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Progressive Party Platform 1948

This is an edited version of the 1948 Progressive Party Platform

- demands negotiation and discussion with the Soviet Union to find areas of agreement to win the peace.
- calls for the repeal of the peacetime draft and the rejection of Universal Military Training.
- calls for the immediate cessation of the piling up of armament expenditures beyond reasonable peacetime requirements for national defense.
- demand the repudiation of the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan.
- will work to realize the ideal of the United Nations as a world family of nations.
- will work through the United Nations for a world disarmament agreement to outlaw the atomic bomb and all other instruments of mass destruction.
- condemns segregation and discrimination in all its forms and in all places.
- calls for a Constitutional amendment which will prohibit every form of discrimination against women.
- recognizes the just claims of the Japanese Americans for indemnity for the losses suffered during their wartime internment.
- demands abolition of Jim Crow in the armed forces.
- promotes the peaceful use of atomic energy to realize its potential as a source of power and as a tool in science, medicine and technology.
- demands the enactment of a minimum wage of \$1 an hour.
- stands for the family-type farm as the basic unit of American agriculture and call for a long-range national land policy designed to discourage the growth of corporation farms. .
- calls for a 5-year program of price supports for all major crops.
- supports the right of every American to good health through a national system of health insurance.
- propose a program of Federal assistance for the establishment of day care centers for all children.
- calls for the overhaul of the tax structure.
- calls for a system of federal scholarships in order to enable all those with necessary qualifications but without adequate means of support to obtain higher education in institutions of their own choice.
- calls for the enactment of legislation to promote science, including human and social sciences.