

October 16, 1936

[Columbus, Ohio - Town Platform]

FDR Speech File

INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
(From the Rear Platform of his Special Train)  
COLUMBUS, OHIO  
October 16, 1936, 3.10 P.M.

(The President was introduced by Governor Davey)

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I am glad to be in this State to see with my own eyes the progress that has been made in the last four years. (Applause)

That progress extends not only to the restoration of prosperity in large part, but it extends also to the building of many needed public improvements in every part of the State. It is true that a portion thereof has been financed with the aid of Federal funds, but I am conscious of the fact, and I think you are too, that the projects themselves were the choice of the citizens of the State and the citizens of the various subdivisions, the counties and municipalities in which these projects were built.

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 introduced though they appear in the previously prepared reading copy text.

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As a matter of fact, as you know, during the past three years your Government has spent more money in total number of dollars than any previous administration in the cause of conservation but, at the same time, that money has been spent primarily for the putting of people back to work. (Applause)

As I have gone through this country, I have been much heartened to find the tremendous interest of people in this election. They, men and women, are taking more interest in national problems than ever before in our history. The registration figures show it; they prove it in practically every part of America. And I am quite confident that the verdict on the third of November is going to be a true expression of what America thinks. It is going to be a real cross-section this time, without any excuses, no matter who wins or who loses.

And so, as I proceed East, I am going back home with a great confidence, and that is that on the evening of November third, two weeks from next Tuesday, I am going to get a telegram from Ohio telling me that all is well. (Applause)

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