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Introducing Amelia Earheart to the diners
at her Oakland reception, after flying alone from
Hawaii, January 19, 1935.

It is a great pleasure to be with you
tonight to welcome Miss Earheart to the shores of
our Bay and to the city of Oakland. But as for
introducing Miss Earheart,--even to so distinguished
an audience-----

Miss Earheart, I would not dream of intro-
ducing you to any audience in America. We all know
you already.

But to welcome you to a band of Calif-
ornians, to that intrepid body of women who have
pioneered to California, is a great privilege.

Our generation came in the first auto-
mobiles, by gas, over roads of which you can not
dream.

Our mothers came by steam in the earliest
trains, amazed at the comfort with which they got
their children through,--letting them sleep and eat
and play on the train for six days.

some of whom² are with me tonight,

Our grandmothers, thought their pioneering was deluxe,--all the way in more or less comfortable boats, windpower, except the trail across Panama.

-most of them very gently, hopefully-

Our great-grandmothers came, in the covered wagon, or rode horseback beside it. But they found women here,--who had come up the west coast of Mexico by sailing boat, and before that all the way across from Spain. ^{TP} And the women they found here?

How had the earliest ones come? On storm-blown fishing junks from Asia, as later ones did come, a thousand years ago? Or by canoes up from the South? Or on foot across the desert sands from some pre-Aztec or Mayan settlement?

All were participants in great adventure. The same high courage, indomitable will, keen intelligence, came with them all. Each was looked upon with awesome admiration by her stay-at-home sisters.

You have belonged to this band before.

westward,
You early came to us through the air.

But tonight we celebrate this double
adventure of yours. You are the first to fly to
us over the sea, alone. From "the East" to the
west,--but from the setting sun to the rising.

As we welcome you again to the *rank of these* pioneer
adventurers, we pause a moment to wonder what
kind of a newcomer you will greet in the name of
this group two decades hence!

We herald Miss Earheart as one of the
band who has made history adventuring to Calif-
ornia .

MES, PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA, TUESDAY EVENING

ONALS ♦ MUSIC ♦

QUARTET OF NOTABLES



Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Miss Amelia Earhart, and her husband, George Palmer Putnam, were caught by an Associated Press cameraman Saturday night at the banquet given in Oakland to celebrate the famous woman flier's conquest of the Pacific. Miss Earhart was a week-end guest of Mrs. W. P. Roth at Woodside. She and Mr. Putnam left Mills Field yesterday for Santa Barbara.