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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S RADIO ADDRESS  
TO GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE AT SAN FRANCISCO

I send my greetings across many states to the <sup>you who are</sup> ~~assembled~~ <sup>has walked in</sup> tonight. I wish I could meet with you and renew old and pleasant associations, created during the four years during which I was one of you. I like to recall that I was a member of the Executive Committee of the Conference of Governors and that I attended all four meetings during my term of office as Governor of New York. I found then, and subsequent observation has confirmed my belief, that the Governors' Conference is a vital and necessary organization.

I take this occasion to assure you of my deep appreciation of the cooperative spirit which you have ~~recently~~ <sup>yesterday</sup> shown in your resolution addressed to me. We are all engaged in the business of lifting this country from economic chaos and I congratulate you on the ~~fine~~ <sup>fin</sup> efforts that you are making.

I feel that one of the great problems before us is to adjust the balance between mutual State and Federal undertakings-to determine the joint responsibilities of many great tasks. I think we are making progress in this direction. There are many problems that extend beyond the power of single states. I can use as illustrations two which happen to be in the foreground in Washington at this moment.

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Another problem is a consideration of a wider and more effective use of the land over wide areas in such natural units as the Tennessee or the Arkansas or the Missouri <sup>in the Columbia Valley or watersheds of the</sup> or the upper Mississippi <sup>Rivers</sup> valleys. Here are <sup>also</sup> problems where the individual state, and regional groups of <sup>land</sup> states and the Federal Government may well find possibilities of fruitful cooperation.

I extend to you a very personal note of greeting. I am more than <sup>satisfied</sup> ~~pleased~~ with the contacts which I have had with the governors of the forty-eight sovereign states since I have been President. I have maintained a constant and active interchange of ideas with many of you. We have communicated by mail and <sup>by</sup> telephone and more particularly by personal conferences at the White House. I hope that these contacts will continue and <sup>that they will</sup> increase in number and importance. I hope, furthermore, that during the coming winter I may have the pleasure of meeting with you here in Washington once more and I take this occasion to extend to you a cordial invitation for such a meeting during the coming winter.

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*Franklin D. Roosevelt*  
Pres. Reading Club

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I feel that one of the great problems before us is to ~~move constantly in the direction of a serious effort~~ <sup>mutual</sup> to adjust the balance between State and Federal ~~aid and~~ <sup>undertakings</sup> ~~to determine where the responsibility of the~~ <sup>the joint responsibility of many great tasks</sup> ~~states ends and the responsibility of the Federal Govern-~~ <sup>ment begins.</sup> I think we are making progress in this direction. ~~The best progress can be made when both sides~~ <sup>zealously undertake to assume as adequate a part of the</sup>

~~burden as is possible. I commend likewise the general question of joint Federal and State planning.~~ There are many problems that extend beyond the power of single states. *I can use as illustrations two which have been before in the past. I want briefly to call your attention to two examples I presented in Washington at this moment:*

~~In the first place the problem of oil production,~~ *for example comes,* which must be viewed and measured from the standpoint of the national total of production. *And of conservation.* But in coming to grips with the problem of limitation, the states have a function to perform which is of great importance. *I am happy that the oil producing states are co-operating with each other and with the Federal Government in this matter.* ~~I comment this question to your consideration.~~ *An other* The other problem is a consideration of a wider and more effective use of the land over wide areas in such natural units as <sup>the</sup> Tennessee or the Arkansas or the Missouri or the ~~other~~ upper Mississippi valleys. Here are problems where the individual state and regional groups of states and the Federal Government may well find possibilities of fruitful cooperation.

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