TO THE PEOPLE OF SAINTE GENEVIEVE:

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We admire that Christian courage which refused to be daunted by Indian depredations and massacres, by a gradual change in the course of the Mississippi threatening the destruction of the settlement, or by the disastrous flood of 1785. In due course, through the rugged efforts of your predecessors, the hostile forces were pacified; and the restless Mississippi, far from annihilating the community, provoked a providential removal of the church and other buildings to a better site where the village could expand and flourish.
These triumphs over affliction are characteristic of the spirit of our early Americans. Although the problems which confront us today are of a different sort, I am confident that you have not lost the stalwart qualities of frontier days.

It is with a full appreciation of your past that, on this occasion of your Bi-Centennial Celebration, I extend to you my hearty wishes for a happy and prosperous future.
INFORMAL REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT BY TELEPHONE
TO GREET THE PEOPLE OF SAINTE GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI,
AS THEY CELEBRATE "NATION'S NIGHT" AS A FEATURE
OF SAINTE GENEVIEVE'S BI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

August 22, 1935

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We salute that Galena courthouse which remains to

be compete by its citizens and successors, as a reminder

of the course of the Mississippi river to

the generation of the present, or to the generations

of the future. In our country, this bond of the counties

and the states, the people take pride.

In the midst of this great state, the people are

serving a beneficent memory of the states and other

provinces of a better state where the attitude can,

and the spirit.

The people then will have not lost the American
difference.

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The President tonight will speak by telephone to greet the people of Sainte Genevieve, Missouri, as they celebrate "Nation's Night" as a feature of Sainte Genevieve's bi-centennial celebration.

The following remarks of the President are released for publication in all editions of newspapers appearing on the streets NOT earlier than 9:00 O'clock, P. M., Eastern Standard Time.

EUGENE E. EARLY
Assistant Secretary to the President

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