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The recent news developments regarding Presidential candidates make it increasingly evident that Harry S. Truman will head the Democratic ticket in the November election.

In view of this the most important action to be taken at the Democratic Convention next week will be the selection of a candidate for Vice President who will supplement the many qualities of President Truman and who in addition will have strong personal and geographic appeal.

As a delegate to that Convention I have given long and serious thought to the consideration of just what type of candidate would be best for the Country and the Party. In my opinion, the selection should definitely be made from some area east of Missouri in order to give the ticket proper geographic balance. Should a Westerner be selected the result would be an all Western ticket with no representation for the great industrial North East.

The ideal solution would seem to be to pick a very progressive liberal from one of the Northeastern States. Such action would assure that very important geographic balance. It would also appeal to the liberal minded citizens of this Country and the working people throughout the land. This candidate must of necessity be in full accord with the President's and the Party's stand on the many sound issues which were so effectively sabotaged by the Republicans in the 80th Congress. His position on such items as public housing, minimum wages, extension of social security, reciprocal trade agreements and other progressive issues, which are the bedrock of the Democratic Party's program, should be forthright, determined and, preferably, on the record.

A man possessing these attributes would immeasurably strengthen the Party and would guarantee a Democratic victory in November. I earnestly hope that such a person is selected and I personally intend to do everything I can toward that end.