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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum presents
an author talk and book signing
with former Associated Press and White House correspondent
LYNNE OLSON, author of
CITIZENS OF LONDON: THE AMERICANS WHO STOOD
WITH BRITAIN IN ITS DARKEST, FINEST HOUR
Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to present an author talk and book signing with **LYNNE OLSON**, former Moscow correspondent for the Associated Press and White House correspondent for the *Baltimore Sun*, on Saturday, April 2, 2011. The program will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center. Ms. Olson will speak about her latest book, **CITIZENS OF LONDON: THE AMERICANS WHO STOOD WITH BRITAIN IN ITS DARKEST, FINEST HOUR**. Following the presentation, Ms. Olson will be available to sign copies of her book. This event is free and open to the public.

In her latest book, Lynne Olson, author of the highly acclaimed *Troublesome Young Men*, focuses once again on Britain in World War II, this time from an American perspective. **CITIZENS OF LONDON** is the engrossing behind-the-scenes story of how the United States and Britain forged their crucial wartime alliance, as seen from the viewpoint of three key American players in London. Drawing from a wide variety of primary sources, Olson depicts the personal journeys of these men, who, determined to save Britain from Hitler, helped convince a cautious Franklin Roosevelt and reluctant American public to back the British at a critical time.

The three -- Edward R. Murrow, the handsome, chain-smoking head of CBS News in Europe; Averell Harriman, the hard-driving millionaire who ran FDR's Lend-Lease

program in London; and John Gilbert Winant, the shy, idealistic U.S. ambassador to Britain -- formed close ties with Winston Churchill and were drawn into Churchill's official and family circles. So intense were their relationships with the Churchills that all of them were involved romantically with members of the prime minister's family: Harriman and Murrow with Churchill's daughter-in-law, Pamela, and Winant with his favorite daughter, Sarah.

CITIZENS OF LONDON, however, is more than the deeply human story of these three Americans and the world leaders they aided and influenced. It's a compelling account of the transformative power of personal diplomacy. Above all, it's a rich, panoramic tale of two cities: Washington, D.C., a lazy Southern town slowly growing into a hub of international power, and London, a staid, class-conscious capital transformed by war into a vibrant cosmopolitan metropolis, humming with energy, romance, excitement, and danger. To a number of Americans who spent time in wartime London and the rest of Britain, the country seemed like a kind of Brigadoon -- a magical place where courage, resolution, sacrifice, and sense of unity and common purpose triumphed, if only for a few short years.

LYNNE OLSON has been a reporter and writer since her graduation from the University of Arizona. In 1973, she was asked by the Associated Press to become the wire service's first woman correspondent in Moscow where she covered such news events as the Apollo-Soyuz space mission and President Nixon's visit to the Soviet Union. In 1976, Olson was reassigned to Washington, where she was chosen to cover Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign. After Carter became president, Olson joined the Washington bureau of the *Baltimore Sun*, where she covered national politics and eventually the White House. She has also written for the *Washington Post*, *American Heritage*, *Smithsonian*, *Working Woman*, *Los Angeles Times Magazine*, *Ms.*, *Elle*, *Glamour*, *Washington Journalism Review* and *Baltimore Magazine*. She also taught journalism for five years as an assistant professor at American University in Washington, D.C.

Olson and her husband, Stanley Cloud, are co-authors of *The Murrow Boys*, which was named one of the best books in 1996 by *Publishers Weekly*. *Freedom's Daughters*, Olson's second book, is the first comprehensive history of women in the civil rights movement. Published by Scribner in February 2001, it won a Christopher Award in 2002. Olson joined with Cloud again to write *A Question of Honor: The Kosciuszko Squadron: Forgotten Heroes of World War II*, published by Alfred A. Knopf in September 2003. Olson's fourth book, *Troublesome Young Men: The Rebels Who Brought Churchill to Power and Helped Save England*, was published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux in April 2007. Her latest book, *Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain in Its Darkest, Finest Hour* was published by Random House in February 2010.

Copies of Ms. Olson's book will be available for sale after the talk. There is no charge for this program. Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the event.

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