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VALE ROOSEVELT!

A retrospective film of Highlights
in the President's life from 1939 to
1944 on the occasion of his death.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, four times President of the United States, a great man and leader of men, died on the very threshold of Victory. In his passing, every citizen of the British Commonwealth has lost a loyal friend, a dauntless comrade in arms, and a steadfast champion of those causes which called the British People to war. Not only from the hour when he signed America's Declaration of War, but from the first days of Germany's bid for world conquest, President Roosevelt laboured to bring his country to the side of Britain. At Ottawa, the voice we knew so well spoke on International gangsterdom. "We are making sure, absolutely and irrevocably sure this time, that the lesson is driven home to them once and for all. We actually are going to be rid of outlaws this time."

In conference at Teheran (as at so many great meetings) President Roosevelt triumphed over a physical frailty with a courage which has been an inspiration to all free men. Here, as in his policy at home, he won his place with Abraham Lincoln as the man who set and kept his country unfalteringly on the path of true greatness. "Many people ask when will this war end. There's only one answer, to that. It will end just as soon as we make it end by our combined efforts, our continual strength, our combined determination to fight through and work through until the end."

We remember these pictures from Yalta. How ill he looked yet how bravely cheerful. In the broadest sense he was a great Christian and a great American. He gave his life for his country and for the World. The ideals of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his faith in Humanity are his legacy to those who take up the cause where he laid it down. "God bless us all - God keep us strong in the faith that we fight for ~~XX~~ a better day for human kind here and everywhere.