This meeting tonight is an inspiration to all who have faith in a living, working, progressive democracy. Here we stand united. Here three great labor organizations of the nation have met to make their stand in a fight for justice, for freedom, for human rights.

We are here to help re-elect Mayor William O'Dwyer, a true friend of labor. We are here in support of his running mates, Comptroller Lazarus Joseph and Council President Vincent Impellitteri.

And we are here to elect as our next United States Senator a statesman who has pledged himself to fight the vicious Taft-Hartley Act and to insure for all of us the gains we have made in the past sixteen years -- Herbert H. Lehman.

In short we are here to guarantee liberal leadership for our city and for our country. In the unity evidenced in this great gathering lies our strength - our fighting strength - for good government, for social security, for human rights.

My own role in this mighty labor rally is a small one. I am appearing on behalf of a great American, a great man whom you elected four times as Governor of your State, a distinguished administrator who was chosen by 48 nations as the first director-general of UNRRA to bring relief to war stricken lands, a liberal who stands for all that is forward-looking in government, a worthy successor to Fighting Bob Wagner, who did so much for all of us -- a man who deserves your vote on November 8 -- Herbert H. Lehman.

And now it is my great pleasure and privilege to present to you three outstanding leaders in labor's battle for better living,
better working conditions, and greater security for the American workingman.

Martin T. Lacey, President of the AFL Central Trades and Labor Council, has had a long and distinguished career as a leader in the drive for progressive labor legislation.

Michael J. Quill, International President of the CIO Transport Workers Union, has fought vigorously and conscientiously for labor's rights for more than fifteen years.

Bernard Alderman of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen is nationally recognized as an intelligent, capable spokesman for a progressive and far-sighted union.

These are the men who are co-chairmen of this historic labor gathering. These are the men who have helped to knit together this united rally of warriors for a common political program dedicated to justice, to defeat of Taft-Hartley, and to the crushing of the reactionaries who would turn the clock back to the apple-selling days of the depression era and to the slave labor policies of Republicanism.

Yes, I am proud to present these gentlemen to you. And I am glad I have had this opportunity to greet you, and to urge all of you to show the world on November 8th that you want liberal leadership, not reactionary do-nothingness; humane government, not government for a privileged few; security for all, instead of luxury for a handful.

United - as we are tonight - we cannot, will not fail.