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Franklin D. Roosevelt

INFORMAL REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
From the Rear Platform of his Special Train  
Carlin, Nevada  
July 13, 1938, about 11:30 A.M.

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I wish I could spend a little more time in this State. I haven't been through here for some time. Last time I came through the southern part of the State was for the dedication of Boulder Dam.

As you know, like you good people out here, I am water conscious. I think we are getting water conscious all over the country and it has been one of my hopes, as it is yours, that through the better use of water all through the drier parts of the country we can increase the population of those drier parts of the country.

The population of this State is altogether too small. Nevada can support and is going to support a large population. And one way of doing it is to take every kind of step, locally and through the State Government and the Federal Government for the better use of the water resources.

In the past five or six years I have done as much studying of the map of this State as anybody in this State. I know the possibilities and I want to assure you that your Government in Washington is not forgetting your existence or your problems. We are trying in every way we possibly can to get more people into this State, to develop its resources for future generations who are going to live in the State.

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I am not referring to all the children I see here today. That end of it is all right. Nevada can support and is going to support a large population. And one way of doing it is to take every kind of step, locally and through the State Government and the Federal Government for the better use of the water resources.

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INFORMAL REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
From the Rear Platform of his Special Train  
Inlay, Nevada  
July 13, 1938, about 9:00 P.M.

I am glad to hear the Governor call it desert -- it is pretty good desert.

It is good to be back again in Nevada and get a chance to see things again. It seems to me they look a lot better than they did a few years ago and as you know, your Government in Washington knows that this State is on the map which is something. Some administrations didn't know it was on the map. And, I have been very glad that your State administration, from your Governor down, work so well with all of us on the other side of the continent. We have had real cooperation from the State Government. We have not had any dissention or cross words, and when all of us decided things had to be done, they have been done.

You people know I am water conscious -- although not a strict prohibitionist --

When I was down on the Ohio River the other day I told them I would catch bigger fish than grew in the Ohio, though I don't think I will get anything that tastes better to eat than Nevada trout -- the Senator gave me some Nevada trout for lunch -- it was delicious.

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From the Rear Platform of his Special Train  
Sparks, Nevada  
July 15, 1938, 6.20 P.M.

(There were about 1500 people in the audience.)

I am glad to come back through Nevada. It has been several years since I have been across the continent this way. One of the reasons for this trip, as the Governor has so kindly suggested, is that I want to keep in touch with the people of the United States.

Nevada has not been forgotten in Washington. We are very glad of the fact that Nevada is one of the important states in the Union and we think of it, not merely in terms of minerals, or crops, but in terms of human beings. That is why we have been trying to have a national policy that thinks in terms of human beings.

I think you know almost everybody on the platform here, the Governor, the Senator (Pat McCarran), Al Hilliard, Jim Scrugham and, let us see who else is here -- Oh, come on out and show yourself. I have got a shrinking violet here, "Judge" George Allen, Commissioner of the District of Columbia. (Laughter)

Somebody suggested to me that Nevada should be known also for something and he made a large sized bet that not one newspaper man on this train, from outside of the State of Nevada, knows anything about it. Nevada has one of the greatest naval bases of the United States within its borders. That is pretty good for a state that is a good many hundred miles from salt water and has mighty little fresh water.

Now, that will settle that question. They (the newspaper men) are all back there in the club car, you know, writing their

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stories and what I am saying here into this microphone is relayed back to them so that they may sit at ease in their comfortable chairs back there. (Laughter) As a matter of fact, when they get out, it is only to get a little fresh air. Now, having told them this story about this great naval base in the State of Nevada, I am not going to tell them anything more about it; they will have to find out about it from the encyclopedia.

It is good to see you all and I am glad to see what I believe are pretty distinct signs of prosperity and, as the Governor has indicated, it is not just a temporary prosperity but something of the kind we are looking for, that will last not just through this year or next year but for all the years to come.

I am proud of the Nevada spirit, of the fine spirit in the State, and I hope to come back and see you all very soon.

I have got to go back inside because I am told there are quite a lot of telegrams waiting for me and I might have to send some answers before I leave. Good night.

INFORMAL REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
From the Rear Platform of his Special Train  
Reno, Nevada  
July 13, 1936, 6:52 P.M.

(There were about 15,000 people in the audience.)

It is good to see you all and I am glad to be back in Nevada. (Applause)

I should say, from seeing things today from the train, that there is a certain amount of prosperity in this State, at least. (Applause)

I have been especially interested in studying with your Governor the problem of water in the State. We need more of it and we people in Washington are doing all we can to help by increasing the water supply for the use of farms and inhabitants of this State.

(Applause)

I wish I could stay here longer but the train is stopping, I think, only for a minute. I am on a "look-see" trip, trying, as I do every year, to get a first-hand impression of various parts of the Union. In about two or three days I will be off on the Pacific, fishing. I think I will get bigger fish than I can get in the State of Nevada. (Applause) But I won't get any fish that taste as good as the trout I had for lunch today. (Applause)

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