

ROOSEVELT TALK PRODUCES LAVISH WORDS OF PRAISE

Western Independents Join in Favorable Comment on Speech

(By The Associated Press) Washington, March 4.—Democrats were lavish in praise today for the inaugural speech of their new president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, but his stand for "sound money" drew some question from the liberal wing of his party.

Commendation for the speech also came from Republicans and Western independents who supported the Democratic president in his campaign, but there was some criticism from the opposition ranks that the address contained little in the way of specific recommendations.

Among the comments were the following: Senator William G. McAdoo, Democrat, California, a former secretary of the treasury: "The speech was fine in tone and high in purpose. I am gratified to infer the president intends to present definite proposals to the Congress promptly. I think that is of the greatest importance in the critical situation now existing in our country."

Courage Praised Senator Royal S. Copeland, Democrat, New York: "The thing that impressed me was the manifestation of courage he displayed. The president has vindicated his willingness to face these problems and solve them even to the extent of assuming powers no president has ever exercised in peace times."

Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon, prospective Republican leader: "It was frank and aggressive in character and truly conformed to his campaign utterances."

Senator Hiram W. Johnson, Republican, California: "An excellent address. Far different from the usual stereotyped inaugural. It had hope for the American people and high courage in it. We have the new era and, judging by today, we have the new man."

Senator David I. Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts: "The address will make a most favorable impression on the people of the country. It emphasizes and gives promise of the courage and action that the times demand."

Wheeler's Comments Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Democrat, Montana: "In the main, I don't think it a very able speech. I don't know what he meant by sound money, because there isn't any such thing. What the people want today is stable money. The president can put through any constructive program he wants to put through without any difficulty or extra powers."

Senator James F. Byrnes, Democrat, South Carolina: "The address was reassuring and the only speech a man could make when Congress is to be called into immediate session for a specific program. The program for specific action will be presented to Congress, the only body that can consist."

Senator Millard Tydings, Democrat, Maryland: "A fighting speech, comprehending the distress of the country as a whole. It has considerably raised my hopes as an individual that an aggressive and unrelenting campaign to relieve distress will be inaugurated by the new president. It should hearten everyone."

Currency Plan Approved Senator Ellison D. Smith, Democrat, South Carolina: "He served notice that he intends to meet this situation, through Congress if possible and, if not, through the powers that have been granted him. His reference to currency seems very significant. There must be an adequate but sound circulating medium or currency."

Representative Louis T. McFadden of Pennsylvania, ranking Republican on the House banking committee: "The president very definitely announced he would present a plan of action. I was pleased to hear what he said about the banking situation. I am thoroughly in accord that there must be a complete revision of the Federal Reserve Act."

Representative William I. Sivoch, Democrat, New York: "I thought that part where he said there should be a conscription of all resources of the nation was the best. Conditions now are worse than war, and all resources must be used to win."

Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, said tonight that President Roosevelt's inauguration and his "forceful" inaugural address "inspired the country today afresh and overwhelmingly united in its war against the depression."

"Under his leadership," said Mr. Gifford, who heads the world's largest corporation, "with the will to win and willingness on the part of each individual to make any necessary sacrifices for the common good, we can and will conquer our economic difficulties."

Mr. Gifford organized the national unemployment relief committee under President Hoover in the winter of 1931.

Louisiana's Chief Executive and Party in National Capital



Photo by The Associated Press. Governor and Mrs. Oscar K. Allen of Louisiana, pictured with the governor's military staff on their arrival in Washington, March 3, for the inaugural ceremonies of President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt. They bore with them a wreath for the grave of George Washington at Mt. Vernon. Governor Allen is wearing the silk hat he purchased upon reaching the capital.

POMP, SPLENDOR MARK INAUGURAL BALL AT CAPITAL

Brilliant Assembly Welcomes Nation's New First Lady

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stage reserved for the administration and state governors, trumpets blared and the entry of Governor Laffoon of Kentucky and his party. And then on for an hour the state delegations followed each other into the hall to the stirring strains of their state songs. As the familiar airs filled the hall such as "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" and "My Old Kentucky Home," the happy throng broke into song.

Crowd Picturoesque It was a picturesque crowd representing a variety of people. Military men in gold breast and decorations gave an official air to the scene. Diplomats arrived in the correct swallow-tails with bright-colored ribbons diagonally across their white shirt fronts. A Hindu woman with her sari was there, too. At the last moment, Mrs. Roosevelt changed her mind about wearing a gown of rare white brocade brought from Chicago and appeared instead in a very pale blue brocade, one of her favorite colors.

People nodded and smiled as Fanny Hurst, the novelist, passed, dressed dramatically in a plain black velvet gown with high collar and long sleeves. Governor Pluchot from Pennsylvania shared his applause with his beautiful blonde niece, Rosamond, former star of "The Miracle."

Garner Arrive Late In their box, Mr. and Mrs. Tully Garner, son and daughter-in-law of the vice-president, received congratulations from their parents, who arrived late. In another box the stunning Ruth Bryan Owen, former first lady of Florida, in a black and white mirror satin gown, gathered a crowd around her.

After all of the state delegations had marched through the parallel of military men standing at attention with bayonets forming an arch above their heads, Rosa Fonselle, charming star of the Metropolitan Opera, followed through the guard of honor. A sudden hush fell on the audience as she stepped them and trilled into the high notes of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Six dance orchestras scattered about two large floors in the building played for the crowd of 7000. As the music for the dancing started, Mrs. Roosevelt left to return to the White House, but several members of her party stayed to dance until 2 a. m.

Nellie Taylor Ross wore pink lace combined with sapphire blue ribbon; Mrs. John Garner was in black, with a soft white cow foot, embroidered in sepi-colored, statuesque and charming, Isabel Greenway, candidate for representative from Arizona to succeed Lewis Douglas, wore

ly as the people of the United States look to Mr. Roosevelt's leadership, the peoples of the world look to him for results in overcoming world difficulties.

"His inauguration, therefore is of transcendent significance," the newspaper declared. "Adamant improvement in the world may be expected under the new administration's leadership."

ITALIAN PAPER CALLS TASK 'TREMENDOUS' (By The Associated Press) Rome, March 5.—(Sunday)—Morning papers today expressed the belief that the new United States government can act to solve America's problems and, consequently, can have an enormous influence on the world situation.

Il Popolo Di Roma wished President Franklin D. Roosevelt the best success "not only in the name of the friendship our country has always held for America, but also because if America is saved, the world is saved."

The newspaper described Mr. Roosevelt's task as "tremendous."

Allen's Party Resplendent as Any at Inaugural Ball

Ladies of Delegation Appear on Floor Beautifully Gowned

(Special to The Times-Picayune) Washington, March 5.—(Sunday)—Governor O. K. Allen, members of his military staff in full uniform and the women of his party gowned in stylish creations of the dressmakers' art continued in the midst today of the festivities attending the inauguration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

After witnessing the administering of the oath to President Roosevelt, Governor Allen and his military aides participated in the inaugural parade, riding in five automobiles. The women in the governor's party, including Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Huey P. Long, Miss Alice Lee Grosjean, state supervisor of public accounts, and Mrs. Ed Fishbury, were participants in the day's brilliant social functions, including the glamorous inaugural ball at Washington auditorium.

Vie With Any and All The governor's staff, in full uniform, with the ladies attending beautifully gowned, the state party with any and all other delegations in brilliance at the ball.

Mrs. Allen, wearing an imported applique pink lace on black net, looked regally beautiful on the arm of the governor as they entered the huge hall, its entrance lined with a human lane of soldiers, sailors and marines, who stood at attention with flashing arms.

Her gown trimmed in pink accessories, Mrs. Allen was wearing a diamond-studded spray pin, which has been in her family for many years. A corsage of orchids presented to her by the governor's staff set off the color combination of her gown. She wore a black velvet evening wrap.

From her box on the stage of the auditorium in Washington, Mrs. Roosevelt, in her gown of "Anne blue," sitting with members of her family, greeted each state delegation. The first lady was escorted on the floor of the inaugural ball by Wilton J. Lambert, honorary chairman of the ball committee.

Notables Present Leaders of Washington official life, representatives of many nations and social leaders of the country were in the boxes that lined the great vaulted theater.

Mrs. Roosevelt stayed until the climax of the long entertainment and the official portion of the affair had trilled into the high notes of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by Rosa Fonselle, Metropolitan Opera diva.

Senator and Mrs. Huey P. Long made a striking pair at the function. The "Kingfish" entered the hall with the state delegation and greeted Mrs. Roosevelt. Mrs. Long was wearing an imported creation of white net lace, with a corsage of orchids.

Wearing a gown of beige lace, with a brown, fur-trimmed wrap, Mrs. James A. Noe was escorted by State Senator Noe of Monroe.

Navy Band Plays All during the evening's assembly the Navy Band played in the foyer of the building, giving a continuous program of music for the guests from their entry to the building until they tired of dancing and the inaugural ball became history.

Although dancing was difficult due to the large crowd, many members of the Louisiana delegation participated. Four famous orchestras, those of Guy Lombardo, Rudy Vallee, Eddie Duchin and Eli Dantzig, furnished music.

Among those who were seen on the dance floor were Miss Grosjean, state superintendent of public accounts, who was charmingly attired in a deep, peach-colored, tight-fitting gown, with a ruffled bottom. White kid gloves, a brace of choker pearls and a diamond stringer made up her ensemble, and Mrs. Emilie Bienvenu, national Democratic committee woman from Louisiana, who wore a peach-colored lace gown with emerald tints. A black velvet evening wrap trimmed in white fox fur covered her as she entered the hall.

Miss Grosjean's mother wore black lace with a dark wrap. Mrs. Richard W. Leche, wife of the governor's secretary, was charmingly attired in smooth white satin with a shoulder cape bordered in rows of beads.

Mississippi Bank Holiday Looms; Meeting Called

Financiers Summoned to Jackson Following 5 Per Cent Edict

(By The Associated Press) Jackson, Miss., March 4.—A switch in opinion of Mississippi's banks from the 5 per cent withdrawal restriction now prevailing to a brief bank holiday loomed tonight as bankers from every section of the state were summoned to the capital city for a general conference tomorrow.

State Superintendent of Banks J. S. Love, who this morning issued a supplementary decree further limiting withdrawals from state banks by revoking the \$5 allowance, announced tonight that "key" bankers from each section of the state would assemble tomorrow afternoon to discuss the advisability of declaring a bank holiday.

In event a holiday is not declared, banks Monday will operate on the flat 5 per cent withdrawal basis, officials of the banking department said.

The new order, dispatched to 217 state and 24 national banks this morning, follows: "Beginning this morning allow no depositor, public or private, to withdraw more than 5 per cent of his old deposits for any purpose. There are no exceptions. This does not apply to new depositors."

Cotton Bill Dies by Pocket Veto as Hoover Quits

President Surrenders Office Without Signing Smith Measure

(By International News Service) Washington, March 4.—The Smith cotton bill was killed today by a pocket veto, as President Hoover surrendered his office without signing the measure.

The bill of Senator Ellison D. Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, proposed to raise the price of cotton by offering shares in a great federal pool to those Southern planters who agreed to reduce their future acreage.

It was planned to allow the cotton planters to purchase an option government-owned cotton in proportion to the curtailment of cotton acreage.

A letter by Secretary of Agriculture Hyde, made public at the White House, said: "Passage of this bill would tend to cause a temporary advance in cotton prices, or at least their maintenance at higher levels than would otherwise prevail; a false optimism in cotton circles until the first acreage reports came out early in the summer; a sharp decline in prices following publication of the facts that acreage had not been reduced as anticipated and still further weakness in cotton circles later, when the cotton board started disposing of its accumulations. In addition, there would be great political pressure to stop these sales and to hold the cotton as another extended stabilization operation."

PUERTO RICAN FLOOD KILLS OVER TWENTY

Heavy Rains Swell River; Property Damage Extensive

(By The Associated Press) San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 4.—More than a score of bodies were recovered today in the vicinity of Mayaguez, on the west coast, which was flooded last night by the river Yaguez, swollen by heavy rains.

There was heavy property damage and it was feared the loss of life also would mount. Much of the city along the waterfront was still under water today and the search for bodies continued.

NINE ASSESSMENT CUTS GRANTED BY BOARD AT HEARING

Seven Other Appeals Denied with Equalization Body Meets

Nine abatements aggregating \$68,400 were granted, and seven appeals for real estate assessment reductions were denied by the board of equalization at a public hearing at City Hall Saturday.

A \$15,000 reduction was granted on the Masonic Temple, 333 St. Charles street, originally assessed this year for \$310,000 but later lowered to \$300,000 by the assessor.

L. E. Thomas, secretary, appearing in behalf of the grand lodge, asked that the assessment be dropped to \$732,820, asserting that the board in 1932 sanctioned a \$100,000 reduction, although the Louisiana Tax Commission later rejected this figure.

Other Reductions Made A \$25,000 cut was made on a property occupied by the old Palace theater, Dauphin and Iberville streets, bringing the final figure to \$125,000. The owners, the RKO Orpheum Company, asked for a \$75,000 assessment.

Reductions totaling \$23,400 were granted the Standard Oil Company of Louisiana, the board approving six out of nine appeals for relief on oil station property in the city. The applications and locations followed: St. Charles and Carrollton avenues, original assessment, \$15,000; 12,500 sought; denied. Washington and Carrollton avenues, assessment, \$2000; sought, \$10,000; granted, \$6000; denied. Olive and Carrollton avenues, assessment, \$13,000; sought, \$9000; denied. South Claiborne and Milan streets, assessment, \$17,000; sought, \$10,000; granted, \$15,800. Freret and Upperline streets, assessment, \$21,000; sought,

\$16,000; granted, \$18,000. Louisiana avenue and Carondelet street, assessment, \$25,000; sought, \$18,500; granted, \$21,000. St. Charles and Louisiana avenues, assessment, \$41,000; sought, \$28,000; granted, \$35,000. Prytania and Lyon streets, assessment, \$22,800; sought, \$15,000; granted, \$18,500. Marengo and Magazine streets, assessment, \$22,100; sought, \$15,000; granted, \$18,000.

Meeting Set for Monday Other applications were George Wiegand, 2509 Pine street, original assessment, \$8000; sought, \$5000; granted by assessor, \$5500; further reduction denied. Prudence Realty Company, 822 Gravier street, assessment, \$85,000; sought, \$55,000; partial reduction, \$60,000; further reduction denied. Lawrence P. Kinn, 2212-15 Banks street, assessment, \$7200; sought, \$6000; partial reduction, \$6600; further reduction denied. Isaac Grinberg, 2541-47 Esplanade avenue, assessment, \$45,000; sought, \$38,000; partial reduction, \$40,000; further reduction granted, \$35,000. E. Weinstein, 319-321 South Rampart street, assessment, \$18,000; sought, \$7500; partial reduction, \$12,500; further reduction denied.

The board will meet again at 10 a. m. Monday in the council chamber, Martin E. Kranz, secretary, announced.

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Advertisement for "The Times-Picayune Cooking School" starting on March 14. It features a large photograph of a group of women in a kitchen setting. The text describes the school's offerings and encourages enrollment.