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"Navy Official Speaks at P.R. Club Banquet

Narragansetts Hear Franklin D. Roosevelt Tell of War Work

A large delegation from the Narragansett Club in automobiles met Assistant Secretary of Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt at the St. George ferry at eight o'clock Saturday night and escorted him to the club rooms at Port Richmond where he spoke at their eighth annual banquet. Congressman Daniel J. Riordan accompanied the secretary from Manhattan.

As Secretary Roosevelt was scheduled to speak in Brooklyn later in the evening, he delivered no set address but confined himself to a few informal remarks, chiefly dealing with the work of the United States navy during the war. He also touched on the unrest prevailing over the entire country, calling for a revival of Americanism to offset this condition.

Congressman Riordan followed the lead of the guest of honor, complimenting the Navy Department on its work during the past few years. He closed with an admonition for the country to get back on a sound pre-war economic basis...."