

## Franklin D. Roosevelt: The first 'modern' President?

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FDR began his fourth term in office firm in his belief that men are capable of their own government, that no King, no tyrant, no dictator can govern them as wisely as they can govern themselves.

And upon that note he placed the world's future on the conference table at Yalta, made plans to bring together the nations and the peoples of the world in a just and lasting peace. History has recorded that first step as the San Francisco Conference.

In this, his last report to Congress and the American people is to be found the text of his life. In the last words of a man grown tired in public service is a heritage to all men everywhere.

[Franklin D. Roosevelt]

*I am confident that Congress and the American people will accept the results of this conference as the beginning of a permanent structure of peace, upon which we can begin to build, under God, that better world in which our children and grandchildren – yours and mine, children and grandchildren of the whole world – must live and can live.*

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