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INFORMAL, KXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
at the dedication of Franklin Delano Roosevelt Park
New Orleans, Louisiana
April 29, 1937, 4.10 P.M.

GOVERNOR LECHE, MAYOR MAESTRI:

I am very glad to come back, not only to this great city but also to the State of Louisiana. And I am proud to be the guest of the people of this state and the guest of your distinguished young Governor. (Applause)

I have been in this city many times before and I am very proud that a portion of the park has been named in my honor. I am glad, too, that the construction of this work has given useful employment to those of our citizens who could not find work in private employ. I am quite confident that the people of this country are in favor of giving useful work to the unemployed instead of putting them on a dole. (Applause)

I hope to come back here sometime again soon to see the completed stadium and the completed mall.

I have had a wonderful day here and I am sorry I cannot stay with you longer but I am coming back soon. (Prolonged applause)

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