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relations; teaching of history in U.S. schools; Roosevelt' death: reaction in Bagdad, Mexico City, Belgian Congo; American public opinion and foreign policy; memorandum entitled "The Writing off of Britain in USA"; American citizens serving with or discharged from British Army; copyright convention with U.S.; plaque presented to the London theatre by the Variety Club of America; U.S. prisoners of war in Germany; President Truman's message to people of U.S. message on termination of hostilities in Europe; U.S. opinion of use of Atomic Bomb; attempt by motion picture companies to prevent use in America of British patented television devices; among many other records.