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Dear Mrs. Hill:

Thank you for your letter of June 28.

Of course we shall be glad to forward your letter to Mrs. Roosevelt, and are doing so today. In the meantime, we have lifted excerpts from it, and hope to publish them in the September issue or later.

We appreciate your offer of sending us your direction sheets; but since we have already drawn up a box, which you may have seen on page 111 in the July Journal, and other instructions for mailing parcels in later issues, we will not need these.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. J. Pearson Hill

cc. to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Over the years I have watched your great interest in these less fortunate and your aid to them in whatever way was possible. Recently I have read of your advocating a closer tie between individuals of foreign countries and Americans. Of course the most tangible way to express this friendship is through sending books and bundles of food and clothing to individual families. This you have suggested.

Because your heart is so large, we wondered if you might be interested in this work our Woman's Club has been doing along these lines. In a few weeks we propose to send several packages to Europe. We give...
name of families and tried to fit them to the American families so that clothes and shoes fitted would be just right, also in order that friendship could be fostered through the children.

I am enclosing some charts for suggestions and information that we gave every one plus an article from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette which will explain what has gone on.

Now as to the results. To date we have given out the names of ninety-seven families. I know many who and both weekly. The letters received are most appreciation and give us a new set of values as the people express their gratitude and hope. However, the greatest gain has come to us as individuals, committees, or state who are participating. The ful-thoughts renewed spirit of international cooperation through the reading of the letters from Norway, Holland, and Czechoslovakia. The attitude is more of greater cooperation toward
the United Nations and a greater sympathy toward their problems.

"We, as women, in small industrial towns (the Aluminum Company of America started its first plant over fifty years ago) do appreciate the twofold effort we have made and are making to create a better place in which we can live. And only because of this I tell you if only one small way we have taken to help because it was within our power and we could do it now and at home."

Sincerely,

Isabel Allen Hill
206 Pinoak Drive (Mrs. Pearson Hill)
New Kensington, Pennsylvania
Here are some tips we have found helpful in packing and mailing:

Weigh your box or bundle, including all wrapping material (sized, paper, etc.) before final sealing. Check total weight on household scales at home before going to P. O.

Address your package underneath as well as the outside wrapper. If you wrap your package in cloth, address in India ink.

1. Keep list of contents for your own information.
2. Number your packages -- place number several times conspicuously on outside cover. Then you will know in what order packages are received and if any are missing.
3. Mark every package clearly GIFT in several places.

Pack candies, toys and small items in pockets as surprises for the children.

When in doubt about any postal regulations, consult your post office.

You are permitted to send packages to the same family no oftener than once a week. Try and send as many as you can and as frequently for the next several months. Now is the most crucial time for lifting morale and supplementing their needs.

Do not send perishable foods or anything packed in glass. The accompanying list is merely a suggestion. You are not limited to this list. Send what you can give and what you would most need yourself if you lacked barest food and clothing necessities. Later you may learn specific needs of your adopted family if you wish to ask them.

After your first package is on its way, write immediately to your new friends and tell them it is sent. If you send your letter air mail (30¢ per 1000 grams) they will receive it in perhaps 5 or 6 days and can have the joy of looking forward to your kindness. All packages take many weeks for delivery and letters by regular mail are equally slow.

And finally --

Your first packing and mailing may seem hard, but once you've done one all the rest will be pure fun.
The Woman's Club of New Kensington

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR EUROPEAN PACKAGES

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Directions for Sending --

Customs Declaration Tags at International Parcel Post Window at Clothing Bundles & Food Packages must weigh no more than 11 pound. Cost -- 14¢ lb. to Norway -- Holland. 10¢ ½ lb. to Poland -- Czechoslovakia.
Kensington Women Sell Democracy

They Are Feeding and Clothing 72 "Adopted" Families in Europe

By Constance Murphy

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD Malama Wehke aimer chided the end of the day and was left in her room hand. Then, rushed out of the door and began to cry. Mrs. Wehke, a letter to her little Dutch friend, Anke, expressing how much she missed her. Malama didn't hear it, but she was eating democracy.

When the Nazi occupation, Mrs. H.O. Wehke of New Kensington, knew it, she realized she had to help. While and dipломatic and refugees, she founded a program designed to promote world peace. "We have been successful because the needs of the people are as great here as they are in Holland," Mrs. Wehke, and Mrs. Wehke, two of the New Kensington women's favorite songs, were played on the radio.

We are planning a campaign of advertising, which may prove to be more effective than all the efforts of any other group of women.

While dipломatic has failed, the women of one small Pennsylvania city have put the ideas of peace and democracy to practical use. They have, since last January, "adopted" 72 families in various European countries and are now preparing to take them home when they would have been welcomed by any other family under similar circumstances.

Not only are they sending clothing to the American families, but they have also organized a "milk project" for the children in the schools and "adopted" a little girl in Pennsylvania who is tops in her class.

"We are all right," said Mrs. J. Powers Hill, president of the New Kensington Women's Club which has sponsored the project. "These are the people who put together a spirit of understanding and good will in the world we meet today."

"Now we begin to adopt families abroad, we have had the opportunity of meeting people and learning the real meaning of life." Mrs. McMillan, chairman of the house, "We help to make the children of other countries feel like we do.

In Western Pennsylvania, where a large foreign element exists, it is easy to make contacts abroad, the women declared. The best way, they believe, is to consult the American Service Institute of Allegheny County in the Columbus building, Pittsburgh, or any member of the organization, which can be reached through the Young Women's Christian Association, or just by sending a letter.

"It is the duty of the New Kensington Woman's Club to lend a hand to a cause of good will in the world. We don't do big things or big things, we do all we can with what we have at home.""}

Mrs. C.V. Brenda shows how to wrap packages. For countries where mail is embargoed, packages are wrapped in clear.
Early teen-age Melissa Werkheiser showed the end of the pencil she held in her chubby hand. Then, round eyes ajar, she began to tell her little match friend, Anke, 8, who lives across the street in Holland, just comme the fag.

Melissa didn't know it, but she was selling democracy.

Her petite blond mother, Mrs. H. R. Werkheiser of New Kensington, knew it, though, and nodded her approval.

While statements and diplomas and foreign ministers hold ponderous ceremonies designed to promote world peace, Mrs. Werkheiser and scores of other New Kensington women haven't wasted time in words.

They've planned a campaign of ACTION, which may prove to be more effective than all the windy platitudes of all the scores of diplomats.

While diplomats have talked, the women of one small Pennsylvania city have put the idea of peace and democracy to a practical purpose. They have, since last January, "adopted" 79 families in various European countries and done for them what they would have done for their own families under similar circumstances.

Not only have they sent clothing to the adopted families, but they have sent food as well and have cemented through correspondence, friendships and understanding among the "little people" of the world that perhaps a thousand words in correspondence could not accomplish.

"Diplomats are all right," admitted Mrs. J. Pearson Hill, president of the New Kensington Woman's Club which has sponsored the project. "But unless the little people can get together in a spirit of friendship, all the treaties in the world won't matter."

"Since we began to adopt families abroad we have had the gratifying experience of receiving perfectly amazing letters from people in Holland, Norway, Greece, Switzerland and other countries."

The idea behind the project, for which the New Kensington Woman's Club serves merely as a "clearing house," is to match family for family.

"A woman with an eight-year-old child can easily send outgrown clothing to a woman with a six-year-old abroad," explained Mrs. C. F. Broad, chairman of the scheme. "Not only do the children and mothers correspond, but the fathers are now exchanging pictures and letters."

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The motto of the New Kensington group is: "We are building a reservoir of good will. We can't do big things, but we will do what we can with the little we have, NOW."

Sounds like a good idea, doesn't it?

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A Dutch child enjoying the food from America. These Dutch kids send grateful smiles to their American friends whose gifts kept them healthy.
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt

[Handwritten text: "I must find a resolution passed at the Women's Fall Union Label League and Trade Union Auxiliary held in St. Joseph Mo. Aug. 13, 1945."

"This year"

"Very truly yours"

"Effie"
ON THE DEATH OF
PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

WHEREAS, There isn't a shadow of a doubt in our minds that President Franklin D. Roosevelt was a casualty of world war II, and that he was the greatest statesman and humanitarian this nation ever produced; that he was a brilliant military leader and strategist; that in his death the workers of the nation lost the best friend they ever had, we know that he will live forever in the minds of the workers of the nation, and in the hearts and memories of the liberty loving peoples of the entire world. Now Therefore, Be it

RESOLVED, that this 26 Biennial Convention of the Woman's International Union Label League in session in St. Joseph Mo. stand for one moment in grateful memory of the great President who lead the nation to Victory in the war for the liberation of humanity from the dictatorship of the Axis nation. Let us pause in our deliverance of immediate concerns to say a silent prayer for the cause of lasting world peace, for which he fought so valiantly and effectively.

SIGNED:
Committee on Resolutions
Mrs. Della Wright
Mrs. Catherine Bird
But besides all this, he had qualities which, in the perspective of history, will, I think, be seen to have been of an even higher order. He had a basic faith in ordinary people, which transcended politics and embraced the whole world. He had an inner vision of the achievement which would lie within the reach of ordinary people everywhere, if only they could be freed from the tyrannies of racial, economic and political circumstances. He gave expression to this in his conception of the Four Freedoms. He wished to give the common man freedom from fear. 'Freedom' was a word that he often used, but his use of it was never meaningless. He had a passion for liberty, and it is, I think, as a fighter for freedom that he will be best remembered.

In commemorating him, then, we shall be setting up a memorial not only to our friend, but to a great practical idealist; to a man who saw clearly the nature of the drama of the age in which he lived, and whose great strength of purpose helped materially to shape the course of human affairs away from darkness towards the light.

I am certain that this appeal which I am inaugurating tonight will meet with a very generous response throughout the United Kingdom, for we want this to be our tribute as a nation, as a whole people.

A suggestion of the Memorial Committee charged with the collection of funds is that as many people as possible should be enabled to contribute, and therefore the standard contribution should be five shillings. In a few minutes Lord Greenwood will tell you how contributions can be made. Their Majesties, the King and Queen, have already contributed to the fund. I think that this suggestion of a number of small contributions will appeal to you. They have also proposed that we shall not accept contributions from American sources. This is not meant in any way disrespectfully, or ungratefully to American friends who might desire to contribute, but is because we want the memorial to be in absolute fact our tribute, the British people's tribute, to a great American.

I think there will be general agreement that Grosvenor Square is the appropriate, almost the obvious site, for such a memorial. The American Embassy is there, and during the war it was the heart of America in London. It is also one of our finest squares. The Duke of Westminster has generously given it to the nation for ever. The square will be laid out with fountains and trees and flowers, and will at all times be open to the people. It will be a source of pride and pleasure, not only to Londoners, but to the whole country.

When Lord Derby first suggested to the Pilgrims that they should take on the task of commemorating the late President Roosevelt with a monument, he said he hoped that when the time came Mrs. Roosevelt might be invited to unveil it. I believe that this idea too will meet with general agreement. Mrs. Roosevelt was a very welcome guest here when the bombs were falling; she will certainly be none the less welcome when we can show her what we are doing to repair the havoc of those years, and ask her to take part in doing honour to her husband.

I therefore urge all of you now to give your shillings to a memorial to that great man and our good friend, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.
ANNOUNCER: Now here is the Right Honourable Viscount Greenwood, Chairman of the Franklin Roosevelt Memorial Committee.

LORD GREENWOOD: I am sorry that our President, Lord Derby, is not well enough to be here to tell you about this fund. We want it to be a people's fund to remember a man who loved the people. Hence, we do not ask for more than five shillings from any one person. We have arranged at the principal railway bookstalls of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, to have available a beautiful memorial booklet of twenty-four pages which, while supplies last, will be given by way of acknowledgment to those who contribute five shillings. This is a gift, and we cannot undertake to provide it for every five-shilling donor, for the supply may be exhausted, or it may not be possible to have it available in remote places; but we have felt it to be a happy way to remember the President by letting you have a souvenir to keep for ever, which will tell you a great deal about Mr. Roosevelt and the proposed memorial in Grosvenor Square.

The booklet has been printed and supplied to the fund free of cost. It is being distributed without cost by newsagents to the railway bookstalls, in co-operation with the railway companies. In London there will be three booths where these booklets can be obtained — in Trafalgar Square, outside the Mansion House, and at Selfridges in Oxford Street. Tomorrow a film will appear in many cinemas in which Lord Halifax will speak of the President he knew so well. All these invaluable facilities have been given to the fund by the parties concerned, and I take this opportunity of thanking them most gratefully for their generosity and public spirit.

I should like to make clear that at the railway bookstalls only five-shilling contributions will be accepted, and then only for as long as booklets are available to give in return.

Some of you may prefer to send your five shillings direct to the fund. Some of you may want to send more than five shillings. Some of you may want to send less. In all these cases please send your contributions direct to the Treasurer, Sir Campbell Stuart, Savoy Hotel, London. As we tell it only right to keep the expenses of the fund as low as possible, contributions will not be acknowledged. I should like, therefore, to thank you now for the support which I know you will give.

We have reserved ten-thousand booklets at our office at the Savoy Hotel, as we realise that everyone may not be able to go to the station bookstalls or the three centres in London. We would like to distribute the booklets as widely as possible. These ten-thousand will be sent to five-shilling contributors by post for as long as the supply lasts, but if you want one, you should send your five shillings promptly.

Franklin Roosevelt's statue will stand in Grosvenor Square, which has been made available by the Duke of Westminster. It will now become a public square, beautified and maintained by the Ministry of Works, and for ever at the service of the people. The sculptor is Sir William Reid Dick. The architect is Mr. B.W.L. Gallanaugh.

When the sum required has been received, we will close the appeal. Any amount that may be left over after making provision for all the liabilities will be sent by the Treasurer.
in due course to the fund that is being raised to remember the American dead in St. Paul's Cathedral, of which immortal company President Roosevelt is certainly one. Likewise we will then ask all those who still desire to contribute to the memory of Mr. Roosevelt, to send their contributions direct to the Memorial Chapel Fund. Just where to send this money will be explained by the Treasurer in closing the appeal. What I am particularly anxious to make clear now, is the disposition of the surplus funds and our view in regard to future contributions.

We hope, as I have said, that this fund will be raised quickly, and by our action in this way we can honour in our capital city, not only now, but beyond your day and mine, the memory of the man who, as the Prime Minister and Mr. Churchill have testified, was the most valued friend our nation has known in the hour of its greatest peril.

ANNOUNCER: The Prime Minister and Lord Greenwood were speaking about the Franklin Roosevelt Memorial Fund, for which contributions should be addressed to: The Treasurer, Sir Campbell Stuart, Savoy Hotel, London.

Now tomorrow night, at 9.15, Mr. Winston Churchill will be speaking about this fund.