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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
BILTMORE HOTEL, NEW YORK
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AT THE CONCOURSE PLAZA HOTEL
BRONX, N. Y.

October 31, 1936, 2.30 P. M.

Ladies and gentlemen:

No campaign would be complete without this
luncheon. (Applause)

I am not only always glad to come here on the
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but when I come here I consider myself as one of the god-
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There is a story connected with that which ought
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There was presiding over the Senate Chamber that day an old gentleman from upstate New York. They tried to lock the doors of the Senate Chamber and to keep us from going out and thus preventing a quorum. The old gentleman banged on the desk, and somebody said, hoping for a parliamentary rule, "By what right are you keeping us in this Chamber?" Whereupon the old gentleman banged again and said, "We are keeping you here by the right of major force." (Laughter, applause)

Well, we were defeated that day but, shortly thereafter, the Bill came up again and that time right prevailed over might and Bronx became a county. (Applause)

I wish that all of you could have been with me during these past two months travelling around the country and seeing the enormous interest in every community I have visited in many, many states -- an interest in this election that I believe is more fundamental, more deep-seated, than in any previous election in which I have taken part.

It shows me that men and women are thinking more deeply than ever before. They are going to vote on Tuesday not merely out of gratitude for what has occurred in this country in the last four years, they are going to vote

because they believe that our progress for social security and better living conditions for the American people must continue.

And so, like your Governor, like our Governor, I am approaching next Tuesday in a spirit of real confidence because I believe very firmly that this outpouring of voters, this tremendous interest in public questions, can mean only one thing, and you and I can guess what that is.

I have but one more formal speech between now and Tuesday and it is not completely written yet. That is why I shall have to forego the pleasure of staying on this afternoon and listening to the speeches of the candidates from this County and the candidates on the State ticket. I wish that I might be with you and, although it is probably my last political campaign as a candidate, I hope to be with you on other Saturday luncheons before election. (Prolonged applause)

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