

January 30, 1935

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President's Radio address on  
his 53rd birthday --White House  
Jan. 30, 1935.

BIRTHDAY MESSAGE

January 30, 1935.

*My friends:*

Most of you ~~who hear my voice tonight~~ know in general terms of the story of the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation -- of how, from very small beginnings ten years ago, there have been built up two useful, practical factors in the fight against one of the most insidious and baffling American health problems. *af*

The first has been the work at Warm Springs itself -- the joyous task of taking care of scores of children and of trying to bring them back to useful, active participation in life, and the also interesting task of trying new methods which suggest themselves from time to time through the many and constant advances of Medical and Surgical science.

*Toward* The other objective, long dreamed of, ~~is now~~ *we are now* proceeding. *proceeding.*  
tonight ~~is~~ <sup>your</sup> ~~the~~ greatest incentive. In every part of the Nation funds are being raised to give better care to crippled children within or near to their own community. Seventy per cent of your generous contributions go to these local needs. The other thirty per cent go, not to the Warm Springs Foundation, but to a distinguished Committee to be allocated by this Committee *for* the furtherance of research into the cause, the prevention and the treatment of Infantile Paralysis.

**STOP**  
I need not tell you of my own deep personal happiness that my Birthday is ~~being~~ made the occasion for aiding this splendid work. I wish that I might ~~be~~ *have been* with each and every one

of you at each and every one of these parties and entertainments in every State in the country.

~~Today~~ I have ~~also~~ been made happy by thousands of telegrams and letters -- so many of them, indeed, that even an enlarged White House staff could not begin to thank for ~~them~~, ~~in months~~. To all of you who sent them I, therefore, take this opportunity of extending my grateful <sup>it's</sup> thanks. To all of you who are so generously helping the cause of crippled children everywhere, I also ~~send~~ <sup>give</sup> my thanks and my best wishes. I like this kind of a Birthday.

(Good night and good luck to you all)

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT  
on his 53rd Birthday Anniversary  
January 30, 1935, 11.35 P.M.

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STEPHEN EARLY  
Assistant Secretary to the President

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