

Willkie Answers Roosevelt in Speech At Erie Today; Record Vote Is Forecast

By the Associated Press
President in "Gloves Off" Campaign Speech At
Philadelphia Accuses Political Forces of International Series of Falsehoods—Willkie Says
Speech Gives Impression We Are "in
Campaign of 1932" and Failed to
Discuss 1940 Issues

President Roosevelt's gloves off" campaign speech at Philadelphia, accusing political foes of an intentional series of falsehoods brought from Wendell F. Willkie the announcement that he would make a half-hour reply today to the charges.

Mr. Roosevelt, in his address last night, among other points

the degree of public interest was indexed by an Associated Press nationwide compilation which indicated a record-breaking popular vote of almost 50,000,000 was likely on Nov. 3. Heavy registration pointed a 10 per cent increase in the balloting over the previous high mark set in the 1936 contest.

His friendly smile still in evidence, his handclasp still firm despite the rigors of the campaign, Wendell Willkie exuded enthusiasm as the Presidential race entered the home stretch, and he swung into New York to start the final sprint.

27TH DIVISION LEAVES STATE FOR ALABAMA

Albany, Oct. 24—(AP)—The 27th Division, New York National Guard, moved out of its home state today for a year's federal training at Fort McClellan, Anniston, Ala. Amid scenes reminiscent of wartime departures.

Tragedy marked early troop movements last night as upstate residents, families and friends of the soldiers, converged on local railroad stations to bid them fare-

At Saratoga Springs, two high school girls, Lois E. Mosher, 18 and Helen M. McNeil, 16, were killed when a freight train plowed into a crowd of more than 500 gathered to watch the departure of Co. L, 105th Infantry.

The whistle of the freight train, which burst upon the scene around a curve only a short distance away.

Elsewhere, the departure was accompanied by boisterous excitement. In Binghamton, an estimated 30,000 people lined the streets along a two-mile march to the railroad station. Ten bands accom-

More than 5,000 Albany residents jammed Union Station as the 10th Infantry departed. Joined by units from Hudson and Castleton, the Albany companies boarded a train which will take them to Buffalo before turning southward. The train was to pick up other companies today while enroute.

An estimated 2,500 persons were on hand at Oneonta when Co. G of the 10th Infantry entrained. World War veterans formed an honorary escort for the militiamen. Company P, Walton, joined the train at Sidney.

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Justice William H. Murray in arriving the party said testimony of witnesses from Franklin and Greene counties at a hearing this week made him "unalterably convinced that there is not on the petition signature of fifty persons from either of those counties obtained with-

**Party Barred
Ballot in State**

Max Frimmel, associate counsel of the Communist party, said he would appeal the decision immediately to the Appellate Division.

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address for President Roosevelt, the chairman declared in Rochester last night the Republican party's "recognition of the right of every citizen to be heard on national defense plans makes an 'empty booth' of Willkie's claims he could speed preparation of a bill."

Citing defense proposals he said were opposed by most Republicans in Congress, the governor said this record "x x x continues right

addressed a Troy rally for the Republican National Convention, and James M. Mead, Buffalo Democrat, spoke in New York City. Thornton asserted that if Mr. Willkie's bill were enacted, "it would swing the new world like a trinket at his wrist."

"He will overshadow the representatives you send to Congress," he added, "and will be a disappointment the high bench of the Supreme Court. And labor will

"This record," he added, "leaves no room for doubt of what we would have to expect if Mr. Willkie merely be a subsidiary column in the countless divisions of the might x x x."

Mead, however, asserting that the American people were "united as one," charged "the middle class