

WORLD MOURNS PRESIDENT

There has gone from the White House one that bestrode the earth; a guide to mankind, wise beyond measure, great of heart. Franklin Roosevelt will rank among the immortals with Abraham Lincoln. He too was of that heroic stature.

He was a family man, a family already renowned on the political scene. He himself was governor of New York, but, before 1931, little known outside the United States. ~~In that year, he was nominated for the Presidency.~~

but he d. 9 ~~He~~ was stricken with infantile paralysis. It was at Warm Springs, where he died, that he was partially cured after four bedridden years.

On that first election night in 1931 something happened of significance in world history. Roosevelt was elected President.

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A few months later Washington saw him inaugurated.

The stock market, not long before had collapsed. The bubble of false prosperity was pricked. America, when Roosevelt took up the reins, stood on the brink of bankruptcy and despair. ~~Roosevelt~~ ^{His} National recovery Act, N.R.A., put the country back on its feet.

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In those critical early months ~~he~~ ^{he} was, as always, serene ~~and~~, unruffled, confident that the great American family would survive and be ~~prosperous~~ ^{prosperous again}.

The country had regained its health when, just before the war, the King and Queen visited America as Mr. Roosevelt's guests. The President saw, in the free partnership of the English Speaking Democracies, the best hope of defeating the German menace, which by this

time hung like a storm cloud over Europe.

Roosevelt had come to the end of his second term. He made history by standing ~~as~~ a third time.

When he was inaugurated on the third occasion Europe was at war, and under Roosevelt's careful guidance America was herself preparing.

Still neutral the President launched the ~~the~~ great project, Lease-Lend.

Britain and America were drawing closer together. Winston Churchill crossed the ocean to meet the man with whom he was to frame the Atlantic Charter.

Pearl Harbour. America plunged into war by the attack on December 7th, 1941.

It became necessary for Roosevelt to ~~stand~~ stand a fourth *time*, ~~term~~.

Democratic America elected him again, and with him as Vice-President the man so soon to succeed him, ~~Harry~~ Truman.

At the Roosevelt home, Hyde Park, they ^{once} congratulated him on Election night. ~~His health was beginning to fail~~

But The war had aged him alarmingly, ^{only} but the spirit which had triumphed over infantile paralysis kept him going still. He was ³ die in harness. He would not have gone ^{strained} to the Crimea Conference, where his appearance drew gasps of apprehension, if he had not, as always, put

~~for the cause of world freedom~~

duty first. He was not spared to enter the promised land of victory. At the Peace Conference there will be an empty chair.