If Eisenhower is so unintelligent as to be able only to carry out policies made for him by other people, why did President Roosevelt appoint him commander of the troops in Europe in World War II? Are we to believe that President Roosevelt entrusted the lives of our sons and the destiny of our nation to a man who, having by then spent 27 years in the service of his country, is incapable of thinking? If so, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was guilty of perpetrating a shameful hoax on the world and stands convicted on the testimony of his widow.

Held Secondary Jobs

Mrs. Roosevelt made the point, in this interview, that Adlai Stevenson thinks things out but that President Eisenhower and his associates do not think things out. Then why did not President Roosevelt appoint Adlai Stevenson to a high position in his Administration? These are the positions Stevenson held in the Roosevelt Administration: Special counsel AAA, Washington, 1933-34; assistant to Secretary of the Navy, Washington, 1941-44; chief Economic Mission to Italy, 1943; War Department Mission to Europe, 1944. They were all on a secondary level. But Roosevelt appointed Eisenhower to command of our troops in Europe over the heads of a host of more senior officers. Did Roosevelt appoint a man to such an important post who could not think things out?

Mrs. Roosevelt here is obviously guilty of unreasoned partisanship. Mrs. Roosevelt does not really support the candidacy of Stevenson by such illogical statements. Harry Truman was correct when he objected to Stevenson as "a trial and error" President which is exactly what, under our system, most new Presidents must be.

Under the European ministerial system, a man can get his experience in a lower office before he moves up to the summit. Here, it is not arranged that way. Here most of our Presidents, when elected to their first term, lack close experience with the problems they immediately face and they have a hard time adjusting their minds to this difficult office. Surely Harry Truman's testimony on this subject, in his autobiography, is worth re-reading.

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