

Memory of Franklin Roosevelt Still Lingers at Warm Springs

By ED ROGERS

(Editor's note: Had he lived, Franklin Delano Roosevelt would have been 77 years old last Friday. At Warm Springs, Ga., where FDR died in 1945, his spirit is still very much alive. The following dispatch tells what it's like at Warm Springs today.)

Warm Springs, Ga. — (UPI) — This Georgia town's most famous "citizen" is still around, you feel, and at a moment will breeze up with a broad grin, a wave of his hat and a jaunty tilt of his cigarette holder.

His home is a "shrine" and his deeds are history, but a visitor to the "Little White House" has a lurking sensation that people are waiting for FDR to arrive any minute in the black roadster he himself drove.

Those who gathered here Jan. 30 to commemorate the birth of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, as they do every year, had little trouble feeling that the Roosevelt era ended "only yesterday."

Follow the line of paying sightseers into his plain little cottage and you see the calendar still open at April 12, 1945, the day Roosevelt died. Desk Crowded

The late President's desk top is crowded with nicknacks, unmoved since FDR last touched them. His wheelchair and his cotized bed are there, and even the kitchen dipper hung out for thirsty Secret Service men.

On an easel stands a portrait on which the very last brush stroke had been made by Elizabeth Shoumatoff just before FDR, working at the desk, complained of a "terrific headache" that day nearly 14 years ago.

Minutes later, Roosevelt died on the narrow little bed in the next room. Since then the Warm Springs Memorial Commission has built railings to guide the visitors but has touched nothing else.

Many Sightseers
There were sightseers aplenty when he lived, so the

arrival of some 275 tourists every day from all over the world does not alter the illusion of FDR's "living presence."

Notables arriving with them tend to be some of the very same persons who frequented the cottage and its wooded grounds when FDR made one of his numerous visits to his "Georgia home."

This year, the center of the birthday ceremonies was Comdr. George A. Fox (Ret.), FDR's naval aide, who presented to the memento room

a tattered flag which flew above every U.S. Naval ship the President boarded.

The speaker for Jan. 30, 1957, was Rex Tugwell, who pointed out that memories do fade and thereupon set about putting on paper FDR's activities at Warm Springs as a citizen and neighbor.

"It was a considerable fraction of his life that Franklin lived here," Tugwell said, "and some of his characteristic ingenuity was expended on the problems of the land and people here."

This not only meant creation of the National Polio Foundation and its hospital here but also influenced many of the most important economic policies of the New Deal, Tugwell said.

In fact, FDR's work is still going on. Some of his fondest goals, such as reforestation of his 4,000-acre farm, are just being completed. Only last month some 100,000 pine seedlings were set out on 125 acres.

This is the work of the Warm Springs Commission,

now a Georgia state agency, which concerns itself more with FDR's work than with monuments.

But there are memorials too. The latest being planned is a midtown fountain to be erected at the intersection of U.S. 27 and Georgia 85-W—a crossroads for visitors arriving from 77 different countries.

The commission started counting the visitors on Oct. 19, 1948, and the number as of last May 22 was one million.

Rackets Probe After Brand New Material

Washington—(UPI)—The Senate Rackets Committee is hot on the trail of brand new material involving James B. Hoffa's Teamsters union.

Chief counsel Robert F. Kennedy said the committee would seek to determine whether union funds are being supplied to leaders of a counter-revolution in the rank-and-file group that tried to block Hoffa's election as Teamsters president; and whether pressures were applied to force the resignation of a Los Angeles teamster after he had beaten a Hoffa-backed candidate

ELVIS DENIES MARRIAGE

New York — (UPI) — Pfc. Elvis Presley Friday denied he was considering marriage to his teenage German girl friend.

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In Oregon, a Landlord Can Evict in 'Peaceable' Manner

Cedric refused to leave a house owned by Mr. Bates even though his lease had expired. Bates, who was determined to evict his tenant, kept his eye on the house and when Cedric left the premises for a short time, he forced open the outer door of the house and in a careful manner removed Cedric's goods and placed them out on the sidewalk. He then moved his own household goods and family into the house. Cedric was unable to recover from Bates for this eviction since the court concluded that he had been evicted in a "peaceable" manner.

The force that can be used by landlords in removing tenants is often at issue in the courts. Oregon has permitted landlords to evict tenants with immunity so long as no force or violence is used on the person of the tenant or his family. The removal must not be accomplished in a riotous or tumultuous manner which would endanger the public peace.

Rights Depend on Resistance

The Oregon position obviously permits a landlord to move out a tenant when the tenant is absent from the premises. If the tenant is on the premises when the landlord attempts to evict him, his rights under the Oregon rule appear to depend upon his resistance. If the tenant is passive, the removal could probably be made without force to his person and without disturbance to the public peace. However, if the tenant resists, force would be required, and if used, the tenant would have a right to sue the landlord for the eviction.

In most states a different rule prevails. These states give great emphasis to the cliché that a "man's home is his castle" and hold that so long as a person is in possession of a house it is his home and the sanctity of his home cannot be disturbed by anyone. Therefore, a landlord would have to use legal processes to evict an unwilling tenant.

Most states (including Oregon) have laws which provide a relatively simple and effective legal method for removing tenants. In Oregon, the statutes require that the matter get to court in less than a week with a maximum of four days allowed between the service of process on the tenant and the trial. The effectiveness of this procedure has caused most courts to feel that the landlord should use legal processes rather than resort to physical acts of removal upon the tenant or his personal effects.

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