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Messages of Greeting at Opening of the Fair

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—The texts of addresses of greeting to officials of the San Francisco Golden Gate Exposition from President Roosevelt, Governor Olson and Mayor Rossi were as follows:

President Roosevelt

Commissioner Creel, President Cutler, friends of the Golden Gate International Exposition:

Although I have commissioned Mr. [Daniel C.] Roper to act and speak for me in the ceremonies that mark the opening of the Golden Gate International Exposition, I cannot forego this further and more personal expression of my deep interest. From what I saw with my own eyes last July I can well imagine the beauty of the completed undertaking, and I look forward with real eagerness to the visit this coming Summer that I have promised myself.

Were the West and things Western less close to my heart I would still be constrained to wish the exposition a success even beyond the hopes of its builders, for the Federal Government is in close partnership with this national enterprise.

One government agency has helped financially to build the Bay Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge—both of them engineering marvels of the century. Another agency has helped with men and funds to raise this new island from the ocean bed.

And still another has assisted in the construction of the hangars and other buildings that will remain when the exposition ends and the site reverts to its intended purpose—a great airport immeasurably helpful to the commerce of the Pacific Coast and a vital and integral part of our national defense.

Treasure Island, with an area of more than 400 acres, is America's newest insular possession. It is an outstanding example of territorial extension without aggression.

I am quite open and unashamed in my liking for expositions. They perform a distinct service in acquainting people with our progress in many directions and with what other people are doing. They stimulate the travel that results inevitably in a larger degree of national unity by making Americans know their America and their fellow Americans.

Trip to Both Fairs is Urged

I have never thought it unfortunate that New York and San Francisco picked the same year for their world fairs. Instead of

one incentive, people have two, and it is my sincere hope that 1939 will witness a swing around the whole American circle—that will give some realization of our resources and our blessings, and, more important, emphasize the essential unity of American interests. Getting acquainted with the United States is about as good a habit as I know.

Furthermore, the San Francisco and New York World's Fairs do not in any way duplicate each other. Their themes and their exhibits cover different fields—make different appeals. Most decidedly, if you have seen one, you have not, in effect, seen the other also.

The eleven Western States who are partners in this exposition constitute a great area which is of incalculable importance to the prosperity of the United States. The vigor and boldness of these States—a direct inheritance from pathfinding forbears—is equally helpful in the social pioneering that has been commanded by today's necessities.

Many times, in the elaboration of what I call the good neighbor policy, I have stressed the point that the maintenance of peace in the Western Hemisphere must be the first concern of all Americans—North Americans, South Americans and Central Americans—for nothing is more true than that we here in the New World carry the hopes of millions of human beings in other less fortunate lands.

By setting an example of international solidarity, cooperation, mutual trust and mutual helpfulness, we may keep faith alive in the heart of anxious and troubled humanity, and at the same time, lift democracy high above the ugly truculence of autocracy.

And so, when I wish the Golden Gate International Exposition all possible success, it is as an instrument of international goodwill as well as an expression of the material and cultural progress of our own West and of our Pacific Ocean neighbors.

Governor Olson

My fellow-citizens and people from everywhere:

We are gathered here today on Treasure Island, the largest man-made island in the world, located in historic San Francisco Bay, for the opening of the Golden Gate International Exposition.

As Governor of California, I am proud to participate in this memorable event and to greet and welcome you all. I welcome you who have come from other States to join our own citizens in viewing this interesting exhibition of industrial and cultural progress of California and wonderful ex-

hibits from other parts of the world.

I greet and welcome the representatives of the nations of the Pacific and of Europe who are here presenting their exhibits of world-wide interest. They are here in a spirit of friendship to which our hearts respond. A spirit certain to aid in continued cooperation and peaceful relations between their countries and our own.

California's Panama-Pacific Exposition, held here in 1915, tended to bring the nations of the Pacific closer together in their industrial relations and it is hoped that this World's Fair will definitely tend to cement those ties of human brotherhood between the peoples of different nations which must be relied upon for world peace.

We, here on the shores of the Pacific, finding peace and progress through democratic processes in a spirit of cooperation for advancement of our common welfare, are shocked by the horrors of war from which our fellow-beings are suffering in foreign lands.

We pray for world peace, which can only come through a determination by people who are being led to war; that warlike leaders shall be replaced by representative governments devoted to disarmament and peaceful settlement of territorial and economic disputes.

Fair Termed Beacon for Amity

In a spirit of hospitality, characteristic of the Western world, and in the name of humanity, we express the hope that this exposition shall be a beacon for amity between nations; that its rays will reach the people of the rest of the world and help to light the way to their peace and happiness.

Japan, Indo-China and other lands of the Orient are here. Hawaii, the East Indies and the Antipodes join the South Sea Islands in this pageant of the Pacific. With them are the colorful nations of South and Central America, the major countries of Europe and the States of this great nation.

Thirty-five nations are all here to amuse, to educate, to enchant, to explain. America's leading industries will dramatize their products and services.

California is indeed proud of its accomplishments, which always have been spectacular. Nature set America's highest mountain peak, the deepest valley, the most productive soil and the widest variety of scenic wonders within her boundary.

Through the initiative of her people two great bridges have been built crossing the San Fran-

cisco Bay. These two imposing structures, once believed impossible, are the longest, the highest and one of them throws the longest possible span of any like engineering construction yet attempted by man.

It is logical that California should celebrate the completion of these great bridges and other evidences of its progress through the ages with the most spectacular World's Fair ever offered.

We see an architecture combining the mystery and charm of the antique civilization of the Pacific. We are in an atmosphere of peace and good-will, surrounded by the branches of nature parading the cultures and wonders of California, the Pacific, the Orient, the South Seas, Latin America and the robust empire of the West.

This pageant of the Pacific will march on for 288 days, but the friendship and cooperation between our nations will, let us hope, march on forever.

As Governor of and in behalf of California and her people, I bid the world welcome.

Mayor Rossi

Reverend Clergy, distinguished guests and my fellow-citizens:

It is my privilege today to speak for the chief executives of all the cities in the San Francisco Bay area. We join with the Western States and the nations of the Pacific in recounting the story of the West since the days when the gentle Spanish padres trod over our rolling hills to carve out this mighty empire.

Our story is one of continued progress. From this Treasure Island we shall send the gigantic clipper ships soaring to the shores of Asia, another magic tie, binding the great nations washed by the waters of the Pacific.

Romance, Beauty, Art and Culture are so closely entwined in this area that wherever men travel the name of San Francisco brings to mind these distinctive qualities.

The good God by whose grace California has been showered with the richest of gifts has granted to the city of its servant, St. Francis, a mighty privilege. Those who have striven here have worked with the intent of presenting to the world something precious, something beautiful, something dignified by the highest of our artistic and spiritual endeavor.

To the Federal and State Governments and all others who have in any way contributed toward the culmination of this dream, we offer our sincere thanks.

In the name of all the citizens of the bay area, I most cordially invite you to be with us often on Treasure Island during 1939.