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The following has been released at Washington, D. C.:

Washington, D. C.--George M. Harrison, President of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, AFL-CIO, and James B. Carey, President of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, AFL-CIO, today made the following statement in connection with the candidacy of U. S. Senator Stuart Symington for the President of the United States.

"It is America's good fortune that from time to time a man more than routinely qualified becomes an active candidate for the highest public office in our country. The qualifications of Stuart Symington, U. S. Senator from Missouri, indicate clearly his breadth of experience and his deep understanding of America's problems in this troubled decade. Few men have had greater experience in business and government life. As a businessman, as the head of important government agencies, as an outstanding U. S. Senator, Stuart Symington has shown himself to be a man of integrity, ability and effectiveness.

"Throughout the career of Stuart Symington, his fundamental humanitarianism, his sincere record of liberalism are well sustained and consistent. Time and again he has demonstrated that he believes in genuine collective bargaining and knows how to make it work. As the highly successful president of Emerson Electric Company in St. Louis, more than 20 years ago, he negotiated union contracts that were models for industry. Later, as Chairman of the U. S. Surplus

Property Board; as first Secretary of the Air Forces; as Chairman of the National Security Resources Board; as Administrator of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Stuart Symington placed at the service of the American people his administrative talent and his humanitarian philosophy. When he was a corporation executive he refused to join the herd which was campaigning to nullify important laws to benefit working people. In the U. S. Senate he has worked consistently and successfully to expand the benefits and protections of liberal legislation and laws affecting the nation's working men and women.

"It is clear from his total record in industry and government that Stuart Symington believes in more humanely balanced labor-management relations. It is clear that he believes that America must provide equality of opportunity for every citizen. It is clear that Stuart Symington is deeply dedicated to the future of democracy. It is clear he believes that our country must be strong in its civilian life and strong in its defense.

"For all these reasons, and after carefully studying the views and the record of Stuart Symington of Missouri, we are convinced that he will -- and should -- be nominated by the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles in July. We are convinced that as the Democratic candidate for President he will be elected in November.

"As we approach the 1960 elections we recognize that a troubled world desperately looks to democratic America for leadership. Because we have lacked vigorous, purposeful leadership during the past eight years, our growth has been halted, our leadership has been questioned.

"The election of Stuart Symington to the Presidency would bring to the White House a man whose thoughtful liberalism and dedicated belief in America's future reflect the needs and views of the majority of American citizens. To Stuart Symington we pledge our support."