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Mrs. Roosevelt Blasts Nixon

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (AP).—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt says Vice President Nixon employed a Communist issue he knew to be false in his campaign for the Senate in 1950.

"I've always felt that anyone who wanted an election so much that they would use those means did not have the character that I really admired in public life," she said.

Mrs. Roosevelt was asked yesterday on the NBC-TV program "Meet the Press" what she thought of Mr. Nixon. She replied:

"I happen to remember very clearly his campaign for the senatorship. I had no respect for the way in which he accused Helen Gahagan Douglas of being a Communist because he knew that was how he would be elected and I have no respect for the kind of character that takes advantage and does something they know is not true.

Might Be a Liberal

"He knew that she might be a liberal and he knew quite well, having known her and worked with her, that she was not a Communist. . . ."

Mr. Nixon defeated Mrs. Douglas, a Democrat, for a Senate seat from California in 1950. Both had served in the House of Representatives.

Mrs. Roosevelt was asked if Mr. Nixon actually called Mrs. Douglas a Communist in that campaign.

"Yes, he did," she said.

A search of news files did not show that Mr. Nixon made such an accusation. He did say during the campaign that if Mrs. Douglas had her way, Alger Hiss would still be influencing United States foreign policy.

Race Issue Discussed

Hiss was imprisoned for perjury for denying he passed out State Department secrets for a Russian spy ring.

Turning to race problems Mrs. Roosevelt said the North should move "extremely quickly" to desegregate Negro sections in New York, Chicago and Detroit.

In the South, she said, "we should move slowly and with wisdom." She said the first step in the South "is the protection of all citizens and their right to vote."

"It can't happen overnight and we don't want violence," Mrs. Roosevelt added.

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