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Few great men are born in this world. In London's Grosvenor Square Britain honours the memory of one. Here in this changed centre of "Little America" gather the statesmen, to join in the nation's tribute to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, whose widow has come here to unveil our memorial to him. The King, the Queen and the Princesses lead the nation in a memorial ceremony that will make this Square a corner of Britain that is forever American. As Their Majesties step onto the platform to greet Mrs. Roosevelt, the crowd joins the St. Paul's choir in singing the President's favourite psalm.

As the singing dies away, the King speaks for the nation.

For Britain and the world this third anniversary of the President's death is a day of sorrow and thankfulness. Sorrow because Franklin Roosevelt did not live to see the victory he had striven for; Thankfulness for having lived in the same era as the man, who left the world a better place for his presence.

The King steps forward to lay the first wreath - a personal tribute from the leader of one nation to another. Contributed by the shillings and pence of ordinary Britons, this memorial expresses His people's tribute to that man.

A nation and its leaders remember a lost friend. The ideals of freedom for which he worked and for which he died are ours too, but the world which he wanted is not the world of today. May his spirit again guide the thoughts of the nations. And may the memory of Franklin Roosevelt - whose life shaped the destiny of our times - be forever an example to the people.