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Introduction

Comments on Washington Lincoln Day dinner

Post election reactions

Pollsters

Newspaper columnists & radio prognosticators

Candidates defeated - 1. no people's pt. of view  
2. failure to campaign & sell ideas

Party workers - 1. failure to define issues  
2. Party bickering

Our future & past

Defeat in '50" will make our chances slim in 1952  
A party out of power 20 yrs is a dead duck  
not a lame duck."

Five defeats have shattered our forces. We are  
like a pane of glass when a ball has been thrown  
Rep. Spence story.





One Principle - "Government is the servant, not the master of the people. Our vast problems need not be solved by government. Those who believe in solutions by government believe in Marxism or Socialism. We in this country have not as yet lived under government tyranny. Therefore by blindly following the policies of the Truman welfare state we may be falling into a trap from which we can not extricate ourselves. The welfare state exacts its tribute which is the destruction of individual liberty."

Your responsibility

Editorial on "Cowardice"

"For twelve years the Rep. Party has been a coward. How desperately the U.S. needs an honest & brave Rep. Party."

Self yourself

"Your neighbors"

My responsibility

Party council participation

1) Policy Committee

2) House Information

Knowing your views & expressing them  
Keeping your informed.



140<sup>th</sup> anniversary Lincoln's Birthday  
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Madame Chairman etc.

Here to talk with you directly etc.

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Post Election reactions

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prognosticators

Candidates

Defeated - a) failure to appreciate  
people's point of view

Elected - b) failure to stand up  
for what he <sup>has</sup> done  
or what he <sup>ought</sup> to do

Party workers -

Disgusted with party breaching & no  
appreciation the people's point of view



Republican workers

Our Future & our past

Rep. Spence story - Ch. Banking & Currency.

Defeat in 1950 would make Presidential chances in 1952 slim. A party out of power 20 years is lame duck but a deal deal.  
Government is servant of the people not the master.

A/C - "Important principles may & must be flexible"

Individualism without disregard for the rights of the many.

Liberalism without being spent-thrifts.

Solutions lie in govt. - Mammone or socialist theory.

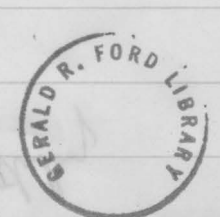
Gov't no salvation. We haven't lived in govt tyranny therefore, maybe blindly following into a trap from which we can not get out. A well planned state wants to take what is the destruction of liberty.

Sell yourself your hayfevers

Your Responsibility

Omaha World-Herald at time of recent Rep. conference.

"For 12 yrs Rep. Party has been a coward."  
"How desperately U.S. needs an honest & brave Rep. party"



"Mini"

1) Participating in G.O.P. policy groups.

a) Policy Committee change.

b) House Public Information Bureau.

2) Statesmanship on "issues"

Regard for your views.

Fair Labor Standards Act.

a) boost in basic rate

b) Proper exemptions

c) Removal of it of gov't to sue.





A/L. "I shall try to correct errors where shown to be errors, & I shall adopt new news as fast as they <sup>shall</sup> appear to be true news."

### Conclusion

A/L - "I go for all sharing the privileges of the government who assist in bearing its burden."

