

Roosevelt in Bitter Attack On Opposition

By MERRIMAN SMITH
WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (UP)—President Roosevelt tonight opened his 1944 fourth term reelection campaign with a blistering attack against the republican party, which he accused of responsibility for the "catastrophe which we inherited."

Roosevelt, making his first avowedly political speech at a dinner given here by the AFL Teamsters Union, got "quite a laugh" from the labor plank in the republican platform and said "the whole purpose of republican oratory these days seems to be to switch labels."

He went on to charge that the "politicians" who were impugning his foreign policy now were those "who kept their heads buried deep in the sand while the storms of Europe and Asia were headed our way" and in face of this fact were "now asking the American people to entrust to them the conduct of our foreign policy and our military policy."

Roosevelt accused the republican party of talking "out of both sides" of its mouth at the same time and went on to say that the American people would not forget the accomplishments of his administration.

Tasks Facing Country
Roosevelt, in his first self-labeled political address, lashed out at the republican position which has been outlined in a series of addresses by Governor Dewey of New York, the GOP candidate, saying that "the people of this country know the past too well to be deceived into forgetting."

Roosevelt listed tasks facing the country:
1. "There is the task of finishing victoriously this most terrible of all wars as speedily as possible and with the least cost of lives."
2. And there is the task which we face here at home—the task of reconverting our economy from the purposes of war to the purposes of peace."

"These peace-building tasks were faced once before, nearly a generation ago," he told the teamsters and a nation-wide radio audience. "They were botched by a republican administration. This must not happen this time. We will not let it happen this time."

Defends Wartime Policy
He made a strong defence of his wartime economic policy, pointing particularly to the post-war situation in which he said "the keynote of all that we propose to do in reconversion can be found on the one word—'jobs.'"

Mr. Roosevelt assailed as "ridiculous" campaign falsifications on the part of the republicans, a charge that "this administration failed to prepare for the war which was coming."

"I doubt whether even Goebbels would have tried that one," he went on to say, adding counter-terfite against the republican party, charging that "many of the republican leaders in the congress and outside the congress tried to thwart and block nearly every attempt which this administration made to warn our people and to arm this nation."

Naval Losses Of Six Craft

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (UP)—The navy today announced the loss of six U. S. naval craft, including three PT boats and a landing ship, as a result of recent enemy action in the Mediterranean.

The craft were identified as PT's 202, 218, and 555; LST282, and the motor minesweepers YMS 21 and YMS 24. The names of the commanding officers of the PT boats were not immediately available.

The commanding officer of the YMS-24, Lieutenant Samuel R. Pruett, a native of Gellyton, Alabama, was reported killed in action. His widow, Mrs. Ethyl M. Peruett lives at Birmingham, Alabama.

The commanding officer of the YMS-21, Lieutenant Thomas S. Rothwell, Yonkers, New York, was not a casualty. The LST282's skipper, Lieutenant Lawrence E. Gilbert, was wounded. His wife, Mrs. Frances Grace McGovern Gilbert, lives in Havana, Cuba.

The normal complement of an LST is about 64 men; the YMS about 30 each, and PT's 11.

RETURN TO OLD JOBS

NEW YORK (UP)—Columbia University alumni now in the armed forces plan to return to prewar vocations, a survey conducted by the university's appointment office indicates. Questionnaires were sent to 5,000 graduates and former students.

A majority of the 1,800 who replied indicated a desire to take up life where it had been interrupted by the war.

THE ROAD TO BERLIN

By United Press
Distance of 305 miles from the western front (measured from point between Nijmegen and Arnhem); 310 miles from the eastern front (measured from Prague); 551 miles from the Italian front (measured from point north of Florence).

publican opposition to these statutes as "a fair example of their insincerity and of their inconsistency."

He derided the republican party for attempting to "persuade the American people that the democratic party was responsible for the 1929 depression and that 'the republican party was responsible for all social progress under the New Deal.'"

"Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery—but I am afraid that in this case it is the most obvious common or garden variety form of fraud," the president observed.

Mr. Roosevelt accused his "opposition" of having "imported into this campaign the propaganda technique invented by the dictators abroad."

Arnhem Focal Point Getting Hard Smashes

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Elst after detouring a German roadblock at that Dutch town, the British second army breast-plate withering fire from their flanks to reach the Neder or lower Rhine, a smaller branch of the main stream which had been forced at Nijmegen.

Against fanatical resistance from SS and other crack units, the British now were battling to effect a crossing and bring full relief to the paratroopers, mostly British units but including two groups of Polish reinforcements. Although they were being fighting against increasing odds for six days, the airborne troops' commander messaged that morale was still high, especially with rescue apparently so near.

Beyond the Neder Rhine, which nearer the sea becomes the Lek, there is only the small tributary IJssel separating the allies from the rolling plains of northwest Germany and the Ruhr, and the battle for the reich was being fought along the water barriers rather than the already partly turned west wall.

Regarded Decisive

Dispatches from Berlin via Zurich quoted a German war office spokesman as calling the battle for Holland "decisive for the entire war in the west," and said that Adolf Hitler had rushed suicide units of his own private guard to the Arnhem area.

Despite the short distance separating the second army from the river, only several hundred yards, the situation of the paratroopers was still described at headquarters as "touch and go."

Meanwhile a huge panzer force backed by crack infantry groups lashed out at the narrow British corridor through Holland in the area between Veghel and Uden, respectively 12 and 15 miles north of Eindhoven.

In a surging, bloody battle the enemy succeeded in smashing across the main Eindhoven-Nijmegen road, jugular vein for the units across the Rhine, but with the help of low flying Typhoon rocket planes British infantry succeeded in stemming the assault and clearing the road.

British Widen Corridor
A British but smaller attack from the west, where some 70,000 to 100,000 Germans have been cut off by the British drive, was promptly smashed and the British went on to widen their corridor to 18 miles in the Eindhoven area on a 12 mile front, capturing Middlebeers, 10 miles west of Eindhoven and Vessem and Hapert to the south.

United Press Correspondent Ronald Clark reported that the whole of central Holland had become a series of separate battlefields, with the Germans fighting fiercely, utilizing whatever local forces were still intact.

On the first army front, American artillery drove back a counter-attack northwest of Gellenkirchen where the Yanks had driven across the frontier from Dutch Maastricht, and another counter-blow was beaten back in the Buesback area southeast of Stolberg, costing the Germans 40 per cent of the forces involved.

Front dispatches said the Germans lost 60 more tanks in the Moselle river area in 24 hours in contrast to "considerably smaller" U. S. losses and the enemy was reported withdrawing from the Luneville - Chateau Salins area to a new defense line behind the Sella river.

Wouldn't Use Word
In the first place, the president said, if he were a republican leader, "the last word in the whole dictionary that I think I would use is the word 'depression.'"

Of the second charge — which he called a "callous and brazen falsehood about demobilization" in "an effort to stimulate fear among American mothers, wives and sweethearts,"—the president said:

"The very day that this fantastic charges was first made, a formal plan for the method of speedy discharge from the army had already been announced by the war department — a plan based upon the wishes of the soldiers themselves."

Social Events

Couple Married At St. Joan of Arc

A wedding, beautiful in all its appointments, was solemnized at St. Joan of Arc church last evening when Miss Lillian Smith became the bride of Sergeant Edward H. Bean, Jr.

The vows were plighted before Rev. Father Carmody in the presence of many friends of the young couple.

The bride was lovely in a white wedding gown. Her veil was shoulder length and she carried a bridal bouquet of white stephanotis and gardenias. She was given in marriage by Otto Jonnigsen, an intimate friend of the family. The bride's attendants were Mrs. John Winter, of Carson City, matron of honor, who was gowned in pale pink lace, and Miss Helen Smith, bridesmaid, who wore a frock of light blue jersey. Both wore floral caps and carried bouquets of powder puff asters.

Standing with the bridegroom were Master Sergeant Jack Butler and Private First Class Sheehan of Las Vegas gunnery school. The ushers were Paul Murphy and Sergeant Hutchings.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride in the Blakey apartments and later the bridal party were entertained at dinner at Hotel Last Frontier. The couple will go to Lake Arrowhead for their honeymoon and will make their home in Las Vegas. Mrs. Bean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Smith of Reno, who were unable to attend the wedding on account of the ill health of Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Bean received her education in the schools of Reno and the state university. She has been a popular member of the faculty of the Las Vegas schools for several years and is also a member of XI chapter, Beta Sigma Phi.

The bridegroom is the son of Edward H. Bean, Sr., director of the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago, Illinois. He received his education at the state university in Madison, Wisconsin, and at the Sorbonne in Paris, France, and is stationed at Las Vegas gunnery school.

Garden Breakfast at McLaughlin Home

One of the pleasant affairs of the week was the breakfast given by Mrs. John W. McLaughlin in the garden of her home at 808 Charleston Boulevard to the members of Circle Three of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the M. E. church and a few other guests. Mrs. McLaughlin was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Percy Nash. The McLaughlin Garden is a beautiful spot and the tables were set on the velvety lawn; which is bordered with bright fall flowers. Here the guests enjoyed not only the delicious menu of sliced peaches and cream, little sausages, eggs, hot rolls and coffee, but also greeting the old friends just returned from summer vacations.

After breakfast all adjourned to the living room, where a business meeting was held, presided over by Mrs. McLaughlin, the president. The devotionals were given by Mrs. James Brooks, president of the church, and Mrs. Charles P. Squires. The organization was found to be in a healthy financial condition. Plans were discussed for the annual church bazaar which will be held on Thursday, November 16, in the church parlors. Many useful articles suitable for Christmas gifts will be offered for sale. The women's society is also planning to send boxes of homemade fruit cake to the boys overseas who were connected with the church.

"Rushing Party" Plans Completed

Kappa chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, met Tuesday evening with the president, Jim Bertino, in the chair. The cultural lesson was beautifully given by Inez Ytorri Morten, the subject being "Improving Your English and Vocabulary." Plans were completed for the first "rushing party" to be given this season by the chapter. It was in the form of a garden party and was held in the garden at the home of Mrs. Morten yesterday afternoon. Pan and contract were enjoyed by the guests and delicious refreshments were served, members of Kappa chapter acting as hostesses.

Three Hostesses At Frontier Party

Mesdames Hazel Williams, Woody Pierce, James Down, Jr., and Jack Hanson were charming hostesses at a luncheon at Hotel Last Frontier Saturday afternoon, entertaining a large number of friends. These fall parties have been especially pleasant as the guests enjoy meeting their friends after the quiet of the summer. Both pan and contract were played.

Giving Party for Hospital Patient

The Misses Helen and Dorothy Weir arrived yesterday from Los Angeles to spend the weekend with their mother, Mrs. Alice Weir, who has been in the Las Vegas hospital for the past year and a half, recuperating from severe burns.

Today is Mrs. Weir's birthday and it is being pleasantly remembered by many friends. The women of the Methodist church sent the traditional birthday cake and other gifts to help make the day a happy one for this lovely lady who has been so patient through her suffering.

Puppet's War Declared in Philippines

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Kareguru village and a small, unnamed island along the east coast were taken by the marines. The plunge to Kareguru carried the marines forward approximately 1800 yards and partially broke the Japanese grip on the stubbornly - defended western peninsula ridge. The advance broke a deadlock where the first marine division had been held up on Umubrogol mountain, a 100 foot rise. Capture of the small east coast island eliminated right flank fire on the advancing leath-ernets.

Killing Thousands

By sundown Friday, Nimitz reported, 7020 Japanese had been killed on Peleliu, and another 950 were killed on Angaur island, six miles to the south. Troops of the American army's 1st (Wildcat) division on Angaur were pressing the annihilation of 200 remaining Japanese bottled in the caves on the northwestern tip of the island. Nimitz said the seven barges trying to run the Peleliu blockade were sighted in the narrow channel between Peleliu and Ngesebus island to the north. One was sunk by patrol vessels and the remainder dispersed. They were destroyed by bombing, strafing and gunfire from warships after being driven ashore. A Japanese supply dump also was set afire.

Front dispatches said that the barges were spotted by an American landing craft which roared into the attack, sinking one and giving a radio warning which brought American planes and a cruiser to finish the job. The barges were capable of carrying 100 men each and several tons of supplies.

Fierce Peleliu Battle

On the Peleliu ground front a fierce battle raged along the west coast limestone ridge dominated by Umubrogol mountain, a 100 foot rise on which powerful Japanese artillery forces were anchored. The marines smashed a limited counterattack Thursday night and drove the Japs back to their deep cave positions.

The Philippines declaration of war, made as the Japs continued to predict an imminent invasion

Average Age Miners, Ranchers Cars in State Is Seven Years

By ARTHUR N. SUVERKRUP CARSON CITY, Nev., Sept. 23 (UP)—Oldest automobiles in use by Nevadans are those operated by men and women engaged in production of food and in the mining of vital, strategic minerals.

That was shown in a survey released today by Robert A. Allen, head of the Nevada department of highways. While ranchers, agriculturists and miners are driving automobiles which, on the average are seven years or more old, persons in the amusement and recreation business operate the newest cars to be found on the state's highways, it was shown.

Some Old-Timers

Average age of the automobiles driven by ranchers was found to be slightly more than seven years, with those used by miners averaging exactly seven years. Cars of men and women in the amusement business average just exactly five and one-half years in age.

Professional men and women also drive comparatively new cars, Allen's survey showed, with the age of automobiles used by doctors, nurses, engineers and others of that classification be-

ing shown as 5.6 years. Government employees, except postal workers and employees of government owned utilities, have automobiles which average only slightly more than six years in age while manufacturers and processors have cars which are six and one-half years old on the average, Allen showed.

Survey Shows Drop

In making the survey, Allen said, a total of 17,428 automobiles were used, or 66.4 per cent of the total passenger car registration in the January-March period of 1944.

Allen reported that of the 713 new automobiles—those manufactured in 1942—operating in the state 114 were owned by government workers.

Persons engaged in the wholesale and retail trade, including finance, insurance and real estate, however owned the largest number of the new cars, with 116.

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BRAVE OREGON MAN GETS SILVER STAR

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (UP)—The war department today announced posthumously the award of the silver star to Sergeant Reuben Heer, Portland, Oregon, for action on Guadalcanal November 22, 1942.

Heer was cited for remaining behind his company and protecting it by covering Jap pillboxes with automatic rifle fire when the company withdrew to a new position. He was killed in action November 30, 1942.

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