

## SPOKESMEN FOR U. S. LABOR GREET 1934 WITH OPTIMISM; OUTLOOK IS CALLED 'BRIGHT'

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Says A. F. of L. Head.

### CONFIDENCE VOTE FOR PRESIDENT

New Year Will Be Happy One for Nation, Thinks Daniel C. Roper, Secretary of Commerce.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—High government officials and labor spokesmen greeted the new year with reassuring utterances, pledging allegiance to the administration's program for economic recovery and expressing belief that a sound basis of stability is being developed rapidly.

Grouped together, the expression of accomplishment and hope served to convey to President Roosevelt a symbol of public confidence in his spectacular drive to carry disorganized depression into organized prosperity.

Although it was emphasized that the recovery program yet remains in a transition stage and that its various branches are moving slowly toward a degree of crystallization, evidence was given that 1934 may bring an approximate return to normal economic and industrial conditions.

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor said the outlook for the new year was "bright and reassuring." Unemployment, he pointed out, has been reduced, "business of all kinds shows marked improvement, and on every hand there is abundant evidence of renewed courage and revived hope."

**Better Foundation Laid**

"Through the application to industry of codes of fair trade practices," he said, "many basic industries have been placed upon a sound and stabilized basis, a better industrial foundation has been laid, and an economic order in keeping with modern production requirements has been applied to future industrial development."

Daniel C. Roper, secretary of commerce, asserted that the nation's financial structure "has steadily improved."

"This last year," said Mr. Roper, "has been one of great accomplishment in the economic field. On the threshold of the new year we find almost every major indicator of business conditions moderately above the level of a year ago, and a number of them substantially higher."

#### Agriculture on Rise

"There is much evidence that the recovery program will proceed aggressively, that our remaining problems will be slowly but surely surmounted, and that consolidated gains for 1934 will bring about a substantial measure of improvement in all segments of our economic life."

It was noted that agriculture was emerging from the emergency bouncy stage and working toward controlled production designed to fulfill all needs without excesses and provide the farmer an adequate return with buying power.

Speaking for the railroads, R. H. Ashton, chairman of the board, American Railway Association, asserted that financial results from operation had improved in 1933.

#### Freight Traffic Gains

Increased freight traffic during the year, combined with a decrease in operating costs, he said, brought Class I roads an operating income in 1933 of \$465,000,000, or 1.7 per cent of property investment.

Freight handled in 1933 was 252,000,000,000 revenue ton miles, an increase of 8 per cent over 1932.

In a new year summary, the recovery administration observed that the basic pay of nearly 20,000,000 persons in factories, stores and mines had been raised and that drastic reductions in maximum work hours had been accomplished.

#### Warning Note Sounded

The statement, coming in advance of a congress which promises to review NRA activities with severe scrutiny, listed among accomplishments of the recovery administration: abolition of child labor, increased pay rolls, elimination of cut-throat competition, and unfair practices, and settlement of more than 200 major industrial disputes affecting 400,000 employees.

The NRA, it was said, brought re-employment to 4,000,000 in addition to 4,000,000 employed under the civil works program.

A note of warning was sounded by John Dewey, president of the People's Lobby, who declared that congress must make "at once" an appraisal of the real effectiveness of the legislation and measures known as the "new deal" . . . in order that congress, still a coordinate branch of government, may know what legislation is needed to prevent disaster."

#### BANDIT TRIO GETS \$13

Rural Route Resident Held Up on West Side.

Luther O'Banion, R. R. 18, Box 354, was robbed of \$13 by three bandits who held him up at Lyndhurst Drive and State Road 34 last night, he reported to police. He said the bandits drove north after robbing him.

The stars Arcturus and Vega are much brighter than our sun; Vega is fifty-one times as bright and Arcturus is 112 times as bright.

"See Stanley and See Better During the New Year"

**GLASSES**

ON MOST LIBERAL CREDIT

**Stanley**

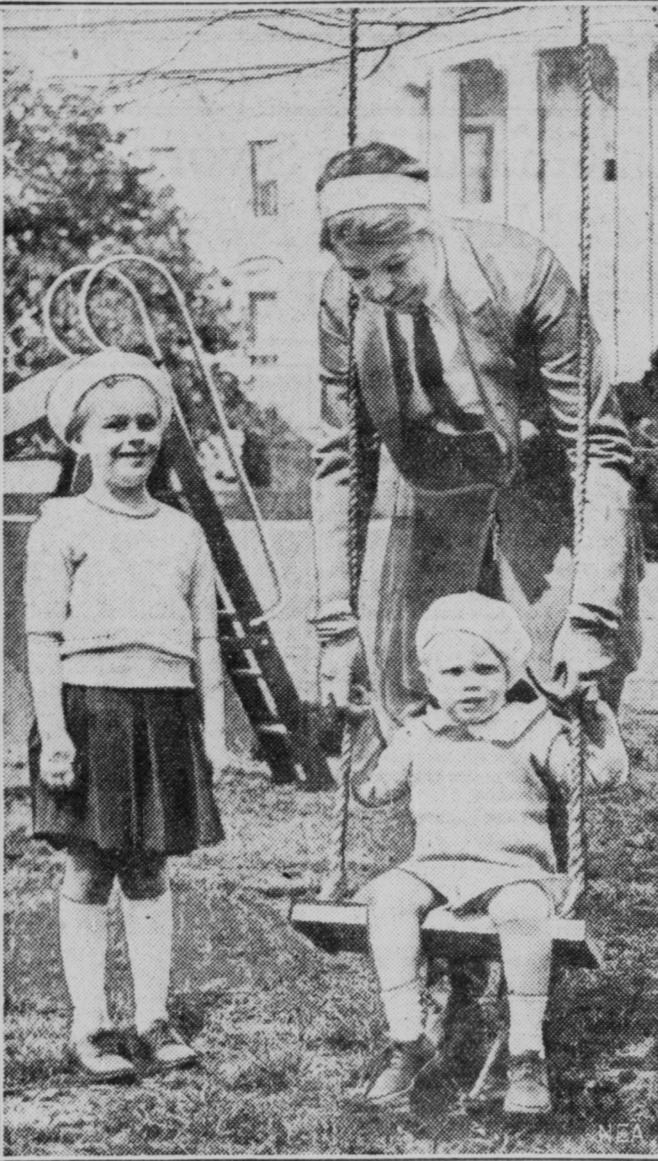
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## 'SHOULD MRS. ROOSEVELT BE LIKE THAT?'

### Does the First Lady Need Any Defense? That's the Question



Here's Mrs. Roosevelt with two of her grandchildren, "Sistie" and "Buzzie" Dall, on the lawn of the White House.

This is the first of a series of articles on Mrs. Roosevelt.

BY MARTHA STRAYER (Copyright, 1934, Scripps-Howard News papers.)

**WASHINGTON**, Jan. 1.—In the voluminous mail of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, a letter came to the White House from an American woman living in a European city.

"I am having great difficulty in defending you to my friends here," wrote the American abroad. "I wish

you would confine your activities to entertaining and opening charity bazaars, the proper functions of a President's wife."

A million American bridge tables, from Maine to California, might have dictated almost an identical communication.

America has been born and brought up on a certain tradition about the wives of Presidents and how they should conduct themselves, and with this tradition the



Here's the First Lady cantering through Rock Creek park in Washington on her favorite pony.

wife of President Roosevelt fails to conform.

The question has been agitating and agitated, ever since last March 4: "Should Mrs. Roosevelt be like that?"

She drives her own car, as skillfully as the wife of a bank president who used to run out to the club for golf in the pre-bank-failure days.

She walks when she wants to go somewhere within a dozen blocks of the White House. She has been seen shooting across busy streets, near the treasury department corner, completely unaccompanied except for her little old black Scottie, "Megge," with Meggie straining at her leash and almost dragging her mistress under the wheels of hurrying autos.

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