

# HURLEY ANSWERS ROOSEVELT WITH BLAST OF SCORN

ROCKY POINT, R. I., Aug. 24. (AP)—In a sharp reply to Governor Roosevelt's Columbus speech, Secretary Hurley today charged the democratic candidate with attempting to "arouse class antagonism, to capitalize discontent, to make politics out of human misery and to profit by distortion of fact."

Speaking before the Rhode Island republican club, the cabinet officer said neither the democrats nor their candidate had offered a program to improve economic conditions and asserted "the Hoover nonpartisan reconstruction program is still the only complete logical program offered by any one in or out of public life to break this depression."

## On Radio Tonight.

In order to reach a bigger audience, the war secretary was to repeat his address tonight over a National Broadcasting company chain.

Lauding President Hoover's efforts to stem the tide of the depression, Hurley said his program was "fulfilling the purpose for which it was designed."

"The three major policies of the president stand vindicated," he said. "The government has prevented social upheavals. The president's organization, together with all local and national relief organizations, has cared for the needy."

"We are in a depression, but we have averted panic and catastrophe. The economic struggle is not over. Battles are still raging on a hundred fronts. While revolutions have shaken the foundation of 18 other nations, while nation after nation has been driven from its gold standard, the United States, under the administration of Herbert Hoover, is firm, solvent and confident of the future."

## Roosevelt Purposeless.

He contrasted what he called the "carping criticism, the unsupported charges, the indefinite, impractical and floundering suggestions" of Roosevelt's speech with the acceptance speech of President Hoover which he said "for constructiveness of purpose, definiteness of program and for intellectual decency," had "already taken its place in the minds of the American people among the outstanding papers of the republic."

"Now that the Hoover reconstruction program has been adopted," he said, "now that the patriotic leaders of his own party in congress got behind it and helped enact it, now that the American people are reaping the advantages of well-laid plans and beginning to see prospects of recovery, Mr. Roosevelt appears as second guesser to tell us how it might have been done better."

Turning to Roosevelt's suggestion for regulation of the stock exchange, Hurley asked:

"What did the governor of New York do to remedy this situation during the long period in which he has had the power to act?"