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# THE POINT OF VIEW

## Prevention At the Source

To the Editor of The Courier-Journal.

It has been noticed that the basic theory has not been included among those advocated for flood control. To eliminate any evil such as this, it is necessary that the trouble be coped with at its source and in its primary stage of development and prior to the time that it has multiplied and created a force beyond control. In this connection measures taken to control rainfall as soon as it reaches the earth would be for better than trying to control it after it has reached the river where flood damage is caused.

Much of our land is gullied, sheet eroded without cover of vegetation and forests. When there is rainfall, there is little to prevent its speeding rapidly down slopes and hills until it reaches the main stream where flood waters are created quickly and constitute a hazard beyond control. It is, therefore, obvious that this rainfall must be slowed at its source of accumulation. This not only prevents floods, but slowing water run-off decreases erosion and provides more water for crops during periods of drouth.

Conservation of forests and wildlife areas, planting cover crops that no land be fallow, terracing slopes and construction of water ways in the primary practice of the valley of the depression he led them onward into the wilderness of European war clouds and over the rocky hills of World War II he bore the Stars and Stripes, the banner of democracy, to the Mt. Nebo of Axis disintegration. From that craggy peak he was privileged to behold the valley of victory. His eyes were not dimmed by the years of toil and sacrifice. His mission was completed, he smiled, and then passed away.

Many have criticized some of his minor acts, but in the main we all admired him. Americans knock merely to keep themselves reminded of the fact that we live in a land having freedom of speech, where the common man can say whatever he wishes, whenever he pleases, about whomsoever he cares to discuss. But in our hearts we were proud of him. At the polls we refused to let him go. His only escape from the weighty responsibilities which we placed on his shoulders, his only refuge from the unceasing grind of the affairs of state, his only opportunity to get that long-

needed rest and relaxation, was to close his eyes in death.

God even let the sun stand still in order that Joshua could fulfill his commission. God will do anything within the bounds of reason to help our new leader complete this unfinished task if he will but live and lead the American people in accordance with His holy wishes.

R. W. HAMILTON.

Oak Ridge, Tenn.

## The Attributes of All

To the Editor of The Courier-Journal.

Many wonderful tributes have been pouring in from all over the world in memory of our modern emancipator, the late and beloved President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

I might add that he had the leadership of a Moses, the human kindness, humility, courage and gallantry of a Lincoln, the spirit and tact of a Woodrow Wilson, the personality and sense of humor of a Will Rogers and last but not least, the wisdom of a Solomon.

MICHAEL COHEN.

Louisville.

## A Thought For Paul

To the Editor of The Courier-Journal.

I am a lover of dogs, and I admit it without apology. I do not mean that I be- lieve in the dog as a deity, but I do believe in the President who died on the job. We should also pay tribute to those thousands of other brave men who died that we might enjoy the fruits of their victory.

It is good to ask God to comfort the families of those many soldiers and sailors who died in the service of their country.

Louisville.

F. H. M.

## Liked Truman's Speech

To the Editor of The Courier-Journal.

Tell it to Ripley that this fearful, moss-back, apoplectic Republican liked President Truman's speech.

HATLER JOHNSON.

Paintsville, Ky.

This came by telegraph from Mr. Johnson yesterday afternoon.—(Editor.)

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