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1861—SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR—1936

The year 1936 will mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of many important events in Lincoln history. The Farewell Address at Springfield, the memorable trip to Washington in February, the First Inaugural, and the occurrences which finally brought on the war between the states are some of the occasions which may be called to mind.

The long journey from Springfield, Illinois, to the nation's capitol which covered the period from February eleventh to February twenty-third is especially noteworthy. The towns where Lincoln stopped or spoke en route are listed in this number of Lincoln Lore in hopes that many of the communities through which he passed may think it worth while to commemorate with some special program the seventy-fifth anniversary of the event.

The policy of silence, with respect to national issues, which Lincoln had been following since his nomination, was continued after his election, and up to the day of his inauguration. At Buffalo where he was a guest of Former President Fillmore he made a statement which reveals his attitude towards public discussion during the entire period. He said:

"When we speak of threatened difficulties to the country, it is natural that it should be expected that something should be said by myself with regard to particular measures. Upon more mature reflection, however, others

will agree with me that, when it is considered that these difficulties are without precedent, and have never been acted upon by any individual situated as I am, it is most proper I should wait and see the developments, and get all the light possible, so that when I do speak authoritatively, I may be as near right as possible."

The brief address made by Lincoln in Independence Hall at Philadelphia possibly was the outstanding utterance on the way to Washington. A plot which contemplated the assassination of Lincoln as he passed through Baltimore was discovered by detectives who supplemented Secretary Seward's advice that Lincoln proceed immediately to Washington from Harrisburg.

The towns where Lincoln is known to have stopped or where opportunity was given him to greet the people from the train are listed below with the following symbols:

(S) Train stopped but no record available of any words of greeting.

(G) Lincoln greeted people by bowing or making a passing comment.

(T) A short talk made from the rear of the train or the station platform.

(A) An address delivered at some place selected for the occasion.

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February 11, 1861
Springfield, Illinois (T)
Delivered the now famous "Farewell Address" just before the train left.
Decatur, Illinois (T)
Tolono, Illinois (T)
Danville, Illinois (T)
State Line, Indiana (T)
Lafayette, Indiana (T)
Thorntown, Indiana (T)
Zionsville, Indiana (T)
Indianapolis, Indiana (A)
Reply to address of welcome.

February 12, 1861
Indianapolis, Indiana (A)
Address to the Legislature of Indiana.
Greensburg, Indiana (T)
Shelbyville, Indiana (T)
Lawrenceburg, Indiana (T)
Cincinnati, Ohio (A)
Address to Mayor and citizens.
Address to Germans.

February 13, 1861
Milford, Ohio (T)
Loveland, Ohio (T)
Morrow, Ohio (T)
Zenia, Ohio (T)
London, Ohio (T)
Columbus, Ohio (A)
Address to Legislature Ohio.

February 14, 1861
Cadiz Junction, Ohio (S)
Steubenville, Ohio (T)
Wellsville, Ohio (T)
Rochester, Pa. (S)
Freedom, Pa. (S)
Allegheny City, Pa. (T)
Pittsburgh, Pa. (A)
Address to citizens.

February 15, 1861
Pittsburgh, Pa. (A)
Reply to Mayor Wilson and citizens.
Alliance, Ohio (T)
Ravenna, Ohio (T)
Hudson, Ohio (G)
Cleveland, Ohio (A)
Address to citizens.

February 16, 1861
Willoughby, Ohio (T)
Painesville, Ohio (T)
Madison, Ohio (G)
Geneva, Ohio (T)
Ashtabula, Ohio (T)
Conneaut, Ohio (G)
Erie, Pennsylvania (T)
Westfield, Chautauqua Co., New York (T)
Greeted Grace Bedell, a small girl who had written to him about growing whiskers.
Dunkirk, New York (T)
Silver Creek, N. Y. (S)
Girard, New York (S)
Buffalo, New York (A)

February 17, 1861
Buffalo, New York
(Attended church with Former President Fillmore. Also dined with him.)

February 18, 1861
Batavia, New York (G)
Rochester, New York (T)
Clyde, New York (G)
Syracuse, New York (G)
Utica, New York (T)
Little Falls, New York (G)
Fonda, New York (G)
Schenectady, N. Y. (G)
Albany, New York (A)
Reply to Mayor of Albany.
Reply to Governor of New York.
Address to Legislature of New York.

February 19, 1861
Cohoes, New York (G)
Troy, New York (T)
Castleton, New York (G)
Schodack, New York (G)
Stuyvesant, New York (G)
Coxsackie, New York (G)
Stockport, New York (G)
Hudson, New York (T)
Rhinebeck, New York (S)
Poughkeepsie, N. Y. (T)
Fishkill, New York (T)
Peekskill, New York (T)
New York, New York (A)
Address to citizens of New York.

February 20, 1861
New York, New York (A)
Reply to Mayor of New York.

February 21, 1861
Jersey City, N. J. (T)
Newark, N. J. (T)
Elizabeth City, N. J. (G)
Rahway, N. J. (G)
New Brunswick, N. J. (G)
Trenton, N. J. (A)
Address to Senate of New Jersey.
Address to Assembly of New Jersey.
Kensington, Pa. (S)
Philadelphia, Pa. (A)
Reply to Mayor of Philadelphia.

February 22, 1861
Philadelphia, Pa. (A)
Address in Independence Hall, Philadelphia.
Address on raising a flag over Independence Hall.
Harrisburg, Pa. (A)
Reply to Governor Curtin.
Address to Legislature of Pennsylvania.
Baltimore, Maryland (S)
Passed through Baltimore secretly, having been advised a plot to assassinate him while there was planned.

February 23, 1861
Washington, D. C.