

# Tributes to President Roosevelt by Leaders

Tributes paid to President Roosevelt by the country's leaders, as transmitted by The Associated Press and other sources, follow:

**Former President HERBERT HOOVER**—The nation sorrows at the passing of its President. Whatever differences there may have been, they end in the regrets of death. It is fortunate that in this great crisis of war our Armies and Navies are under such magnificent leadership that we shall not hesitate. The new President will have the backing of the country. While we mourn Mr. Roosevelt's death, we shall march forward.

**GOVERNOR DEWEY**—With a deep sense of tragedy the nation learns of the loss of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, one of the great Presidents of the United States. Coming to leadership of the nation at a critical period in our economic life, he brought high courage and indomitable spirit to the task of meeting the most difficult of national problems, inspiring the people with fresh confidence and establishing basic liberal reforms. Every American of every shade of opinion will mourn the loss of Franklin Roosevelt as a human being of warm human qualities and great capacities.

## "A Shock Beyond Words"

**Bishop WILLIAM T. MANNING**—The President's sudden death is a shock beyond words to express to our whole nation and to the world. The prayer which will go up from the hearts of Americans is that in this hour of crisis our country may be rightly guided and that as a nation we may hold unflinchingly to President Roosevelt's great ideals and hopes for the ending of the war and for the establishment of lasting peace.

**Archbishop FRANCIS J. SPELLMAN**—Our nation, still bleeding from the wounds of war, today suffered its most grievous wound—the death of our President and Commander in Chief. His gifted, inspiring leadership brought us to the threshold of victory, but, victor in his fight for peace, he himself became war's victim. Franklin D. Roosevelt was a warrior for peace and now, as the clouds are lifting and the night is passing, he has been called by the God of peoples and of nations, to become a part of the great holocaust of war which mankind is offering to gain peace.

**THE REV. DR. DAVID DE SOLA POOL**—It is too early as yet to realize the full extent of the tragedy that has befallen the country and the world. At this hour we can but pray for courage and strength to bring to fulfillment the victory for which he lived and died and create a world of freedom, peace and justice for all peoples, as he dreamed.

**Senator JAMES M. MEAD**—We have suffered a terrific shock; a great casualty of the war has just been announced. From the crises of the early Thirties, President Roosevelt guided the Republic from strength to strength. He gave the matchless leadership which he possessed to the solution of our economic problems at home, and to the victory over the forces of nazism abroad. He set up the guideposts that lead to an enduring peace.

**Senator ALBEN BARKLEY**, Majority Leader—I am too shocked to talk. It is one of the worst tragedies that ever happened to the nation or the world, but we must tighten our belt and go forward to the goal which he set for us.

**Senator ARTHUR H. VANDENBERG**—President Roosevelt leaves an imperishable imprint on the history of America and the world. Those who disagree with him have always recognized his amazing genius in behalf of his always vigorous ideals.

**Senator KENNETH M. WHERRY**—It is a terrific shock to me. It calls for a continued united effort to fight the war to a victorious conclusion and to win the peace.

## "Tremendous Loss to World"

**Senator TOM CONNALLY**—The death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt is a tremendous loss to the United States and to the world. People of the world who dreamed of a successful termination of war and erection of machinery for permanent peace and security will shed tears at his untimely death.

**Representative JOSEPH W. MARTIN Jr.**—His dynamic force and ability will be missed in this tragic hour. President Truman has the confidence of all who know him and have served with him in Congress. A united country will be back of him in his efforts to win the war and build a better America.

**JAMES W. GERARD**—The passing away of President Roosevelt on the eve of the greatest victory of the ages in the destruction of the brutal power of Germany and Japan is difficult to comprehend. The American people are not only indebted to him for his far-sightedness in understanding what the Germans were planning to do, but also for his vision in planning for the small man at home. I feel a deep personal loss, but that is insignificant compared to the loss which the nation and the world has suffered.

**Dr. JAMES B. CONANT**, President of Harvard—The sudden death of President Roosevelt at this moment in our history is a world tragedy of such magnitude as to render trivial all conventional expressions of grief and homage. Friends of freedom in all countries must respond to this challenge given them by fate and insure by their efforts the realization of his aims.

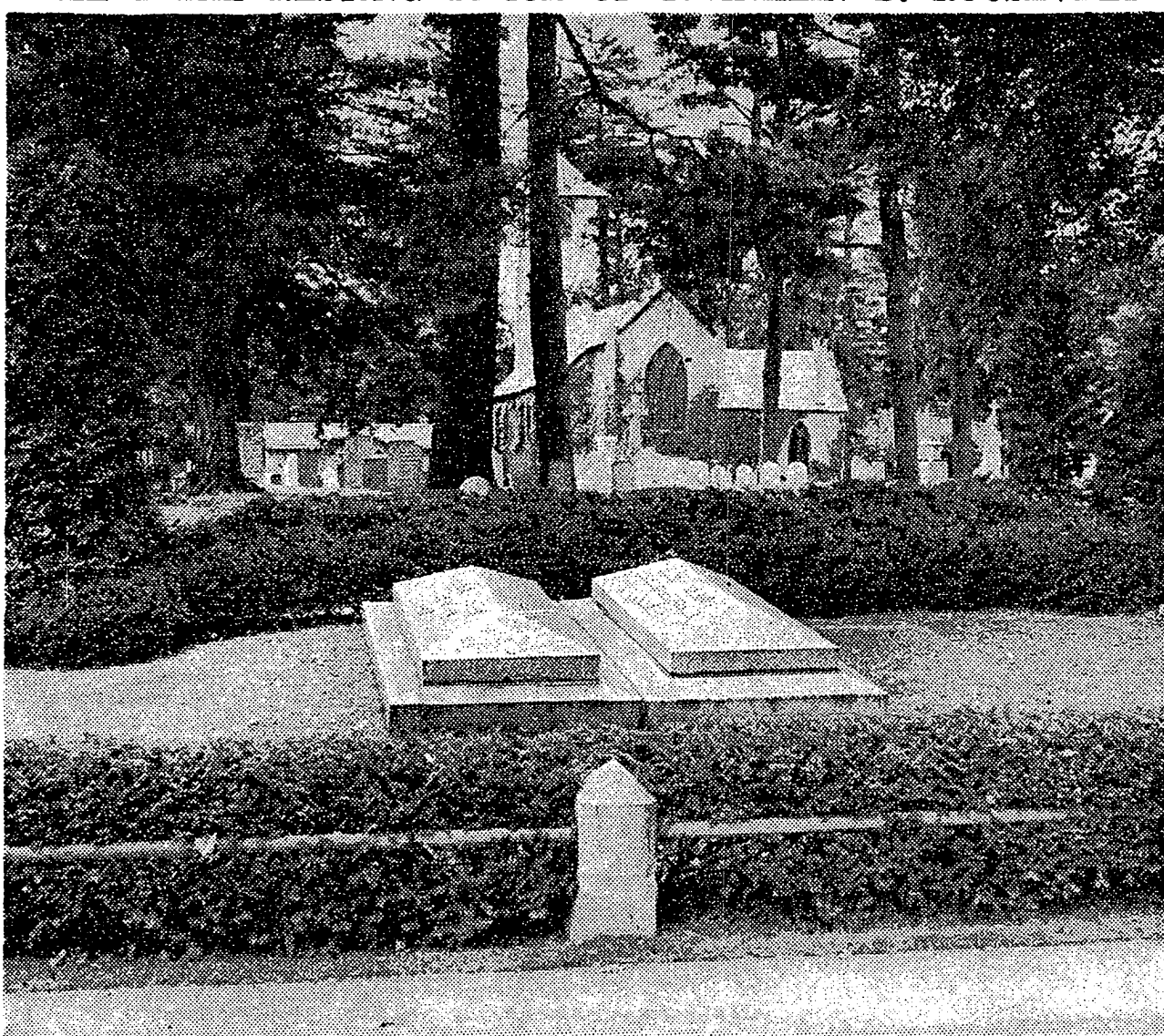
**Dr. NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER**, President of Columbia—This is most appalling news. It is as strong a blow as could be possibly imagined at a moment when everyone is striving for liberty and peace in the world. It is impossible to describe at this moment the feeling that we must all have, not only in sorrow but of distress of what this loss means to the world. May God help us.

## "Greatest Human Asset"

**BASIL O'CONNOR**—Today, in President Roosevelt's death, the world lost its greatest human asset. The entire universe had its attention focused upon his leadership to lead it out of the wilderness of sorrow onto the plain of at least some happiness. One of history's greatest figures, and a very kindly individual, has passed on.

**Gen. GEORGE C. MARSHALL**—We have lost a great leader. His far-seeing wisdom in military counsel has been a constant source of courage to all of us who have worked side by side with him from the dark days of the war's beginning. No tribute from the Army could be so eloquent as the

## THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



The family plot adjacent to St. James Episcopal Church at Hyde Park, N. Y. The graves in the foreground are those of the President's father, James Roosevelt (right), and his grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca H. Roosevelt. This picture was made before the burial of Sara Delano Roosevelt, the President's mother.

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hourly record of the victories of the past few weeks.

**Secretary HENRY MORGENTHAU**—It has been my unique privilege to have served him for two years in Albany and for over twelve years here in Washington, and I know what a really great man he was. He, more than any one person, is responsible, in my opinion, for the successful conduct of this terrible war against the aggressor nations.

**Secretary HAROLD L. ICKES**—We have been fortunate, during the world crisis, to have given to civilization and the world the greatest leader in the history of our country. We know what his ideals were. President Truman will take up where President Roosevelt left off. All of us will help him to accomplish the objectives and realize the ideals of the great general who has gone down facing the enemy.

## "We Shall Go Forward"

**Secretary HENRY A. WALLACE**—America and the world must and will carry on. Tonight we bow in prayer for that gallant world citizen who so unerringly acted to save democracy. Tomorrow behind and with President Truman we shall go forward into victory and peace.

**Secretary EDWARD R. STETTINIUS Jr.**—A great leader has passed on into history at an hour when he was sorely needed. Once before in an hour of national crisis our country suffered such a loss. Like Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Delano Roosevelt has truly given his life that America might live and freedom be upheld.

**CORDELL HULL**, former Secretary of State—President Roosevelt's statesmanship must continue to inspire us for the crucial task which even now is before us—the task of building a world peace. No greater tragedy could have befallen our country and the world at this time. His inspiring vision, his high statesmanship and his superb leadership were factors without which the United Nations could not have come to the present phase of the war with victory just in sight.

**JESSE H. JONES**, former Secretary of Commerce—We were not prepared for the shock of President Roosevelt's death. But the nation, true to its tradition, will carry on and support President Harry Truman in bringing the war to final victory and in achieving a just peace.

**HERBERT H. LEHMAN**, Director General of the UNRRA—Indefatigable and without thought of self, he sacrificed his life in the service of his fellow-men.

**Brig. Gen. CARLOS P. ROMULO**, Philippine Resident Commissioner—Liberty-loving peoples of all races have lost their outstanding champion. Mankind has known no greater liberator. A grateful Philippines, indebted to him for his unswerving advocacy of their freedom, stood by America in her darkest hour in the Pacific. Now their steadfast friend is gone.

**LORD HALFAX**, British Ambassador—The British people will have learned with deep emotion this grievous news. With the American nation they will mourn the passing of one who has guided the Allied forces so far and so well on the road to victory.

**ANDREI A. GROMYKO**, Soviet Ambassador—One of the greatest statesmen the world has ever known. The Soviet people share this great national grief which has befallen the friendly American people. Mr. Roosevelt could distinguish true friends as well as real enemies. He knew the value of unity of great Allied powers and its importance for victory.

**HENRI BONNET**, Ambassador of The Provisional Government of the French Republic—Like all my compatriots, I grieve for the great statesman to whom we are indebted for the immense services he has rendered to the cause of democracy and freedom and for the decisive part he has taken in the common victory which liberated France, a victory which he so well deserved to see completed throughout the world.

**JAMES A. FARLEY**—The death of President Roosevelt is, of course, a shock to me, as it will be to all Americans and to millions throughout the world who have looked to him for leadership during these trying times. I shall always recall and cherish my close association with him during the years that I was with him in New York State and with his Administration for seven and a half years in Washington. His accomplishments make his place in history secure.

**SAMUEL SEABURY**—My feeling is one of profound sorrow. One can hardly realize it, because the news comes so suddenly, but I feel that very strongly.

**HARRY HOPKINS**—I am so terribly sorry. The people all over this country, and indeed, the entire world, will mourn tonight. He was so gallant and brave.

## Calls for Making Vision Reality

**HENRY J. KAISER**—As Commander in Chief the President liked to be known as a soldier. He is as much a war casualty as those who have given their lives on the battlefield. A sorrowing America and a grateful mankind will hold his memory in reverence. He brought the nations of the world together in the name of the liberty, the security and the peace of all humanity. Together we must go on and make his vision a reality.

**Representative CHARLES A. EATON**—We have got to finish this war successfully and set up a world organization to make another war impossible. That is what the President wanted and that is what has got to be done.

**Representative ANDREW J. MAY**—Nothing more tragic for our country and the world could have happened at this crucial hour.

**Senator BURTON K. WHEELER**—I sincerely regret his passing. I think Truman will make a very good President.

**Senator ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE**—We are too close to the events of the past decade to pass any definitive judgment on his place in history, but no one can question that his life and policies have had a profound and lasting effect on this nation and the world.

**Senator CLYDE R. HOEY**—The severest shock this nation has sustained since the assassination of President McKinley.

**Senator RICHARD B. RUSSELL**—As a single influence for a lasting peace and a stable post-war world, he is irreplaceable.

**Senator ALBERT W. HAWKES**—The nation extends to his family its deepest heartfelt sympathy. I have great faith in the Americanism of our President, Mr. Truman, and his ability to lead the nation successfully.

**Senator BRIEN McMAHON**—I hope the American people will unite more than ever before to fight for his ideal of a lasting peace, a cause to which he gave his life.

**Representative REID F. MURRAY**—The death of the President is shocking news at this time. I won't say he was a great President but there is no doubt that he

was a great American. I deeply regret his passing.

**Representative FRANK CARLSON**—It is unfortunate that President Roosevelt should die just at this time when the nation and other countries were looking toward a conclusion of the war and the making of peace. It was all built on the President himself.

**Senator RAYMOND WILLIS**—The President gave his life for a cause to which he was profoundly devoted—the founding of an organization to promote an enduring peace.

**Representative WALTER C. PLOESER**—It is a terrible shock to the world.

**GOVERNOR WALTER E. EDGE** of New Jersey—The tragic death of the President stunned the nation and almost defies comment. His leadership at this critical period cannot be transferred to any living American. The knowledge he possessed of the preparations for peace probably will be never fully known by even his closest advisors. On behalf of the people of New Jersey I extend my sympathy and condolence to his family and to the country for which he gave his life.

**GOVERNOR RAYMOND E. BALDWIN** of Connecticut—Our heads are bowed in sadness, our hearts are burdened with sorrow, at the tragic news of the death of the President of the United States—Our President. A great, fearless leader of our country in these most critical days of our lives, and of our nation's life, his passing will be deeply mourned by all of his countrymen and by freedom-loving people throughout the world.

**GOV. CHARLES M. DALE** of New Hampshire—In this situation we will all redouble our efforts to attain the objective to which he devoted so much effort—a speedy and victorious conclusion of the war and a just and lasting peace.

## "Profoundly Shocked and Grieved"

**GOV. HERBERT O'CONNOR** of Maryland—I was profoundly shocked and grieved to receive the news of the death of President Roosevelt, because I realize the nation has lost one of the greatest statesmen of our entire history. It is a source of genuine satisfaction that in his successor, the Honorable Harry S. Truman, the country will have an experienced and able leader who will carry on the program so successfully launched by our late lamented President.

**Governor WALTER S. GOODLAND** of Wisconsin—The news of President Roosevelt's death comes with as much shock to me as I know it does to every citizen of the United States. I have always considered his handling of our foreign affairs to be admirable. In my judgment he has conducted the affairs of the nation during this war in a manner that has won the approval of all our citizens. I share with all citizens of Wisconsin a sense of great loss in the death of President Roosevelt.

**THOMAS W. LAMONT**—The news is so shocking that it seems almost impossible to make comment upon it. Every citizen must be stunned and grief-stricken by this news. Regardless of differences on domestic issues, Americans of every party and faith have acclaimed Franklin Roosevelt as a great leader and a great war President.

**PHILIP MURRAY**, president of the CIO—The nation and the world have lost a great leader and a great soldier and labor its noblest friend.

**THOMAS A. MURRAY**, president of the State Federation of Labor—President Roosevelt's death is a catastrophe, coming at a time when the nation is on the eve of great decisions which will determine our future in the post-war world. His death is a particularly sad blow to organized labor, which had recognized him as a staunch friend from the earliest days of his public career.

**DAVID I. DUBINSKY**, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union—Words fail me to express my grief over the passing of this greatest American of our generation. Hundreds of millions all over the globe to whom Franklin Delano Roosevelt symbolized the ageless idealism of our America and the very heart of the great struggle for civilization which we are waging will be bowed with sorrow.

**EMIL SCHRAM**—This is a great tragedy. We all feel we have lost a great man. Now is the time for everyone to rally around Mr. Truman. I have every confidence that Mr. Truman will be able to pick up the reins and carry on.

**EDWARD V. LOUGHLIN**, Tammany Leader—I am shocked beyond words. His death is the greatest loss ever suffered by our country in its history.