

June 11, 1936

[Austin, Texas]

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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT
FROM THE REAR PLATFORM OF OFFICIAL TRAIN
AUSTIN, TEXAS
June 11, 1936

Governor Allred, my friends of Austin:

It is a great regret to me that I cannot make a longer stop (in Austin) here tonight, in order to receive (the) more of this perfectly magnificent hospitality (of the citizens as well as of your Governor in the Capital of the State) not only of you but of Governor Allred and his official family.

As San Jacinto and the Alamo represent to me the struggle for independence and the earlier days of the Republic, so this Capital city represents the later days of the Republic and these long years of statehood since Texas became the twenty-eighth Star in the national flag.

I have recalled on this trip through Texas the amazing lives of General Houston, of Stephen F. Austin, of those who founded the German colony of Baron Von Bastrop, and of that far-seeing son of (Georgia) one of my states, that Georgian, Mirabeau B. Lamar. (Applause)

Texas has always had men and women who had a zest for life, for peace, for progress -- men who have won honors at home and abroad. They have sat in this your Capital city. They have served in the halls of the

Franklin D. Roosevelt Library

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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It is a great honor to me that I should be asked to deliver the opening address at the opening of the new building of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. I have the honor to acknowledge the invitation of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and to express my appreciation to the Board and to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the honor of having me as their guest.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York is one of the most important institutions in the United States. It is the central bank of the Federal Reserve System, and it is the only bank in the United States that is a member of the International Monetary Fund. It is also the only bank in the United States that is a member of the Bank for International Settlements.

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That (the) fine tradition continues today. You know, I am sure, that I lean very heavily on men and women from the Lone Star State, who are rendering such fine and unselfish service to the Government of the United States. (To one of them, not only I but the whole Nation owes a special debt -- one who began his long and distinguished public career as a member of your Legislature here in Austin -- one whom I proudly and affectionately call my helpmate -- the Vice President of the United States.)

(The following was all extemporaneous.)

This is a fitting place for me to say to all Texas that to one Texan not only I but the whole Nation owes a special debt, one who began his long and distinguished public service, his long career as a member of your Legislature here in Austin, a Texan whom I proudly and very affectionately call my helpmate, John N. Garner, Vice President of the United States.

I am glad to be here with your distinguished Governor and with your distinguished senior senator from Texas. (Applause) I am sorry indeed that it is only because of very important

official business in Washington that Jack Garner and Tom Connally cannot be here at my side tonight.

I am glad to see the President of your great University. I understand that somewhere in his pocket he has a button for me to press.

(The President received the button with which he was to explode the first dynamite charge commencing work on the new museum of the State University.)

I am particularly interested, as you know, in history. I am greatly interested in the history of Texas and I am very happy that the Nation has had some part in starting this museum in your capital city. Now I am going to hold it up and press the button and you will hear the noise of the explosion in a moment. There she goes! (Noise of explosion, followed by prolonged applause)

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MEMO FOR S. T. E.

HERE ARE COPIES OF THE READING
COPIES OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECHES FOR
TEXAS. THERE IS ANOTHER ONE TO COME.
THE PRESIDENT DID NOT GIVE ME ANY
FORM OF ADDRESS AT THE TOP.

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO
HAVE THESE TO START ON TOMORROW
MORNING. G. G. T.

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