

# LISTEN TO WIFE OF ROOSEVELT VALET

Democratic Negro Women  
Hear President Praised  
as Home Is Pictured.

President Roosevelt became more than a political figure yesterday to an audience of Democratic Negro women at Elks Hall, 2226 E. 56th Street, who heard Mrs. Elizabeth H. McDuffie, whose husband is valet to the president, give "first-hand information from the White House, where she eats and sleeps."

Reading rapidly from a prepared speech, Mrs. McDuffie disposed neatly of taxes, national wealth and the more abundant life, while rolling the names of senators and legislative acts from her tongue with the ease of three weeks' campaigning. The budget problem fell swiftly.

"People don't think enough about their home budgets, but they worry to death over the national budget," Mrs. McDuffie said indignantly.

"The president lives the life of a slave," she said, opening the "personal" side of her campaign. "He works all the day and far into the night, ever planning things for the good of the country."

Then considering Republican campaign warnings to colored voters that the death of Roosevelt would mean the ascendancy of a Texan, Vice President John N. Garner, to the presidency, she said:

#### Praises First Lady's Firmness.

"We don't have to worry about that. By virtue of years Mr. Garner might pass on first."

Criticism of Mrs. Roosevelt, for posing with colored cadets at Howard University last spring aroused the sympathy of the 28 colored persons on the White House staff, so Mrs. McDuffie appointed herself spokesman and extended their sympathy.

"Don't think about it," was the reply of Mrs. Roosevelt, whom Mrs. McDuffie described as "a woman made of stalwart metal." "If it were

to be done over again I'd do it the same way."

Mrs. McDuffie's greatest thrill at the White House was on the day Rastau, the Ethiopian prince, visited there and all President Roosevelt's secretaries and aids stood at attention.

"Oh, friends, I never can tell you how I felt," Mrs. McDuffie said. "My heart bubbled over."

She concluded her speech by urging the women to vote a straight Democratic ticket. Gov. Martin L. Davey, who had entered the hall during the speech, applauded the plea vigorously.