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SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1964

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NEW YORK MIRROR

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Dear Miss Tully!

This is the way it came in.  
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# NEW YORK MIRROR

DAILY AND SUNDAY

235 EAST 45<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
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June 9, 1943

Miss Grace Tully,  
The White House,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Tully:

I told this to this column. I thought it would amuse you. It came up when some of us were discussing rumors that the President was away again. I said: "I wish they'd stop that. We can't afford to lose him." And then I mentioned the conversation I had with you. Anyway, it looks good in print. Before you know it, Grace Tully, you are going to be famous!

The additional note is for the President. It concerns something he did about the censorship oroblem on the air.

all best,

*Walter Winchell*  
Walter Winchell

My Post  
June 9/43

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# The Lyons Den

By Leonard Lyons



**VALUE:** At the stockholders meeting of General Electric, Gerard Swope was asked about some of the items on the balance-sheet. A shareholder questioned the item listing the company's patents at a valuation of \$1. Swope explained this listing . . . The shareholder approached Swope's chair, placed \$1.10 in front of him, and said: "Here's a profit. I'd like to buy 'em."

**SPEECH:** Lt. Commander Robert Montgomery has seen action in both oceans. After an Atlantic engagement, Montgomery had shore-leave in London, and visited the House of Lords. The old hall was familiar to him, for when Montgomery appeared in MGM's "Earl of Chicago," the studio constructed a replica of the House of Lords, and every Hollywood actor with a British accent was hired to sit there . . . Between takes, Montgomery walked to the center of the set, and made a speech to the assemblage. "Maybe this will puzzle the Empire a bit," he whispered—and then roared: "I hereby declare that henceforth India is free."

**COMPLAINT:** Last week Leon Henderson and his secretary appeared before the Washington committee investigating the OPA. His testimony revealed that his secretary had signed his name to many of the orders issued by Leon. "But this was with my knowledge and consent," said Henderson. "And if anybody should want to question it, I'll just say that the signatures were mine." . . . Then, as he left, Henderson added: "Those fellers are just trying to prove that the marriage was illegal because the bride's father didn't have a license for the shot-gun."

**VISIT:** Yesterday afternoon a N. Y. visitor joined the line of tourists at the Empire State Building, waiting to see the view from the tower. His wife remained in the lobby, because she has a phobia about looking down from high places . . . Her husband paid the entrance fee, followed the tourists to the tower, saw the view, posed for a souvenir photo, and then waited in line to sign the registry, "The Duke of Windsor."

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**POWER:** A friend of President Roosevelt told the President's secretary, Grace Tully, that he didn't think the President should make those extensive trips. "It's too dangerous," he told Miss Tully, "and you're the only one who can stop it" . . . "I'm the only one?" replied Miss Tully. "How?" . . . "It's easy," was the suggestion. "Just don't wake him."

**WEDDING:** Some of Dorothy Thompson's friends were rejoicing in her happiness, and discussed her wedding, which will be held in a village church in Vermont. "They make such an ideal couple, and I'm sure they'll both be very happy," said one of them. "I'm afraid of only one thing—that when, in response to the minister's question, Dorothy says 'I do,' she may add: "And now I'm going to tell you why . . ."

**MEMENTO:** While Col. Darryl Zanuck was in Tunisia, standing under a tree and watching the bombs bursting around him, another officer urged him to find a better shelter. "You may get hit, Colonel," the officer warned him. But Zanuck remained there, calmly. The officer studied his profile, and said, "I see you have a broken nose, Colonel. When did that happen?" . . . "Dec. 7, 1941," said Zanuck . . . "Oh, I didn't know you were at Pearl Harbor," said the officer, apologetically . . . "I wasn't," replied Zanuck. "I got it playing polo."

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September 7, 1956

Dear Grace:

Thanks for your sweet letter. I now find I will not be in Washington on Monday, but will phone you or write to you when I next go there.

regards,

*W. W.*

Walter Winchell

Mr. Walter Winchell  
New York Mirror  
235 East 45th Street  
New York 17, New York

MEMORIAL TO A PRESIDENT

FDR died nineteen years ago this week...A letter-to-an-editor offers a stunning fact: "There seem to be no huge memorials to him

September 25, 1956

Dear Walter:

I am sorry to have to cancel our engagement for October 8, as I have just received word from Senator Johnson that he would like me to join our staff in Austin, Texas, early next week.

I had written you on September 21 that I would be happy to be present at the Award ceremonies but orders is orders!

Again my congratulations and I look forward to seeing you the next time you are in Washington after my return sometime in November.

Always sincerely,

Grace G. Tully

Mr. Walter Winchell  
New York Mirror  
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New York 17, New York

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September 21, 1956

Dear Walter:

Thank you for your note. I shall be most happy to be present for the Freedom of the Press Award ceremonies on October 8 if you will be good enough to let me know the hour and place.

Warm regards and looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Grace G. Tully

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September 12, 1956

Dear Grace:

Thank you for your letter. I will be in Washington  
October the <sup>8th</sup> <sub>1</sub> for the Freedom of the Press Award. I'd love  
you to be there.

Good wishes,

*Walter*  
Walter Winchell

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Walter Winchell  
... OF NEW YORK  
Memos of a Girl Friday

Dear WW: Can't find your press pass. Prob'ly lost it That Night... Jackie Copeland (Mrs. Robert E. Olson) is in town for a visit with the baby. Just wanted to say hello. Told her mother (Madelin) you and DiMaj would fly back from the Mocambo this morning. I think the plane is due at Idlewild around 11 a. m. . . . When we running the Ingrid col'm? . . . Doug Leigh wants to know if you've seen his RCA spectac (2d largest on Bway) at 42d yet? . . . Mrs. W. says it is a thrill to see the 35 ft. high running wordage from the hotel window . . . Journal-American pub Mr. Berkson and editor Paul Schoenstein sent thanks for "standing by" photog Lenny Morgan. He's a little better but he complains of pain in ribs and groin where those dirty things kept kicking him when he was down.

Miss Kirk phoned. Read her the wire from Mert Werthiemer (Reno) saying he read your comments and she can start there any time . . . She will take the Waldorf's offer for four weeks following her Persian Room smash. She wants a Bway show more than anything. I sent telegrams to Josh, Jed, George, Herman and the other showmen. Her record speaks for itself. "Allegro" and "Kiss Me Kate." The Pierre's Cotillion Room booker wants her there instead of Waldorf. The Persian Room (Plaza) people want her to stay with them but Eartha follows, so that's that . . . The Beverly Hills Country Club (Covington, Ky.) booked Roberta Sherwood . . . Judy's wonderful notices are the talk of the town. Says she loves you -- "but he's sooo Bossee, isn't heeeeee?" (Hmmm, Beeg skewp!)

party in Nino's new place, Continental of Palm Beach at 149 E. 53d st. . . . Lisa's mother says thanks for inviting her . . . Collier's Peter Maas called. Said Rocky Graziano asked him if true Collier's coming up with cover piece on new program. Yes, said Pietro . . . Graziano grabbed him by the throat and said: "Is it for or against?" . . . Maas said: "It's objective!" Rocky said: "No! Make it like Variety's critic (Trau) recently wrote or I'll kill you!"

Jack Gould (Times) phoned. Said they got busy, couldn't be at NBC press conf. So I gave Val Adams a rundown . . . Geo. Wood, the Cloom Man, unhappy over your blunt candor about agents. I told him you just wanted every teevee writer to know there must never be any pressure on actors, actresses or showmen. That you are indebted to Tommy Rockwell's office for Mr. Como (and so much other help on 1st show Friday night) and that you cannot pay Tommy any commish. Against the law etc. . . . I told Mr. Wood what you told me: "When you start to fade on Broadway -- booking agents fade first!" . . . Mirror staff in stitches over your speech when you told the large crowd: "Get the hell outta here! Who needs you guys? I got Nick Kenny!!!" . . . Nick loved it . . . Jack

O'Brian will not disqualify himself as judge of opening show. I told him people will say he's back-scratching if he likes it, and playing Hard-To-Get if he knocks it. Vonnie said: "Well, who does Walter suggest Journal get to review it?" . . . I hollered: "ROBERTA SHERWOOD!"

So where am I? Oyez! Grace Tully phoned from Washington. Sorry can't be at Freedom of the Press award event in Arlington, Va., Oct. 8th. Had to fly to her boss in Texas. Sen. Lyndon Johnson. Very happy you are first to receive the plaque.

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It is well to remember that FDR was not a dreamer who gazed at the stars and waited for angels to produce miracles. He was a realist and a fighter. He declared war against the forces of darkness long before any shots were fired...When our economy was shattered or tyrants left civilization in tatters -- he fought a grim and relentless battle with remarkable patience. FDR blazed a trail through the wilderness of poverty with all the fortitude of frontiersmen...Remember the breadlines extending around America's throat like a noose? Applehawkers on streets?...Brother, can you spare a dime? Yankee Doodle waiting for a handout.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt declared war on poverty a long time ago...He knew that freedom of speech was not extended to us so that a child could plead for a bowl of soup...The only thing we have to fear is fear itself, he said...The people listened and believed and trusted. And it marked the rebirth of a nation.

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He put wings on our democracy and aimed it toward the heavens. And he battled the devils of bigotry...FDR continually reminded Americans that our greatest strength was the single unity among many religions, nationalities and races. America was the glorious offspring of that unity...He knew that whoever seeks to set one race against another seeks to enslave all races. Whoever seeks to set one religion against another seeks to destroy all religion...Of course, freedom of worship is of no use to men who have lost their God.

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WALTER WINCHELL of New York

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Newspapermen call it human interest...FDR was intensely personal. He had the ability to translate abstract principles in terms of human problems...His genuine affection for people was his most conspicuous characteristic. And the feeling was cordially reciprocated -- not only by his friends -- but by millions of strangers.

FDR once noted that his discussion with mill-workers gave him a deeper insight into the meaning of an economic depression than theories expounded by economists.

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The many-faceted Roosevelt personality defied the analysis of his closest friends. However, there was an apparent trait they could all detect. His supreme self-assurance...FDR's infectious smile was not a vote-getting ornament. It reflected his inner warmth. He was an innate optimist. Even during the darkest days of the war he never succumbed to despondency. His jubilant spirit was continually unfurled -- and he carried it like a banner... "Some people see clouds and think of storms," he once remarked, "But I have seen clouds from beautiful sunsets."

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Although tragedy is the handmaiden of agony, it also inspires lasting exaltation in those who triumph over it...The most tragic incident in FDR's life had its blessed aspects both for himself and our nation. His lengthy bout with polio gave him time for contemplation and an opportunity to forge his philosophy...The physical affliction amplified his spiritual resources. He emerged from his illness with a deeper sense of humility, patience and courage. Sickness gave him a deeper understanding of the social and political ills burdening mankind. The strength he lost in his legs -- he gained in heart.

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His remarkable political acumen was rooted in his knowledge of human nature. When he was New York's Governor he arrived at his office accompanied by a friend. A number of men were in the anteroom. He paused as he passed through and offered an ancient quip. His friend later remarked that it was a very old joke. "I know," Roosevelt chuckled, "but I wanted to find out which of those fellows wanted favors. They were the ones who laughed." He made politics a high art -- a struggle for the peoples welfare -- not a sordid battle for selfish power.

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The following was FDR's reply to a reporter who asked him to explain his philosophy: "I am a Christian, Democrat and human being" ...And the greatest of these was his warm humanity. He isn't merely remembered for his statesmanship and leadership. One of his memorials is his friendship.

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WALTER WINCHELL of New York

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He took so much of you and left even more -- of himself...As Daniel Boone staked out the wilderness trails for the American people, FDR staked out the broad highway to world decency. He was the voice of freedom, the friend of humanity, the conscience of America... Franklin Roosevelt was aware that a man is not measured by the praise of his friends -- nor the vilification of his foes...The unharried centuries pronounce the verdict and time knows no favorites. The great-grandchildren of the men who attacked Lincoln are now taught the lessons of his life in public schools...Future Americans will always pay their respect to FDR because the age in which they live is the age for which he fought...This free country is his everlasting monument.

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May 22, 1964

Miss Grace Tully,  
The White House,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Tully:

Mr. Winchell tells me you are back in  
the White House! He asked me to send you the attached  
column with his kind regards.

sincerely,

*Rose Bigman*  
for Walter Winchell

Enc:  
Memorial to a President



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# The Ambassador

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Executive Office

May 23, 1964

*Joe*  
*965-1770*  
*1000-16th St NW*

Miss Grace Tully  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Grace:

Please run an errand for me and send the enclosed to Stewart Alsop.

It is about something that happened to FDR and me.

Best, MIT LUFF!

*Lyette*

Walter Winchell

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May 25, 1964

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Dear Walter:

Thank you so very much for your thoughtfulness in forwarding to me a sample of the many letters of appreciation you received about your column "Memorial to a President".

Unfortunately, I did not see the article but it must have been a very moving tribute to FDR to bring such a response from so many of your readers.

President Johnson remembered the day with a very nice ceremony in the Cabinet Room to which he invited as many "New Deal Survivors" as were here in Washington. He has always paid tribute to President Roosevelt on birthday anniversaries and also on April 12th. Not many others seem to remember these special occasions.

I do hope all goes well with you and that you continue in good health.

Enclosed herewith are the letters which I enjoyed reading.

With grateful appreciation for remembering our great President and warm personal regards,

Always sincerely,

GRACE G. TULLY

Mr. Walter Winchell,  
33 West 56th Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

P.S. I am still with the Democratic Policy Committee of the Senate and continue to live at 3000 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C.



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# The Ambassador

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Executive Office

May 4, 1964

Dear Grace:

I'm enclosing a sample of the hundreds of letters I've gotten like them since my recent column "Memorial to a President" about President Roosevelt. I hope you saw the column.

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Best,

Walter Winchell

P.S. Please Return to me for my files at  
33 W. 56<sup>th</sup> St. N.Y.C.

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I will be back  
Monday for the Freedom  
of the Press Award -  
Please see me for old  
times' sake, Grace.

Walter Winchell