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ADDRESS OF HON. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT AT HANCOCK, N.Y. - 1:30 P.M.

October 17, 1928.

MR. CLAYTON WHEELER: Friends, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the next Governor of the State of New York, Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt. (Applause)

MR. ROOSEVELT: My friends, you I am not a stranger in Hancock. I started coming here, I think, way back in the year 1911, when Clayton Wheeler and I were both up in Albany, and I am always glad to come anywhere that Clayton Wheeler lives. (Applause) Because -- I have to say this in front of him -- but it is perfectly true that there isn't a finer citizen anywhere in the State of New York than my friend, your fellow townsman. (Applause) And I hope that when the next strenuous three weeks are over, that I will be able to come back here in an official capacity and say "How do you do" to you (applause), because, if I am elected, I am going to try to get around the State of New York. And in the meantime -- I only have a minute or two -- I want to introduce to you the gentlemen who are running on the ticket with me.

First of all, the man running for Lieutenant-Governor, Colonel Herbert H. Lehman of New York. (Applause)

COL. LEHMAN: I am very glad indeed to meet you all, and I hope to come back too.

MR. ROOSEVELT: Also Mr. Tremaine, the present Comptroller who has done so much to help Governor Smith up in Albany. (Applause) And Mr. Albert Conway, who is trying to be the next Attorney General in the place of Mr. Ottenger. (Applause)

We are off for a two weeks' campaign up State. We have a lot of territory to cover, and it has been mighty nice to see you and I appreciate your coming down here to the station to greet me -- to greet all of us, I should say -- and I hope that I will see you all again very soon. Thanks very much. (Applause)

Mr. Wheeler says he is coming to Binghamton with a lot of you.

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ADDRESS OF HON. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT AT SUSQUEHANNA, PA. - 2:15PM

October 17, 1938.

MR. ROOSEVELT: I am very glad to see you people. Last week I said that I wasn't going to make any other speech outside of the State of New York. But I am glad to come into Pennsylvania.
(Applause)

I have been going all around this country, south and west, doing all I could to elect the great Governor of New York to the Presidency of the United States. (Prolonged applause) I think there is going to be a very big surprise in the Republican National Headquarters when they count the vote for Pennsylvania. In fact, as a prominent Republican said to me the other day, "If they can get an honest count in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is going Democratic."

You know, this talk about prosperity -- I am sorry to hear -- that that measure of prosperity that we have heard so much about doesn't seem to have hit in here in Susquehanna. I can tell you that it isn't the only place in the country that isn't running full speed and full time, and people are catching on all over the United States, in cities, and especially on farms of the country, that this prosperity isn't all that it is claimed to be.

I hope that if the Democratic Party comes into power in Washington we will be able to have a better rounded out prosperity, -- that we will have it all over the United States instead of just in spots.

There is no question of the interest in this campaign among the men, and especially this year, interest among the women. The women of the United States know good government when they see it. They know the kind of government that Alfred E. Smith has given up in Albany, and they are quite certain that they want it transferred down to Washington.
(Applause)

I know that you people up in this part of Pennsylvania are going to do everything you can to swell the majority, so that when the vote comes down to the Philadelphia city line the Democratic majority will be so big that they can't possibly overcome it in Philadelphia. (Applause)

The enthusiasm in every part of the union for Alfred E. Smith has

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has almost no parallel within our memory, and I am very confident that every one of you men and women, young and old, is going to do every thing possible in the next three weeks to make it as closing a unanimous Democratic vote as you can. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

VOICE: Three cheers for the next Governor of New York State.

(Cheers)

Messrs. Lehman, Tremaine, Conway introduced.

MR. ROOSEVELT: These people are going to try to get out to Albany to carryout the same good, clean, honest and progressive government that we have had there under Alfred E. Smith. (Applause)