

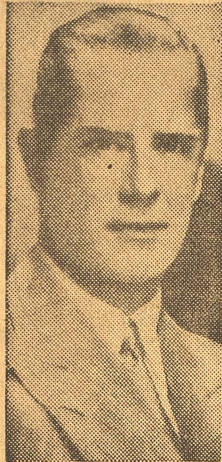
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Predicts Downfall  
of Hyde Park in  
Patriots' View

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**I**N THE five years since the death of Roosevelt, great progress has been made to discredit him, his wife and those of his progeny who have, with characteristic effrontery, continued to trim suckers in their old man's name, to exploit his grave as a pitchman ballyhoos an embalmed whale, and to exploit the superstitions of the faceless man as candidates for the governorships of California and New York.



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It has been an inching progress against a mountainous mass of ignorance, bigotry, conspiracy, and guilt. The Communists have been deeply implicated in the effort to maintain the Roosevelt myth. All concerned on that side have taken advantage of certain polite social customs to advance their rackets and smear American loyalists.

Roosevelt was not the United States nor the Government of the United States. He was not elected King. Yet his conduct in office was so wilful, vain and bad that he left the nation subject to the Russian veto by his own considered decisions. By Roosevelt's culpable misdoing, Stalin became master of our fate. The turnout of the satellites, sycophants and dupes was still impressive on the anniversary of his tragically belated end.

It is true also that John T. Flynn and other almost faultless journalists have picked, hacked and blasted away much of the fraud upon the people, their posterity and history. They have forced his widow toward the last stand before complete abandonment of the pretense and frank avowal of her true character and sympathies. The day will come when patriots will profane the core of the Hyde Park honkatonk.

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**I**T WAS ONLY by a slip of the typewriter—either that or some sly intention of her own—that Grace Tully, one of Roosevelt's secretaries, blurted the fact that the woman who went between Roosevelt and his wife more than 30 years ago, was present at his death. The widow had covered up the other woman's presence in her volume of memories, a work as memorable for its flagrant omission of disgraceful truth as for its paltry pretense of naive factuality.

Of all those who wrote about the death scene, the widow, Ross T. McIntire, the M. D. who admits that he owed his rank of vice admiral to his patron's generosity, and Mike Reilly, of the Secret Service detail, none but Tully admitted that the other woman was there. The relationship was not platonic.

The very fact that the widow and other beholden people, such as Bill Hassett, who purported to be a press liaison secretary, concealed her presence put the strain of guilt on the situation.

Then came the disclosure that a vase without price, presented to Roosevelt's mother by the government of Finland, had bobbed up in the home near Albany of Sergeant Earl Miller, the retired New York state cop, who had become the first American reminiscent of historic guardsmen to imperial patronesses in the courts of Europe.

The Empress put her handsome protege into the Navy and, working deviously as usual, got her huckster, George Bye, who had peddled her scrawlings to the press, and Anna's, too, to intervene with Captain Gene Tunney to put him into the physical training service. Captain Tunney frankly said he had no use for Miller and didn't want him.

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**W**HAT HAS all this to do with the fate of this nation?

If those concerned on the Roosevelt side would speak as frankly on these subjects as they pretend to speak on others, we would better know. We would better know how to judge this woman's attitude toward Communism, which derogates family integrity as an affectation.

In a recent television show she argued that her husband's crime at Yalta was but an act of restitution in giving Stalin Manchuria, Port Arthur, the Chinese Eastern Railroad, and a fortress island, a continent in miniature, to the north of Japan. To be sure, the Japanese had taken these from Russia in 1904, but that was how Russia got them from China only 10 years earlier.

The logical next step in her argument would be that Alaska should be returned to Russia because we paid a petty price to a czar who had no "mandate" and couldn't convey a valid title. Earnestly, I say, I expect to hear this from her as she is gradually divested of her mythical grandeur, dignity, wisdom and simplicity.

Already, twice, she has defended Alger Hiss, convicted by implication of acts tantamount to treason. In September, 1949, she defended Paul Robeson who had said he would not oppose Russia in a war with this country and only lately she tried to use him in her propaganda show.

On the first occasion, E. M. Biggers, a printer, in Houston, Tex., made public, boldly on his own stationery, a letter to her which has acquired renown both for its plain strength and its dramatic summary of shocking truth.

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**"D**EFENSE of Robeson was to be expected," he wrote. "Never a chirp from you when Reds and left-wingers break up public meetings.

"In gaining wealth and the spotlight you seem to have missed life's greatest blessing—a fine family. Are you proud of the pattern yours has set? Has any other done so much to lower the moral standard in America?

"Around the fireplaces of humble homes, true Americans instilled in their children higher ideals than shaking down wealthy acquaintances; involving themselves in questionable rackets or even racing through divorce courts leaving a string of children bearing a name that will plague them in days to come.

"Is there any real mother who would not be ashamed of such goings-on? And, if my memory serves me, you have told others how to raise children!

"It will be a long time before America can be rid of the pestilence, the troubles and the corrupt things the Roosevelts have brought us."

On inquiry, Mr. Biggers replied:

"Yes, indeed that letter did go to her. No acknowledgment. I sent out a few copies and, to date, have reprinted more than 6000. Requests have come for extra copies from all over the nation. I am supplying them without charge."

Westbrook Pegler is now on vacation. His column will be resumed on May 23.