By generally accepted standards, this is called an off-year election because we do not elect a President before 1952. We do, however, elect in this state a Governor, in this city a Mayor, and on the national level a U. S. Senator, and all the Congressmen from the State of New York. The selection of the best man to run the affairs of this big city is of paramount importance to the seven million citizens of Greater New York - so we must elect Focora. The choice of the best Governor is the concern of the twelve million citizens of the Empire State - so we must elect Lynch. Without minimizing in the least the importance of the state and city offices, I cannot refrain from being personal and emphasizing, from my own point of view, the big stakes involved in the selection of the best possible man to represent you in the U. S. Senate.

This man is Herbert H. Lehman - and we must give him a tremendous majority.

The structure of our democratic system repose on the legislative and executive branches of our government. The President is the paid executive of the nation, charged with the execution of the laws made by
the Congress. Of the two branches of the Congress, on the other hand, the U. S. Senate, composed generally of men with greater experience elected for a longer term, exercises sort of a balancing influence over the House of Representatives who come up before the voters every two years.

It can be said, without exaggeration, that a U. S. Senator frequently holds the balance in deciding how our affairs should be administered.

Faced with the task of deciding who should represent you in the U. S. Senate, you have the choice between representatives of two parties, two political philosophies.

The Democratic party which nominated Herbert H. Lehman for Senator has now been in power almost 18 years. The facts are that the American people have kept the Democrats in office, despite the frantic efforts of a strong coalition of rich, powerful and selfish interests. First, the "New Deal," then the "Fair Deal" and all that these two names stand for - is the people's choice.

To enumerate, in this brief talk, all that has been accomplished for our people and for the people of the world, during the Roosevelt-Truman administrations, is impossible. In fact it is unnecessary, because
the facts are only too well known.

This 1960 election, even though called an off-year election, is of tremendous importance to our own future and to the future of the world.

We are now engaged in what many consider as a prelude to a world conflict.

We cannot afford, at this time, to entrust the conduct of our foreign affairs to the inexperienced hands of the Republican party, protectionist and isolationist by tradition. Only recently the Republicans have been persuaded to cooperate with the Democratic administration in supporting our foreign policy, even though some of the die-hard Republicans, of the Taft-McCormick brand, are still engaged in shipping at the Atlantic Pact, at the United Nations and other important foreign affairs policies. In quest of an issue for these elections they have launched a vicious attack against our State Department little concerned with the damaging repercussions their tactics have had abroad.

These are not the kind of people you would want to represent you informing and conducting the negotiations for a lasting peace. On the domestic front the Republicans stand for privilege; they represent the interests of a minority. In foreign affairs again, they represent that small minority
of selfish, narrow-minded professional patriots lacking the vision and the will of securing a lasting peace in a constantly shrinking world.

From the day Roosevelt gave this nation a New Deal until today the Democrats have demonstrated their fitness and ability to make of this the world's richest and most powerful country. It is your paramount interest to continue your trust in the Democratic party - elect Pecora, Lynch and Lehman.

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