Mrs. F.D.R. Is Critical of Atom Policy

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has taken issue with President Truman on his attitude of secrecy toward the atomic bomb. Speaking at a luncheon of the Connecticut Federation of Democratic Women in New Haven Oct. 10, the former First Lady also implied that Secretary of State James Byrnes and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin did not live up to their responsibilities at the London conference of Foreign Ministers.

Neither the Connecticut newspapers nor national wire services carried the contents of Mrs. Roosevelt's speech. Her reference to Truman and Byrnes was omitted from all accounts. The only newspaper to carry details was last Sunday's Bridgeport Herald.

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At the luncheon, Mrs. Roosevelt made her first public reference to Truman when she said, "I wonder if President Truman is not forgetting that the atomic bomb became important to us only when we realized that an enemy nation was trying to develop it."

She deplored the attitude of those public officials who say we must keep the bomb a secret, thus implying that we can't trust the nations which were our allies in World War II.

(Sen. J. William Fulbright this week struck at the trend in this country which would use the atomic bomb as a big stick over nations, particularly the Soviet Union.)

Mrs. Roosevelt stressed the international character of scientific research, pointing out that we cannot hinder the science of other nations. It isn't conducive to peace, she asserted, that we "don't trust anyone else."

In answer to a question from the audience on whether she thought the recent London parley was a failure, Mrs. Roosevelt said she didn't think we should be discouraged.

"Mr. Bevin and Mr. Byrnes were entirely new," she added, "and we should have known from his background that Mr. Bevin would be difficult. Mr. Byrnes was put in the role of mediator, and he was not prepared, either from the background of Mr. Bevin or Mr. Molotov."

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