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Don't Go Back and Backward with Republicans, Broadside, 1936

"The delegates have been convinced . . . that the influence of 'Wall Street' has disappeared from the party councils. This belief is another testimony to the smooth work of the Kansas syndicate. The fact that much of Governor Landon's pre-convention strength and useful packets of cash were contributed by that very Wall Street has not come to the surface in Cleveland, although it is well known in New York."

—News account of the Republican Convention, "N. Y. Times" (Independent), June 13, 1936.

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The hands of the Republican candidate are tied by a small but powerful section of his party. This group are its chief financial backers. Inevitably they must be recognized and rewarded. They have already put their candidate in the straitjacket of their platform. Although it borrows a New Deal front to fool liberals the platform shows that the same Old Guard is in control. IT POINTS

BACK to More Hawley-Smoot Tariffs—
Although Republican high tariffs ruined our farmers and brought on depression, Big Business in the Republican Party demands the repeal of the Democratic trade pacts which have increased our foreign trade 47 per cent in less than 2 years.

BACK to 48 Cent Wheat, 6 Cent Cotton, 3 Cent Hogs—
The Republican agricultural plank scores the New Deal control measures which raised farm income 2½ billion. It offers a weak imitation of Democratic soil conservation policy and submits a medley of 13 theories for true and tried Democratic farm relief. Contrast the Republican record of broken pledges to aid the farmer with the tireless and practical help given him by Democrats.

BACK to Insecurity for Wage Earners—
In place of a self-respecting, self-sustaining system of old age insurance based on contributions by employers and employees during a worker's earning years, Republicans hold out a vague promise of "supplementary payments" for "every American citizen over 65" coupled with a vague threat of a wide-spread income tax to pay the bill. Since this would reach 2 billion a year, how about that balanced budget? And in place of a fair national system of unemployment insurance Republicans advocate state action again under which only one state, Wisconsin, adopted such measures prior to the Democratic Social Security Act on account of the competition of uninsured industries in other states.

BACK to Breadlines in Relief—
In calling for the return of relief to states and local governments, Republicans completely disregard the fact that today states are carrying the full burden of 1½ million unemployables and their families—6 million individuals in all—and, in addition, local communities are contributing as much as they are able—more than 225 million—to work relief projects. Any heavier load on states and local units would result in acute distress and inadequate care. Mayors of 100 large cities have endorsed federal work relief.

BACK to High Electric Bills—
Since the New Deal is not entering private industry except when private industry prevents the use of cheap and abundant electricity, the Republican plank about "withdrawal of government from competition with private pay rolls" is a thinly disguised pledge to the Power Trust to scrap the New Deal power program. Through the competition of such federal power "yardsticks" as T.V.A., more than \$80,000,000 has already been cut from our national electric bill.

"The brave and clear (Democratic) platform adopted by this (Democratic) convention, to which I heartily subscribe, sets forth that government in a modern civilization has certain inescapable obligations to its citizens, among which are protection of the family and the home, the establishment of a democracy of opportunity and aid to those overtaken by disaster."
—Acceptance speech, 1936—FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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