

governor's "Black Cabinet": Thomas J. Davis, state organizer Roosevelt-Davey of Ohio, and president of the Ohio State Democratic League; Percy D. Jones, city boss; and S. C. McCallister, contact organizer.

Interview Mrs. Elizabeth McDuffie, Negro Inmate of the White House

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you ever wondered how could feel to actually live White House; to see the of the United States at at play; to know about in the intimate ex- f the first family? Mrs. McDuffie has done all s. She lives in the , sees and knows the ll, and has a share " the domestic acti- face.

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e of President She is a charm- man whose home and whom many rners are glad to She possesses a ersonality and al- ly keen sense of y of you will re- heard her speak. member her amusing tory about the bud- McDuffie's husband was er in the Herndon in Atlanta but due nt to his leg, he sold in the shop and se- st immediately, the

ove. post of valet to Franklin D. Roosevelt, a position he has held for over ten years. Needless to say, the McDuffies have seen Mr. Roosevelt under all circum- stances. What one must say, how- ever, is that they admire him more now, if possible, than they did ten years ago.

What does Mrs. McDuffie say about life in the White House and how does she say it feels to be practically a member of the house-

hold? Well, first of all, she says it is the first time there has been an all-colored staff at the White House; Mrs. Roosevelt employs eighteen Negroes as her staff. The young lady who supervises all the kitchens, the meals etc., is a young colored graduate of Pratt Institute. This is, of course, a most respon- sible position. Electricians, plumb- ers, etc., who are hired extra as it were, are white. Mr. McDuffie is the President's personal servant and faithful companion. Mrs. Mc- Duffie has a suite of rooms in the White House proper but does no work herself except occasion- ally to serve something hot to a visiting artist; like Rosa Ponselle or Marian Anderson.

Mrs. McDuffie told me many in- teresting and intimate things about the Roosevelt's. She com- mented on Elliot's divorce and the family reaction, an Anna's new marital venture, on the grand- children, on Mr. Roosevelt's capa- city for work; on Mrs. Roose-

Victorious Davey Offers His Thanks

GOVERNOR MARTIN L DAVEY early today is- sued a statement thank- ing the voters for victory which he said "seems to be assured" and pledging "the best possible government for Ohio."

The statement follows in part:

"The victory that seems to be assured brings me great happiness. My earnest thanks to the citizens of this state for their expression of confidence. Above every- thing else, I want to express profound gratitude to the thousands of loyal and sin- cere friends all over the state who gave themselves so courageously and generously to our cause against tre- mendous odds. I pledge the best possible government for Ohio."

volt's consuming interest in every- thing and everybody; on the dress she chose as her Easter frock (the one the young Negro girl in New York designed); on their personal interest in her and her family; on the presidential morning tempera- ment (not temper!); on the strong family feeling; on Warm Springs, Ga., and just loads of other in- teresting things. You might be in- terested, as I was, in knowing that, Warm Springs is a private venture which it is hoped will even- tually be government-owned so that all children may benefit from it. She pointed out that one can no more "make" them allow Negro children to enjoy the benefits of the waters than one can "make" Western Reserve University admit one whom the University did not wish. The waters are not curative, she says. It is the heat from them and the fact that they come out of the ground that makes them beneficial. They are looking for other similiar waters in other sec- tions. She also insisted that the moneys raised at the President's Birthday Ball is just for Charity and can be used locally or any- where one wishes it to be used. The President's chief relaxation is the movies and an occasional game of chess. He is a cheerful and amiable person who is never ill except for colds which he catches easily. He has frequently taken a personal interest and sometimes, an official interest, in many in- teresting Negro cases. Like all leaders, he has a mind of his own, but like most husbands, he will "listen" to his wife!

Mrs. McDuffie is visiting several cities in an attempt to show the intimate side of the President for she insists that all who really understand him, must want him re-elected. While here she was the guest of the Thomas Dorseys and all of her old friends like Viola Whitfield, were glad to see her. Due to her mother's illness, she had to leave Sunday night but not before she had firmly en- trenched her personality in our memory and not before she had made us realize that the White House is really just the place for her because after all, isn't it the home of great persons?

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