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Mrs. FDR Approves High Court Rulings

The Supreme Court's civil liberties decisions were termed "encouraging" yesterday by Eleanor Roosevelt. Writing in her syndicated column "My Day," the widow of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt said:

"Just at this time, when many of us have felt that the individual was losing many of his rights, it is encouraging to note the decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court upholding the Constitutional freedom. The court—at least the majority of it—seems to have redefined the ancient idea that its function is to guard the rights to our people in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights."

Mrs. Roosevelt specified her approval of the decisions reversing John Watkins contempt conviction, the John Stewart Service loyalty firing, and the Smith Act convictions of 14 California Communists. She pointed out that two of the Justices, Douglas and Black, "felt that the Smith Act is unconstitutional," and urged all Americans to read the opinions.

Mrs. Roosevelt associated herself with a plea to President Eisenhower for a Christmas amnesty for all Smith Act prisoners in 1955.

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