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Had the wife of any other President than Mr. Roosevelt publicly reproved the head of a government with which we were allied in war, it would have been certainly a national and probably an international scandal.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

When Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at a public press conference reproves British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, it hardly surprises Americans—though we don't yet know how it affected Britons. Americans are used to Mrs. Roosevelt zipping around the world aboard Army bombers and leaving a trail of indiscretions in her wake.

She does these things apparently because she feels that she was elected co-President with her husband, or at the least First Assistant President. As a matter of fact, she was never elected to any office.

This latest indiscretion of Mrs. Roosevelt's was her Tuesday press conference remark, regarding Mr. Churchill's friendly attitude toward Spain, that "Mr. Churchill has thought a certain way for 60 years, and I don't think he wants to change the way he has thought for 60 years."

That is to say that Mr. Churchill is a marble-headed old fogy who had learned all he was destined ever to learn by the time he was nine years of age.

What had irked Mrs. Roosevelt was Mr. Churchill's discussion of Spain's persistent neutrality in his Commons speech a few days ago. Mr. Churchill said in substance that when Britain was on the hot spot in 1941-42 Franco had neither seized Gibraltar nor let Hitler send soldiers through Spain to seize Gibraltar. This, though Franco was obligated to Hitler and Mussolini for help furnished his rebel army in the Spanish Civil War. Mr. Churchill said that you naturally feel some gratitude toward a man who refrained from knocking you down when he could have knocked you down.

A few hours after Mrs. Roosevelt uttered about Mr. Churchill, the President chimed in at his press conference with a loud disagreement with Mr. Churchill on the subject of Spain. Spain, he said, is still shipping

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