

"STUMPS" FOR ROOSEVELT



MRS. ELIZABETH M. McDUFFIE

—Wife of Irvin H. McDuffie, valet of President Roosevelt, who addressed the New Deal Crusaders at Springfield, Illinois, on October 15. Mrs. McDuffie electrified the audience with many thrilling allusions to the White House official family. The McDuffies are former Atlantans. (DNC).

Mrs. Irvin Mc Duffie Blazes North-Midwest For Democrats

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This week, Mrs. Elizabeth H. McDuffie followed the Chief Executive's own triumphal welcome and speech making campaign into the heart of the middle west. Mrs. McDuffie is the wife of Irvin H. McDuffie, who has been the constant attendant of Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt for the past nine years.

Mrs. McDuffie, speaking before the New Deal crusaders the day after President Roosevelt's visit to Springfield, Illinois, literally set the prairie State ablaze with her eulogies of the sainted Abraham Lincoln and the present benefactor of humanity.

In the words of this eloquent champion of the administration, "It is only natural for one of our race to think of those two characters—one of yesterday, and the other of today— whose love for their fellowmen has been somewhat akin to the divine.

"Both overcame almost insurmountable obstacles in their rise to the presidency of the United States. One to overcome the rigors of want and poverty; and to make a way for himself in the world and to live forever in the hearts of his countrymen—The other, born in the lap of luxury and reared in the cradle of culture, still on low in the noonday of life by the cruel hand of fate,

"The consecration and devotion of these two characters to the freedom, security and happiness of their fellow citizens, has been comparable only to the love of Christ."

On Sunday afternoon, October 18, 1936, Mrs. McDuffie continued her advocacy of President Roosevelt's re-election in a marvelous oratorical effort before 4,000 citizens at Hiberian Hall, St. Louis, Missouri. She was cheered to the echo when she asked,

"Do we not want to continue to share in President Roosevelt's New Deal to the little fellow for 4 more years?" A loud chorus of approving exclamations came from the assembled throng. The White House spell binder held up her hands reverently as she continued, "Is it not God's will to send us such a man for such an hour as this in the nation's history?"

Mrs. McDuffie congratulated the colored citizens of St. Louis in joining their fellow citizens by the thousands in the warm welcome tendered President Roosevelt on his visit there a few days before. She said, "I'm sure it touched the President deeply. He is so appreciative of other's kindnesses."

The audience insisted upon Mrs. McDuffie talking past the one hour scheduled for her address. They wanted to know all about the President and the First Lady as only she knew them after three and a half years at the White House.

The speaker concluded with a recital of the millions of millions of dollars expended by the Roosevelt administration for our boys in the CCC and their parents back home, tens of thousands of our young people kept in high school and college, the homes saved and monies protected by federal guaranteed bank deposits, work given to the needy and willing—all without regard to race, creed, color was

or condition, North and South.

Better times are smiling faces are here to stay under President Roosevelt, was the pronouncement of Mrs. McDuffie.

Mrs. McDuffie spoke to large audiences on Monday in Chicago as the guest of the local democrats and Tuesday in Gary, Indiana, before a group of educational and social service workers. She returned on Wednesday to the White House.

In St. Louis, Mrs. McDuffie was the guest of J. E. Mitchell, editor of the St. Louis Argus, assistant City Attorney David Grant and her brother, William Hall.

"I went only to make one speech" explained Mrs. McDuffie to reporters, "but a great many people must have heard about my coming for several different groups insisted on my speaking. I had time only for three and left about two dozen undelivered."