

Mrs. Roosevelt Replies To Cardinal Spellman, Denies Anti-Catholicism

NEW YORK, July 25 (AP) — Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, answering charge of Francis Cardinal Spellman that she has a "record of anti-Catholicism," said today she had supported Alfred E. Smith, a Catholic, in every campaign that he made.

She made the comment in her copyrighted column, "My Day," published in the World Telegram. "I want freedom of religion to prevail in this country," she wrote.

She said that in campaigning for Smith for president she was shocked "by the extent of what I con-

sidered bigotry against the Roman Catholic church, and I certainly do not wish to encourage anything of that kind.

Cardinal Spellman in a letter to Mrs. Roosevelt last Thursday criticized her for her opposition to federal funds for parochial and private schools. He said that "Your record of anti-Catholicism stands for all to see—a record which you yourself wrote on the pages of history which cannot be recalled—documents of discrimination unworthy of an American mother."

Mrs. Roosevelt wrote that her Hyde Park telephone number is supposed to be private, but it rang every few minutes after the letter was made public by Cardinal Spellman last Friday morning. She said mail does not reach there until between 11 a. m. and 12 noon and at first her secretary was completely mystified and I had to tell her to say there was no comment, since I could hardly comment on something which I had not yet seen.

"Now that I have had time to read the letter carefully," she said, "I shall, of course, answer the cardinal personally and in detail.

However, since I consider it important that there should be as little bitterness as possible engendered among the Protestants, Catholic and Jewish groups, or any other religious groups in our nation, I shall not discuss this question any further on a personal basis with Cardinal Spellman. One's basic beliefs must be stated on matters which we think important, but that can be done as citizens and not as members of any particular religious faith.

"I want freedom of religion to prevail in this country. I want no religious prejudice and I want absolute freedom of worship and religious teaching; but at the same time I believe in separation of church and state. I want good will among people of all religions, no matter what their differences may be on matters which are strictly questions to be settled objectively on the basis of what is best for the citizens of our country as a whole.

"I have no ill feeling toward any religion or toward any people of high or low estate because they belong to any religious group. I am sure the cardinal has written in what to him seems a Christian and kindly manner and I wish to do the same."

Kiwanians To Meet At Ag Station

Service Club Programs
Junior chamber of commerce, Monday 7:30 p. m., chamber of commerce.
Exchange club, Tuesday noon, Winema hotel.
Lions club, Tuesday noon, Willard hotel.
20-30 club, Tuesday 7 p. m., Willard hotel.
Kiwanis club, Thursday noon, agriculture experiment station.
Rotary club, Friday noon, Willard hotel.

"The Outlook of Present Conditions" will be the subject of Frank Jenkins, The Herald and News publisher, who will address the Exchange club Tuesday. Ernest MacBeth will be program chairman.

Kiwanians have arranged an unusual luncheon meeting this week at the agriculture experiment station. Buffet luncheon will be served on the lawn and Gene Gross, station superintendent, will tell of some of the experiments being carried on there. A large attendance is expected with around 20 delegates from the Ashland chapter bringing over the traveling parcel to the Klamath Falls chapter. Chairman for the day will be Bryant Williams.

Jayvees and 20-30 members will meet for regular business this week, with 20-30s to discuss plans for the picnic to be held next week.

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