

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

'Abundant Evidence of Renewed Courage
and Revived Hope on Every Hand,'
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 mass 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 bounty stage and working toward controlled production designed to fulfill all needs without excesses and provide the farmer an adequate recompense 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 1.77 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 co-ordinate 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"

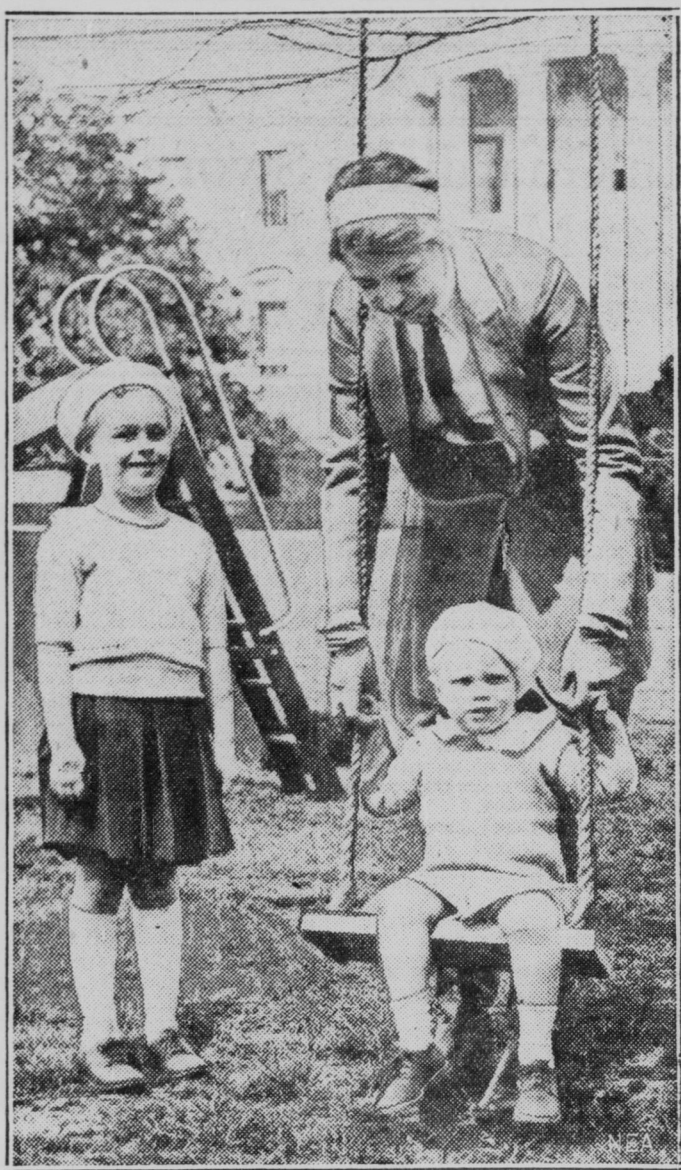
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'SHOULD MRS. ROOSEVELT BE LIKE THAT?'

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



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

BY MARTHA STRAYER
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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 scooting across busy streets, near the treasury department

corner, completely unaccompanied except for her little old black Scottie, "Meggie," with Meggie straining at her leash and almost dragging her mistress under the wheels of hurrying autos.

SHE has opinions and expresses them. She makes public speeches and the front pages of newspapers. She writes for magazines. Her book is in its second edition. She holds press conferences almost like her husband.

She is known to have been directly responsible for various constructive policies of the new administration, and is suspected of more.

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CAMPAIGN FOR SAFE DRIVING STARTS TODAY

131 Meet Death in Auto
Accidents During Past
Year.

With Marion county auto traffic fatalities mounting to the appalling total of 131 for last year, an increase of thirty-five over 1932, Chief Mike Morrissey today opened a strenuous campaign for careful driving and reduction in number of accidents.

Eighty-one of the total for the county occurred within the city limits.

"This terrible toll of human lives, every one of them snuffed out because of some one's carelessness, should have the effect of making the public, motorists and pedestrians alike, stop and think," said Chief Morrissey.

"With the return of liquor, the police department is faced with an even greater problem in preventing traffic accidents."

Following the year 1931 when an all-time record of 176 fatalities was set, a vigorous campaign was waged, resulting in the toll being cut nearly in half, to ninety-six for 1932.

Five of the fatal accidents this year snuffed out lives of children, four in grade school and one in high school.

December, with eleven deaths, took the heaviest toll within the city limits.

In the county and city, heaviest months were August, 18; December, 15; March, May and November, 14 each, and January, 12.

May Happy Days Be Yours Each Day of 1934

At this time of the year, we are glad of the opportunity to send our thankful words of appreciation to our many loyal friends and customers. We realize it has been a year of success and happiness for some, failure and sorrow for others; but in spite of it all, there are many things for which to be thankful.

We believe that the NRA if carried out as intended, would very soon bring a wonderful change. But as is always the case, so many are letting greed govern their actions, therefore defeating the purpose of the act.

The success of not only our business, but of our nation depends now, more than ever before, upon the Employer, the employee, and their patrons. We trust that we have been so fair to our employees that they are for us 100%. We hope that they in turn have given our customers such service that they will feel we are worthy of their continued support and co-operation.

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fixtures taken from a vacant house at 317 North Holmes avenue. Two of the boys, both 14, were taken to the Marion county juvenile detention home. Charles Tillsbury, 16, of 1432 Everett street, was held at the city prison on a vagrancy charge.

AMERICANS PASS UP CHAMPAGNE IN PARIS

Slump in Dollar Value Accounts for New Year's Beer Drinking.

PARIS, Jan. 1.—Today was a beer holiday rather than a champagne festival for the American colony, who have been hit so hard by the depreciation of the dollar that much of their usual celebration was curtailed.

Hundreds of celebrants stood at American bars and ordered the milder drink instead of paying from \$6 a bottle up for bubble water.

Thomas Edison's brain was worth \$15,000,000.00 to the business world; that amount was invested in America alone in industries based on, or stimulated by, his inventions.

ROB NORTH SIDE MAN

Three Youths Take \$35 Watch and \$50, Police Are Told.

B. J. Carney, 35, of 2251 North Illinois street, reported to police that he was robbed early today by three youths at Pearl and New Jersey streets. He lost a wrist watch valued at \$35 and \$50 in cash, he said.

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