

June 10, 1936

[Rockport, Arkansas]

FDR Speech File

INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
ROCKPORT, ARKANSAS
June 10, 1936, 2.45 P.M.

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This particular spot has seen a great deal of history. It has seen many famous men pass through here on their way west. It has seen Americans through many generations, but remember that in all those days, and in this one, religion has taken part in everything that has occurred.

I always remember that in the earliest days of the white settlement of North America, in the days of the landing at Plymouth, the colonization of Jamestown and the founding of New Amsterdam, the first thing that the earliest colonists did when they set foot on shore was to hold a religious service. It seemed to be engraved in our American blood. And so, as the Nation developed and as men moved across the Alleghanies and across the Mississippi, religion went hand in hand with them.

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This is a transcript made by the White House stenographer from his shorthand notes taken at the time the speech was made. Underlining indicates words extemporaneously added to the previously prepared reading copy text. Words in parentheses are words that were omitted when the speech was delivered, though they appear in the previously prepared reading copy text.

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keeping pace with the progress of the more material civilization. And that is why you good people who live in this section of Arkansas, may I ask you always to keep that spiritual faith and to remember the early days when your ancestors brought religion across the Mississippi.

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