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The Truth Squad and The Republican
Record

I hate to break into the great enjoyment and good fellowship of this fine gathering of good Democrats here today to speak of the Republicans.

But, you and I must face it, we are in a campaign to put the Republicans out of the White House - and we are going to do it.

The people deserve the truth in this campaign.

You know, I am amazed by the reports that the Republicans have once again set up their "truth squad". They have had this "truth squad" ever since 1952 - going up and down the country looking for the truth. But so far they haven't found it. And I am not surprised. They would not know the truth if they saw it.

But seriously, the fact is that they need a real honest to goodness truth squad. They need it to go over their own propaganda. Why, you know they could make the most bankrupt business in the country sound like a rock of financial stability. They have a new system? They have divorced assets and debts. It works like this.

"We have more people working than ever before in our history", they loudly declare. This is the asset. And why shouldn't we have more people working? We have more people than ever in our history.

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But, what about the debt - - what about the fact that no Republican "truth squad" will ever tell you - what about the fact that we have a higher and higher percentage of unemployment today? This, mind you, in the great era of "peace and prosperity."

"We have brought fiscal responsibility to the Federal government," they proclaim with great solemnity. This is the asset.

What about the debt - what about the truth? Why they haven't brought any more fiscal responsibility to Washington than they have water to the Barren Plain here.

Seven and one-half years of this Administration has meant nearly \$20 billion of deficit it would have been \$30 billion if the Democratic Congresses had not kept a check rein on their spending. They have raised the national debt by \$20 billion.

You would never know it from the Republican "truth squad" but Harry Truman provided us with the funds to rebuild after World War II, started the Marshall Plan, and stopped the Communists in their tracks and still reduced the national debt by \$3 billion dollars when he was in office.

I say to you, beware of these people bearing the "truth".

When they give you the "truth" you stop and say, "Yes, but what are the facts?"

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Or better still you listen to Clint Anderson, to Joe Montoya, to Tom Morris, to John Burroughs and to every other candidate running on the Democratic ticket. Listen to them, and vote for them.

You know why the Democrats don't need a truth squad? It is because these great candidates, these great leaders, these great Democrats are telling the truth.

And, you listen to Jack Kennedy. He's telling you truth and when he's in the White House he is going to continue to tell you the truth, and we will be done with the days of phoney "truth" squads" once and for all.

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