
Franklin D. Roosevelt — “The Great Communicator”

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Last night I attended in
Washington a dinner given in
honor of the Federal Com.
on Indus. Relations.

Sat next to a member of
the Com - O'Lonnell - who
had just been face to face
with death in a horrible
disaster - the sinking of
the Mourae - He told us
of his experiences -

Lent in 10 minutes -

~~He~~ Negro Lady -

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Remarks of passengers
after rescue -

Some - couldn't have happened
in good old days -

Others - thinking only of
physical feelings & suffering
of the moment -

Others - What would be
the development of travel
by sea - whether safety
could be increased - &
what means -

A good cross section of
the world we live in
under a microscope -

Part - Present - Future -

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Past - Do not pull
their weight in the boat -

Present - Example of
selling Navy Stores at
Brooklyn

Future - I want to talk
of it -

Government -

Development of History

Greeks & Romans -
Ruling class -

Then wild tribes - Franks -
Goths, Vandals, Goths
Saxons -

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Tribe led a communit
existence -

But it was semi -
barbarous - no comforts -
half civilization -

Then Feudal days -
Titter ruled - & pushed
down the weak -

A system of paternal
slavery -

Then Monarchs

Then rise of industrialism
Just past that

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Industrialism gave
power to a few who
ruled the many

Today - coming into
a new era

"Rule of People"

"New Freedom"

Really a rule conducted
by the majority for the
benefit of the greatest
number possible no
class as such, but for
all in order that condition
of life may be made
more bearable for

all - that there may
be in true sense an
equal opportunity for
all -

Legislation -
up to certain point -

Nice balance secured by
fair representation of the
various important ~~elements~~
affected - a representation
on the governmental com-
mission boards which
have exec. & semi-legisla-
& semi-judicial powers

Efficiency of and
for the community