next term, Judge Truman, we believe, should be reelected on his record, especially in the efficient and economical expenditure of the six and one-half million dollars' road bonds. It was Judge Truman who proposed the plan that was adopted for the expenditure of this money under the supervision of the bipartisan board of engineers, made up of Col. E. M. Stayton and N. T. Veatch. The county court under his leadership has given wholehearted support to the engineers that was necessary to the success of the plan.

Judge Truman has been sensible of handicaps due to the form of county government under which he has operated. He has been outspoken in favor of a simplification of the government in order to avoid duplication of service, division of authority, and the employment of unnecessary numbers in county work. He is in favor of consolidating city and county assessment and tax collection.

Furthermore, Judge Truman initiated and has carried forward the plan for regional planning in the six counties in contact with or adjacent to greater- Kansas City. This plan is one of great importance. It means much for the future development of a large metropolitan and semimetropolitan area. It involves conservation of land values, the protection of residential areas, and the promotion of order and attractiveness, together with the best possible relation of connecting highways and transportation facilities. His leadership made him the choice of the six counties for chairman of the regional association.

Efficient, unselfish public service is not so common that it should be dispensed with merely for partisan reasons. The faithful and competent public servant should be retained in office. Such retention is not only a deserved reward, but the reward, when given, is stimulating to good public service generally.

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Remember Cast Your Vote For

Senator Harry S. Truman on August 6th

The best friend Labor ever had in the United States
Senate.