

ROOSEVELT INAUGURATED.

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Paramount News covers another British victory, the inauguration of President Roosevelt to his tradition-breaking third term of office, for in effect the election of their champion of democracy means precisely that.

Along the broad Pennsylvania Avenue the President's car with its escort of fifty motor cycles, four armoured cars and secret-service men, proceeded to the inauguration platform, in front of the Capitol building.

Despite the cold winter morning, hundreds of thousands including many visitors from Canada, lined the route to cheer on the man who has so ably guided the footsteps of the American people.

As the President, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, arrived at the steps of the Capitol to take the oath of office, the great crowd became tense and silent in expectation of the moment when with his left hand resting on the 200-year-old Dutch Bible Mr. Roosevelt repeats the oath of allegiance administered by the Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes.

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After the ceremony came the parade indicative of America's realization that guns, tanks and planes in ever increasing numbers is the only answer to the foul breath of Nazi aggression that threatens to contaminate the world. On the right is Henry Wallace, the new Vice-President.

West Point Cadets displayed a march precision that the Guards might envy, sons of democracy keeping step.

From Annapolis came the Naval Cadets, traditional rivals of the West Pointers; these will be the men who will officer America's two navies,

Finally swelling to a mighty chorus came the wings of the Eagle, the wings of freedom which coupled with our own Empire's mighty efforts will carry us to victory.

In his address to congress on the State of the Union the President outlined American policy.

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OFF STAGE VOICE--ROOSEVELT  
INAUGURAL

1. U.S. INAUGURATES PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT FOR THIRD TERM

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2. Here in the capital, this January twentieth, nineteen hundred and forty one, it's a cold inaugural day. 28 degrees, the shivering crowd of 75,000 hears as we patiently await the third ~~year~~ inauguration of Franklin D. Roosevelt. The clear skies, however, are a break for the newsreel, newspaper and radio men. For the cameramen there is sunshine, the first since Harding's inauguration in 1921. And with long hours to wait, everything is ready for the historic filming.
17. As a prelude to the inauguration, there are important visitors to the White House. Here's Wendell L. Willkie---and don't forget, he's the man 23,000,000 Americans voted for. He calls with Cordell Hull, Secretary of State. Mr. Willkie within this week will visit London on a fact finding tour.
22. Our first glimpse of Mr. Roosevelt this chilly morning is to be in a moment when he leaves for divine services. The presidential family are going to special service in St. John's Episcopal Church. Son James, in the dress uniform of a Marine Corps Captain is with his father. Pre-inaugural services were also held here in 1933 and 1937. Now, we'll return you to our special White House camera crew.....

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30. From this vantage point, we are an historic American scene. House Speaker Rayburn, center, and Senate Leader Barkley are riding with the President as the procession to the capitol rolls away under heavy escort. It's still plenty cold, but this morning the president has chosen an open car in deference to the patiently waiting crowds.....

Martyn-Klein

Here, the vast inaugural panorama unfolds before us. Now, from our position overlooking the Capitol, we witness the start of the oath-taking ceremonies. Dignitaries of the day are approaching the presidential platform. Below us now is the President's 86 year old mother, Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt. Here, that venerable body of United States Supreme Court Justices, headed by Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes. And before this typical American crowd, events that historians will long dwell upon, are beginning.....First retiring vice president Garner administers the oath to the new Vice President Henry Al Wallace...Now before a hushed assemblage, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, for the third time, repeats the solemn pledge, as given by Chief Justice Hughes.....It is almost time for the President's inaugural address. The nation and all the world, are listening in as the leader of a great democracy speaks. For these trying days, there are words chosen with utmost care, by the President.....



Heavilin-Abbott

1. President Roosevelt has completed his third ~~first~~ inaugural address, and the procession is forming for the return to the White House. And the thoroughly chilled crowd has a luncheon recess, now, before this afternoon's big parade. Now we'll accompany the presidential car in an army scout car. It's pretty bumpy, and our Paramount News cameraman reports he's having his troubles aboard this steel horse...
7. It's triumphal ride for the Roosevelts as the huge crowds let loose. We just heard a police estimate of one million people---and it certainly looks it!
9. Now we're entering the White House gate. And while the Roosevelts entertain a mere 1200 at luncheon, we'll turn you over to our downtown watching post for a report on the inauguration air display!....

13. Heavilin-Slater

From where we are, we can see great swarms of giant new Army planes in a roaring air salute. More than 200 planes of the latest types are in the capital's clear skies as a symbol of the vast new air expansion program. Now we have a signal the parade's about ready, so how about it down there at the Paramount News stand....

Winters-Heavilin

19. Thrilling events follow at this precedent-shattering inaugural and for the crowd the start of the inaugural parade is a high spot. Before us now anti-aircraft guns rumble by.
23. In the heated reviewing stand here at the Court of Freedom, Army-chief George Marshall, and navy head, Admiral Stark, are with the President. Nearby, Mrs. Roosevelt is with her daughter Anna Boettiger.
29. Now listen to the crowd here as 600 trim West Pointers put an extra snap in their march before the President.
35. In front of us now are the Annapolis Midshipmen...as with stop watch precision today's all-defense parade swings along.
38. America's new defense-strength is on parade--for all the world to see. The President's call for national unity is strikingly accented by these long marching lines....sons of democracy keeping strong step---a symbol today of 130 million free Americans who can join in an inaugural pledge of true allegiance.....